

16 HELD AFTER DEMONSTRATION AGAINST NEGRO

Chief of Police Takes Personal Charge as Crowd Gathers Downtown.

ONE MAN SHOT IN HIP

Sixteen are under arrest today following a noisy demonstration in the vicinity of the county jail and police headquarters, last night during which threats were made on the life of William Ray, negro, confessed slayer of Martha Huff, 14-year-old girl.

One negro was shot and slightly wounded during the excitement.

Judge Pritchard set Monday as the date for hearing the cases of those taken into custody.

A number of them were released during the day on their own recognition and on bond.

Groups of men began to form at East Washington and Alabama streets about 8 o'clock. It was estimated that 3,000 persons were massed around alleys and streets leading to the city and county jails.

KINNEY TAKES PERSONAL CHARGE.

Chief of Police Jerry Kinney assumed personal charge of the situation as soon as it was apparent the crowd might become unruly.

A heavy guard of police, detectives and volunteers was thrown around the jail district and no one was permitted to approach within half a block of the two institutions.

Chief Kinney summoned all of the members of the 11 o'clock shift he could get in touch with and gave instructions to plainclothes men to mix in the crowd and arrest persons making violent threats.

As the crowd swelled city officials and plainclothes men appealed to the more timid to observe law and order and disperse.

An occasional outcry from the crowd brought momentary jams and confusion.

At 8:30 the police started making arrests and continued arresting near rioters until 11 o'clock, fifteen being taken in the neighborhood of Washington street and Delaware and Alabama streets.

The only serious trouble occurred at Georgia and Meridian streets at 10:45.

Some persons told the police a negro tried to eat a white man.

Leo Harris, 19, a negro, 644 Eddy street, started to run, and, according to police report, John J. Gray, 37, of Louisville, shot two shots one striking the man in the left hip.

Gray was arrested by Patrolman Cummings, who witnessed the trouble.

Gray is charged with shooting with intent to kill, shooting in the city limits, carrying concealed weapons and inciting a riot.

He is said to have admitted he shot the negro, explaining that he had just arrived in the city and did not know of the rioting, but saw a negro running and heard some one yell, "Stop him!"

Lucia Woollen and Kinney and Sgt. Fred Winkler and a squad of police rushed to the scene of the emergency auto.

Levitt was found lying in the doorway of a store at Meridian and South streets.

When the police came up he pleaded, "Oh, please don't kill me!"

He had been severely beaten on the head and it was at first thought he had been hit in the head with a bullet as well as being shot in the hip.

Physicians in the City hospital said the wound in the neck was from a club. His condition, physicians say, is not serious.

ROWD CHASES ANOTHER MAN.

As the emergency on its way to the scene of the shooting passed Meridian and Maryland streets, a group of about fifty men and boys were seen chasing a negro north on Meridian street.

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