

MOB SEEKS LIFE OF SLAYER

Search Council Bluffs Jail for Man Accused of Murder.

TAKEN AWAY BY OFFICERS

rioters wreck Greek stores in heart of the city—Dodge Light Guards Offer Services—One Arrest Made.

A mob of 300 men, the leaders of which appeared to be strangers in Council Bluffs, roused by the murder of Fireman Howard Jones Tuesday night in the Northwestern yards here, on Thursday night attempted to find the man accused of the crime and lynch him. Failing in this, because the county officers had taken the man away from the city, the mob grew uncontrollable and took vengeance by wrecking the business places of a number of Greek citizens whose stores are in the heart of Council Bluffs, and then started to the railroad yards with the announced intention of cleaning up the section where foreign-born railroad employes live.

Disperse at Roundhouse.

When the rioters reached the Northwestern roundhouse at Eleventh street and Avenue H, though the numbers were swelled considerably by hoodlums and curiosity seekers, their ardor had cooled. They were not making a great demonstration beyond a few harangues from some of their number and when a half dozen members of the Council Bluffs police force headed by Chief of Police Froom arrived they were willing to listen to argument. The chief addressed such of the men as would listen and advised them to disperse, which they did within a half hour.

Members of the Dodge Light guards, a company of Iowa militiamen, though not ordered by the governor, responded to the call of the sheriff and patrolled the streets in front of the wrecked stores. By 3 o'clock yesterday morning order was restored.

Railroad Men Aroused.

The riot is attributed to the feeling among the railroad men against the Italian, Guidice, who is accused of the murder of Jones.

A contingent from South Omaha aided in the night's work, but the late cars returning from Council Bluffs show reports of the number from this side of the river greatly exaggerated. The police made one arrest during the night, but they have the descriptions of a dozen of the men who took part in the riot and promise to swear out warrants for them today.

Planned to Batter Jail.

The mob reached the courthouse at about 11:30 o'clock, and deputy sheriffs from windows could see that they were armed with a huge beam about eighteen feet long, apparently to be used as a battering ram.

When their purpose became known the men were finally persuaded into making a peaceable search of the jail. Five men made the search, while the rest waited outside.

None of the "searching committee" was recognized. It is thought that they are South Omaha men.

The committee visited every nook and cranny in the county building and the men seemed in an angry mood when it became known that disappointment was to be their lot.

Two Men Show to Mob.

The mob, after they had left the court house, broke into two sections. One part stopped at police headquarters while a committee of five searched the jail to see that the Italian accused of murder was not there.

Two Italians, witnesses in the murder case, were spirited out of the city jail a few minutes before the arrival of the mob, and were hidden in the Hoagland Lumber yard, several blocks distant. Later, however, it was deemed prudent to allow the bloodthirsty rioters a glimpse of the Italians. Trembling with fear, the two witnesses were "shown up" to the crowd.

"Those fellows are not the ones we want," shouted one of the members of the mob, and immediately the crowd shifted again.

Wreck Stores of Greeks.

After the visit to the county jail and a hurried search of the court house, the mob turned attention to the stores of Greek merchants in the heart of the business section of Council Bluffs. Armed with paving bricks and stones, they first attacked the store of John Birbillis in the Everett block, the corner of Pearl and Broadway. Here the windows were smashed and stones and sticks were thrown inside wrecking the fine shoe cases. No attempt was made to enter the store and wreck the stock.

Another store owned by Birbillis on Broadway between Bryant and North Main street, was attacked and treated in similar manner. Here the members of the mob made a more determined effort to wreck the store and greater damage was done.

Enter Pool Hall.

A Greek pool hall on Broadway between Scott and North Sixth streets was entered and wrecked, as was a candy kitchen in the same block.

The shoe shining parlor of William Poloupes, in this vicinity, was wrecked. Birbillis is interested in the shining parlors with Poloupes.

At none of these places was any of the proprietors in evidence and no injury was inflicted to the persons of any one. The mob did not appear to be in search of the Greeks and seemed merely to desire to inflict property loss. Their grievance was not with men of this nationality.

The property damage to the Greek establishments will be fully \$1,000 and perhaps double.

The heaviest loser will be Birbillis, who is interested in various establishments in Council Bluffs to the extent of \$60,000.

When stone had been hurled through every whole piece of glass owned by "a dago," the lust of the mob was still unappeased.

There seemed nothing else left upon which to wreak vengeance and the mob, like a flock of sheep without a leader, stood aimlessly on the corner for a few minutes.

Again the man with the black, wiry beard sprang into the foreground.

"Kill the dagoes! Burn their homes!" he yelled. And he started looting towards Eighth street with the Italian boarding houses near the Northwestern roundhouse as the objective point.

