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## An Official Statement on Rioting at Camp Kimmel

**Overseas Ministry of Militia Sends a Report to Ottawa—Early Reports of the Incident Have Been Exaggerated—No Truth in Statement That a New Brunswick Major was Killed—Men Greatly Disappointed Over the Delay in Returning to Canada—A Recurrence of the Trouble is Not Looked For.**

OTTAWA, March 8.—The Department of Public Information has received the following from the Ministry of the Overseas Military Forces of Canada regarding the disturbance at Kimmel Camp:

"In view of the splendid discipline and record uniformity maintained by the Canadian troops since the beginning of the war, in England and France, the incident at Kimmel Camp is very deeply regretted at the headquarters of the Overseas Military Forces of Canada. It is considered that in comparison with others the discipline among Canadian troops has been of high order. It is greatly regretted that some of the reports of the incident have been exaggerated. Immediately after the armistice had been signed Kimmel Park was secured as a concentration area through which Canadian troops passed on their way to Canada, being situated convenient to Liverpool, their embarkation port. There all documentation is completed and troops sorted into drafts according to their destination in the Dominion of Canada.

### FAILURE OF AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE SHIPS HAS BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTING TO THE CANADIANS

"Considering the shortage of shipping, the Canadian authorities have congratulated themselves upon the splendid record which has been made on the whole, in despatching troops to Canada in the month of February. However, the ministry of shipping were unable to furnish sufficient ships to carry out the programme as promised to the Canadians.

"This has caused very great disappointment to Canadian soldiers, who have been overseas for periods ranking up to four years or more, without leave to their homes. The withdrawal of some ships and the postponement of sailings of others from time to time, particularly after soldiers had been documented and medically passed in numbers based on the shipping allotted, has been very trying to the drafts, and this is what is considered to have led chiefly to the disturbance.

### MANY OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER ARREST AND WILL BE SEVERELY DEALT WITH

"Immediately upon the matter being reported to the Chief of the General Staff, Lieut. General Sir Richard Turner, V. C., K. C., he went to Kimmel Camp and addressed the men in fifteen different places. They seem to appreciate his explanations, and there are not likely to be any further disturbances."

There are at Kimmel Camp approximately 15,000 troops of all ranks, despatched there as being the last step before boarding ship for Canada. Had the number of men been able to embark in February according to the programme which it was confidently thought could be carried out, the trouble would not have occurred, but the shipping situation, owing to strikes and other causes, is admitted to be an extremely difficult matter to control. It is not stated in the slightest degree to excuse the conduct of the men who took part in the disturbance. Many of the offenders have already been placed under arrest, who with others involved will be rigorously dealt with.

### The Killed and Wounded.

During the disturbance there were killed three rioters and two men on picket duty. There were twenty-one wounded of whom two were officers. There is no foundation for the report that a Major who is a V. C. has been either killed or injured.

## HOSPITAL SHIP ESSIQUEBO IS AT PORTLAND

Portland, Me., March 7.—A few hours after the arrival of the hospital ship Essiquebo from Liverpool late today, the majority of the 570 wounded Canadian soldiers landed here were on their way to points in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and the Northwestern provinces. Only four of the men were in a serious condition.

Among the forty-one Canadian officers aboard was Lieutenant Colonel Percy A. Guthrie, of Fredericton, N. B., organizer and commander of the MacLean Kilties, who recruited more than 1,500 men in New England and other sections of the United States.

Other Maritime Provinces officers include Lieut. Colonel Mersereau, of Doaktown, N. B.; Capt. E. M. Macdonald, Pictou, N. S.; Lieut. B. Scott, Guysboro, N. S.; Captain S. Wright, Halifax, N. S.; Major Fisher, Halifax, Lt. W. D. Atkinson, Moncton; Lieut. C. P. Grannan, St. John and Major C. H. Willett, Bathurst, N. B.

Mr. C. W. Jardin of Minto is at the Barker House today.

## DISCHARGED SOLDIER GETS BLAME FOR THIS

Boston, March 7.—The body of Mrs. Adele Sadnowy, a widow, with three children was found by the police tonight near the door of her home in the South End. It bore eleven knife wounds. Two women who live in the same house told the police that the woman had been murdered by her brother-in-law a discharged soldier, after Mrs. Sadnowy had refused to marry him. Late tonight no arrest had been made.

## WILL TAKE A REFERENDUM

Toronto, March 8.—Hon. T. W. Mc Garry, Provincial Treasurer, speaking at a meeting of Ward Three last evening at St. George's Hall said that a wide open referendum on the prohibition question will be taken in Ontario, possibly in September next or sooner, for the people to determine what measure they want.

