



### Three Riot Calls.

Shortly after 10:30 o'clock three riot calls were sent in simultaneously from a district in the negro section of the northwest covering an area of about three squares. A cordon of cavalry, marines and infantry were thrown about one block, in which considerable firing had been going on.

The defense guard killed later was identified as Isaac Halbinger. He was on duty at Ninth and M streets northwest and was killed by a negro in a speeding automobile. Crowds of whites immediately gathered in the vicinity and several shots were reported to have been exchanged with blacks.

Secretary Baker went to the scene and held a brief conference with district authorities, presumably relative to the placing of troops brought into the city.

### Troops From Camp Meade.

The troops from Camp Mead arrived about 8 o'clock and were stationed in various parts of the city. The troops, all of them belonging to the regular army, comprised a battalion of infantry, a battery of machine guns, and four or five truck loads of ammunition.

With the exception of its lower portion, Pennsylvania avenue between the White House and the capitol practically was clear of crowds as darkness fell. In the portion about Seventh and Ninth streets, opposite one of the negro districts of the southwest section, there were crowds of white civilians, but marines stationed a few yards apart kept them moving.

The police reported a number of posters signed by negro ministers urging members of their race to stay within their homes and to preserve order, had appeared about the city.

The sheriff of Prince Georges county, Maryland, adjoining the district of Columbia, reported that a large crowd of negroes had gathered across the district line and were moving toward Washington. The district authorities dispatched troops and motorcycle police to the district line.

The casualty list to date early Tuesday was placed at 5 dead, 11 dying and scores injured.

## Business Section of Lakeside Wiped Out by \$150,000 Fire

Lakeside, Neb., July 22. (Special Telegram)—Fire practically destroyed the business section of Lakeside this afternoon, causing a loss of about \$150,000. The cause is unknown. The fire started in the Lakeside Mercantile Co. barn and owing to lack of fire fighting facilities spread to the lumber yard and the utility store which were destroyed. The wind swept the flames across the street, burning the printing office, hotel and opera house.

### A NATIONAL DISGRACE.

Americans will flush with shame as they read of race riots at Washington. That the peace and order of the nation's capital should be disturbed by bloody clashes between whites and blacks is a disgrace beyond explanation. It can be well understood that crimes committed recently have exasperated the citizens, but in the presence of such occasion for impatient indignation, the interests of society require that sober judgment prevail. To loose the passions stirred by anger and race prejudice will not avail to check the crimes complained of, nor does lawlessness beget order. The police of Washington had been well warned of the impending danger, but for some reason were unable to cope with the situation. Measures that might have been taken were omitted, with the result that the world is shocked and the country shamed by their incompetence. Blame for the occurrences will rest on the authorities chiefly, because of the laxity of vigilance that admits of such outbursts. Our national capital under martial law, to quell race riots between our citizens, at a time when we are posing before the world as the protagonist of equality before the law, presents a sorry spectacle. A little firmer hand is sorely needed there.