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Troops Mobilized At The Armory; 400 or More Are To Be on Strike Duty In Saint John Tonight

Plans Are To Be Perfected This Afternoon; Col. J. C. McAvity In Command

Mayor's Proclamation Warns All People Off The Streets and Shows The Danger—Soldiers at Halifax and Fredericton Ready For The Word To Come To St. John—No Cars Today; No Parade Tonight



ONE OF THE OVERTURNED CARS

Last night's riot must not be repeated. Law and order must prevail in St. John. To that end the authorities have been busy today perfecting arrangements.

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Lieut-Colonel McAvity would not say this afternoon anything regarding the military plans for tonight. Soldiers will be scattered all over the city and it will be seen that the public in every vicinity is well protected. About 400 men in all will be on hand in case of emergency and it is said that about seventy police men will be on hand. The soldiers will be furnished with rifles and ammunition. Col. McAvity and the other principal officers went to the armory early this afternoon and immediately preparations were being made for tonight. The soldiers received breakfast and dinner at the armory. This evening and henceforward as long as the trouble continues, the Army Service Corps will look after this end of 'things' in quieting matters when I reach there."

It was said at the union headquarters this morning that had the rioting been as willing to come to St. John before the trouble as he is now, the occurrence of last evening might have been averted and the fair name of St. John left unblemished.

Mr. Mosher said that there would positively be no parading or demonstration on the part of the strikers. He also said that the union were prepared to accept any reasonable and fair offer for settlement from the company.

H. M. Hopper, manager of the street railway, when asked this morning what the prospects were for a settlement of the strike replied: "So far as the company is concerned, there is at the present time no prospect of a settlement. The strikers are not willing to accept any reasonable and fair offer for settlement from the company."

It has been suggested by some that had the fire department been called out last night and the hose turned on the mob it might have been effective in quelling the disturbance and breaking up the riot. Chief Blake said that it would be impossible for the department to do this, as there would be a possibility of the mob cutting the hose and putting the city at a disadvantage should a fire occur. Again, he said, it would be next to impossible to get the hose connected with the hydrants on account of the immense crowd.

Precautions are being taken that St. John will not be compelled to spend a night of darkness. Early this morning repair men were put on the job fixing up lights that had been smashed in the riot and at the power house no difficulty will be experienced in providing the current. The only dynamo now out of commission is that into which one of the miscreants poured cement; it may be necessary to have it taken apart.

Windows Broken.

The following windows were reported broken by the police today. In the store of J. Marcus, Dock street, one plate glass in the door. In the office of Linton & Sinclair, one plate glass; J. A. McDonald, one plate glass; H. Horton & Son, one plate glass; M. R. A. Ltd., two plate glass windows; all the windows broken in the St. John Railway Company, and several are lights in the streets are also reported broken in Carleton and in Douglas avenue.

Policeman Gibbs reported that between twelve and one o'clock he rang in an alarm from box 6 for a fire in one of the overturned cars.

During the height of the riot last night a shot was fired in King street and it passed through one of the plate glass windows of the Royal Hotel, tore a hole

through the blind and was buried in the wall at the back of the hotel. Had the bullet been a few feet lower, a serious casualty might have been the result.

Detective Lucas is confined to the house today with a bad cut over one eye besides being sore about the body where he was beaten and crushed by the crowd. Policeman Blakey is also pretty well beaten up, but it is expected that both men will be on duty again in a few days.

No Cars Today.

Only one car moved over the lines of the St. John Street Railway Company this morning and that was a repair car which came from the car barns in Westwater street a few feet from the end of King street, with a crew of men and implements for removing the two wrecked cars, lying on the floor of the dynamo room in the power house this morning. The car, however, returned to the sheds about half an hour later with its crew and tools, and no attempt has been made yet to take away the wrecked cars.

On all sides can be heard the expressions, "Is it possible that this could have occurred in St. John?" But the howling mob has shown that it is more than possible. A look at Market Square and the office and power house of the St. John Railway Company this morning showed that there was a lawless element in the city.

Hardly a pane of glass is intact in the Mill street establishment, and a small cartload of stones and broken bricks were swept from the floor of the dynamo room in the power house this morning. What damage was done to the dynamo street was easily repaired at an early hour and the current being produced this morning is sufficient for all the needs of the city, including street cars, machinery and lighting.

When the rotors turned their fusillade of stones and other missiles on the power house last night there was only one 500-horse power boiler, that in the new section of the building, supplying steam for the dynamo. Fearing that tampering with the boiler might blow up the whole building, the fireman on duty drew his fire and cut off the source of power. Again, he said, it would be next to impossible to get the hose connected with the hydrants on account of the immense crowd.

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Pleas Guffy.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie left the hospital again this morning to preside over the police court. One prisoner arrested last night after the trouble started in the Market Square was before the court. He gave his name to the police as William Brown, twenty-four years of age, and said he belonged to the United States. He is a rugged well built man. He appeared in court without any collar. He

was charged with unlawfully and willfully destroying property of the St. John Railway Company by throwing stones at a street car and breaking windows. He admitted the offense to the court although he was not asked to plead.

