

GUARDS OPEN FIRE

Militiamen on Albany Street Cars & Into Surrounding Crowd.

THREE INNOCENTS ARE FATALLY WOUNDED

One is Already Dead From Effects of the Injuries He Received.

VICTIMS PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN

Strikers Escape More Fortunately, but Are Wildly Angry.

CARS RUN, BUT WITHOUT PATRONAGE

Intimidated Citizens Decline to Risk Riding with the Soldiers and Await Outcome of Conference of Leaders.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 17.—Five hours of conference tonight, with all the warring elements represented, failed to settle the Albany strike of street railway employees.

The strikers waived all the demands for the removal of the non-union men. The executive committee of the United Traction company will consider the proposition in the morning and may accept it and end the strike.

Meantime Major General Roe intends to take every precaution and at midnight ordered out the Ninth regiment of New York. It will arrive here tomorrow afternoon, and if the strike is not settled, will assist in opening up the other lines of the traction company in this city.

William Walsh, one of the men wounded by a bullet from a member of the Twenty-third regiment, died at 10:15 tonight.

Leroy Smith, shot in the same melee, was slightly improved at midnight. The shooting of Smith and Walsh had a very depressing effect upon the members of the Twenty-third regiment and tonight when stones were hurled at the picket men around Quail Street barn they did not fire in the dark.

Two privates were hit and hurt, but they did not care to take a chance by firing. It was held by the officers and men generally that the order to fire was entirely justified, but there was general regret at the consequences of the volley.

With the addition of the Ninth regiment tomorrow there will be over 3,000 guardsmen in Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 16.—One man dead, two others fatally shot, hundreds of persons with broken heads and cut faces, cars running merely as arsenals with no patrons, the city under martial rule, with its citizens in a frenzy of excitement, the strikers trying to get the railway company to come to an amicable settlement was the situation when darkness put an end to the strife growing out of the street car strike tonight.

The dead: WILLIAM WALSH, head of a plumbing company. Those fatally wounded are: Leroy Smith, merchant, both shot by National guardsmen.

William Marsalis, a non-union motorman, skull fractured. Others most seriously injured are: George Booz, citizen, cheek ripped open by bayonet.

William Rooney, citizen, shot by National guard. Gilbert Hall, non-union motorman, shot by mob.

The bloodshed came after a day of peace. From early morning the crowds had melted away before bayonets and shotguns, cars had been operated under heavy guards and there was an impression that the spirit of turbulence was waning.

There had been some minor demonstrations, particularly in North Albany, but not a shot had been fired and as the day passed the running of cars attracted but little attention.

Fan the Flames. The volley fired on Broadway by a squad of Twenty-third regiment men, in which Leroy Smith and William Walsh, well known citizens, fell mortally wounded, changed all that. It stirred anew the feeling of hatred as the exciting tidings swept through the city and the guardsmen were utterly denounced. Neither the spirit of turbulence nor the spirit of the mob had been guilty of an offense, but were caught in a crowd, some member of which had stoned the guardsmen and, by mischance, were hit. The disturbance was not a serious one and "murder" is the title applied by the public sentiment to the shooting. The guardsmen seem to have followed their duty as soldiers, for they were under orders to shoot if assaulted.

The bright prospect of a settlement of the strike did not seem to allay the growth of vindictive feeling and if the present situation continues, acts of bitter revenge and violence may be expected. It was on the last run of the soldiers on the cars that the tragedy of the day occurred. The cars were on Broadway moving northward and a constantly swelling crowd was gathered about the Union depot.

The first of the workday folk had been released by the whistles that sounded through the streets and the soldiers and they were pouring into the crowd. Near Columbia street a truck blocked the way of a car, and urged on by the crowd, the driver refused to move on as speedily as desired. Some one in the crowd threw a stone, but it went wide of its mark. The crowd was noisy and there was much confusion.

Shots Are Fired. The car finally moved forward into the next block and another stone was hurled at it. There was a sharp crack and a street car slowed down and shots were fired from it.

The guards fired into the crowd at a range of less than twenty feet. Smith and Walsh were both shot in the abdomen and fell where they stood. A third man, William Rooney, was slightly hurt by a glancing bullet. Some of the guards stepped from the car and reloaded their pieces. The startled crowd fell back at the first shot and a moment later the guards sprang aboard the car and were rapidly wheeled from the scene.

Smith and Walsh were hurried away to hospitals for care, and an angry crowd swarmed in the street to curse and denounce the guardsmen. Smith is a member of the shoe manufacturing firm of Smith & Herriek and a citizen of wealth, respectability and prominence. He is a member of the Albany club and a wise expert of national reputation. He is 50 years of age and has a family.

Walsh is the head of a plumbing house and well known in business circles. Neither man had any part other than as spectators in the demonstration that provoked the shooting.

ACCEPTS THE PEORIA PLAN

Presbyterian General Assembly Decides to Give It Fair Trial.

COAX CHILL INTO CONGRESS

American Republics' Committee Promise to Restrict Arbitration Talk.

SOUTH AMERICAN RIVALS ARE AROUSED

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CONVENTION IN A WRANGLE

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

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