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CITY WILL ASK RAILWAY BOARD TO OPERATE STREET CARS

Interned German Navy Sunk at Moorings ---- Quiet Follows Fatal Clash at Winnipeg GERMAN PARLIAMENT FINALLY DECIDES TO SIGN PEACE TREATY

WINNIPEG IN STATE OF SIEGE FOLLOWING UPON FATAL RIOTS

Military in Control of City's Centre—One Man Dies and Twenty Injured as Result of Mounted Police Charge.

Winnipeg, June 22.—This afternoon the scene of yesterday's fatal riot is absolutely normal, just as dull and empty a picture as Main street in Winnipeg presents on any Sunday in the year, except that it is even a little emptier because of absence of street cars. Around the city hall are the usual groups of returned soldiers and loafers, neither more nor less. They discuss listlessly the events of yesterday, and a street rumor that the strike has been settled. There is no sign of the mangled fist, but the unseen it still holds in its grip the lawless element of this city. Not a uniformed soldier is in sight nor even the special police, conspicuous among other civilians by their white armlets. Yet, one can imagine that at a shrill whistle, these empty streets would be populated again by scarlet tunicked horsemen, by marching columns in khaki from whose fixed bayonets the sun glints, and by the armored cars of the motor machine gun units and the lorries of the field ambulance.

The perspective of thirty hours clears up many confusions in yesterday's battle scene. Two facts stand out. The first is that the Royal Northwest Mounted Police did not fire on the mob until after the riot act had been read from the steps of the city hall by his worship, Mayor Gray; and, second, that scattered shots, presumably from the crowd, followed immediately after the reading of the riot act. These facts are made plain by the statement made last night by Mayor Gray to the Canadian Press.

Using an Airplane.
Under the riot act, the chief magistrate has extended powers. While not so great as the dictatorship conferred by martial law, they are fairly extensive. For instance, all public meetings are forbidden and such are defined as the gathering together of ten persons. Under martial law, three persons meeting together constitute an unlawful assembly.

The detection of incipient riot and congregation of the disaffected has been made easy by the work of the battle plane "City of Winnipeg," which all yesterday afternoon hovered around the city, and it is stated, indeed, that it was subjected to rifle sniping from Elmwood, a suburb across the Red River northeast. This plane is equipped with a camera, its observer is in constant communication with Brig-Gen. Keichen, general officer commanding military district No. 10, at Fort Osborne barracks, in the heart of the city. It is armed with a machine gun and is otherwise interesting, for it was presented by the city to the Dominion government in the early years of the war, for use overseas. Since then, it has been returned to Winnipeg.

Rather a neat one yesterday afternoon was slipped over the confiding foreign settlements of the north end. Word was passed around that several cars of fruit were spilling at the Canadian Pacific Railway freight sheds and would be handed out free. A great swarm of aliens took advantage of this free lunch, but 25 suspects among them were promptly arrested and are now in jail. Among these is a colored Methodist parson, whose appetite for watermelon could not be resisted. Last night a torrential rain dampened out what remained of ardor among the rioters. Ninety-one arrests were made on Saturday afternoon and evening as the result of the rioting. Among those apprehended were six women. All will appear in police court tomorrow. Several additional arrests.

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RETURNED SOLDIERS WELCOME

Every incoming steamer is bringing back our brave boys from the front to their homes in Canada. Thousands are arriving every week and at the rate that the men are returning it won't be long before all are landed safely. When they throw aside their uniforms and go into civies, the Dineen Co., 140 Yonge st., will allow all returned soldiers in uniform a discount of ten per cent. off all purchases of straw, Panama or felt hats, raincoats, ladies' wearing apparel, etc., etc. The Dineen Co. takes this means of appreciating the brave deeds of our returned Canadian regiments.

