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District Heads Flatly Refuse To Ask Martial Law Proclaimed In City

By BILL PRICE.

The District Commissioners this morning unanimously and quickly rejected suggestions and recommendations that President Wilson be asked to declare the District under martial law to quell further rioting.

The Commissioners decided that the mob spirit, if it again shows itself tonight, will be handled without gloves and in the firmest sort of manner.

SERVICE HEADS SUFFICIENT.

With the Commissioners at their brief but decisive meeting was the colonel in command of the Sixty-third infantry, and he agreed fully that the military and naval authorities will be able to co-operate with the police from now on in such a way as to teach severe lessons to all those inclined to disorder and whose sole purpose is to get into trouble at the first possible point.

While not disclosing their plans for this evening it is known that one class of men will be severely handled. These are white and colored people in automobiles dashing into every fray and firing revolvers. The chaps who think automobiles will enable them to escape will find tonight that there is no machine able to run swifter than army rifle bullets. No mercy is to be shown this type of people.

Besides agreeing upon plans for tonight the Commissioners issued the formal statement printed elsewhere in which they declare that "mobs" did not rule Washington last night and that the disturbances were sporadic.

Wilson and Martial Law.

Martial law in the District would have to be declared by President Wilson, who would then turn its enforcement over to the military authorities, completely eliminating the police force. It is the last resort in the most dangerous rioting. It means, of course, that the streets would be kept clear at all times except to those persons under the law that they were headed to work or to their homes from work. Rifles and machine guns would dominate everything.

The matter had not been placed before President Wilson. Satisfied that the police department, aided by details of military and naval units, will be able to control matters from now on the Commissioners will not suggest to the President that he use his powers as Commander-in-Chief to assume control of the District. In all probability he would not take action unless requested by the Commissioners. That he has authority to do so does not appear to be questioned by anyone.

The Commissioners' appeal for calmness on the part of all citizens during of excitement and, above all, the

40 ARRESTS MADE IN FOURTH PRECINCT

Captain Williams of the Fourth precinct declared the district was busier last night than members of the force could remember. Over forty arrests were made on the blottier when morning dawned.

Starting at about 7 o'clock with the call that a large body of colored men and women was gathering at Third and C streets, the entire force, with all reserves available and helped by forty-five doughboys of the Sixty-third infantry, from Potomac Park, under a commissioned officer, with twenty-five machine guns was kept on the jump until after 11 o'clock.

Despite the fact that orders from headquarters ruled the collateral for disturbances of the peace should be twenty-five dollars last night, instead of the usual ten, many of the prisoners at the Fourth Precinct were bailed out by relatives.

Police of the precinct believe they have four negroes, taken in a speeding car, who are possibly connected with a party that twice succeeded through a narrow escape, firing at white people promiscuously. James White, twenty-one, of 435 Six-and-a-Half street; Charles Thornton, thirty-nine, of 115 Six-and-a-Half street, and two other negroes were held on charges of disorderly conduct and charged with speeding and carrying concealed weapons.

When searched at the station house Thornton was found to have a long-barreled weapon with a bag full of cartridges. White also carried a pistol, but a smaller one. Vaughan, who chased the machine for blocks, declared they were going at over forty miles an hour and narrowly escaped running into several people.

It was found that the car had two sets of District auto tags. One of the numbers was registered in Thornton's name, but it was found that the other number was not registered at all. In several cases the officers were fired upon from houses and second stories, and several times Detectives Mansfield and Kelly were narrowly missed, when dashing into houses to rout out the inhabitants.

Corporal Makay, of H company, Sixty-third infantry, who was on duty as a provost guard, was struck over the head with a blunt instrument and later removed to Walter Reed Hospital, where he was unconscious for three-quarters of an hour before doctors could revive him.

remaining at home of all who are not compelled to go into the streets.

Youths Start Trouble. The element that adds fuel to the flames is largely composed of aggressive boys and young men of both races who, if not bent on mischief, are inquisitively inclined and sooner or later become part of a shooting, fighting mob.

