

WOUNDED DEPUTY TELLS OF FRAY

Saw Clyde Isenhower Shoot Sheriff Hood

BULLETS FLEW THICK

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Heard Sheriff Tell Somebody "Let That Pistol Alone" Then Shooting Began.

One of the principals in the Winnsboro riot, B. R. Beckham, special deputy sheriff, who was wounded in the leg, described the incident as follows, when seen yesterday afternoon at the Columbia Hospital:

"I am a citizen of Winnsboro and was deputized by Sheriff Hood to assist him in protecting the Negro, Jules Smith, in case an attempt should be made to take the prisoner from his custody. I was one of the party which came to Columbia this morning to get the Negro from the penitentiary. We did not anticipate serious trouble but the sheriff, to be on the safe side, deputized 12 more men when we reached Winnsboro. There was not an unusually large crowd in town.

Out automobiles were stopped at the curb across the street from the Court House. - I was in advance, other deputies flanking and following the sheriff, who had hold of the prisoner. We had reached the court house door and I had just started up the steps when the crowd began to surge about.

"I heard Sheriff Hood order somebody to keep his hands away from his pistol. It was then that the trouble began. Somebody drew a revolver. Clyde Isenhower, who seemed to be leading the mob, was firing at the sheriff when I looked back. The sheriff's coat waved each time he was hit. Someone shot me here in the right leg. The bullet went through the fleshy part of the calf and I think grazed the bone.

"The Negro started to run up the steps and I grabbed at him, but missed. Then I drew my pistol for protection. The bullets were flying thick and fast. One of the other deputies pulled me around to the side of the steps into a better defensive position. I saw Isenhower fire at least one of the shots that hit Sheriff Hood in the stomach. Isenhower himself was shot all to pieces.

"Somebody whom I did not know stuck his pistol into my face, at the height of the affair, and was about to fire, when I asked him 'Why do you want to kill me?' He lowered his pistol and mixed with the crowd. I have no idea how many men were in the attacking party. We were pretty busy and hadn't time to notice details. It was a fearful experience, but I tried in every way to do my duty."

Mr. Beckham's wound, made by a pistol bullet, which pierced the calf just below the knee, was dressed at the Columbia Hospital on the arrival of the train bringing Sheriff Hood and Rural Policeman Boulware.

The story of how Sheriff Hood, after having received four wounds, carried the Negro, Jules Smith, nearly to the prisoner's dock in the Fairfield County court house at Winnsboro, was brought to Columbia yesterday by J. M. Stone, a special deputy, who was among the score of officers engaged in the fight.

Mr. Bethea sent the following telegram yesterday afternoon to Gov. Manning at Charlottesville, Va.

"Have had conversation with Mayor Robinson of Wimsboro and he reports that situation is under control. Do not think that you could give further assistance by your presence here. Condition of wounded unchanged."

Gov. Manning is to deliver an address tonight at the annual meeting of the University of Virginia alumni. He will return to Columbia Wednesday afternoon.

"I DID MY DUTY," says ADAM D. HOOD

Fairfield Sheriff Tells Physician He Expects Death, Deputy's Condition is Serious

"I expect I'll die, but I did my duty," Sheriff Hood of Fairfield remarked, in the hearing of J. C. Buchanan, M. D., as he was being lifted into a special train yesterday to be brought to Columbia for surgical attention, after having been shot in several places in defending a Negro prisoner against a mob.

On the trip to Columbia the wounded sheriff was in a comatose condition most of the time. He was accompanied by Dr. Buchanan and by J. E. Douglas, K. D. as well as by Mrs. Hood.

Examination at the hospital indicated that Sheriff Hood had been hit by three shots, producing four wounds, three of them in the abdomen, causing 15 perforations. The intestines were resected in two places, other perforations were sewed up and wounds in other parts of the body were dressed. Early last evening his condition was described at the hospital as "critical."

J. R. Boulware, rural policeman, was hit by one shot in the middle abdomen. There were seven perforations. Resection was performed in one place and the other perforations were sewed up. His condition from the first was reported as "serious."

B. R. Beckham, special deputy sheriff, suffered only a flesh wound in the right calf.

Only these three officers were brought to Columbia.

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