

# CONDEMN BREACH OF DISCIPLINE

## Great War Veterans' Association Fears Cause Will be Brought Into Disrepute by Rioting.

### GOVERNMENT IS ASKED TO DEAL WITH ALIENS

#### "Jimmy" Robinson Expects More Trouble When Soldiers Re- turn in Numbers.

TORONTO, Aug. 3—"We, the Great War Veterans' Association, as composed of returned soldiers, condemn the grave breach of civil and military discipline taken part in by some 'returned soldiers' in the city of Toronto yesterday. It is just by such actions as these that the work of the G. W. V. A. is hampered and our cause brought into disrepute throughout Canada in the public mind."

This motion, moved by Col. Hendrie, of Montreal, and seconded by Comrade Dyson, of Calgary, was passed by unanimous vote at the convention this morning.

Major MacPherson, of Ottawa, introduced another motion to the effect that:

"The Dominion executive be instructed to make a thorough investigation of the rioting and that the ringleaders be punished."

Comrade MacPherson declared he would not deal with the affair in such moderate terms as expressed in the resolution. "It was a disgrace," he declared. "I was in one of the places raided. They simply smashed everything in the place. Not content with that they broke into the till."

Comrade McCloud said that in view of the peculiar situation of allied and enemy aliens in Toronto, there was at least cause for a protest by returned soldiers. He said that aliens could put things over that an ordinary "Tommy" could not. The remainder of the comrade's speech was hooted down and by special request of the president not given publicity.

Frank Giolma, M.L.A., of Victoria, B. C., said:

"No one wants violation of the law and disorder. However, if the cause is removed there will be no trouble. Everybody regrets the occurrence. I do not like it, but the cause should be removed. The returned soldiers are decent people, but it just shows what they will do when incited."

"The same thing will, happen when all the soldiers come back. The trouble could be removed by licensing the restaurants."

James Robinson, of Vancouver, said: "The government had been petitioned to deal with these foreigners. If the matter is not dealt with in some manner the situation will become worse with the return of more men from the front daily and finding so many businesses monopolized by foreigners. Then there will be more trouble."

#### Split is Healed.

The differences between the Great War Veterans have been overcome. After the report of the committee sent from the convention to meet the Ottawa and Winnipeg delegates had been read before the convention, it was decided that the suggestions submitted by the Winnipeg and Ottawa delegates, as a result of a compromise arrived at at conferences with Comrades Creehman, Hendrie and Dison, were acceptable to the convention.

"That the principle of the proportionate voting as contained in the resolution submitted by the Ottawa delegates shall be adopted in the constitution to take effect at the next annual convention, we beg to submit for your consideration the following reply:

"Although your committees have been unable to offer us proportionate voting at the present convention, as requested in our resolution before retiring, the delegates from Winnipeg and Ottawa, earnestly desiring to help the cause of the returned men and the association at large, will gladly return and participate in the deliberations of the present convention provided the following vital questions shall not be decided upon by the present convention, which is in our opinion not properly representative to the members of the G.W.V.A.:

"1—No resolution of political nature to be introduced by this convention.

"No policy of open-door for membership be adopted by this convention.

"3—No resolution to compel local branches to become members of the provincial association to be considered at this convention.

"4—That a committee be selected containing one member from each province in the Dominion to thoroughly investigate government and civic grants of money in all provinces and the expenditure of such grants as have been made, and to advise the Dominion executive as to the advisability of such grants being accepted in the future. The expense of such investigation to be borne by the Dominion body."