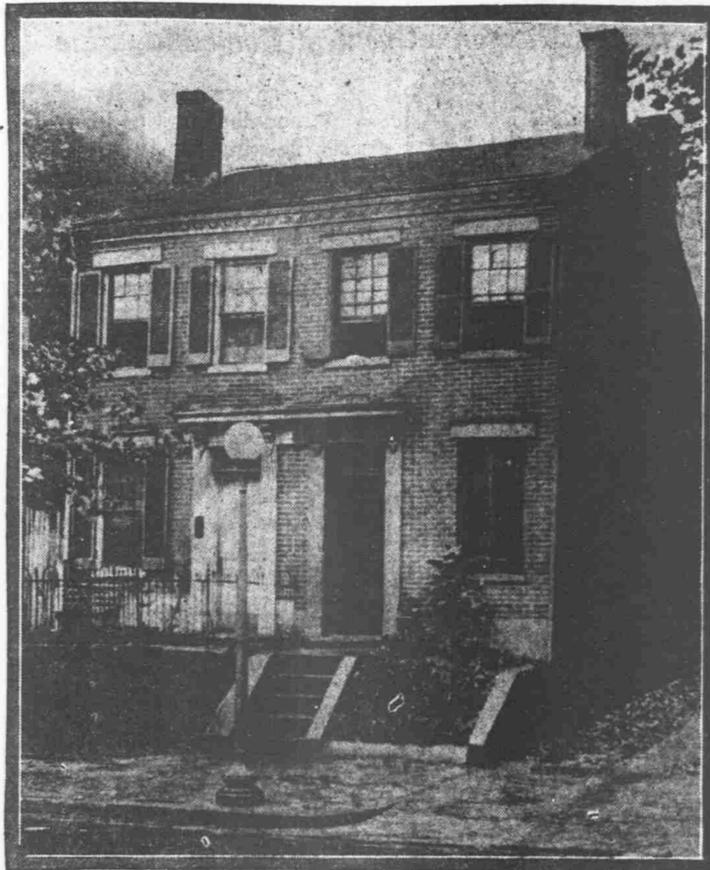
The worst element, as stated, is that which fills automobiles, arms itself with pistols and starts out with deliberate purpose of shooting into crowds and getting away from danger in a hurry. These men may tonight find rifle bullets crashing into themselves and their machines from the fully armed forces of law and order. The orders to be given will be broad enough to place these automobile parties in position of being wholly outside the law and to be handled as would bandits or murderers.

Upsets Life of District. The disturbances of the last three nights have badly upset the business, social and domestic life of the District, with men and women in a nervous state that bodes no abatement of trouble unless the law's firm hand reaches out.

It is quite probable that in the future casualties among policemen and military forces will be less as these guardians of the law will now understand that in protecting their own lives they are protecting the law-abiding public.

The Commissioners have been promised a larger number of soldiers and sailors as assistants to the police and with this increase of force and a fewer number of people on the streets the race troubles will gradually disappear. In the meantime there may be some stern, short work by police and soldiers if crowds persist in unlawfully using firearms or other weapons.

House Where Detective Was Killed By Negress



Sniping shots fired from the second story window of the house with open door and window by a seventeen-year-old colored girl attracted the attention of Headquarters Detectives O'Brien and Wilson last night. Both made a rush for the door, Wilson reaching the entrance first and pushing through the door. He gained the second story, and entering the room where the sniper hid, fell as a bullet pierced his heart. He died on his way to the Emergency Hospital. The girl, Carrie Minor Johnson, was arrested.

RENTS TO BE PROBED WITH FOOD PRICES

Members of Committee Convinced Costs in District Are Boosted Through Combine.

With a mass of facts and figures before them, members of the Senate District sub-committee that is investigating the living cost in Washington gave study today a question of procedure in conducting the public inquiry.

The general key note sounded at yesterday's initial hearing was the urgent need of legislation to eliminate as far as possible in the local field the profits which are going to the middleman and the retailer.

Coupled with this was the prediction of Senator Sherman, chairman of the District Committee, that a joint resolution would be introduced in both Houses in the near future calling for a nation-wide investigation of the general cost of living, as a result of growing pressure from outside that is being brought upon Congress.

Members of the sub-committee expressed themselves as convinced that legislation fostering co-operative selling and buying of food stuffs is the first corrective step to be taken as a legislative remedy for the high cost of living.

Rent Question Up.

