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IN HANDS OF A MOB

New Orleans Police Powerless Against It.

NEGROES DRIVEN FROM LEVEES

When Attacked the Negroes Fled Only to Meet More Rioters—Trouble Not Yet Ended.

NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—New Orleans is today in a condition of excitement that can only be compared to that following the attack upon the Parish prison of March 16, 1892, when the citizens shot and lynched 11 men charged with implication in the assassination of Chief of Police D. C. Hennessey.

On all sides the riot was discussed, while crowds poured into the newspaper offices to learn the details. About the cotton exchange there was the wildest excitement. Prominent members were loud in their denunciation of Mayor Fitzpatrick, while many condemned Governor Foster for his failure to put an end to the trouble.

There was talk of asking President Cleveland for troops. All attorneys representing the ships' agents and stevedores began an early consultation with reference to the terrible occurrences. On the board of trade the riot was condemned in no measured terms. Among the general merchants, while the killing of negroes was condemned, it was conceded generally that the ship agents were largely responsible for the trouble by bringing negro crewmen to take the places of home men.

Captain Woods, of the British steamer Engineer, called upon the British consul and reported to him that Purser Bain had been shot and dangerously wounded by the mob. The consul said he thought the matter would be serious, as from all accounts the shooting of Bain was deliberate. Mayor Fitzpatrick, after visiting the scene of the riot, said he did not think it necessary to call the militia.

Story of the Riot.

NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—The levee from Louisiana avenue to Mandeville street is in the hands of an armed mob, and the police are powerless. White men are completely in control and have declared that no negro shall appear upon the levee front. All work on the levee is practically at a standstill.

Rioting and bloodshed began this morning at 7 and resulted in the killing of two men and a wholesale discharge of firearms in two sections of the city. The morning is very foggy.

The police were massed in the sixth precinct police station all night, under command of Acting Chief of Police John Journe. Everything was quiet when there came a message that a dozen men had been killed in front of Jackson square and a terrible riot was in progress. The police were at once hustled into patrol wagons and hurried away. They had barely gone when Sergeant Richard Walsh, in command of the precinct, heard a volley from the direction of the levee in front of the station. He rushed to the scene among the freight cars. Between Phillip and First streets, he found a crowd of negroes surrounding a wounded companion. The man's head was covered with blood. He had been shot in the mouth. The negro, who was unknown, was taken to the station.

Those about declare he was crossing the levee and found a mob of 250 men armed with winchesters and other guns. They marched along the levee to Eighth street and then back on Chopinolas street to Jackson, and dispersed, according to what seemed a pre-arranged plan.

At Washington street they were accosted by Sergeant Walsh, who recognized one of the men.

Port Warden McCubben said the riot-

ers were from downtown, and did not belong to the crewmen. At 8:30 everything uptown was comparatively quiet, with few weapons in sight. All the negroes had left the levee, and the mob deposited guns and rifles in barrooms.

While this was going four negroes had been shot and one Caribbian killed at the French market. The trouble occurred at the landing of the Harrison line of steamships, opposite Jackson's square.

In the fog 100 armed men got through guards of the police and opened fire on the negroes at work. They fled in terror, some jumping into the river. Those who ran across the levee in the direction of the square were subjected to deadly volley. The shots seemed to come from the doorways, windows, galleries and the street. Look where they would the negroes saw pistols and heard reports as revolvers were discharged. Each man ran in a different direction, and the poor crews seemed panic stricken. Those whites who were not armed with revolvers picked up stones, clubs and other improvised weapons and attacked the negroes.

For many minutes the firing continued on the river front, and the police made no move against the murderers. Not until every negro had fled did the white men desist. Joe Collins, Thomas Collins and one unknown negro had been killed, and two unknown negroes wounded. The latter were taken to the Charity hospital.

The entire police force has been called to the levee. Governor Fowler has been telegraphed to, and it is reported that military have been ordered to keep themselves in readiness. With this writing members of the mob are drinking and the police fear more trouble. Another riot is expected at any moment.

The report that a white longshoreman had been killed is denied. The time of the shooting seemed to have been fixed for the hour just preceding the beginning of the working day. As a usual thing stevedores and longshoremen begin work at 7 o'clock, and it was just before this hour that the firing began. It seems to have been totally unexpected, for the negroes were upon the levee in large numbers. They evidently believed there was sufficient force on the river to protect them.

It is positively known that four negroes are dead. Of these, three are unknown. The fourth is a Caribbian. At the hospital are eight wounded, and of this number two are dying. They are: Henry Brown, shot five times in the breast, and Joseph Mallard, shot through the forehead with a Winchester rifle.

Mr. Bain, purser of the steamship Engineer, who was shot, is being cared for on board his vessel. His wounds are pronounced dangerous. The captain of the Engineer threatens to make the shooting an international affair.

Later reports are to the effect that at least two negroes shot, jumped into the river. They are still reported missing.

Of the eight negroes who went to the charity hospital, after being fired upon by the white and colored crew men, at the head of St. Ann street, to have their wounds attended to, several received only slight wounds, which were promptly dressed, and left at once for their homes. One of these was Robert Atkins, who received four wounds, the bullets being of smaller caliber. He stated that he was talking to the purser of the steamship Engineer, J. A. Bain, when without warning a number of shots were fired at him, the shooters being about seventy feet away. The fog was so thick he could not identify those who did the shooting. He immediately ran aboard the vessel, while the purser fell where he was shot. Atkins stated that as soon as the firing began there were policemen between the rioters and himself and Purser Bain, and they immediately fell flat on their stomachs behind cotton bales. When questioned every officer declared he had not been detailed on the levee after 8 o'clock.

Leonard Melard is dying with a bullet

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in his brain. L. Coste, 42, was shot at Front and St. Peter's street. He was not working. The wound is not dangerous. There were not more than twenty in the gang that shot him, but it would be impossible to identify them, he says, owing to fog.

Jim Preston was on the Harrison line wharf. His entire back was perforated with small bullets of about 22 caliber. Preston likewise stated there was a great mob of armed men. His wounds, which are very painful, may result fatally.

Henry Brown, 31, was shot five times. He has two gaping wounds in the right breast, made by a large ball, two in the right hip and one in the right arm. Although so badly hurt, he is making a brave fight for life.

The president of the maritime exchange has telegraphed the governor for troops, stating that the officer of a British steamer has been shot, and international complications may arise. The grand jury is investigating the riots. The police have made no arrests. Judge Moise has instructed the grand jury to indict city officers who have been derelict.

Taken Up.

Came to my place on Long Hollow about Jan. 1, 1895, a gray pony, branded with two quarter circles on left shoulder, weight about 700 pounds.

A. J. Holt, Dufur.

Notice.

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