

**WAR VETERANS AGREE TO STOP RIOTS**

# MOB OF 5,000 ATTACKED BY CONSTABLES

Police Charge Crowd With  
Drawn Batons—Injured  
Sent To Hospitals

## PROTEST MEETING IS HELD

TORONTO, Aug. 7.—Accepting as an invitation the announcement of Mayor Church, made Tuesday night, that he would read the riot act from the steps of the city hall at noon today, about 10,000 men and women gathered to witness this event.

The mayor, however, did not take the drastic measures which he had threatened. The mayor stated that during the morning he had held a conference with a committee of the returned soldiers, who had agreed on behalf of their comrades, that there should be no more parading pending an official investigation into the men's grievances.

The mayor also read a civic proclamation entreating the people of Toronto to observe law and order, and avoid unlawful assemblies. Should there be any more rioting, the proclamation said, the Riot Act would be read and the police and militia would have authority to fire on any mob.

Then followed a singing of the national anthem and cheers for the king, after which most of the crowd dispersed.

### Police Charge Crowd

Following another clash Tuesday evening between the police and a mob of 5,000 citizens and returned soldiers, Mayor Church announced that the Riot Act would be read in Toronto today.

After holding a meeting in Queen's Park and expressing indignation at the conduct of the police force which vigorously suppressed the rioting

Saturday, the crowd started to march down town. It was dispersed by 40 policemen, who charged with drawn batons. A number of persons were injured, including four who were sent to hospitals.

### Would Draft Police

The crowd gathered in Queen's Park in response to an invitation of a citizens' committee to consider the recent disturbances. Several resolutions, setting forth the policy which they demanded the government should follow in dealing with aliens, were passed. Subsequently a committee of civilians, returned soldiers and women was appointed to present the resolutions to Mayor Church.

The resolutions passed were: "That licenses 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 immediate dismissal of members of the force who showed lack of self-control by brutally striking returned, limbless heroes, also the wives of Toronto citizens.

"That the police be instructed to disarm all aliens.

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

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

The military authorities declined, after a conference Tuesday with the officers commanding the various military hospitals, to confine the men longer to barracks. The men are to be put upon their honor and asked to keep away from any scenes of disturbance.

### Loss Total \$80,000

W. C. Miller, secretary of the Retail Merchants' association, of which the restaurateurs form a section, states 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.

Because the losses were brought about by a mob, only a small amount can be collected from the insurance companies.

Mayor Church has told the association to file all claims for damages with the city solicitor.

Thomas G. Matheson, arrested by the police in connection with the riots Saturday night, appeared in police court Tuesday charged with making speeches likely to prejudice recruiting and cause disaffection in His Majesty's forces.

A remand until next Tuesday was asked for by Assistant Crown Attorney McFadden, who fixed the ball at \$2,000 cash, or two sureties of \$2,000 each.