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Over 100 Rioters Arrested--Grand Jury Begins Probe

SIXTEEN MEN IN AS GRAND JURORS IN RIOTING CASES

Former Police Chief Dunn Is Chosen by Sheriff to Complete Body—John W. Towle Is Chosen as Foreman—Fifteen Men Taken From the Panel of 23 Drawn by Chance From Voting List.

Sixteen men have taken the oath to act as grand jurors in the investigation of crime in Douglas county, and the indictment of criminals, particularly in connection with the lynching of Will Brown, the attempted hanging of Mayor Smith and the firing of the court house on September 28.

Fifteen of the sixteen jurors are the unexcused portion of a panel of twenty-three drawn by chance from the voting list of the county. The sixteenth is Henry W. Dunn, chosen by Sheriff Clark to complete the jury.

John W. Towle, president of the Omaha Structural Steel Works, and chief inspector of a government ship building yard during the war, is foreman of the jury, by appointment of the court.

Other Fifteen Jurors.

The other jurors are: Clarence J. Anderson, 2907 Bristol street, aged 35; printer at Beacon Press.

Adolph Benson, 2578 Pratt, aged 46; carpenter.

Harry Davis, 3203 Potter street, aged 33; farmer.

William F. Gray, 3820 North Eighteenth street, aged 58; foreman city street maintenance department.

Charles E. Hall, 3319 Harney street, aged 57; department manager Nebraska Telephone company.

William F. Hoch, 4506 Ames avenue, aged 49; farmer and teamster.

William C. Hughes, 4016 Grand avenue, aged 53; clerk Union Pacific.

Olaf Johnson, 132 North Thirty-seventh street, aged 53; car repairer, Union Pacific.

Robert Leckey, 4211 Crown Point avenue, aged 29; chauffeur for Loos-Wiles Biscuit company.

David L. Morgan, 3309 Sherman avenue, aged 54; automobile broker.

Claire R. Nelson, 415 North Thirtieth street, aged 26; salesman for

Payne-Slater company.

Hiland B. Noyes, 2021 Wirt street, aged 44; president Noyes-Killy Automobile company.

J. J. Smith, retired.

Jake Williams, 5805 Erskine, aged 30, gardener for A. L. Reed.

Henry W. Dunn, 3611 Mason street, aged 56; former chief of police.

Questioned as to Attitude.

After the jurors had sworn to make full and careful investigation to determine the existence of crime and the identity of criminals, and to indict such criminals without fear or favor, presiding Judge Redick read the court's charge which set forth the jury's duty and powers in general terms.

A suggestion of the emergency which brought the calling of the special grand jury, was contained in Judge Redick's charge and in the questions which he asked of the jurors.

After the usual routine questions, relative to physical disability, past jury service, occupation and past criminal record, the judge asked:

"Are you, or any one of you, opposed to the strict enforcement of the criminal law?"

None replied.

"Are you, or anyone of you, opposed to organized government?" the judge asked.

None answered.

COUNTY ATTORNEY MAKES STATEMENT; PRESENT STATUS OF ASSAULT CASES

County Attorney Shotwell gave out a statement Saturday reviewing the present status of every case of alleged assault upon women in Douglas county, against the perpetrators of which complaints have been filed.

Four Negroes and thirteen white men are now awaiting trial in district court on such charges.

Seven are held in jail awaiting trial on a charge of attempted assault. These are: Joseph O'Hara, Thomas Sullivan, Sanley Fox, Loren Johnson, James Donahue, Ora Brown, all white, and Robert King, Negro.

Three have been released on bonds



SOME OF THE DETACHMENT OF ROOSEVELT POST, AMERICAN LEGION GUARDING CITY.

ranging from \$2,000 up, pending trial for attempted assault. They are Amos Gorman, Harry Boyd and Joe Nanfito, all white.

William Livingstone, white, Frank Wallace, Negro; Robert Winter, white, and Ira Johnson, Negro, are in jail awaiting trial for assault.

