

Appalling Night Terror on Court House Roof When Crowd Fires Into Mass of 121 Prisoners Huddled Behind Coping--- Negro Fiend Is Passed Down Over Heads of Jam on Stairway

Prisoner's Note Gives Cue for Capture—Jailor's Wife and Jail Matron Stick on Roof.

The scene enacted Sunday night in the county jail and on the roof of the court house, while the mob was watching the building burn and yelling for the negro, was as thrilling as the most vivid imagination could picture. Sheriff Mike Clark and his deputies, driven out of the cell rooms by the heat and smoke, took 121 prisoners to the roof. In the crowd of frightened persons on the roof was Will Brown, the negro who was lynched.

Fire Into Roof Crowd.

The sight of the prisoners on the roof prompted members of the mob to fire with shotguns, three prisoners being wounded. The prisoners were panic-stricken. Yells from the street were heard: "Throw down the nigger and we will give you a ladder."

Some of the prisoners attempted to hurl Brown from the roof, but they were restrained by deputy sheriffs. Many crouched in their fear behind the stone coping which surrounds the roof.

Drops Note to Crowd.

John May, one of the prisoners, wrote a note, enclosed it in a handkerchief with a silver dollar for a weight and dropped it to the sidewalk on the Eighteenth street side. "There are 100 prisoners and 20 white women. Don't let us burn, you can get the negro," the note read.

At 10:30 Sheriff Clark decided to take the prisoners to a place of safety from the fire. Police Commissioner Ringer and Chief of Police Eberstein were the first to go to the third floor, descending by the back stairway. The sheriff and his deputies followed with the prisoners in the rear. Cloths were fastened over their mouths as protection from smoke.

At the third floor landing of the stairway the officers and prisoners were met by the crowd, which had gained admittance to the court house.

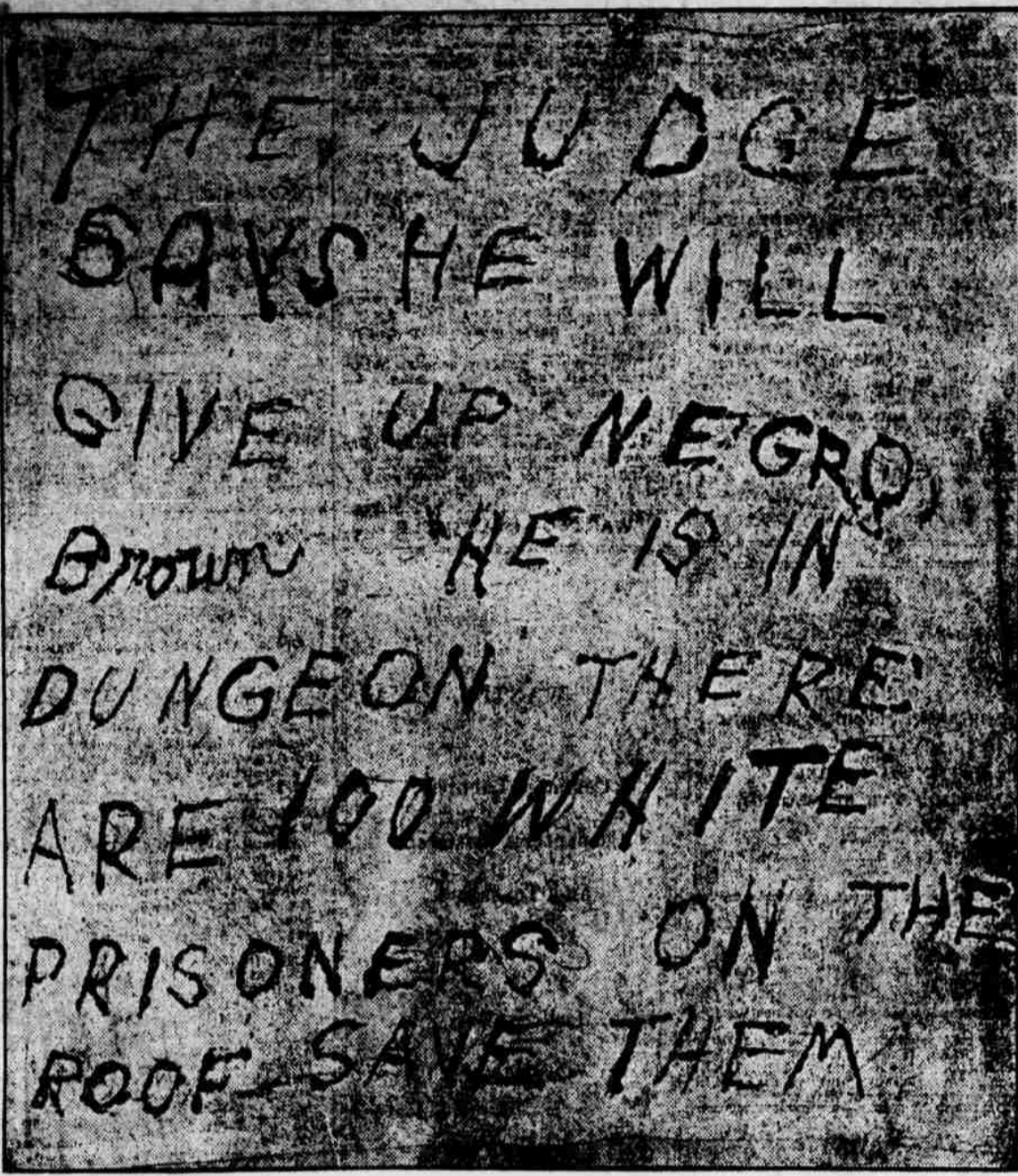
No man gets out of here alive until we get the negro, but send down the women," shouted a leader of the crowd.

