

# WINNIPEG IS NOT UNLIKE MADHOUSE CONDITION CRUEL

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**"WHY IN GOD'S NAME CAN'T WE GET TOGETHER?"**

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WINNIPEG, June 13. — At last a responsible Winnipeg Daily has asked the question: "Why not get together?"

Under that heading the Tribune urges moderate men on both sides of the general strike to arrange a settlement. It declares that "everyone admits that thousands of loyal men and many such women are on strike," which is hardly correct, for some see only revolutionaries among strikers.

The Telegram says: "There is no middle ground. Let all this twaddle about 'collective bargaining' drop in the face of bloodshed in the streets of Winnipeg."

The only thing the Telegram can see is more bloodshed. It says: "Principles cannot be compromised. It would be better far that half that population (apparently meaning foreigners) should be wiped off the map rather than submit to the dictates of Bolsheviks, anarchists and thugs."

**Not Unlike a Madhouse.**

Winnipeg is not unlike a madhouse. Cruel experiences have afflicted virtually all of population with a mania, which takes half of the population in one direction and half in the other. Any visitor who can be in the city twenty-four hours without losing his balance is extraordinarily sane.

As one of our wisest men, a staunch and proven friend of labor, said this morning: "Ninety per cent. of the people of Winnipeg and the whole Dominion, in fact, are for peace and absolute fair play. Five per cent. of the labor men have Bolshevik or Red ideas, and five per cent. of the employing class would oppress and enslave labor if given a chance. Why does not ninety per cent. get together?"

"Why, in God's name, cannot a way be found of bringing together men and women, among employes and employers, who love brotherhood?"

The Citizen, special anti-strike paper, says:

"Coppin was dragged from his horse while he was fighting for democracy and British institutions just as truly as he fought for them overseas. What under heaven do those returned soldiers who are on strike think of this outrage? Are Austrians, enemies of Canada, to be allowed to attempt to murder loyal soldiers, heroes, true Britishers, upon the streets of Winnipeg? This is the horrible thing that decent trades unionism has been tricked into."

J. S. Woodsworth, former Methodist minister in Winnipeg, and now a workingman resident in Vancouver, has agreed to stay in this city for some weeks to help along the general strike. Woodsworth is an interesting character. Although an advocate of One Big Union he deprecates class hatred. In today's Labor News, which suddenly has become ugly in tone, his dispassionate open letter to "My Old Winnipeg Friends," written with the object of bridging the widening gap in society here, is refreshing. Here is what he says:

"I know workers, their problems, and their viewpoint. I stand with them, I am one of them."

"This strike is not the work of alien enemies. It is positively criminal for leaders of public opinion to thus deceive people. The 'leaders' are predominately English or Scotch."

"The strike is not the work of a few leaders. The public have been told that self seeking, irresponsible men, theorists and agitators, Mr. A., Mr. B., and Mr. C. are responsible. That is not true. Are these terrible five Reds responsible in all other cities in Canada? Are they responsible for strikes in Australia, for seething unrest in Great Britain, for chaos on the continent? The thing is absurd."

**A Warning to Ottawa.**

The Telegram says: "Let Ottawa beware. Last week the Senate deliberately voted down an amendment to the Immigration Bill, calling for the closing of the doors of Canada to alien enemy immigrants. At the same moment, practically all Canada was loudly demanding that alien enemy immigrants already here shall be sent back whence they came. Serious minded Canadians are beginning to ask themselves whether Canada is being governed by Canadians for Canadians, or whether it is being governed by Canadians for the benefit of our alien enemies to the detriment of our loyal citizens."

The Labor News says: "Tremors in the earthquake.—When T. A. Crerar, M.P., Minister of Agriculture, resigned his portfolio at Ottawa because of disagreement with the budget, he sounded the first knell of the doom of the Government."