

NO INTERFERING IN WINNIPEG SAY CITIZENS' COMTE.

**Ready to Carry On All Summer
to Win Point in Present
Difficulty.**

**STRIKERS ALSO SHOW
DECISION TO STAY OUT**

**Meanwhile Conciliatory Influ-
ences Are at Work Striving
to Reach Settlement.**

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WINNIPEG, May 31. —

With arbitration conferences actually under way on the basic industrial dispute of the general strike—the walk-out of the metal trades—and hundreds of employes returning to work, a gradual settlement of the civic and industrial tie-up, which has been almost complete since May 15, was beginning today, according to Government officials.

Edmonton despatches indicated the resumption of public service functions is now complete there, although strike headquarters asserted that workers in 32 trades were still out.

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NOYES, Minn., May 31.—Winnipeg enters upon the third week of the general strike without street cars, and with business in factory, warehouse and office almost completely suspended. Many are temporarily without employment because others on whom their work depends are out. Yet the retail stores, fruit shops and ice cream parlors flourish. Travellers may be fewer but they report larger orders than ever. Alleged scab newspapers are sold, fire protection given, phones operated, mail partially distributed, and civic employes increased in numbers from the strikers.

Uncanny Restraint.

The restraint of the strikers is almost uncanny but is due to the citizen army being nearly as numerous as the strikers which is kept in the background. Such control cannot be exercised for ever.

The middle class continue an offensive campaign. They are determined to operate all the utilities. In Germany the bourgeoisie at Dusseldorf and elsewhere met the strike of manual laborers with a counter-strike of teachers, doctors, dentists, and preachers, and emphasized the value to the community of those who do not work with their hands. Another method is being tried here. The willingness of thousands of business men to clean streets, or drive teams, or fight fires or remove garbage, or serve lunches, or operate waterworks, or carry and distribute mails, or work the light plant, or pilot the street cars is a revelation. They say they are ready to carry on all summer and that what they do all Canada can do.

One thing only they will not stand for, and that is the rest of the country interfering. They are very suspicious that Ottawa may change its attitude.

City Appears Normal.

The Anglo-Saxon business men of Winnipeg have shown that they belong to an imperial race, and their fighting spirit, backed by the determination of the civic, provincial and federal Governments, has created fear among the strikers that a stampede back to work may set in. Hence the talking agents are unusually busy.

During a stroll last night I passed the Strathcona Hotel, where striking girls and women are fed, and posted up was a crude notice saying: "To girls and boys. Line up here tomorrow for picket duty at 7.30 to protect your job. The employers' notices are all bluff." I dropped into the ice cream parlor and counted more than fifty customers. The service was a little slow, but a constant stream passed in and out. The window displays suggested that all the panama and straw hats in the country had been brought to Winnipeg. Everything looked normal about Eaton's and the post office. Nearby a family party in a motor collided with two ladies in a car and a crowd gathered magically. Nobody was hurt. The police at street interceptions directed motor traffic. Sensational movie posters are up every few blocks, also noisy amusement parlors which probably were not doing an average business.

Railway men say the citizens are thronging to the beaches and other outside points, but the ninety degrees weather is mainly responsible.

Veterans on Both Sides.

It is a mistake to assume that the sturdy British qualities are all on one side. The working men of Winnipeg are nearly all strikers, and they include at least half of the veterans. Such men as the Little Black Devils, who put Winnipeg on the Map of Europe, and won hundreds of decorations—these men do not like their socialist leaders, nor their alien comrades, and many believe the leaders went too far, but they are convinced that the strike is for a principle vital to the workers and the unions, and don't want to back down nor submit tamely.

Not Bolshevik.

The speakers were introduced by cheering from hundreds of veterans on the outside, who could not get into the Chamber, and who were harangued by orators, including a woman.