

HORRIBLE MASSACRE.

The Chicago Times publishes the following account of the Palmyra massacre:

St. Louis, Mo., June 9.—Gen John Mc Niel, a veteran soldier and the hero of the famous Palmyra massacre, dropped dead in postoffice E last evening. Deceased was in command of Palmyra, Mo., in 1862, when he issued a notification to Col Porter of the rebel forces, who deserted the place on the approach of McNeil, that Andrew Allsman, a native of the place, was missing and that he must be returned in ten days or he would have ten persons favoring the confederate cause executed. The following account of the massacre will be of interest at this time:

Sept. 12, 1862, Col Joe Porter, a regularly commissioned confederate officer, raided Palmyra and took twenty-four prisoners. All of them he released except Andrew Allsman, whom Porter wished to carry out of Missouri as a prisoner of war as a military act, the aim of which was the relief of private southern citizens from persecution, for Allsman, who was physically unqualified for active service as a home militiaman, had rendered himself a curse to private citizens in business, home, and fireside, while doing worthless service to the government as a sneaking, untruthful informer. Porter, finding that his course was not wise, gave Allsman the privilege of returning, but he was afraid to leave the camp unguarded and a guard of Allsman's own selection was provided from among Porter's troops, many of whom Allsman knew, and knew to be men who would not knowingly or unjustly harm him. The prisoner and escort took their departure, but in some way, more than likely after the watch and word of the guard had been fulfilled, he fell into the hands of men who had determined that his insults and injuries to their families and friends at home should cease, and Allsman never again reached Palmyra.

Oct. 8, 1862, Gen McNeil issued an order to Col Porter notifying him that if Allsman was not returned to Palmyra in ten days from that date ten members of the board which was responsible for Allsman's disappearance would be shot. Of course the missing man never returned and shortly after noon, Oct. 18, 1862, a detachment of soldiers detailed to do this bloody deed marched to the jail and took their station. Presently two large government wagons, each containing five rude coffins, thundered up to the jail and halted. Directly the doomed men were brought forth and ordered to mount the wagons and take their seats on the coffins, which they did in a calm and courageous manner.

After the prisoners had taken their places each wagon was surrounded by a squad of soldiers and the order given to march. The solemn procession then crossed to Main street, up which it passed with not a sound to break the stillness of the scene except the commands of the officers, the muffled tread of the soldiers, and the grating of the heavy wagon wheels upon the gravel. Words of sympathy were welling up in the hearts of those who viewed the solemn cortege, but they dare not give utterance to them, and the tears coursed down the cheeks of friends who would have stayed the murderer's hand could they have done so. Many people could not bear the sight and had retired to their homes before the hour for the procession.

From Main street the procession wended its way to the fair grounds, half a mile east of town, and halted in the arena. The men then dismounted from the wagons, the coffins were placed in a half circle, and the prisoners ordered to take their seats on the rude boxes. After permitting a short prayer, which was cut short by the command of the officer, the soldiers were formed into line facing the prisoners, who sat on their coffins, with faces to the west. Bandages for the eyes had been offered to the prisoners, but they waved them away and gazed calmly into the muzzles of the glistening, death-dealing weapons of the soldiers—all except one poor, simple-minded fellow who sat near the south end of the circle. He, hardly knowing what he did, accepted the bandage, but perceiving that the others had none, he tore it off and flung it upon the ground.

The command was given: "Make ready!" The loud and ominous click of the guns was heard as the weapons were thrown to the shoulder. "Take aim!" Not a face blanched or a muscle quivered as the gleaming death-dealing weapons were held in position awaiting the fatal order. "Fire!" There was a loud report, and some of the forms, a few minutes before so full of life and vitality, swayed to and fro for an instant and then fell back on their coffins, stark and stiff in death. But the deadly work was not finished. Several remained untouched.

Many of these poor soldiers detailed to do the murderous work, from which they could not escape, had hearts in their bosoms that should have shamed McNeil. Many aimed high over the heads of the prisoners, and bullets were found buried in the building opposite, some at a height of six or eight feet. The second rank then stepped forward and delivered a volley, and when the smoke cleared away the forms of the murdered men lay strewn upon the ground. But the horrible butchery was not yet completed. Revolvers were then brought into action, and the executioners passed around and fired five or six bullets into each body, thus making sure their heinous work was accomplished.

The remains of the brave and noble men, who met death in so heroic a manner, were

then carelessly thrown into their rude pine coffins, hauled to town, and deposited in a building to await the arrival of relatives to claim them. Friends who asked to take charge of the bodies were repulsed with oaths and curses, and none dared complain. Even the most prominent loyalists dared not openly denounce the crime, and many were forced to sign what is known as the "McNeil Memorial," a document endorsing McNeil's action, which is now in the departments at Washington, and on the strength of which Lincoln promoted McNeil.

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