

2 NEGROES KILLED IN TENNESSEE RIOT

Mob, After Storming Knoxville Jail to Get Prisoner, Invades Colored District.

CALL IN STATE MILITIA

Whites Break Into Hardware Stores Seeking Arms—Several Are Injured.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sunday, Aug. 31.—Driven from the jail, which they attacked with the intention of obtaining a negro believed to be held there, a mob of more than a thousand persons early today went to other sections of the city and rioting soon after became general. Two negroes were killed in the negro district which the mob invaded.

A white man was taken to a hospital with a crushed skull, and members of the mob began breaking into pawnshops and hardware stores all over the city, apparently intent on obtaining firearms. Militiamen brought from the State encampment near Knoxville to disperse the mob at the county jail were hurried to the scenes of the rioting.

Five motor trucks loaded with members of the mob left Knoxville with the announced purpose of going to Chattanooga, to which city the negro, accused of shooting to death a white woman here early yesterday, had been taken before the crowd began gathering about the jail.

Despite assurances that the prisoner had been removed to Chattanooga and an inspection of the jail by three separate committees of citizens, the mob stormed the Knox County jail in search of Maurice F. Mayes, a negro, who had been arrested on suspicion in connection with the murder of Mrs. Bertie Lindsey early yesterday.

In a series of fights between Deputy Sheriffs, policemen, militiamen, and members of the mob in the jail corridors and outside the building, several men were wounded. Several National Guardsmen were beaten, but not seriously hurt. One man was carried away by friends unconscious.

Most of the window glass in the jail was shot out. One front window and the main door were battered in, and all other exposed windows broken during the disorder.

Early in the evening it became apparent that the deputies and policemen on duty at the jail would be unable to cope with the situation, and a call was sent for troops from the 4th Tennessee National Guard, which is holding its encampment here. Two squads were rushed to the jail in a motor truck. The disorder reached its height with their arrival, and missiles of all kinds were hurled, while fist fights were numerous and promiscuous shooting outside the jail began. The guardsmen were soon strengthened by the arrival of a full company, and it became possible then to clear the jail corridors and the yard.

Mrs. Lindsey was shot to death in her home as she was preparing to leap from a window. Her niece, who was sleeping with her, was threatened by the same negro. The two women were alone in the house.

Mayes, who had been arrested ten days ago for prowling about a house occupied by a white family, was arrested an hour after the crime was committed. He denied his guilt. Fearing violence Sheriff Cate took him to Chattanooga.

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