Brown Passed Over Crowd.

Brown at that time was alone on the roof, crouching behind the coping and trembling in fear. Six of the crowd crawled over the heads of the deputy sheriffs and prisoners and hurried to the roof, returning in a few minutes with Brown, whom they passed over the heads of those who were huddled in the stairway. The crowd facing the deputy sheriffs received Brown from his captors, dragged him to a window, tearing off his clothes as they went along.

Sheriff Clark, learning that the fire was subsiding and that there was no further danger, ordered the prisoners returned to the cells.

While six men were going to the roof for Brown, members of the crowd assisted in passing the women prisoners over the heads of others. A check of the prisoners today showed that 13 women were released and that seven men escaped. Of the seven men who are missing two were negroes and one was a Mexican, who wrapped themselves in blankets and were passed along with the women, their identities not being observed in the excitement of the moment. In the group of women prisoners who were allowed to go were seven



Note thrown to mob from court house jail.

negresses three white women and three Mexican women.

Ross Boomhower, 20 years old, of Waterloo, Ia., was one of the prisoners who was wounded by stray shotgun shot while on the roof. His face, forehead, neck and ears were pierced by nine shot. He is being attended in the county jail. He has been in Omaha five days and was sentenced 10 days on a charge of vagrancy.

Another prisoner who was shot in the temple and another in the leg were allowed to go when the women were released. Their names are not known by the sheriff, but they are counted among the seven men who checked short this morning.

Overcome by Smoke.

Before the sheriff and his deputies decided to take the prisoners to the roof, the steel grating of the jail was too hot for hands to hold, and the smoke too dense to withstand. Two insane prisoners had been carried from their cells earlier in the evening and revived in the jailer's office. They were literally dragged out by other prisoners. The prisoners were in a panic. They were shouting to be released and yelled suggestions that Brown be given up to save the others from death by fire.

"Won't you please let us out, won't you please let us out," were the pleadings heard from the cells.

Women Show Bravery.

Among the women who went to the roof were Mrs. Clayton, wife of

Jailor Sherman Clayton; Mrs. Ella McNeil, county jail cook, and Mrs. John Loosemore, matron.

"It was my duty to stick by Mr. Clayton and I did stick, but it was an awful experience," said Mrs. Clayton. "I was crouching behind the stone wall on the roof and held my pet dog in my arms. When we were ready to start down to the third floor with the prisoners somebody placed a handkerchief over my mouth. On the stairway at the third floor I was passed over the heads of the prisoners and the crowd beyond and was carried bodily to the east side of Seventeenth street. I could hardly appreciate what was going on, but realized that I was being carried. That scene upon the roof was too awful to think about. Say, tell me, was Sherman injured? I haven't seen him since we were separated."