The cry was again taken up and the fury of the crowd was aflame again.

The police, however, was keeping close tabs on the rioters, and just as they reached the roundhouse they were met by Chief of Police Froom and a cord of uniformed policemen.

At the sight of the officers the crowd halted for a moment. Even the leader with the wiry beard was abashed for the moment.

Head Chief's Advice. Froom took advantage of the hesita-

tion and he quietly told the mob to disperse. "Keep your wits about you, boys," he called. "Let the law take its course. You can't gain anything by acting this way, and you're very apt to cause harm that you'll all be sorry for afterwards. The murderer is now out of the city where you cannot reach him, but you may be certain that he will get his just deserts. Now go to your homes and act like the decent law-abiding citizens you are."

Many members of the mob took the chief's advice and left at once. The majority lingered, however. By 1 o'clock in the morning, however, most of the rioters had left the Bluffs for their homes, realizing that the authorities had baffled them.

Mayor Reaches Scene. Mayor Maloney spent the evening at the home of Mayor Dahlman of Omaha, and did not know of the trouble until nearly midnight, when he returned.

He immediately called upon County Jailer Heller, who is acting sheriff in the absence of Sheriff Lindsey, and demanded that he call out the Dodge Light Guards. The sheriff is the only one with authority to call for state aid.

Heller immediately complied with Maloney's request and messenger boys were dispatched at once to the homes of the guardsmen.

Sheriff Lindsey learned early in the day that a mob had been organized for the purpose of lynching Guidice. The sheriff held a conference with Judge Wheeler, and it was decided to take the prisoner out of town. Later in the afternoon, Sheriff Lindsey, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Richardson and another officer, hurried Guidice in an automobile and placed him away. Sheriff Lindsey's instructions were to take the man to any jail in the western part of the state, or, if necessary, to continue his journey to Fort Madison, when he left the destination was Atlantic, but the intention was to continue the journey by train to any other point if thought necessary. He is at present at Atlantic, Ia.

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HEARING CHAIN OF EVIDENCE

Effort Made to Prove that Guidice Murdered Howard Jones.

Evidence of a very material character was secured yesterday, tending to support the conviction that Francisco Guidice, who for reasons of his own, several years ago changed his name to Henry Wiley, is the murderer of Howard Jones, the young Northwestern railway fireman, whose head was almost severed from his body by an enemy as he stepped out of the door of the roundhouse office late Tuesday night.

Guidice's detailed explanation of where he was on the night of the murder has been carefully inquired into and he is shown to have lied very materially about the time he finally went to bed at the

home of his cousin, Joe Guidice, at 1307 Avenue D.

Guidice had claimed that he had reached this house about 10 o'clock, but detectives have obtained statements from several of the members of the Italian colony there that it was after 12 o'clock when he arrived. One witness fixed the hour at 12:10 and another at 12:30. Reports that Guidice had urged some of his friends there to assert that it was 10 o'clock when he got home and that he was greatly frustrated, were not substantiated. Several of these people have been taken into custody to be held as witnesses so that they may not have an opportunity to change their stories by any pressure that might be brought upon them.

The statements of all of these men and many others have been taken down by an official stenographer by direction of County Attorney Capell. But little of this testimony will be brought out at

the inquest, which will probably be held Saturday.

Twice yesterday it was thought that the accused man was on the point of making a full confession, once when the shirt he had worn on the night of the murder was produced and a blood stain on the bosom pointed out. The shirt was still limp and damp when the officers found it and frantic efforts had evidently been made to wash out the accusing stain. Francisco said nothing for a moment, then brightened up and said the shirt had become damp from the perspiration, as the "weather was hot Tuesday night." The evidence of the blood and the attempts to eradicate form part of the many links in the chain of evidence all pointing to Guidice as the murderer. The shirt was yesterday sent to Prof. Crowley, chemist at the Creighton college, for analysis. Modern chemistry is capable of detecting blood even if it has stained but a single thread

of a garment.

One of the members of the Italian, or Sicilian, colony at 1307 Avenue D, where Guidice was found Wednesday morning, is Dominick Westley, whose real name has not been fully established. He has been taken into custody and has told about Guidice coming into his room at 12:30 and begging him to say if anyone asked him that it was 10 o'clock. He said Guidice appeared to be greatly excited and begged him to write down 10 o'clock so he might not forget it. The officers are naturally keeping back much of the more important links of evidence secured until the proper time comes to make use of them.

Democratic leaders in congress interested in currency reform have invited President Wilson to frame a bill from the three drafts presented by Senator Owen and Representative Glass, heads of the two congressional committees on banking and currency, and Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury department.

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