

Enemy Aliens Turned Out of Winnipeg Industries

Big Packers Ask for 500 Returned Soldiers to Fill Jobs Vacated by Foreigners at Elmwood.

TWO THOUSAND VETERANS TO HELP RESTORE ORDER

Raids Continued Yesterday Evening on Places Employing Germans.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 28.—A delegation of eight returned soldiers headed by A. Looseley, nominated at a mass-meeting Monday night of two thousand veterans, waited on Mayor Gray this morning and offered their services in helping to restore order. They will co-operate with the mayor and the police in any way suggested.

A statement was prepared in which employers and the public were asked to do all possible for the welfare of the returned men and gives assurance that if this is done there will be no need for disturbances.

Swift's Canadian Packing plant early today sent a request to the Great War Veterans for five hundred returned soldiers to fill the jobs held by aliens, who, they declare, would be discharged as soldiers came to fill their places.

J. H. Ashdown, of the Ashdown

Hardware Company, today ordered that all enemy aliens employed in the shops be dismissed.

Ready to Raid Plant.

Timely action by Mayor Charles F. Gray and Brig.-Gen. Ketchen was the only thing which saved a most threatening situation at the big packing plant of the Swift Canadian Co. at Elmwood, a suburb of Winnipeg yesterday afternoon. With a large crowd of returned men and sympathizers clamoring at the gates of the establishment, Mayor Gray mounted an improvised platform, and, with General Ketchen, succeeded in getting the men to at least refrain from raiding the plant and ejecting alien employees bodily, a course which was pursued by the soldiers at several places subsequently visited.

"Give Them Three Days."

The crowd waited until the general had spoken and then hurled epithets at the manager, W. R. Ingram, who was present and tried to address them.

Mayor Gray then mounted the railings and in almost dramatic terms appealed for British fair play. "I am an Englishman and I want you men to give British fair play. We want to get the aliens out and I am with you in that, but let us do it constitutionally," he urged. "Go back to the city, show them that you will give them a chance to get rid of the aliens, and if they don't do it then is the time for reckoning. Send a letter to every employer of alien labor in town and ask for the foreigners to

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be replaced. Gove them three days to do it," he continued.

Manager Ingram said he would have every alien off the job at once if the boys could get him men to fill their places.

Got Out By Back Door.

The Alaska Bedding Company was next visited. While a score of soldiers piled into the warehouse the couple of aliens there vanished through a rear door. Manager Baker told the soldiers he had tried time and again to get returned soldiers to fill the aliens' places. A number of returned soldiers in the company's employ bore out this statement and the soldiers went away satisfied.

In a backyard two aliens were forced to kiss the Union Jack, and then the crowd surrounded the Manitoba Cold Storage Co.'s plant. Two aliens ran out, one making his getaway, while the second was captured by the crowd, from which the police rescued him after he had received several blows in the face.

Smashed Employment Agency

Having heard that one of their number had not been fairly treated by a man named Schultz, running an employment agency on Henry avenue, the soldiers raided this place before the policemen who had been following the crowds everywhere in a huge patrol wagon could hinder them. Every window and all the fittings were smashed, as well as all partitions and furniture.

The crowd then crossed Main street and divided. One section went north on Princess while the other section completed the work it began earlier when a jitney bar near the corner of Henry avenue was partially wrecked. Most of the glass had been destroyed but now the men smashed up bottles and a number of youths took away boxes of cigars as souvenirs.

Swinging back to Main street, the crowd surged into the Allies' jitney bar. Mostly returned soldiers were found here, so the crowd contented itself in getting on top of the bar and handing out soft drinks. Meanwhile several of the manufacturing plants had been visited in search of alien employees. Before leaving this section of the city an attack was made on the Empress hotel. Little damage was done here, soft drinks being freely handed out and the wiser heads prevailing. On the way south along Main street calls were made at the Bell hotel and other restaurants run by foreigners. Nothing of a noteworthy character occurred until the crowd got to the American bar, on Albert street, where windows were smashed in most thorough fashion.

After paying a quiet call to the Fort Garry hotel and the Union depot lunch room, the crowd broke up, the afternoon's programme being about ended. On the way west along Portage avenue, one of the smaller crowds visited the business establishment of Sam Blumberg, one of the leading Social-Democrats, and then smashed his plate glass window.