Met By Fumes.

She was assured that Mr. Clayton was safe and was having his breakfast.

Jailer Tells Story.

Jailor Clayton related that Sheriff Clark and his deputies held the prisoners nearly half an hour on the stairway leading to the third floor before members of the inside crowd ventured to climb over the heads of the officers and prisoners and proceeded to the roof for Brown.

Several members of the crowd facing the deputies and prisoners held revolvers.

"Of course," said Mr. Clayton, "the smoke and the heat in the jail were beyond endurance when we took the prisoners to the roof. The smoke came out of the skylight to the roof. I really had no fear of the court house collapsing, because I knew of its construction, but we decided that we had better get the prisoners to a safer place after three had been wounded and conditions appeared serious. We had quite a time going

down the back stairway from the fourth to the third floors. Before we started for the roof the prisoners had been beating at their cell bars and shouting in their panic.

Ask Brown to Jump.

"On the roof several of the prisoners asked Brown, the negro, 'Won't you jump down and save the rest of us?'"

"I don't know," replied Brown in trembling tones.

Some of the prisoners asked Police Commissioner Ringer on the roof what he thought of throwing Brown to the mob.

"He is in the sheriff's charge," Ringer replied.

Deputy Sheriff V. D. Quackenbush was standing at the side of one of the prisoners who was shot while on the roof.

At 8 p. m., a group of intrepid members of the mob made their way to the steel doors which lead to the jail. Their clamorings for admittance were met by a water hose and bottles of formaldehyde, the fumes of the latter causing them to beat a retreat.

The deputy sheriffs were unanimous in saying that at no time during the dramatic scenes was Sheriff Clark excited.

"He was the coolest man of us all," said Jailer Clayton.

The sheriff went home at daylight to get a few hours sleep.

ASSERTS POLICE DID NOT TRY TO DISPERSE MOB

Negro Minister Praises Action of Mayor Smith and Condemns Police Officers.

Charging that the police department made no serious attempt to disperse the mob when the threatening crowd began to assemble early Sunday afternoon, Rev. John Albert Williams, president of the Omaha branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, issued a statement yesterday giving his views on last night's riot.

Rev. Williams' statement follows: "I am humiliated almost beyond expression that Omaha Sunday let slip her opportunity of demonstrating that here is at least one city where the forces of law and order are supreme over mobocracy, anarchy and vandalism. This opportunity passed when the police authorities made no serious attempt to disperse the mob at the very beginning and again when failing here there was questionably delay in getting the federal troops on the ground to protect the jail.

"This outbreak is, unfortunately, systematic and impresses many of us as being part of a well-planned propaganda to stir up strife between American citizens.

"The action of Mayor Smith and others was heroic. The fate of these splendid men should be a solemn warning for the suppression and dispersion of mobs at the beginning. These are times for cool heads and sane counsel. The colored citizens of Omaha took no part in Sunday night's orgy. They wisely remained at home, prepared to defend their homes and loved ones to the last ditch. They will be found on the side of law and order and only ask that they be protected. All citizens, white and black, must deplore the awful blot that has been cast upon Omaha by this mob murder."

Britain Clamps Lid on Coal Exports to Allies

London, Sept. 29.—The government has notified all the allied governments which are largely dependent upon Great Britain for coal that it will be impossible because of the strike of railwaymen to permit any coal exportation.