The magistrate told the prisoner he would be remanded and that he might be liable to an indictable offense. It is understood that Brown was caught in the act when he was arrested by Detective Killen and that he was just stopping down to get another stone to throw when Killen interfered.

The Cavalry Charge.

Lieutenant Hubert Steffen, the man in charge of the cavalry charge last night, and who was bombarded with bricks and retreated almost unconscious, left the General Public Hospital about nine o'clock this morning and was at City Hall when the officials were in conference.

To a Times' reporter he said that considering the power which the seven cavalry men had when they were called out to disperse the riot, those in the mob might consider it lucky that none were more seriously injured. As it was, he said, two of the horsemen were injured. He himself displayed a badly swollen face, with a broken nose and injured cheek. Following the conference he said he would go back to the hospital again. Corporal Campbell, he said, had his hand broken. He attempted to shield himself when a rock was thrown at him, but it struck his hand and maimed him.

"No swords were used for five minutes," the lieutenant said, "not until the rocks began to be thrown, then we only started after those who were engaged in rioting. The man who struck me in the face with that stone would have been killed if we had different swords. I saw him stoop for the rock, and rushed toward him and cut his straw hat almost in two. Had there been edges on the sword he would have been killed."

The lieutenant said that he was very careful that the horses should not trample on anyone. The men had their words drawn when they entered the mob, because under the law they are required to do this before they attempt to enter and disperse a crowd.

"I could swear that at least half a dozen women threw stones as we tried to break up the crowd," he continued.

"The women were a hindrance to the men and prevented us from breaking up the crowd. We use them as nicely as possible and advised them to leave, but

in spite of this they clung around, and if any of them were injured it was their own fault."

Only one of the seven men in the charge was a recruit. During the time, the lieutenant said this afternoon, several local recruits asked for permission to engage in the affair, but he refused because he feared they would get excited and lose control of themselves. The men he had, he had complete control over, and even after the retreat had been made, when he himself was almost unconscious, they begged to be allowed to go back.

"The crowd can consider that they came out very lucky," he added, "Considering the injuries we sustained and the power we had, they should appreciate how easily they escaped. Not a thrust was made with the swords, and on examining my sword it will be found that there is not a bloodstain on it."

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Business Men Meet.

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CROTHERS COMING; THREE DAYS LATE

Ottawa, Ont., July 24.—Hon. Mr. Crothers will leave this afternoon for St. John to endeavor to bring the street railway men and the street railway management together, that they may settle their differences.

News of the trouble and disorders at St. John have been received here with great regret. It is hoped that there will be a speedy settlement.

FIRE INSURANCE IS VOID IN CASE OF A PLACE BURNED IN RIOT

It has been brought to the attention of the Times, as an interesting feature of the existing situation, that the insurance on any property which might be destroyed as the result of a fire arising from the actions of a mob after the riot act has been read, would be absolutely null and void.

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CLOSE THE BARS

John B. Jones, inspector of liquor licenses, said this afternoon that he had received an intimation from Mayor Frink that he wished to have the barsrooms closed at seven o'clock tonight. Inspector Jones has issued instructions to this effect.

OPENING OF PANAMA CANAL ON AUG. 15

Washington, D.C., July 25.—The opening of the Panama Canal to the world's commerce on August 15, is announced by Secretary Garrison of the war department. No ceremonies will mark the event. They will wait until the official opening in March, 1915.

Secretary Garrison said that at this time ships seeking not more than thirty feet of water would be accommodated. A greater depth would be available later.

Summer Advertising

Sales naturally go down in summer time because cheaper things are used and there are fewer wants to be satisfied.

But wise storekeepers realize they can utilize the warm weather to build business.

A customer who has a small summer need well satisfied is apt to remember it and return later when desires are more important.

Up-to-date merchants go after business in a definite, aggressive way in the "dull months."

Evidence of this progressive spirit will be found in the advertising in today's Telegraph and Times.

The men whose names are printed there want business and they intend to make their advertising pay by supplementing it with good service.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

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Wind and Warm.

Maritime—Moderate northwest winds, fine and warm today and on Saturday.

New England Forecasts—Probably fair tonight and Saturday; light to moderate variable winds.

REGULARS READY IN HALIFAX TO ENTRAIN FOR ST. JOHN

(Special to Times.)

Halifax, N. S. July 24.—One hundred and ten men of the Royal Canadianians are held in readiness to proceed to St. John. They will be under command of Major A. C. B. Hamilton Grey.

Fredericton, N. B., July 24.—Major A. C. Hamilton Gray, commanding the R. C. R. here has received orders to proceed to St. John and take over the command of the troops there. He will probably leave by automobile this afternoon. H. Company of the Royal Regiment has been ordered to hold itself in readiness to proceed to St. John if needed.