Glaring facts bearing on the rent question stirred the committee to determine that this question is to become one of prime importance in dealing with the living costs here. Senator Sherman and Senator Ball, of Delaware, chairman of the investigating committee, both were of the opinion that a combination of real estate firms, acting in conjunction with property owners, are responsible for excessive high rents.

These direct charges were made by witnesses before the committee: That a general agreement has been reached among real estate firms to increase rents of apartments and houses in Washington at least 30 per cent in October.

That many firms have resolved not to rent unfurnished houses or apartments at all.

That there are on record with the building committee about 27,000 cases of attempted rent profiteering.

That as soon as the Sanjour anti-trust law is passed, a general increase in rents all over the city is imminent.

Mosher Before Probers.

Dr. W. E. Mosher, of New York, who has been assisting the joint Congressional committee on the reclassification of Federal employment salaries, was called before the committee when he appeared before it at the request of the chairman.

He declared, furthermore, that in many instances he understood local real estate firms were furnishing houses themselves and are renting them at exorbitant charges. He suggested to the committee that it should ascertain from the building committee what real estate firms are supporting clients in rent extortion if it hoped to deal effectively with the situation.

As a result of this information, Capt. Julius Peyster, of the building committee, will be summoned before the committee and asked to place before the Senators all the available information he has in regard to the rent question.

Urges Open-Mindedness.

He suggested, first, the necessity of approaching the subject with "open-mindedness." The fundamental causes for high prices, he emphasized as follows: The increase in the amount of money in general circulation; the increased cost of production and the scarcity of labor. These factors, he claimed, are more responsible for the increased cost of living than mere profiteering and should be given first consideration.

Herbert C. Marshall, assistant chief of the Bureau of Markets, told the committee that paper money issued during the war was the greatest factor in boosting prices. He declared the war has created a great expansion in money, which has also caused an increase in prices in proportion.

France has issued paper money which equals two fifths of the entire amount of money in the world at the beginning of the war, he told the committee, and Germany has issued a like amount.

In the United States there has been an increase in the paper money output from \$31 to \$60 per capita, he said, or almost twice as much as before the war, with a result that prices are just about twice as high.

Profits Question Big Job.

Dr. Mosher informed the committee that it was confronted with an almost unsolvable problem in factoring the "profit" phase of the question, for it would be necessary to go into the total profits of all concerns, requiring the employment of expert accountants who would have to examine the books of the pre-war period to ascertain the true condition of prices. This would require a great deal of time, he explained, for the committee could not reach a definite conclusion merely by investigating certain articles.

He suggested that the committee could well employ its time in examining the books of the Old Dutch Market and the chain of Sanitary groceries in operation here, as their system of bookkeeping makes it possible to reach a very fair conclusion of the general range of prices bordering upon a reasonable profit made possible by their co-operative system.

Negro Eludes Lynch Mob After Attack On Young White Woman

While the Capital was in the throes of a reign of terror last night, a bold attempt was made to criminally assault Mrs. Helen Nightingale, twenty-four years old, mother of two children and wife of Edward Nightingale, employed at the navy yard, as she was walking near her home at Capitol Heights, Prince George's county, just across the District line.

Seized by the negro, Mrs. Nightingale was dragged into the yard of a vacant house, and during her desperate struggle with the negro, her clothes were torn.

MAN HUNT FAILS.

Hearing the cries of the woman, a number of men ran to her rescue, but the negro becoming frightened at her screams, escaped. Within a half hour after the alarm had been given that Mrs. Nightingale had been the victim of the negro assault, nearly every man and boy in the vicinity, armed with revolvers, shotguns, and clubs formed a posse and scoured the neighborhood for the negro.

Excitement was at a high pitch, many of the residents going into the negro settlement just outside of Capitol Heights, firing their revolvers and shotguns. Several negroes narrowly escaped lynching, and were saved only by Mrs. Nightingale's failure to identify them as her would-be assailant.

A number of the negroes, however, were roughly treated, and it was said this morning that few of the residents of the colored settlement ventured to leave their homes for fear that the determined men would lynch them.

Reps At Door. The negro made his appearance at Mrs. Nightingale's home on Crystal Springs avenue about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. He rapped on the door, asking Mrs. Nightingale to give him employment.