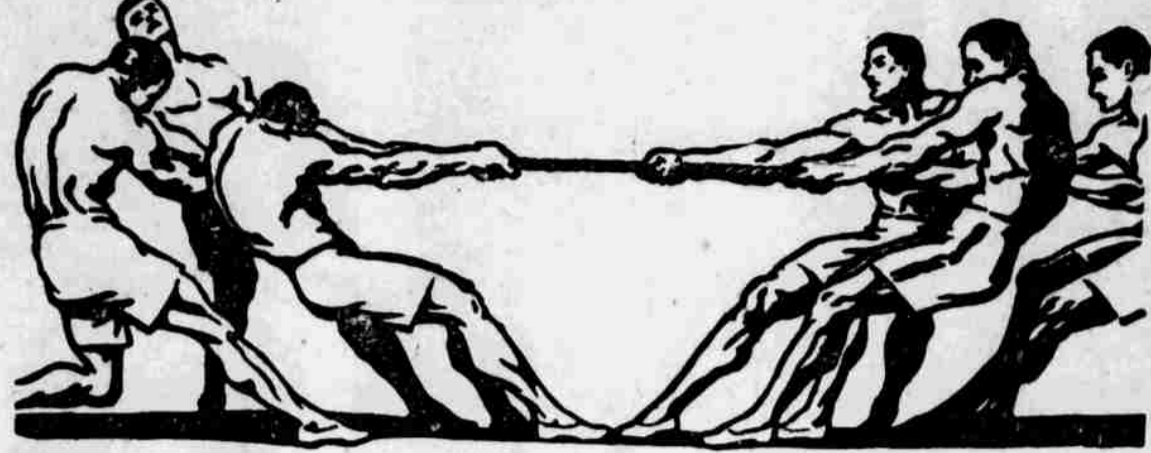
Mrs. Berry in Washington

Washington, Sept. 29.—(Special Telegram)—Mrs. William Berry, representing the Omaha chapter of the American war mothers, is in Washington to attend the second annual convention of the association.

Battalion Chief of Fire Department Is Roughly Handled

Battalion Fire Chief P. M. Cogan sustained severe cuts when some-

one shot through the windshield of his car at Seventeenth and Farnam streets about midnight. Chief Cogan was answering the alarm sounded for the court house. When he reached Seventeenth and Farnam streets hundreds of people surrounded his car, punched and pulled him and ordered him out of the machine. Before he could comply they jerked him from the seat into the street. Members of the mob cut his tires from the rims of the car. Chief Cogan was able to resume his duties after being given emergency treatment at Beaten Drug Co.



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Put the House in Order

Sunday night's frenzied outbreak of mob fury to wreak vengeance upon a negro dastard is too horrid to contemplate except by way of admonition to us to put our house in order.

Though no one could fail to observe the utter helplessness of the police department and its failure to grasp the situation in time, what has happened cannot be undone.

The odium, the humiliation, the blame must be borne by all Omaha, to say nothing of the loss of life, the maiming of the injured, the property destruction, but we will stand worse condemned if the steps, which we are glad to observe already under way to restore order and stop recurrence of unchecked outlaws, are not followed out and made permanent.

Nor should the decent element of our negro population, the industrious, well-behaving negroes, overlook the unescapable duty which falls to them in such a critical moment. They must earn fair treatment by deserving it—by absolutely disclaiming the bad blacks and helping to clear the community of them. They must realize that there is an acute prejudice against certain offenders and that such offenses must be stopped by swift and sure justice according to law.

Regardless of every other consideration, life and property must be made safe in Omaha for poor and rich, for black and white alike. No keep-it-dark policy will take the place of effective law enforcement. Law and order can and must be upheld by a strong and well-directed arm of public authority that itself scrupulously observes the law.

My! what a flavor and ready to eat says Bobby

POST TOASTIES

Most popular of corn flakes.

ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES IN RIOTING ON SUNDAY.

J. Nafinger, Sampson, Ala., shot in hip. Bullet removed. Methodist hospital. Condition not serious.

T. J. Curry, 127 South Thirtieth street, shot in back of head; taken to Lord Lister hospital.

Jack Knapp, Hotel Loyal, cut by flying glass.

Policeman Scott overcome by smoke in court house.

Ross Boomhower, Waterloo, Ia., a prisoner in county jail, shot while on roof of court house.

Battalion Fire Chief P. M. Cogan, cut by flying glass when members of mob shot through windshield of his car.

Police Officer Bill Coulter, badly beaten. Slight hemorrhage.

Police Officer Lon Troby struck at base of skull with brass cuspidor. Stunned.

Police Sergeant William Russell, clubbed over head at Eleventh and Jackson streets.

Chief of Police Marshal Eberstein, struck on forehead with large rock.

Police Officer E. C. Roby, leg sprained and bruised.

Police Officer Balesau, colored, clubbed and beaten.

Former Army Officer Will Command Commerce High

Former Lieut. Ed. Perley of the U. S. army has been appointed by the Board of Education as professor of military science at the High School of Commerce.

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