Mayor Gray Tells Why He Called On Soldiers

Winnipeg, June 22.—Mayor Gray believes that the first shots were fired by strikers, or strike sympathizers. The mayor's statement follows: "Last evening a meeting of about 2000 persons was held in Market Square, behind the city hall. Several speakers made inflammatory speeches, inciting to riots; the gist of these remarks being that the mayor's authority must be set aside, and a parade held in defiance of the law. "Before going home I gave a proclamation to the press as follows: "This was intended as a special warning to these prospective law-breakers that we would not go back on our decision that there should be no parades. "At about half-past ten a.m. I was called to the rooms at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, of the minister of labor, Senator Robertson, and there met Commissioner Perry of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police; A. J. Andrews, K.C., local deputy minister of justice, and a committee of returned soldiers, some of them being men who had addressed the meeting referred to above. "This committee again asked me for permission to parade, but I absolutely refused. They then asked me to pull the street cars off the streets. This I also refused. They then stated they would have a parade anyway, and I remarked that I would have to stop it peacefully if possible—if not—other measures would have to be taken.

Police Unable to Control Crowds
"I was there until about a quarter to two in the afternoon, when the chief of police rang me up and told me large crowds were gathering. I immediately repaired to the city hall, and so advised the chief. A few minutes later we communicated again over the telephone, when it developed that it was not likely that with the special police at his disposal he should control the crowd, now swelled to many thousands. I therefore suggested that the Royal Northwest Mounted Police should parade the streets, in which he concurred. (Concluded on Page 4, Column 4).

The Story of the Charge By Northwest Mounted Mayor Read Riot Act and One Man is Dead and Several Injured as Result of Rioting in Winnipeg Streets.

Winnipeg, Man., June 21.—Winnipeg went under martial law at three o'clock this afternoon, when the riot act was read, but not before one man had been killed, and two others were wounded by revolver shots, fired in their defence, by mounted troops. Mike Sokolowski, 552 Henry avenue, registered alien, was shot right thru the heart, as it is claimed, he was crossing from one side of William avenue to the other at the time the Royal Northwest Mounted Police made their charge. At the same time, Robert C. Johnstone, 548 Ross avenue, a returned soldier, who had served three and a half years with the Fifth Canadian Infantry Battalion, was shot thru the left thigh, the bullet entering the right knee. He is an old country Scotchman. The other man injured was Jack Barrett, a young man, who was looking on and claims he had no other interests than that of a spectator. He is shot thru the right thigh. Both men will recover.

Royal Northwest Mounted Police and other police, mounted, charged down the streets. Missiles were thrown by strikers and sympathizers. A street car was wrecked, the mob attempting to overturn it in front of the city hall. The casualties occurred when the police fired into the crowd. Street cars were wrecked by the mob as they were burning. Just before half-past two a small riot developed on Market street, just east of the city hall, around a man who was drunk. Leaders of the crowd besought the men involved to quit, as they would spoil, by their rowdiness, the whole effect of the silent demonstration.

At 2.25 a street car passing on Main street, only made its way thru the crowd amid continual booing and with great difficulty, the trolley several times being pulled off the line. Evidently regarding the whole thing as a circus, a great stream of citizens, in their automobiles, passed at this critical moment, up and down Main street, by no means adding to the good feeling of what was fast developing into an angry mob.

Sharp at half past two, the word passed along the crowd, gathered in the wide thoroughfare of Main street, on each side of the car tracks—"Fall in!"—at that very moment, Fortage avenue car No. 526, approached from the north, about half full of passengers, mostly women and children.

Many Women in Mob.
The tragic events of this afternoon covered not more than half an hour. At 2.30 perhaps 20,000 persons were massed on Main street, with their focus at the city hall. For the most part they appeared to be strikers, with among them, several thousand returned soldiers, and they were congregated to witness or take part in the "massed silent parade." It was announced last night at the meeting in Market Square of returned soldiers, would be put on by the latter, alone this afternoon as a last and final effort to break down the barriers the men claim have been erected against the propaganda of the general strike in Winnipeg. On the whole, this great mass was orderly. It contained many women, evidently of the strikers' families, but no children. (Concluded on Page 7, Column 3).

TORONTO WOMAN KILLED IN COLLISION

Special to The Toronto World.
Hamilton, June 22.—As the result of a motor car being struck by a radial car at the Red Hill crossing at 6 o'clock tonight, Mrs. Fehnie Harris, Bowden street, Toronto, is dead, her three-year-old grandson perhaps fatally injured and her daughter, Mrs. Hoffman, slightly injured. The motor car, which was being driven by Hoffman, was hit full in the rear and severely damaged. Mrs. Harris received such severe injuries that she died before she reached Dr. Always's home. The child was also frightfully hurt and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where at a late hour tonight his recovery was reported as doubtful. Hoffman, who lives on Queenston street, St. Catharines, escaped injury.