"I have no work for you," Mrs. Nightingale told him, but the negro thrust his foot between the door and jam, insisting that work be given him.

"If you don't leave, I will call my husband," Mrs. Nightingale told the negro. Mr. Nightingale was at his work at the Navy Yard, but the woman believed by telling the negro her husband was at home he would leave. Mrs. Nightingale's two children were at play on the second floor and one of them screamed. The negro then removed his foot from the door and left. He was seen by Mrs. Nightingale passing her home twice later, however.

It was 9:30 o'clock last night when Mrs. Nightingale left her home to go to the store of H. L. Miles, in Capitol Heights, when she encountered the negro. Without a word, the negro seized her by the arm and placed a hand over her mouth to prevent her making an outcry for help.

Fights Assailant. Finding herself almost powerless in the grasp of the negro, Mrs. Nightingale was dragged into the yard. However, she retained her presence of mind and desperately fought the negro. During the struggle with the negro her shirtwaist was torn from her body, and other clothing was pulled off.

During the struggle, Mrs. Nightingale was dragged into the yard of a vacant house, and during her desperate struggle with the negro, her clothes were torn.

The description of the negro by Mrs. Nightingale tallies with that of the negro who attacked a number of women in the suburbs of Washington recently. Two negroes, Lewis Randall and Forrest Egan, are held by the police in connection with the other assaults. However, the police are skeptical as to whether either of them had any connection with the assaults.

COMMISSIONERS APPEAL TO ALL CITIZENS

(Continued from First Page.)

and the provost guard without great difficulty and with but few injuries.

It cannot be too strongly urged upon every citizen that it is his duty to himself and to the community to remain at home unless his business takes him abroad. Every man or boy who goes on the streets tonight out of mere curiosity adds the weight of his influence to the forces of disorder and increases the difficulty of the situation.

Brave officers last night laid down their lives in their efforts to protect the peace of the city. Citizens tonight can do their share by remaining at home in safety. In this case, as in all other similar situations, the innocent bystander is often the victim. Let there be none such tonight.

The provost guard continues to assist the police authorities and will continue so to do with augmented forces.

The bearing of arms is unlawful and greatly contributes to the dangers of the situation.

Above all it is the duty of every citizen to assist the authorities by refraining from excitement. Exaggerated rumor only adds fuel to the flames.

Plans are being made for increased patrols. Sufficient reserves will be maintained to be thrown wherever they may be needed. It may be necessary to close some streets to vehicular traffic.

The civil authorities are in complete charge of the situation, and the military will continue to assist them.

Every man and woman can have a lively part in the creation of that sort of public sentiment which makes for law against lawlessness, for order against disorder.

LOUIS BROWNLOW, W. GWYNN GARDNER, CHARLES W. KUTZ, Commissioners, D. C.

COMPLETE LIST OF THOSE ARRESTED IN RACE RIOTING

FIRST PRECINCT.

Lloyd Miller Gibson, colored, twenty-four years old, 1019 V street northwest, disorderly conduct. Francis Marion Jenkins, twenty, 614 I street southeast, disorderly. Nick Johnson, twenty-three, Carol Hill, disorderly. Joseph Ditoto, twenty-four, 516 Four-and-a-half street southwest, disorderly. James Lassiter, twenty-one, 743 Harvard street, disorderly. Milton Lee, colored, twenty-one, 213 Virginia avenue southeast, concealed weapons. Emory Harrison Mayhew, seventeen, Bladensburg, Md., disorderly. William Brent Maltan, eighteen, 705 Eighth street southeast, disorderly. Preston Winston, colored, eighteen, 117 Howard avenue, disorderly. Howard Cooper, colored, seventeen years old, 458 G street northwest, concealed weapons. Bradley Grant, colored, thirty, 121 Thirteenth street northeast, discharging firearms on street. James Robert Pogue, colored, nineteen, 28 Pierce street, discharging firearms on street. Henry Richardson, colored, twenty-six, 1221 Ohio avenue, concealed weapons. Miller Thomas Rhodes, eighteen, 1219 I street northwest, concealed weapons. Charles Edward Rhodes, twenty-one, 1219 I street northwest, disorderly. Richard Lee Trainor, seventeen, 1201 B street northeast, disorderly. Friel Hardin, colored, twenty-seven, 1839 Seventh street northwest, investigation.

