

WOODSWORTH IS ACCUSED OF SEDITION

Acting Editor of Labor News
Arrested When Paper Is
Suppressed

OFFICIALS CONSIDER BANNING NEW ORGAN

J. S. Woodsworth, acting editor of the Western Labor News, suppressed by order of the Dominion government Monday, will be tried in police court Wednesday, July 2, on charges of sedition and agitating an unlawful assembly.

He was arraigned before Magistrate Richards this morning and granted an eight-day remand to obtain counsel. At noon he had not filed application for bail, according to police officials.

Federal authorities are debating whether to suppress the "Western Star," which was published today in place of the suppressed "News." The Tribune was informed this afternoon.

Newton Makes Arrest

Mr. Woodsworth, formerly prominent as a Methodist minister and social worker here, was arrested Monday evening by Acting Chief Newton, on a warrant issued by the Royal North West Mounted Police, acting under instructions from federal authorities.

The charges set forth in the warrant contain the following allegations:

"By publication in the Western Labor News special strike edition, J. S. Woodsworth did counsel and procure persons to commit an indictable offense; to take part in an unlawful assembly.

"By publication in the Western Labor News, special strike edition during the month of June, did publish seditious libel."

Shortly before Woodsworth's apprehension headquarters of the Western Labor News, official organ of the strike committee, 211 Rupert st., were raided by Royal North West Mounted police. The paper was suppressed and quantities of type and copy were seized.

Articles dealing with the government's part in the strike and with the riots of Saturday are understood to be the reason why the paper was suppressed.

Police visited the plant of the Voice Publishing company, from which the Labor News was issued, and carried away everything in the nature of evidence.

Woodsworth was appointed acting editor the day after William Ivens, the editor was arrested.

Other arrests are expected owing to the fact that R. B. Graham, crown prosecutor, announced Monday that several other warrants for men charged with inciting the riots of Saturday had been issued.