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RIOT AND BLOODSHED IN STREET RAILWAY STRIKE

Most Disgraceful Disorder in City's History---Howling, Frenzied Mob of Strike Sympathizers Wreck Cars and Street Railway General Offices---Power House Men Forced Out and City in Darkness---Mounted Dragoons Ride Through Market Square Crowds---Man and Boy Shot---Militia Called Out to Restore Order.

SOLDIERS AND THE POLICE POWERLESS

Angry Rioters Stall Cars and Smash Windows With Stones—Cavalrymen Ride Through Mob, but Without Effect.

WILLIAM BENNETT SHOT WHEN DETECTIVE LUCAS WAS ATTACKED

Thousands of Maddened Citizens in Greatest Riot of City's History — Many injured by flying stones—Cars Overturned and fired—Mayor Frink reads the Riot Act.

A night of wild rioting, shedding of blood, breaking of heads, overturning of street cars, and the closing down of the power house, at the angry demands of a frenzied mob, and the plunging of the city in darkness, marked the second day of the street railway strike.

A DEMONSTRATION OF WILD PASSION.

Probably never in its history has St. John witnessed such a demonstration of a wild human passion, let loose.

Screams of frightened women, the crash of shattered glass, mingled with the menacing cries, the ominous mob, looked on their first onslaught. Quite a number of persons were injured, and the wonder is that many were not killed.

STREET CARS WRECKED ON THE MARKET SQUARE.

At the outset of the riot the mob held up two cars on Market Square, and started in to mob the windows, and started in to mob the strike-breakers on the cars, who were fortunately for them, were rescued by the police and taken to the Water street lock-up.

After holding up the two cars, the mob was drawn away by a parade of the striking railway men, coming over to King street, across Charles street to Union street, and then down to Mill street, with a great crowd of yelling men and boys, and women and girls, as well, trailing behind it.

RAILWAY OFFICES WRECKED BY STONES.

After the procession of strikers had passed the corner of Union and Dock streets, headed for the North End, a mob of stones and bricks through the windows of the general offices of the Street Railway Company. A number of policemen and special constables were stationed in front of the general offices, but when the stones started to fly smashing the windows behind them, they disappeared with alacrity, being too few to brave the fury of the mob.

PARADING STRIKERS HEAD OFF THE MOB

The strikers' parade proceeded up

Main street past Douglas avenue, a large crowd following it all the way, shouting and singing, and apparently intent on visiting the car barns in the North End and doing further damage. But the procession of strikers swung into Adelaide street, and returning to Main street headed off the mob and sent it turned back towards the city.

MAYOR FRINK READS RIOT ACT TO MOB

After completing the work of demolition there the mob flowed on down to Market Square, and again gave its attention to the stranded cars, breaking any glass they had over-roofed on their first onslaught. A wild crowd of young men and boys then got busy trying to overturn the cars.

While a portion of the mob followed the strikers to the North End, Mayor Frink came to the Square and read the riot act, but in spite of this there was still a large crowd in the square when the contingent which marched to the North End returned. After making several attempts to overturn the deserted cars, and finding the job too much for them the wider spirits began to calm down, and some of the spectators began to move away.

TROOPERS PLUNGE THROUGH THE EXCITED CROWDS.

At this juncture about eight troopers mounted on fine horses and with their swords drawn came galloping down King street, and without slackening their pace plunged into the dense crowd of men, women and children thronging the square. The plunging horses knocked down men and women and even children, and it was a miracle that some of them were not crushed by the hoofs of the galloping horses. Several women fainted with fright. Two girls were slightly injured, and were carried into the offices of the Western Telegraph Company, but they soon recovered sufficiently to go home. The troopers repeatedly galloped about the square, running their horses against people, and slashing around with the flats of their swords. They even drove their horses on to the crowded sidewalks, and struck women and girls. One woman with a Salvation Army bonnet on her head and a tambourine under her arm was

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The Strike Leaders With their Legal Adviser.

LABOR OFFICIALS DEEPLY DEPLORE OCCURRENCES

Sydney Mosher, representing the union men in their negotiations with the railway company, stated to The Standard last evening that he deeply regretted the disturbances which had occurred. He thought it unnecessary to add that the men belonging to the union who are now in disagreement with the company were in no way responsible for the outbreak. These men had held their parade, and in fact were in another part of the city when the disorder broke loose. They realize that such actions as occurred last evening are detrimental to the cause

in which they are interested and feel that the public will fully understand that they have had no share in the outbreak.

Mr. Mosher was of the opinion that the company's action in bringing strike-breakers in from the city was a mistake. He said that he would be sorry for the city's sake to see strike-breakers brought here. In the street car strike in Halifax the company brought in strike-breakers, and their appearance caused serious riots there.

"If the company had accepted our proposition yesterday the strike could have been settled and the rioting avoided."