SECOND PRECINCT.

The following arrests were made at the Second precinct after 9 p. m.: Charles Holmes, colored, 1524 Fifth street, concealed weapons. Robert Cole, colored, 936 Florida avenue northwest, concealed weapons. Howard Craddock, white, 620 G street northwest, disorderly conduct. Odell Ogden, colored, 408 First street southwest, disorderly conduct. Bruce, colored, 1615 1/2 Sixth street northwest, throwing missiles. John McLaughlin, colored, 437 I street northwest, throwing missiles. Leo A. Hill, colored, 119 F street southwest, drinking liquor in public. David Fenwick, colored, 1437 S street, disorderly conduct. Sillo Poie, colored, Ninth street, concealed weapon. Oscar S. Maynard, colored, 1019 Third street northwest, concealed weapons. Ben Cornish, colored, 1530 Third street northwest, concealed weapons. George B. Lee, colored, 1018 Seventh street northeast, disorderly conduct. Amos Green, colored, 10 Goat alley, assault with deadly weapon.

THIRD PRECINCT.

Frederick Botts, colored, 916 27th street northwest, disorderly. William Fisher, colored, 2020 E street northwest, disorderly. John Henry Clark, colored, 2006 Green Court, disorderly. Wendall Smith, colored, 2025 Virginia avenue northwest, disorderly. Jefferson Matthews, colored, 30 O'Brien's Court, disorderly. Nestor Hewett, colored, 2443 M street northwest, disorderly. Everett Hughes, colored, 1227 22nd street northwest, assault. Nicholas Evans, colored, 2622 Green Court, disorderly. Beulah Marshall, alias Evans, colored, disorderly. Chas. Pride, colored, 2600 I street northwest, disorderly. Arthur Douglass, colored, 2619 Virginia avenue northwest, disorderly. Everett Jackson, colored, Rosslyn, Va., disorderly. Edward Gibson, colored, 2422 G street northwest, disorderly. Frank Coats, colored, 2637 I street northwest, disorderly. Carroll Ford, colored, 819 26th street, disorderly. Leroy Morrison, colored, 732 23rd street northwest, disorderly. Lewis Burrows, colored, 1114 26th street northwest, disorderly. James Noel, alias James Bell, colored, 513 Rhode Island avenue northwest, disorderly. Theodore Jackson, colored, 912 27th street northwest, disorderly. Harry Jackson, colored, 2519 I street northwest, disorderly. John Fairfax, colored, 903 27th street northwest, disorderly. Charles Weston, colored, 937 Hughes Court northwest, disorderly. Dennis Tinney, colored, 724 24th street, disorderly. Ernest Hall, colored, 2440 P street northwest, concealed weapons. James A. Smith, colored, 2020 E street northwest, disorderly. William Joseph Payne, white, 2323 H street northwest, disorderly and carrying a hammer. Micajah T. Walker, colored, 607

James J. Trainia, white, 3333 M street northwest, disorderly conduct. Philip H. Keys, colored, 1762 N street northwest, attempted robbery. Robert Clay, colored, 1234 Sixth street northwest, assault dangerous weapon. Louis Harris, colored, 452 P street northwest, disorderly conduct. Russell Dickerson, colored, 420 P street northwest, investigation. William Allen, colored, 1155 Eighth street northwest, investigation. John Bradford, colored, 41 Jaxon northeast, concealed weapons. Ethel Henderson, colored, 43 Blagman's Court, investigation. Jane Gore, colored, 18 G street northeast, investigation. Lillian Smith, colored, 519 New Jersey avenue, investigation.

FOURTH PRECINCT.