## COL. GUTHRIE ARRIVED HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Ill From the Effects of Operation—Col. G. W. Mersereau of Doaktown Also Arrives.

The reception committee of the R. S. A. welcomed Lt. Col. Percy A. Guthrie of this city and others home from overseas at noon today. In the party were Lt. Col. G. W. Mersereau of Doaktown and three other officers with twenty-seven men. Col. Guthrie who was operated on about two weeks ago in England for the removal of a piece of shell from his abdomen was carried from the train on a stretcher. His physicians have ordered him to have plenty of rest. Col. G. W. Mersereau who was with the party intended going to Nova Scotia but is remaining in this city to visit his daughters Mrs. W. J. Scott and Mrs. H. F. McLeod.

Canadian press despatches have the following from Portland, Me., where the party landed from the Essequibo: Lieut. Col. Percy A. Guthrie, of Fredericton, N. B., organizer and commander of the MacLean Kilties and Lieut. Colonel G. W. Mersereau of Doaktown, N. B. who were among the forty-one Canadian officers aboard the ship both paid high tribute to the private soldiers.

Col. Guthrie upon reporting at Fredericton will remove a sign placed on his law office door, more than four years ago, which reads, "gone for the duration of the war."

As he sat in his berth to which he was confined while suffering from the effects of some of his many wounds, he was asked to tell about himself. "There is not anything to tell" he said with a smile. "If there is any hero in my family it is my little wife down in Fredericton. When I wanted to go to the war she gave her consent. She was brave and now I am going home to her and my three children."

He paid a high tribute to the private soldier to whom he gave the credit of winning the war, whether it was the British Tommie, the French Poilu or the American Doughboy.

## ANOTHER BOAT IS ABOUT DUE

Halifax, March 8.—The Naval Department was advised by wireless this morning that the steamer Tolosa, with 1,010 troops to disembark, would arrive off Halifax harbor at six o'clock tomorrow morning. The Robert Redford Co., agents of the steamer here, were also advised of her pending arrival. Today's announcement is the first that has been given out regarding this movement.

## SOLDIER FOUND FAULT WITH FOOD SYSTEM AT CAMP KIMMEL

Plan for Distribution was Defective—Men Were Chased from One District to Another, Says Montreal Soldier—Fuel was Scarce and Huts were Cold.

MONTREAL, March 8.—A soldier who came through the Rhyt camp just a little over a week ago stated that the food system was what he found fault with. He explained that at Kimmel they had what they called "military districts," and often when a man at the end of a line in his own district was unable to get food because the supply had run out, he was told to go to another district, and when he got there he was refused because his card was not the number of that district.

"We were often kept chasing from one district to another and more than once I was unable to obtain a meal in camp at all," he said. "Another thing was that the huts were freezing, as there was no coal at all to be had."

He complained also of the manner in which men with several years' service in France were kept "hanging" round the camp, while the men who had never been out of England were sent forward to Canada.

Other soldiers also complained that they were held in England because their papers had been lost in the orderly rooms. There seemed, they said, to be no system.

## CURLERS WERE ENTERTAINED AT MARYSVILLE

REV. DR. HARRISON IN DRIVING ACCIDENT

C. L. French of Vineyard, Me., Formerly of Marysville, Has Blood-Poisoning in Leg.

Marysville, March 8.—The members of the Fredericton Curling Club were the guests of the Marysville Curlers at the Dawson Club last evening. A large number were in attendance and a thoroughly enjoyable time spent. The bowling alleys and pool tables were used as a source of entertainment and music and other diversions were participated in. During the course of the evening a sumptuous supper was served with Mr. Joseph Dolphin, President of the Dawson Club presiding and Col. W. H. Gray acting as toastmaster.

Word has been received here to the effect that Mr. C. L. French of Vineyard, Me., and formerly of this place has met with a serious accident which resulted in blood poisoning in the leg, which it will be necessary to amputate. His many friends here will learn with regret of his misfortune. He was formerly overseer in the Ring Spinning Room of the cotton mill.

Mr. E. S. Pettigrove has returned from a trip to Calais, Me.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Harrison while driving yesterday met with an accident. The horse which Dr. Harrison was driving became frightened by some object and the driver lost control of the animal which ran away. No serious injuries were suffered, but both Dr. and Mrs. Harrison were badly shaken up, as a result of being thrown from the sleigh.

## HON. F. B. CARVELL WRITES LETTER OF SYMPATHY

Philip Markey, of Marysville, Receives Message from Minister of Public Works re Son's Death.

Mr. Philip Markey of Marysville has received from Hon. Frank B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, a letter of sympathy on account of the death from pneumonia while on active service of his son. The letter was as follows:

Ottawa, January, 7th, 1919.

