

HEADS BROKEN IN ARMED CLASH

Toronto Police and Returned Soldiers Mix at Corner of College and Yonge —Many Hurt.

CHARGED THAT OFFICERS ACTED WITH BRUTALITY

Suspected Ringleaders Under Arrest—Troops Confined in Camp Now.

TORONTO, Aug. 5.—This is Toronto's civic holiday and the city is comparatively quiet after the riotous demonstrations of the week-end. Returned soldiers to the number of several hundred gathered at the city hall at the invitation of Mayor Church to appoint their committee to formulate and present to the police commissioners their grievances against the police and the administration of the alien enemy regulations. They will demand more strict enforcement of the latter and the dismissal of several policemen whom they allege to have been too violent and abusive Saturday night.

There were prospects of a further demonstration today when one of the audience in the soldiers' meeting declined to remove his hat when the Nation Anthem was being sung. The police arrested the man and avoided further scenes.

Riot Saturday Night.

Thirty-four persons are officially reported injured and are subject to medical treatment, following a riot Saturday night in which civil police and a mob composed of 1200 civilians and returned wounded soldiers participated. The affair was a sequel to the riots of Friday, but in this case no property was damaged.

Eight of the 34 people injured were members of the police force, but their injuries did not necessitate attention at hospital. Several persons are at the General Hospital and nine in St. Michael's.

Rumors that further rioting was intended on Saturday resulted in the entire police force being held in reserve. A picket of 100 soldiers was brought from Niagara camp.

Mayor Church attempted to address the crowds at various places in the centre of the city, but in each case he was jeered down before he had been speaking many minutes.

Major A. T. Hunter, president of the Parkdale branch of the G. W. V. A., and chairman of the executive committee, at the convention, which was closed Saturday, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. It is thought that in appealing to a section of the crowd to maintain order he was mistaken for a rioter and apprehended. He has been released on \$200 bail.

Trouble at Busiest Corner.

The trouble started at 7 p.m. at College and Yonge streets, one of the city's busiest corners. About 500 people, civilians and soldiers, gathered at this point, and commencing to move in the direction of a cafe, the police intervened. Two returned soldiers, thought to be the ringleaders, were apprehended and immediately the crowd closed in on the police, hurling sticks and stones. The police drew their batons for protection, but the crowd became more infuriated and in the ensuing struggle many were injured.

In another section of the city mounted police charged a mob and several were injured. Stories of brutal beatings administered by the police to men and women, and even small boys, were told by eye-witnesses. One instance was that of a blind man, who, assisted by two little boys, was making his way along the street crying "I am blind, lead me out of here." He was struck down by a policeman. A mechanic in the Royal Air Force, who took no part in the fracas, was attacked by four policemen, who struck him repeatedly on the head until his face was streaming with blood.

All troops were confined to their camp on Saturday night and again Sunday night.