

Bloody Riot at Cincinnati

ATTEMPT TO HANG THE CATHOLIC NUNCIO.

A POLICEMAN SHOT.

Fourteen of the Rioters Badly Wounded,
OVER FIFTY ARRESTS MADE.

(From the Cincinnati Commercial of the 26th.)

BISHOP BEDINI, the Apostolic Nuncio of the Pope of Rome, officiated in the religious ceremonies at the Catholic Cathedral, Sunday morning and afternoon. The most violent animosity is entertained by the German Society of Freemen, against this divine, and members of that association assembled, about ten o'clock last night, to the number of five or six hundred, at Freemen's Hall," on Vine street above Twelfth; and after organizing and choosing their leaders, marched in a body down Vine street to 9th, and out 9th to Plum, being in the vicinity of the residence of Arch Bishop PURCELL, where the Pope's Nuncio is sojourning, as is supposed, with the intention of mobbing the house, and doing violence to the Nuncio's person, or at least to burn him in effigy.

An intimation of what was to be done was received early in the evening by Captain LUKEN, Chief of Police, and after the eight o'clock roll call he requested all the police, both day and night, to remain and await orders. Not a man among them knew the purpose for which they were detained, but silently obeyed the command.

Word at length reached the Watch House that the rioters were approaching, and by the Captain's orders the men were all stationed in front of the Watch House, on either pavement. As the Freemen approached they set up a dismal groan accompanied with the clangings of most discordant music, and at the word of command each policeman rushed forward and grabbed his man.

The scene which followed baffles description, for a few moments the melee was general; many pistol shots were fired and shouts and execrations filled the air. The rioters soon fled but were pursued by the police, and over sixty captured and scourged. Every cell in the Watch House was full of men standing upright, many of them badly injured. Henry Carroll, policeman of the 2d Ward, was shot through the leg. Our Reporter could hear of no others of the police being badly injured.

The riot was almost immediately quelled, and at the time of writing this article, all was quiet, although further violence was anticipated.

The cause of the existing animosity against the Nuncio, is said to be in consequence of a belief that he ostensibly favored the Liberty of Italy, but really only for the purpose of betraying them, and that, on one occasion, he caused one of them to be flayed alive. We understand that several inflammatory articles have recently appeared in a German paper, published in this city, and that the following is a very fair translation of one paragraph:

"If the Hungarian butcher, Haynau, met with so warm a reception in Monarchical England, what shall the Pope's Nuncio expect in Republican America?"

The following is the version given in the *Unionist*:

Last night about eleven o'clock, the watchmen on duty at the 9th street Station House, having received information that the Freemen's Society were on their way to Bishop Purcell's house, for the purpose of committing some act of violence on M. Bedini, the Nuncio of the Pope; they repaired to the corner of Ninth and Plum, and met a body of some 1,000 men, armed with clubs, swords, knives, pistols, etc., and carrying torches—to burn the church, ropes to hang the Nuncio, and all in a great state of excitement.

They were promptly met by the police, and after a short melee, were finally dispersed, the police succeeded in making some fifty or sixty arrests.

Henry Carroll, watchman in the 2d Ward, was shot through the thigh, by one of the rioters, and many others made narrow escapes.

From those arrested it was learned that they had met, organized, armed, and formed into a procession, for the express purpose of hanging M. Bedini, the Nuncio of the Pope, burning the Cathedral, &c.

If it had not been stopped at the time it was the consequences might have been indeed fearful.

In the confusion attending it, it was almost impossible to glean any reliable information from any one. The general opinion, however, was that they would return and make an attack on the watch house, for the purpose of rescuing those arrested. In the event of such an attempt the bloodshed must be great, as the police were all armed and waiting for the attack.

The cause of the riot is unknown, but is supposed to be offense at some remarks of Bedini from the pulpit Sunday morning. What they were we could not learn.

The *Columbian* has the following account:

"Last night the members of the German Turners and Freeman's Associations held a large and enthusiastic meeting at the Freemen's Hall on Vine street, over the canal—the object being, as we learn, to give an expression of the feeling of the societies relative to the conduct of Cardinal Bedini, the Pope's Nuncio, while in Italy during the revolution of 1848.

Cardinal Bedini being in this city at Archbishop Purcell's residence, a procession numbering from four to five hundred, with bands of music, transparencies, effigies, &c., was formed, and moved down Vine to Ninth street, and thence out Ninth to Plum street, where Capt. Lukens, learning that they contemplated mobbing the Cathedral, met them at Plum st., with a force of one hundred watchmen, and promptly ordered their arrest. A shot was fired at the police, when they rushed upon them, capturing forty of the Turner's and Freemen, who were lodged in the station house.

"As near as we could learn about fifteen men were slightly and four or five seriously wounded. Watchman Carroll was the only policeman wounded. He was shot in the leg. Ninth street, from Elm to Plum, was strewn with hats, cloaks, canes, firearms, swords, &c., left by the retreating party. The affray took place at 10 o'clock. At 12 o'clock all was quiet in the vicinity of the station house."

BY TELEGRAPH.

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The parties arrested last night have been held to bail for their appearance on Friday next.

Fourteen were wounded, of whom one died this morning
All quiet.