

## Winnipeg General Strike Source 1



Demonstrators overturning street car on Main Street. June 21, 1919. University of Manitoba Archives. <http://hdl.handle.net/10719/2694599>

## Winnipeg General Strike Source 2



Mounted Police Charging. June 10, 1919. University of Manitoba Archives.  
<http://hdl.handle.net/10719/2694571>

## Winnipeg General Strike Source 3

Excerpt from the Western Labor News, June 23, 1919 (Page 1). University of Manitoba Archives. <http://hdl.handle.net/10719/2758596>

# BLOODY SATURDAY

R.N.W.M.P. MAKE GORY DEBUT—PEACEFUL  
CITIZENS SHOT WITHOUT WARNING—CITY  
UNDER MILITARY CONTROL—RETURNED  
MEN INCENSED—STRIKERS MORE DETER-  
MINED.

One is dead and a number injured, probably thirty or more, as result of the forcible prevention of the "silent parade" which has been planned by returned men to start at 2.30 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. Apparently the bloody business was carefully planned, for Mayor Gray issued a proclamation in the morning stating that "Any women taking part in a parade do so at their own risk." Nevertheless a vast crowd of men, women and children assembled to witness the "silent parade."

### Shooting to Kill

Then with revolvers drawn, they galloped down Main St., turned, and charged right into the crowd on William Ave., firing as they charged. One man standing on the sidewalk, thought the mounties were firing blank cartridges until a spectator standing beside him dropped with a bullet through his breast. Another standing nearby was shot through the head. We have no exact information about the total number of casualties, but there were not less than thirty. The crowd dispersed as quickly as possible when the shooting began.

## Winnipeg General Strike Source 4

Excerpt from the Winnipeg Evening Tribune, June 23, 1919 (Page 3).  
<http://hdl.handle.net/10719/1692891>



Red-coats Showered With Stones and Clubs and Pulled from Horses Before Command Is Given To Fire Into Crowd

First a street car stalled in the crowd before the city hall.

The crowd was too thick for it to pass.

Somebody pulled off the trolley. Others rushed inside and drove out the crew.

"Crash!" went a brick through one of the windows.

The crowd tried to turn it over. It was too heavy, so they tore off the fender and started to wreck it generally.

Once before this the mounties has ridden down Main street through the crowd. Their line stretched from curb to curb, forcing the mob back onto the sidewalk.

In their right hands they carried ball bats, caught to their wrists by thongs. But they made no use of them.

Suddenly the redcoats and a number of Fort Garry Horse started down Main street from the vicinity to the Royal Alexandra hotel.

This time their clubs plied right and left. The mob about the car scattered.

Stones and sticks flew through the air.

A riderless horse showed that one Mountie was down. A second redcoat was bleeding about the head, but was still in action. Several had lost their hats.

## Don't Be Misled---The Only Issue Is Bolshevism

Citizens, including workers, should no longer permit themselves to be misled by the Bolshevist leaders, who through their newspaper mouthpiece, in large type every day, state that the issues of the so-called strike are:

1. The Right to Collective Bargaining.
2. A Living Wage.

The Western Labor News strike bulletin says "There are no other issues."

The statements of the strike bulletin as to the issues are entirely misleading and deceptive.

As shown elsewhere in this issue, the right to collective bargaining has never been challenged by any employer involved in the original dispute upon which this so-called general strike was called.

No employer in the City of Winnipeg challenges or denies the right of the workers to bargain collectively.

Every employer wants all his employees to not only have "A Living Wage," but more than a living wage.

No employer in the City of Winnipeg strike, or revolution, has refused to recognize collective bargaining.

No employer involved in the Winnipeg strike, or revolution, has refused the workers a living wage.

To state otherwise is grossly to pervert the truth.

There is only ONE ISSUE before the public for decision at the present time: THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO LIVE THEIR OWN LIVES, TO CARRY ON THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITIES, TO HAVE POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION AND ADEQUATE FOOD AND WATER, without having to ask the permission of a Strike Committee, or Soviet.

The issue is to decide whether or not any section of the community may deliberately throttle the whole community, for any purpose or at any time.

The issue is Bolshevism versus Constitutional Government.

The issue is the principle of the General Strike as a weapon for enabling a Bolshevist few to ride roughshod over the citizens at large.

And if we submit to it now, we shall have to submit to it again and again, just whenever any few workers and their employers cannot agree, or after agreeing, fall out again.

Who, in Winnipeg, wants to face a repetition of the General Strike—or Revolution? Don't be misled—KILL IT NOW.

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