

DEEP ANXIETY GRIPS CITIZENS

Soviet Rulers Put Ban on All Intercourse Not Sanctioned by Them

STEM FLOW OF EVEN LIFE

Firing of Shots at Gen. Ketchen's Car—Stoicism Ominous

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Fort William, May 19.—Since Saturday noon the city of Winnipeg has been as completely cut off from surrounding civilization—east, west, north and south—as a jungle town in darkest Africa. The tentacles of alleged Soviet Government, headed by Wm. Ivens, former preacher, have flung themselves out and successfully throttled outgoing avenues of news by wire and by mail.

Control of the Press.

Such information as has leaked down to the lakefront by travelers, trainmen, private wires and letters sent by freight indicates that in the Manitoba metropolis men may not buy or sell, even secure the necessities of life without the mark of the self-established proletariat rulers upon them. The presses of the three metropolitan dailies which each issued from three to five editions a day lie idle through the will of the strikers. Only a Labor paper, issued by Dictator Ivens himself, may publish under the conditions imposed.

Censor All News.

Without news, save that which comes of rumor and censored articles issued by Ivens and his associates, grave anxiety has seized upon rank and file who have no part in the strike. Famine is possible if the strike lasts long enough, and famine may be followed by riots, store-breaking and violence. To-night came the first ray of hope for settlement in a private wire that a member of the City Council of Winnipeg is forming a counterparty to be known as the Citizens' Committee, who will endeavor to re-open communication with the outside world, and that the President of the Telegraphers' Union has condemned the action of commercial telegraphers in quitting their posts.

Government Vigorously Condemned.

The whole West, from the head of the lakes to Vancouver, wonders at inactivity of the Government and believes that the latter cannot see the possibilities for paralyzing the whole of Western Canada if something is not done immediately to heal the grievous breach in the greatest city of the prairies. Mountains of mail, much of it possibly carrying valuable documents, is piled in the Winnipeg postoffices and at Fort William, the latter postoffice having received instructions to the effect that no mail addressed for points west of Winnipeg is to be forwarded. Congestion in mail alone is so great that it is doubtful if it could be cleared in days, even if the postal system in Winnipeg were re-established tonight. Meat famine in Northern Ontario and from the Ontario border to Winnipeg is possible owing to the fact that most of the meat brought to those markets came from the Manitoba Capital.

Shots at General's Car.

Up to six o'clock this evening, however, no word of excessive violence on the streets of Winnipeg had been told of, except firing of shots at Gen. Ketchen's car, and one ordinary brawls and rough usage of non-unionists in the vicinity where striker congregate. It is said women were not safe on the streets and fear of worse things is in the way. In fact, the whole West feel like a people traveling over hidden bombshells that may make flying destruction at any moment. The element

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of radicals, encouraged by successful assault upon Winnipeg's social being, grow bold, and there is even talk of cold preparations for resistance in case Government troops intervene. The outward quiet of the whole thing gives it a more dangerous semblance of motif than a mere flash in the pan of anarchy. There is a grim stoicism to the whole thing that is ominous.

What Will Soldiers Do ?

The question of where the soldiers will stand if the worst comes to the worst agitates the minds of many. Returned men, disgruntled with the Government's inaction regarding deporting of **aliens**, passed a resolution of semi-support to the strikers, with addenda reiterating the complaint about non-deportation of **alien enemies** in the country. Many of these same foreigners are concerned in the strike at Winnipeg, and it is learned that the foreigners at Fort William waterfront are ready to tie up waterfront operations if they can find the least excuse.

1,300 Shipbuilders Go Out.

The whole force of the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company, numbering 1,300 workmen, drawing \$35,000 weekly on the payroll, went out at noon to-day, and the big boat-building industry is idle, with several contract ships on its hands. The men say they struck, not for higher pay, but as a manifestation against the Government for doing nothing toward forcing down the unreasonable cost of living. They say there is no use in seeking a raise; as soon as a raise comes necessities go up just that much more. It is hinted the same motive is behind the trouble in Winnipeg, and the radicals have taken supreme advantage of it at a time when Western Canada was on the threshold of numerous developments.

Train Crews Won't Go Out.

Individual members of the Trainmen's Brotherhood have stated there is no intention on the part of train crews to go out, and the railways so far have been running on time as usual.