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UNOFFENDING MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN CLUBBED AND THROWN IN JAIL AT LAWRENCE

Parade of Strikers, Singing Patriotic Songs and Refraining from
Violence, Viciously Attacked by State Police.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 26.—
The seed sown by the police and soldiers last Saturday, when they clubbed the defenseless wives and children of the textile strikers bore its bitter fruit today.

One striker is in the hospital—shot in the back. He will die.

Three of his fellow workers are in jail charged with his attempted murder. They were arrested in an alleyway from which it would be impossible to fire the shot that dropped him in his tracks.

Ten little children are held apart from their parents at the city poor farm. They are booked as "paupers." The stigma thus placed against their names blackens that of their parents also.

Yet these are the children whom the police took from their parents to prevent their being sent to comfortable homes on the ground that such would constitute "neglect of the children."

The city jail is crowded with strikers, men, women and little children. Most of them are suffering from horrible bruises caused by the clubs of the police.

The charge against the women

is that of "violating the city ordinances." This is the charge that always is placed against women the streets arrested for plying their dishonest trade.

Yet the only crime of these women is that they tried to stop the police taking their children from them, or joined a peaceful procession of strikers.

One little girl, only 16 years old, is in the county hospital.

It will be days before physicians can say whether the awful welt across her face, caused by a policeman's club, will mean the loss of only one, or of both of her eyes.

The trouble today started early in the morning, in Common street, in the Italian district.

A squad of 15 special policemen were riding down the street in automobiles. What happened first is not known. The excuse of the police is that a hand holding a revolver was thrust out of a tenement window and a shot fired.

Whether this be true or not, the police drew their revolvers and hailed bullets at the windows and doors of the tenements. At