

# BOLSHEVIKI RALLY UPSET BY POLICE

## Capt. Carter Organized Raid On Meeting in Prince Arthur Hall

### 39 PLACED IN CUSTODY

#### Circular Calling Meeting Stat- ed it Was to Protest Against Allied Movement Into Russia

While William Revenko, chairman of the Bolsheviki meeting called for Prince Arthur Hall yesterday afternoon, was addressing about 700 Russian and Jewish socialists of the city, an unexpected influx of Dominion police under Captain Carter, registrar of alien enemies, and of city police under Captain Belanger, gave a new excitement to proceedings. Thirty-nine who were participating, who were seated at the front, were taken into custody, removed to the detention quarters for alien enemies, there searched and detained until this morning for further examination. The preliminary search disclosed that some were Austrians, carrying their regular papers. Such of them as are aliens, and not alien enemies may be made the subject of deportation proceedings, and such as are alien enemies will be interned in alien enemy camps for the duration of the war.

A few will be charged under sections of the Consolidated Orders Respecting Censorship issued at Ottawa on May 21, 1918. Under Order 2, which deals with the "prevention of the circulation of objectionable material," paragraph "(a)" construes this to include any adverse or unfavorable statement, report or opinion concerning the causes of the present war or the motives or purposes for which Canada or the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or any of the Allied nations entered upon or prosecutes the same, which may tend to arouse hostile feeling, create unrest or unsettle or inflame public opinion. The same order is applicable to anything said in connection with the prosecution of the war, or to detract from the united effort of the Dominion in prosecuting it, as well as false statements about any of Canada's public services or the military and naval forces of the British Empire or of the Allies. No person is supposed to have in his or her possession any statement, opinion or report in writing or print containing any objectionable matter. Another clause states: "In any prosecution or proceedings brought or taken under this order . . . all matters alleged in the information, charge or indictment shall be without proof rebuttably presumed to be true."

#### CAUSE OF THE RAID.

The document, which caused the descent of Capt. Carter and the Dominion police aided by the city force under Capt. Belanger, was a printed circular in Yiddish. Translated into English this circular was headed "The Russian Freedom in Danger," and proceeded, "The black clouds are coming over the Russian country to demolish the Russian people forever, and to bury their hopes for liberty and reform.

"The half-wild Asiatic Japan, with the permission of the Allies, is making preparations to force its way into Russia with cannons and bayonets to pierce the revolutionary ideas. They are going to rob them of the freedom gained by their blood and to establish the same order as in the times of Nicholas II.

"We are calling you to a large meeting this coming Sunday, 28th July, at 2 p.m. in the Prince Arthur Hall, to protest against this attempt to demolish by force the freedom and self-ruling of the Russians.

"Akunzaf, the editor of the 'Nov-mir' and other well known speakers and leaders of the American workingmen, will address this large meeting of protest.

"Workingmen, come in masses to the meeting; protest against this wild strength. Demand rights and righteousness for your Russian brother." (Signed) Social Democrat Party No. 4.

#### THOSE GATHERED IN.

On the strength of this circular, the raid was made, the meeting stopped, 39 men whose presence at the front showed them to be prominent in the movement were taken into custody, and the crowd moved out of the hall by the police. Those taken into custody were

searched for documents and papers, which might fall under the head of the orders-in-council referred to. Other seizures were made, and translations are being made.

When the meeting began the chair was taken by Mr. W. Revenko and Mr. B. Richikof. The speakers were to be Messrs. Schneideman and Chwat in Russian; H. Barsky in Yiddish; M. Buhay and J. Shubert in English. It was announced at the beginning in Russian, that a telegram had been received from I. Okustzef, New York city, that he could not come owing to a passport not being received. Capt. Carter stated yesterday that the Government had no intention to allow any more of these meetings to be held.

Those taken to the detention quarters for last night were, I. Youngel, 737 St. Dominique street; Jake Meskin, 33 Rachel street west; Bernard Saffer, 1176 Cadieux street west; Abie Smith, 1115 St. Urbain street; Boris Dickman, 1475 St. Urbain street; Teodor Sosonterich, 117 Sixth avenue, Lachine; David Fine, 1306 Cadieux street; Dmytro Dawynof, 525 Henry Julien avenue; David Herston, 1402 St. Urbain street; William Revenko, 246 Bercy street; Beresh Shamesman, 45 Cuthbert street; Bennie Sprinty, 46 Rachel street; Jake Umansky, 1136 Cadieux street, and Max Schnaederman, 2935 Drolet street.