

OKLAHOMA MILITIAMEN DRIVE
LEGISLATORS OUT OF CAPITOL

54 Succeed in Passing "Ring of Steel" Without Bloodshed; Gather in House Chamber—Shuffle Out Again Without Transacting Any Business When Ordered by Colonel Key Who Was Backed with Browning Machine Guns and Troopers with Fixed Bayonets—Scene in Capitol Most Dramatic as "Lawless Mob" Is Told to "Move On."

State Capitol, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 25.—The Oklahoma House of Representatives failed this noon in their attempt to assemble before Gov. J. C. (Jack) Walker, when they tried to meet "under the constitution" as they said, in the state capitol.

Speaker Pro-tem Charles S. Higley of McMaster county, at exactly 12 o'clock, called the House of Representatives to order to consider the adjournment of the session of the fourth floor just adjacent to the legislative chamber of the house of representatives for determining whether or not a quorum was present. At 12:05, Lt. Col. W. E. Key, military commander of Oklahoma City immediately interrupted and requested the legislature to maintain order, read the minutes of the previous session, and adjourn.

He stated that it was his duty to disperse them and earnestly pleaded with the members that they do him the courtesy of adjourning.

"I have my orders from the Adjutant General who has received his instructions from the governor," said Col. Key. "The legislators have adjourned. Let me tell you, they will do what I ask."

Col. Key then addressed the legislature.

"I want all of you to move off," commanded Col. Key sharply.

The troops stood in attention of the spectators, who were more than 200 pounds dynamic in manner.

Immediately there was a scuffle of feet and the "lawmen" fled.

At 12:45, almost minutes after the legislators had attempted to meet, the lobby was cleared and all that remained was the adjourned session.

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"Two Legislators Came Early

He read a special military order signed by Adjutant General D. M. McFadden, which forbade the gathering or assembly of any or all of the members of the legislature at the state house at noon today or at any time during the session of the legislature during the present period of unrest on the ground that such a gathering or meeting is an unlawful assembly in violation of law provisions of the constitution and laws of the state.

He then adjourned the legislature.

There was a dramatic pause as Col. Key, in calm language, read the orders.

Representative David A. Shoval of Hugo, who stood facing Col. Key, asked him the direct question:

"Are you commanding us to adjourn?"

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Red Forces Throw Ring About Sofia

Prague, Sept. 25.—A report was received here today that Reds have occupied all of northern and southern Bulgaria. Sofia was said to be isolated and experiencing an attack.

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