Train Was Blown From Tracks By a Cyclone in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., June 22.—Reports of a severe cyclone this afternoon at Fergus Falls, with more than a hundred homes leveled in that city were received here tonight. A Great Northern train was blown from the tracks 21 miles west of Fergus Falls, only the engine and one car remaining on the tracks. Reports said three were killed.

Returning Soldiers.

S.S. Scotian docked at Quebec and S.S. Essequibo at Portland, Maine, yesterday, with troops on board for Toronto, Hamilton and Brantford. S.S. Scotian troops are due at Exhibition Camp this morning, at 10.45. Lists will be found on Page Seven.

JITNEYS DEMAND POUND OF FLESH

Exorbitant Rates for Short Distances Charged by Greedy Drivers.

Jitney services are out for the pound of flesh, two pounds in some cases. One man who had occasion to get down to work in the city arrived furious and full of invective. He lived in the vicinity of Christie and Bathurst streets. He had walked down Bathurst as far as Queen, when lo and behold he discovered a jitney. Down he rode in armchair comfort to the corner of Queen and Yonge, a matter of three or four blocks. "How much for this little trip?" he asked the genial man at the helm. "Well, boss, seeing as you are real up against it, I'll make it only 25 cents," replied the other. The passenger is endeavoring to get the jitney stranded upon this enterprising jitneyist. Another man at the corner of Broadview and Danforth offered to trip his fellow motorists down to Yonge street for a quarter. This he also refused. They then stated they would have a parade anyway, and I remarked that I would have to stop it peacefully if possible—if not—other measures would have to be taken.

Viaduct Proves Benefit.
The benefit of the newly-built Bloor street viaduct was amply evidenced yesterday when many men and women for one reason or another were forced to get to town and desired to avoid the jitneys. It was estimated that the Bloor street viaduct walk eliminated at least a mile from the trip into the city as against the usual circuitous view curvatures. The large gasoline station at the corner of Bloor street and Broadview (leading on to Danforth) was open, for the first time in many Sundays, and during the next few days the calls upon the gasoline services in Toronto will be really abnormal, due to the forced pressure upon the supply, and many thousands gallons a day will be used. A number of garages are handling all their cars, touring or others, to the service of pedestrians. Others are jittingney, and private owners are doing their level.

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ITALIAN DELEGATION CHANGED

Rome, June 22.—The Italian delegation in the peace conference here today has been changed. Foreign Minister Tittoni, Senator Guglielmo Marconi and Senator Vittorio Scialoja.

GERMAN FLEET SUNK BY THEIR OWN CREWS IN BRITISH WATERS

Only One Battleship and Several Light Craft Afloat—Three Light Cruisers and Several Torpedo Boats Beached—Officers and Crews Prisoners.

London, June 22.—The German officers and sailors, forming the complement of the German ships interned at Scapa Flow, sank most of their fleet today. All the big ships, the battleships and battle cruisers, excepting the Baden, and numerous smaller craft were sunk, while others went ashore in a half-sunken condition. By tugs, four still are afloat, while by tugs, four still are afloat, while the remainder went under. The wholesale sinking of the German ships, which came to Scapa Flow to surrender under the terms of the armistice, was carefully arranged by the officers and crews. All explosives had been removed, and therefore, the only means of destroying the fleet was by opening the sea-cocks. The ships went slowly down, with the German flag which the crews had soiled, showing at the mastsheads. The crews composed entirely of Germans, under the terms of the armistice, which did not permit of British guards aboard, took to the boats when the vessels began to settle. They were picked up by the guard ships and there were a few casualties. They were made prisoners. The German officers and crews have been made prisoners. None of the officials tonight would offer an opinion as to how they are to be dealt with. The admiralty at first denied the report, but later confirmed it and issued an official statement. "According to the latest reports from Scapa Flow all the interned battleships and battle cruisers have sunk, except the battleship Baden, which is still afloat. Five light cruisers have sunk, but three have been beached. Eighteen destroyers were beached by local tugs. Four destroyers are still afloat. The rest of the destroyers have sunk. The guardships fired at the Germans who jumped overboard and swam ashore where they were rounded up. With regard to the sinking, The Sunday Observer says that while (Concluded on Page 4, Column 3).