The strikers went to Carleton early in the evening and held a parade there. When they came back to the docks, with the intention of crossing the harbor they were met by Mr. Mosher and advised to delay their crossing as rioting had broken out in the city, and they should keep out of it. Mr. Mosher was in the union hall when the rioting began and he hastened over to the West Side to warn the strikers. In a great state of excitement Mr. Mosher addressed the men, urging them on no account to take part in any disorder. C. H. Stevens, of the Trades and Labor Council, who was with the strikers also addressed them. The union men did not return to the city till about nine o'clock, and their parade which went to the North End drew away a large part of the crowd from Market Square.

None of the strikers took part in the raiding of the cars, or the subsequent outbreak of passion, culminating in the seizure of the power house or the raid on the car barns. They wisely went home after disbanding their parade.

Practically all the havoc was done by young men and boys.

Militia Orders For Today

Regimental Orders by Lieut. Col. B. R. Armstrong, O. C. 3rd Regiment Canadian Artillery, St. John, N. B. July 24th.

The regiment is under orders to mobilize at the Armory at once Drill order. Every officer non-commissioned officer and man must be present. By order, Major, W. H. Harrison.

Regimental Orders, by Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity officer commanding 62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers.

St. John, N. B., July 24. The regiment is under orders to mobilize at the armory at once, drill order, with rifles, side arms and ball pouches. Every officer, non-commissioned officer and man must be present. By order A. O. D. won, Captain, Acting Adjutant.

MILITIA CALLED OUT ON DUTY TODAY

Col. J. L. McAvity in Charge of the Situation—Artillery and 62nd Respond to Call. Orders for the Day.

WILL GUARD PROPERTY AND QUELL DISTURBANCE

Mayor Frink drove to Red Head and Secured Cooperation of Commander of 62nd Regiment—Artillery also assembled at the Armory—All quiet early this morning.

It was about eight o'clock when the start of the riot really took place. A loop car on its way to Haymarket Square moved up King street and stopped at the corner of Charlotte street. It was seen that the motorist was in uniform, but non-uniform, and there was also hanging to the rear of the car a special officer who was sworn in on Wednesday. He was displaying his badge. There were hundreds of people assembled on the street and the cries of "scab," "scab" were heard from many. There were a few calls to "rush the car," but before the crowd got properly worked up the motorist started and hurried with his passengers along Charlotte street and out of danger. The crowd then moved as one and entirely blocked King street as they made their way towards the foot of the street. There was not a car to be seen on Prince William street at the time the mob paraded up Dock street towards the power house.

STONED THE PASSENGERS.

When the crowd reached a point near the St. John Street Railway general offices on Dock street a car was met and there were shouts of "scab," "rush the car." One man made a start and was struck on the head by some person on the car. This action appeared to be the breaking point for the mob and they ran in hundreds down the street after the car. The car contained about thirty men and women who became greatly frightened at the howling mob that circled about them. On reaching the Market Square there was a newly made section of the street where some stones could be easily obtained and as the men rushed by they were seen to stoop and pick up these stones and hurl them at the object of their fury. The car had hardly stopped at the foot of King street when the windows were smashed. The passengers had no time to get out but huddled together in the centre of the car while a few crouched on the floor. All were directing their heads with their hands but they were being hit right and left with stones.

THIS CAR GOT AWAY.

The conductor pushed his way towards the front of the car and hastened to the motorist to "go ahead." The power was turned on and the car was rushed through the crowd, leaving at the same time a continuous trail of rocks. Just as it started, some person at the rear of the car struck a man named Northrup who was near the car over the face with a stick and cut him badly. He was

surrounded by a crowd and assisted to the drinking trough at the Market Square fountain where he washed the blood from his face.

The riot was on in real earnest, and hundreds joined in cheering, or shouting, and in all making a dreadful noise. Many young men had stones or large rocks in their hands.

SECOND CAR ATTACKED.

A few minutes after this car got away from the mob, another put its appearance from Dock street. The cries went up, "Here's another car," "scab," "scab." Like the first car this one was crowded with men and women and as it was slowly run along the Market Square it was the target for the stone throwers, the windows were smashed and before some of the passengers could get out on the street they were struck and injured by the flying missiles. Some person threw off the trolley pole and left the car in darkness. The only ones left in the car were the motorist and conductor, the former said to be a man named McAvity. How it was that they were not badly injured is a miracle for hundreds of stones were thrown at them.

Finally Sergt. Scott and Officer Sullivan rushed to their assistance and escorted the two car men to the Water street lock-up for protection. The car street lock-up for protection. The car street lock-up for protection. The car street lock-up for protection.

THE FIRST ARREST MADE.

While this car was being stoned, Detective Killen who appeared on the scene saw a man throw a stone. He was just in the act of throwing another when the detective took hold of him and after some difficulty rushed him through the crowd and finally landed him safely behind the bars of the Water street lock-up.

STRIKEBREAKERS FLED TO SAFETY.

All this happened in very few minutes and while the mob were doing all the damage that they could think of to the stalled car, a third car arrived on the scene. This was treated the same as the former. Some of the passengers were struck by the stones or flying glass but they quickly left and none were very seriously injured, as they mingled with the crowd and time as the passengers and hastened to a point of safety before the mob could locate them or do them injury. Some person cut the trolley rope of this car, and there was a continuous throwing of rocks, stones so that in very quick time every pane of glass was smashed.

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