Dear Mr. Markey,  
 I was very sorry indeed to read in a recent casualty list that your son had died of pneumonia. The war has brought sorrow and sacrifice to many homes and we realize this afresh when we see it touch those whom we know. I can only say that I hope the knowledge you have that your son was willing to give his life for the cause of right and as a brave soldier will be of true consolation to you, and I would ask you to accept my sincere sympathy.

Sincerely yours,  
 F. B. CARVELL

## SECRETARY OF LABOR CONGRESS BACK FROM THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Says Delay in Progress of Peace Conference Was Not All Unavoidable—Methods Advocated by Sir Robert Borden Would Have Produced Better Results—League of Nations Seems to be the Chief Feature of Conference—England Passing Through Critical Period.

OTTAWA, March 8.—P. M. Draper, secretary-treasurer of the Trades Congress of Canada, who left Canada with Sir Robert Borden last November to attend the Peace Conference, has just arrived home from Paris and says the affairs of the labor world—after occupying a very important place in the programme of the peace conference—have been practically completed.

"There has been great delay in the proceedings of the conference," Mr. Draper said, "some, but not all of which has been unavoidable. More systematic and business-like methods which Sir Robert Borden continually advocated, would have produced more satisfactory results, and in less time."

### FRUITS OF THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR LEGISLATION NOT YET FULLY APPARENT

"My trip abroad," continued Mr. Draper, "has had a two-fold interest, as might be expected by any labor man who has been following the tremendous developments in England as well as in Paris during the past two or three months.

"First, there has been the work done at Paris by the commission on international labor legislation, which has just completed its discussions on the draft convention for the promotion of international legislation on labor conditions. The fruits of this work at Paris will not be fully appreciated for some time yet. They really give more promise of making effective the proposed League of Nations than anything else that has developed so far out of the whole peace conference.

### LABOR UPRISINGS IN ENGLAND MAY RESULT IN ESTABLISHING NEW SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ORDER

"Then, the second aspect of my visit to Europe, the one which I regard as equally important with that afforded at Paris, has been the momentous occasion of labor uprisings in the United Kingdom.

"Anyone who stays in England for any length of time," he continued, "these days, must come to the conclusion that the old motherland is passing through one of the most critical periods of her whole career, and it is a period which will culminate in the establishment of a new social and economic order for the work people of the British Isles."

## BRITISH NAVAL FORCES NOW DOMINATE IN THE CASPIAN SEA

LONDON, March 8.—Naval forces under British command now dominate the situation in the Caspian Sea, according to official information secured by Reuter's, Limited. For some months past there have been British naval forces in this sea, the official account states. They were originally sent to prevent the Bolshevik from dominating the situation. This naval force seized certain armed steamers which are now manned by Russian crews which marched up by land from Mesopotamia with British forces. The steamers are commanded by British naval officers.

## SAYS REPORTS OF RIOTS WERE EXAGGERATED

London, March 7.—An official statement issued by Canadian Military Headquarters in reference to rioting at Kimmel Park says it is regretted that some of the accounts of the fighting, in which Canadian soldiers took part, exaggerate the seriousness of the accident, but gives no details of what happened.

It is explained the lack of shipping facilities to take Canadian soldiers back home is due partially to strikes, and it is said that the dissatisfaction of the soldiers over alleged preferential treatment in embarkations may be attributed to the fact that the men have been divided into sections according to the Canadian military districts from which they come. By this means some shorter service men were sent home ahead of some who had been under arms for a longer period.

A special court of inquiry has been ordered to conduct an investigation.

A Memorial Service. The Salvation Army will honor the memory of the late Mrs. Brigadier Barr, wife of their former Division commander, by a memorial service at the Citadel on Sunday evening. All are invited.

## BOYS IN DARING HOLD UP IN NEW YORK

New York, March 8.—Five boys, ranging in age from sixteen to twenty are under arrest today charged with assault and robbery following the daring hold-up yesterday in the financial district of Milton Strohm, a brokers messenger, of liberty bonds and other securities valued at \$63,000. The boys three of whom are brothers, and all messengers for brokerage houses, the police say, were associated in the robbery. Strohm was struck on the head and the bag containing the liberty bonds and other securities seized. He was so seriously injured that he had to be taken to a hospital for treatment.

## WOULD REMOVE MR. BURLESON

New York, March 7.—Removal of Postmaster-General Burleson from the cabinet was called for in a resolution unanimously adopted tonight by the Central Federation Union. The resolution was presented by Percy Thomas, Deputy International President of the Commercial Telegrapher's Union.