Joe Balkovic, white, charged with assault, is out on bond. Alfred T. Ramsey, white, was found not guilty by a jury, and Jerry Dennis was sentenced from two to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

These are all of the assault cases against which Mr. Shotwell has filed complaints. All pending cases were to have been pressed for trial in the opening term of district court this fall.

NEGRO HELD IN WISNER ASSAULT CASE FREED

Charles Jones, Negro, 2829 B street, South Side, who was arrested by soldiers on a street car for alleged criminal assault on Mrs. W. G. Wisner, 2922 Burdette street, was released Thursday at 6 p. m. by military authorities, after a thorough examination.

The military authorities seriously question the woman's story.

The condition of Clifton Westin, 4820 Pierce street, who was wounded in the chest during the rioting Sunday night, was reported to be serious by authorities at the Lord Lister hospital.

HASTENING WORK ON REPAIRING COURT HOUSE

Two hundred men are at work clearing up the debris in the court house, putting in temporary windows, repairing the steam heating system and getting the building in condition to be heated when the weather becomes cold.

The window frames in many places being entirely burned away, temporary windows are being placed about two feet inside the inner wall so as not to interfere with putting in the permanent frames and windows when they can be obtained.

The county commissioners, in the emergency, have drawn money from the miscellaneous fund to pay for this work, pending action by the legislature to provide funds to do the actual work of rebuilding.

TWO YOUTHS JAILED IN LINCOLN ON RIOT CHARGE

Lincoln, Oct. 8.—Suspected of playing an active part in the Omaha riots, William Robinson, 18, and Kenneth Coates, 17, of Chicago, now working in the Havelock railway shops here, were arrested by State Agent B. F. Danbaum Tuesday and taken to Omaha.

The two boys were washing dishes at the Fontenelle hotel up to the day of riots, they said. The next day they came to Lincoln.

Omaha Pulpits Ring With Uncompromising Denunciation of the Mob Spirit

All Denominations With United Voice Protest Against the Substitution of Lynch Law and Mob Violence for the Orderly Process of the Courts.

CHARGE YELLOW JOURNALISM WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF RIOT

NOTHING could more plainly attest the disapproval of the best citizenship of Omaha of the lynching and mob violence which has cast a blot upon the city than the unanimity with which the pulpits uncompromisingly denounced these unmitigated evils Sunday. Liturgical churches like the Roman Catholic, Episcopalian and Lutheran, which ordinarily are considered conservative in such matters, were one with the non-liturgical churches in their ringing messages for the preservation of law and order. Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jew spoke with a united voice which could leave no doubt in the mind of any of the sentiment of the religious forces of this community. There was remarkable unanimity of sentiment that the mob spirit had been awakened in this community by the regrettable methods of yellow journalism, in exaggerated reports of revolting crimes, an inflammatory practice demanding suppression. The following excerpts are representative of the pulpit utterances:

Speaking at All Saints' Episcopal church, the Rt. Rev. Ernest V. Shaylor, bishop of Nebraska, reiterated his statement made to the press deploring the indelible blot mob violence had placed upon the city and traced it to the un-Christian living of so many in their homes. "We must have Christianity in the heart and we must have it in our daily lives. Respect for law must be inculcated in the heart of the young. Law must be enforced. All men must be respected for their personal worth and treated as children of God."

Speaking on "Omaha, the Mob and the Church," the Rev. Titus Lowe, pastor of the First Methodist church, said the recent riot here could be traced in large measure to the exaggerated reports of crime and the attacks upon the city administration made by a local newspaper.