JUDGE BARRON RESIGNS CONCILIATION BOARD

Refuses to Act Without Holding Confidence of Street Railway Employees—Mayor Calls for Judge Denton—Railway Board Asked to Take Over—Strike Breakers Said to Be in City to Man Cars.

The long anticipated street railway strike has at last materialized and yesterday the lid was on so tight that not one single car even turned a wheel. The climax of the situation was reached at about two o'clock on Sunday morning when the men, some 1400 in number, met in the Star Theatre and it is said, almost unanimously decided to stop work forthwith. The resultant of the decision was both seen and felt yesterday when citizens had to either walk to church or hire a jitney at an outrageous price. It was said with some truth that many Toronto wives had no had so much of their husbands society on Sundays for some years as they were indulged with yesterday. In short, few people, unless compelled, wandered far from home, and the patronage accorded to places like Scarborough Beach, the Island, and High Park was very sparse in comparison with past Sundays. All day on Saturday and even late

GERMAN ASSEMBLY VOTES TO SIGN PEACE TREATY

Resolution Carried by 237 to 138—Council of Four Rejects German Proposal That Clauses Regarding Responsibility and Trial of Kaiser Be Expunged.

Berlin, June 22.—Germany will sign the peace treaty of the allies and associated powers. The national assembly this afternoon, by a vote of 237 to 138, decided to sign the peace treaty. The assembly also voted confidence in the new government of Herr Bauer, 235 to 89. Sixty-eight members abstained from voting. On the question of signing the treaty, five members of the assembly abstained from voting. Before the vote of confidence was taken Herr Bauer, the new premier, declared that the government would sign the treaty, but without acknowledging the responsibility of the German people for the war and without accepting the obligations contained in articles 227 to 230 in the treaty relating to the trial of the former emperor and the extradition of other German personages.

Paris, June 22.—The council of four has definitely rejected the German suggestion that further alteration be made in the peace treaty.

The council received four notes from the Germans, which are supposed to have been prepared in advance and were held to await advice from Weimar on the result of the meeting of the assembly. The council met at the residence of Premier Lloyd George.

One of these notes from the new German government declared that Germany was ready to sign peace if the clauses making Germany responsible for the war and calling for the trial of the former emperor were eliminated. The council of four remained in session until 8 o'clock in the evening and then adjourned for dinner. The council met again at 9 o'clock, and after brief further consideration the council decided to reject the German request. Advice received by the American delegation to the peace conference at 1 o'clock this afternoon were that no matter what the allies' reply was the treaty would be signed. The German government has appointed Dr. Haniel von Helldorf as the peace delegation to conduct the peace arrangements at Versailles. It is understood that the allies insist on absolutely unconditional acceptance of the terms, falling which the armies will begin to advance.

A Matter of Time!

Steam Railways Busy.
The steam railways are expecting a busy day, as people living within a reasonable distance of a station will seek transportation facilities by the C.P.R., G.T.R. or C.N.R. to reach their work in the city. Today will indeed see either the solution or the fall down of a good many amateur schemes for transportation to and from home and the city. The picture houses and the theatres are likely to suffer during the strike as once people get home from work they will not be over-anxious to venture on a second trip to the city. It was rumored, last night that there were many strikes in the city, but this could not be definitely confirmed. The officials of the street railway company, including Senator Nicholas, like Brew Rabbit, were lying low and saying little, and would make no definite statement as to whether or no they would attempt to operate the cars. The military authorities are said to have moved some additional troops into Toronto to strengthen the local garrison in case their services should be required. There was no demonstration of the

TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT IS AGAIN POSTPONED

St. John's, June 22.—Unfavorable weather conditions again caused a postponement today of the projected transatlantic flight by the Handley-Page biplane. Weather bureau officials said conditions are such that there is no possibility of the Handley-Page attempting to fly tomorrow.

