

Winnipeg Mayor Fearing That There May Be Bloodshed Issued Proclamation Stopping Parades

Clash Between Returned Soldiers and Strikers Thought to Be Inevitable If Plans Were Carried Out—Call for Leaders in O. B. U. Movement to Come to Winnipeg Is Commented on.

Winnipeg, June 6—In a formal proclamation published this morning Mayor Charles F. Gray ordered a stoppage of all parades and forbids the congregation of crowds on the city streets. The mayor said he acted in the interests of law and order and with hopes of preventing bloodshed, if possible. It is understood he learned that a clash between parades of strikers and returned soldiers is considered inevitable today if both factions carried out their parade plans which would have brought the rival processions together.

Officials at the city hall and the executive of the Winnipeg citizens' committee commented upon the action of the local strike leaders in sending a national call for men prominently identified with the one big union movement to come immediately to Winnipeg. The declaration was made quite generally that the Winnipeg leaders are finding it increasingly difficult to hold the radical element in check and keep the conservative element from returning to work.

The citizens' committee of one thousand declared: "The national call for help by the local labor leaders seems to be the beginning of the end. Following collapse of various general strikes in different provinces and the failure to precipitate strikes in a number of cities, it seems quite plain that the Winnipeg agitators realize the fate of their one big union movement hanging in the balance.

"Winnipeg merchants and manufacturers know that thousands of union workers are ready to return to their jobs, fear of violence has held them."

Returned soldiers acting as constables were on duty this forenoon. For the first time since the strike began on May 15th squads of street cleaners were in action. The newspapers were again sold in the business districts and deliveries of bread is being made with the protection of constables and milk is sold at municipal stations in the city schools.