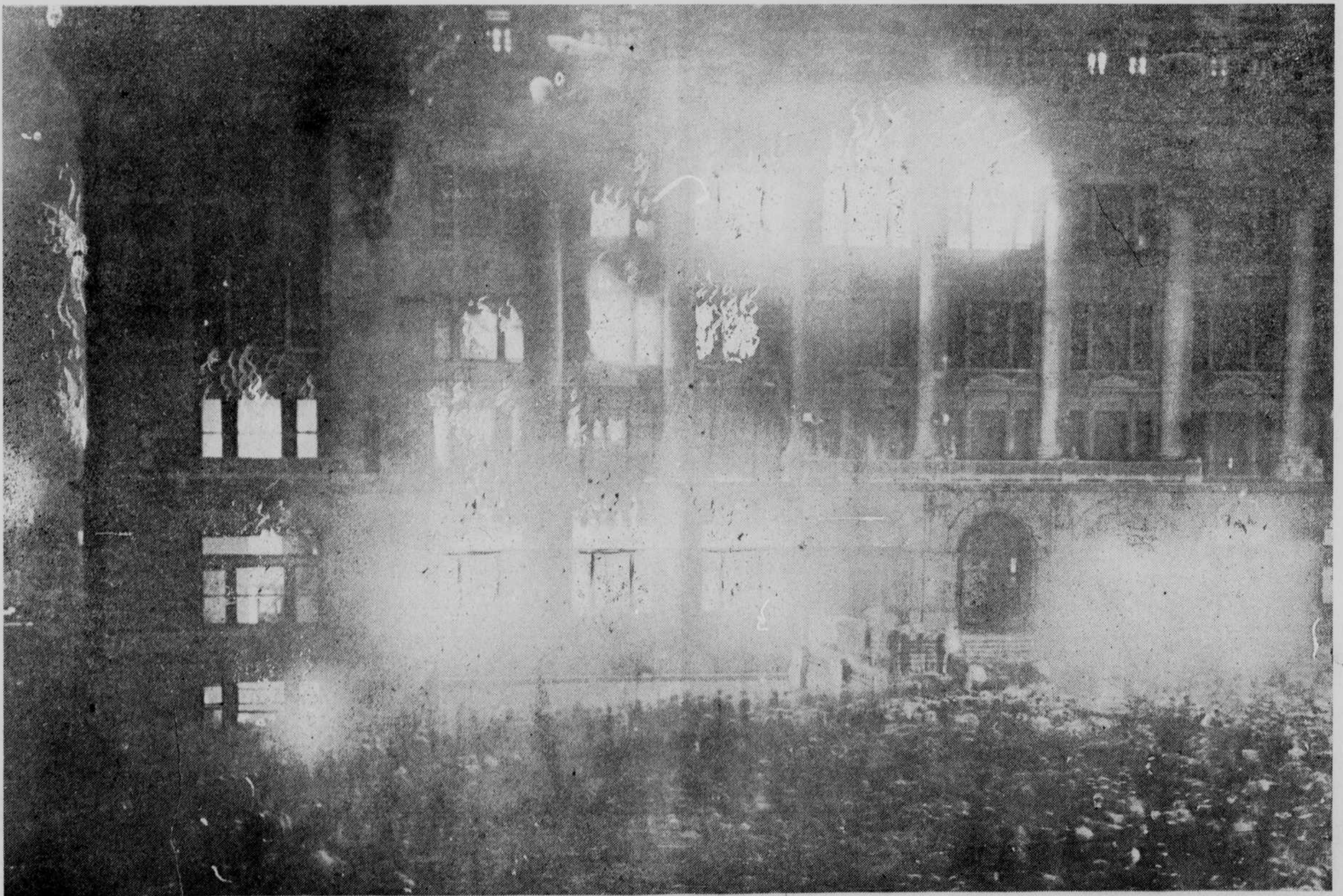
"There is nothing to condone the lynching of the Negro, the malicious destruction of property and the shameful attack on the mayor of Omaha," said the speaker.

"The disgrace of a week ago was a challenge, not only to the city officials, but to every citizen to stand squarely for the rigid enforcement of the law. It was a challenge to the public school system of today, which neglects the teaching of proper respect for law and order to our children, and it was a challenge to the

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PATROLMAN BALLEU, One of Last Police Officers to Leave Burning Court House—Only Negro Officer Injured.



THE HANDSOME TWO MILLION DOLLAR DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE AS IT APPEARED SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 28TH, WHEN SET ON FIRE BY MOB.