

**RIOTOUS RAILROADERS.**

**Street Car Strikers of Bridgeport Create a Lively Sunday.**

**POLICE OFFICERS PUT TO FLIGHT.**

The strikers barricaded the streets, and bit one car managed to make a trip during the day. The Mayor finally effects a compromise.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 22.—Yesterday was one of the most exciting days in the history of Bridgeport. All day excited crowds thronged the streets, and much law prevailed. The police were set at defiance, and a crowd of angry men rioted the town. The rioting was one of the results of the discharge of five employees of the Bridgeport Traction company on Saturday morning and the strike which followed. About 100 employees of the company stopped work Saturday afternoon, completely being up the road. They held numerous meetings on Saturday night, and sent a committee to the managers of the road in an effort to bring about a settlement. In this they were unsuccessful.

On Saturday night fifty men came up from Jersey City to take the place of the strikers, and it was announced that the company intended to run its cars. The men then held a long consultation and decided that they would not allow the company to run its cars. They concluded, however, to give the company another chance for settlement, and agreed to send a committee to Colonel Hoff, the owner of the road, and the managers. Accordingly the representatives of the strikers sought the railroad officials yesterday morning, but they were denied audience, the managers refusing to meet them as a committee or give reasons for the discharge of the men on Saturday. They announced that they would meet the strikers one by one, but could not recognize them as an organization. The men withdrew, and the strikers held a brief session, at which it was decided that they would not return to work and would prevent the company from running cars if possible.

Meanwhile the company was preparing to start service, and at 9 o'clock nine cars were run out of the sheds. They were in charge of the men from New Jersey, the stable hands, and about a dozen of the old men who reported for work. As soon as all of the strikers were informed of the refusal of the owners of the road to arbitrate they proceeded to block the cars on every street. The yards of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad were raided, and railroad iron, ties, curbing piles, boxes and barrels were taken and piled on the tracks at various points. Some of the cars were moved out of the sheds, but were unable to proceed but a short distance. They were surrounded by the strikers and their friends, and the crews were compelled to leave them in the streets.

Police were summoned from headquarters, and several cars were started with three railroad employees and a guard of three policemen. The crowds quickly drove the policemen from the cars, with the conductors and drivers. Sticks and stones were thrown and the windows of the cars broken. The crowd showed no disposition to injure the men if the attempt to run the cars was abandoned. The demonstration by the crowd became so threatening that all of the officers and specials in the city who could be summoned were brought in. This force was stationed along the tracks, at the stables and along the road increased in numbers, and the presence of the police did not deter the mob from piling obstructions of all kinds on the tracks as fast as they were removed. At intervals attempts were made to run the cars, and about noon several proceeded a short distance from the stable.

At 2 o'clock a car in charge of five policemen and several railroad employees was attacked at the corner of Congress and Main streets. They bombarded it with stones, breaking all of the windows and injuring several of those in charge. The crowd then closed on the car, and after unfastening the horses and driving the occupants out overturned it in the street. At Williams street, East Bridgeport, five hundred boys mimicked the yards of Jones and Hoffman, contrabands, and piled lumber, tracks and other obstructions on the tracks. At 3 o'clock the company succeeded in getting one car, strongly guarded by police, over the entire line, but this was the only one to make the circuit during the day.

At 6 o'clock a patrol wagon filled with policemen and three wagons with railroad employees left the stables to bring back the wrecked car at the corner of Congress and Main streets. On arriving there they were surrounded by a mob, and a lively row ensued, in which a hostler employed by the company, had his nose broken and another employee was badly bruised about the body. No one was seriously hurt. The police and railroad men retreated and abandoned the car. Meanwhile the mayor summoned the police commissioners, sheriff and city officials, and a conference lasting three hours was held with the carriers of the road. At the conclusion of the meeting it was announced that the company had agreed to re-employ the strikers with the exception of nine men, and they would give good reasons for the discharge of these.

**Seek Revenge with Incendiarism.**  
BRIDGEPORT, N. J., Jan. 22.—Riverside is now in the power of an organized band of incendiaries. The last act was an attempt to burn the Methodist church, but the fire was discovered in time to save the structure. The congregation has been instrumental in breaking up some of the dives in the town and restoring law and order, and the attempt at incendiarism are undoubtedly the work of parties seeking revenge.

**An Aeronaut's Fall to Death.**  
ALEXANDRIA, N. C., Jan. 22.—News reached here of a terrible accident at the town of Washington, which resulted in the almost instant death of L. N. Odell, an aeronaut. Odell made an ascension, but before the balloon reached a height of 800 feet it burst, and man and balloon went to the ground like a flash. His body was dreadfully mangled. At least 300 persons witnessed the accident.

**Murder Suspected.**  
CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 22.—The body of Charles McGilone, a gas maker at a Wellman mills, this city, was found in a field at Fourth and Ward streets, and his relatives believe that he was murdered. There are no marks of violence on the body save a few scratches, which might have been caused by a fall, and the police refuse to accept the murder theory.

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