

# Police and Civilians Have Clash In Toronto; Troops Held In Reserve

## Meeting of Protest Against Gov- ernment Policy Regarding Aliens Followed by Fight.

## RETURNED SOLDIER RIOTS CAUSE DAMAGE OF \$80,000

## President of Ottawa Branch of G. W. V. A. Resigns as Protest.

TORONTO, Aug. 7.—After a meet-  
ing in Queen's Park at 7:30 o'clock  
last evening, a huge crowd, including  
returned veterans, paraded the down-  
town streets.

At the corner of Carlton and Yonke  
streets the mob was charged by a  
squad of 40 police with their batons  
drawn.

Four persons are officially reported  
injured and receiving treatment at lo-  
cal hospitals. One of these is a re-  
turned soldier. Several more people  
received minor injuries in the scrap  
which followed, but they were able to  
return to their homes.

Five hundred troops have been  
brought from Niagara camp and are  
being held at the Exhibition grounds  
pending a call from the civil authori-  
ties to suppress any further lawless-  
ness in the city. The troops were  
brought to Toronto following the re-  
ceipt of a requisition by the military  
authorities, which was signed by the  
mayor and two justices of the peace.

### Pass Drastic Resolutions.

Five thousand people gathered in  
Queen's Park in response to an invi-  
tation from a citizens' committee to  
consider the recent disturbances. Sev-  
eral resolutions which the committee  
had drawn up setting forth the policy  
which they demanded the govern-  
ment should follow in dealing with  
aliens, were passed. Subsequently, a  
committee of citizens, returned sol-  
diers and women was appointed to  
present the resolutions to Mayor  
Church. Any further action to be  
taken by the committee will be de-  
cided upon after the conference with  
the mayor.

The resolutions passed were:

"That licences hitherto granted to  
all aliens, unnaturalized or otherwise,  
be cancelled for not less than two  
years after the war.

"That all aliens be returned to their  
several countries or be drafted into  
the C. E. F., and that enemy aliens  
be interned or put to work on the  
land.

"That all unmarried men of the  
Toronto police force who participated  
in the outrage of Saturday night be  
drafted into the C. E. F.

"That the meeting request the im-  
mediate dismissal of members of the  
force who showed lack of self-control  
and brutally struck returned limbless

heroes, also the wives of Toronto citi-  
zens.

"That the police be instructed to  
disarm all aliens.

"That immediate action be taken  
to repress disloyalty in Toronto  
among the foreign element."

W. C. Miller, secretary of the Retail  
Merchants' Association, of which the  
restaurateurs form a section, stated  
today that the damage caused by the  
riots on Friday and Saturday would  
total between \$75,000 and \$80,000,  
which included money stolen from  
the cash registers. Owing to the  
losses having been brought about by  
a mob, only a small amount can be  
collected from the insurance com-  
panies.

Mayor Church has pledged that the  
city will take all steps to guard  
against a recurrence of the disturb-  
ances and so the restaurants will be  
reopened. He has told the restaura-  
teurs to file all claims for damages  
with the city attorney.

### Puts Country First.

OTTAWA, Aug. 7.—Colonel L. F.  
Pidgeon, president of the Ottawa  
branch of the G.W.V.A., last night re-  
signed from that position, refusing at  
a largely attended meeting of mem-  
bers of the branch to remain in of-  
fice.

"I must put the cause of my coun-  
try before that of the Great War  
Veterans' Association," stated Colonel  
Pidgeon, who is head of the soldiers'  
estates branch of the militia depart-  
ment. "My own conviction is that a  
man in uniform should not hold of-  
fice in the G.W.V.A. or any other or-  
ganization.

"After the scenes at the Toronto  
convention, I believe the adjutant-  
general's department should prohibit  
any man in uniform criticising his su-  
periors. It is the greatest breach of  
military discipline."

Colonel Pidgeon said he was about  
to make a recommendation to the de-  
puty minister of militia about this  
matter and felt he could do it better  
as a private citizen than as president  
of the Great War Veterans' branch  
here.

### Reign of Terrorism.

"The men who had once been  
heroes had proven themselves to be  
cowards," he said, in referring to re-  
cent incidents in Toronto. If such  
scenes as had recently been enacted  
were continued it would compel peo-  
ple to take refuge in their homes and  
while eating their meals, have a shot-  
gun lying across the table. "There is  
only one result and that is terrorism,"  
he declared. "My country first—the  
G.W.V.A. next. I will try to prevent  
any men from joining it while they  
are still wearing the uniform."

Despite strong persuasion, Colonel  
Pidgeon persisted in his resignation,  
which will take effect August 9. On  
August 10 he will present his recom-  
mendations to the deputy minister.

### WILL BE DEMOBILIZED.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 7.—The 5th  
Regiment, Canadian Garrison Artillery,  
now mobilized and on active service in this  
military district and distributed on various  
duties, is to be demobilized from Aug. 15.

Air raids are indirectly blamed for much  
of the infantile sickness mortality in Eng-  
land, according to British medical authori-  
ties.