James White, 21 years old, colored, for carrying concealed weapons. Charles Thornton, 39, colored, speeding and carrying concealed weapons. Clarence Buckner, 20, colored, disorderly conduct. William Graham, 13, colored, disorderly conduct. William Harden, 16, colored, disorderly conduct. George Hickerson, 21, colored, disorderly conduct. Obean Hickerson, 17, colored, disorderly conduct. James Neaves, 19, colored, disorderly conduct. Benjamin Hawkins, 22, colored, disorderly conduct. William Washington, 18, colored, disorderly conduct. Melton Moore, 18, colored, disorderly conduct. Wesley Jackson, 21, colored, disorderly conduct. Edward Young, 24, colored, United States witness in a concealed weapon case. John J. Gilchrist, 26, colored, speeding and carrying concealed weapons. William Tucker, 17, colored, disorderly conduct. Basil Gordon, 28, colored, carrying concealed weapons. Cornelius Johnson, 20, colored, disorderly conduct. Clarence Lambkin, 22, colored, disorderly conduct. John Simms, 21, colored, disorderly conduct. Sam Williams, 16, colored, disorderly conduct. Thomas Lee, 20, colored, disorderly conduct. Sam Carter, 34, colored, held for investigation. Frank Rollins, 17, colored, for throwing missiles. Robert Johnson, colored, assaulting with dangerous weapons and throwing missiles. Clarence Jones, 25 colored, held for investigation. There were several others arrested, but they were let off within a couple of hours on payment of \$25 collateral.

FIFTH PRECINCT.

Morton street, held for investigation in connection with the shooting of Private Lick, a marine, at 15th and Pennsylvania avenue northwest. John Dyson, colored, 449 P street northwest, concealed weapons.

SIXTH PRECINCT.

Charles J. Crenshaw, colored, thirty-nine, 2135 Ward place northwest, concealed weapons. Edward Hansbury, colored, nineteen years old, 313 Elm street, investigation. William C. Evans, colored, twenty-six years old, 1344 T street northwest, concealed weapons.

Robert H. Harvey, colored, thirty, 2006 Eighth street northwest, investigation. John Petus, colored, twenty-two, 428 Washington street, concealed weapons. Mary Johnson, colored, forty-nine years old, 220 G street northwest, investigation. James Boone, colored, twenty-two, 2406 Virginia avenue northwest, concealed weapons. William Page, colored, twenty-four years old, 2415 G street northwest, concealed weapons. Darliva Brant, colored, eighteen years old, 2627 Dumbarton avenue, concealed weapons.

SEVENTH PRECINCT.

Police of the Eighth precinct arrested the following, charged with disorderly conduct: James Simons, twenty-two years old, 1602 Fourth street northwest. James Snowden, thirty-two, 232 Recors street. William Robinson, twenty-five, 1625 Twelfth street. Vance Holmes, twenty-one, 338 Adams street. Oscar Paterson, nineteen, 43 O street. Percy Edward, nineteen, 25 O street. Arthur Gilbert, twenty, 415 U street northwest. Isaac McNeal, twenty-nine years old, 1427 N street. John B. Coker, twenty-three, 1708 Fourth street. Wilbur Hasken, seventeen, 728 Fourth street. Henson Gassaway, twenty-one, Burnt Mills, Md. Gus Wise, forty-nine, 2336 P street. Charged with carrying concealed weapons: Portner Stanton, twenty-one, 1729 Twelfth street. James Brent, twenty-two, 2 Terrace place. Thornton Brown, thirty-eight, 1341 Corcoran street. Charles Roscoe, twenty-seven, 1606 New Jersey avenue. Vincent Buey, twenty-one, 1826 Twelfth street. Mark Washington, twenty, 1740 V street. James McClain, nineteen, 1365 V street northwest. John Carpenter, twenty-nine, 2357 Champlain. Walter Arwell, 1429 W street. Assault: Charles Hall, twenty-four, 2011 Georgia avenue.

EIGHTH PRECINCT.

Robert H. Harvey, colored, thirty, 2006 Eighth street northwest, investigation. John Petus, colored, twenty-two, 428 Washington street, concealed weapons. Mary Johnson, colored, forty-nine years old, 220 G street northwest, investigation. James Boone, colored, twenty-two, 2406 Virginia avenue northwest, concealed weapons. William Page, colored, twenty-four years old, 2415 G street northwest, concealed weapons. Darliva Brant, colored, eighteen years old, 2627 Dumbarton avenue, concealed weapons.

NINTH PRECINCT.

Samuel Thompson, colored, twenty-five years old, 1509 S street northwest, concealed weapons. George Bell, colored, twenty-six, 1327 Wylie court northeast, concealed weapons.