

ITALIANS LYNCHED IN A TAMPA STREET

Accused of Shooting Employee of
Cigarmakers, They Are
Taken from Officers.

TROUBLE DUE TO A STRIKE

Men Were Being Removed to a
Stronger Prison When Armed Band
Seized and Hanged Them.

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TAMPA, Fla., Sept. 20.—Charged with the attempted assassination of J. D. Easterling, who was shot down several days ago, Angelo Albano and Castenge Piccarotta, two Italians who had been arrested late this afternoon, were seized by a mob from the Sheriff's Deputies to-night and lynched. The Deputies were escorting the men to the County Jail from the jail in West Tampa. The mob hanged the Italians to a tree near Grand Central Avenue, just beyond the city limits.

The mob is said to have been composed of sixty or seventy men. They did their work quickly, and successfully eluded officers who began searching the neighborhood for them a scant half hour after the seizure was made.

Albano and Piccarotta were in the custody of Deputy Sheriffs W. E. Evans and Joseph Bryant when the attack occurred. The men had been arrested late this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Keggin and Marshal A. C. Logan of West Tampa on warrants issued by Justice Boyett, charging them with the attempted assassination of Easterling, who is bookkeeper for Bustilo Brothers & Diaz, cigar manufacturers, against whom a strike had been called by the tobacco working trades now on strike here. The men who had made themselves conspicuous in the strike were placed in the West Tampa jail by the arresting officers, but shortly afterward they were ordered to the county jail by Sheriff Jackson, who did not care to take any chances with them, and deputies Evans and Bryant were ordered to convey them there.

They placed their prisoners in a hack and were driving them out along Howard Avenue toward Grand Central Avenue through a sparsely settled suburb when suddenly the hack was halted by a well armed mob.

Revolvers were leveled at the officers and the driver of the conveyance. They were ordered to surrender their prisoners and with weapons at their heads they did not refuse to obey. The prisoners secured, the mob headed for a hummock a half mile away while the officers drove full speed to West Tampa and alarmed the authorities. A search was instantly instituted for the mob and the prisoners by deputies both from Tampa and West Tampa.

The mob, however, had disappeared as if by magic; not a straggler even was to be seen by the first searching party. Shortly before midnight Chief of Police Woodward of Tampa, Marshal Logan, Deputy Keggin, and other officers discovered the bodies of Albano and Piccarotta hanging on the same limb of a tree well down in the hummock. Both were dead. Piccarotta had the pipe in his mouth which he was smoking when seized.

The two deputy sheriffs said that they believed the lynching party was composed of Italians and Cubans and that they would be able to identify some of them if they could be brought face to face with them.

When the bodies were cut down it was found that the necessity for hanging both to the same limb arose when the mob failed in an effort to sever the chains connecting the handcuffs.

Following the discovery of the bodies wild excitement reigned here. At midnight a crowd of some 2,000 persons had gathered.

Eight months ago Piccarotta was tried and acquitted on a charge of murdering his uncle, G. Piccarotta.

The police do not believe the execution of the Italians had any bearing on the local strike situation, alleging that it is rather the result of recent feuds between certain elements of the local Italian colony. Deputy Sheriff Keggin, however, who arrested the two men earlier in the evening, stated that he was approached by a number of people who asked at what time the two men would be sent to the county jail. Not suspecting anything, he told them.

Shortly after midnight the bodies were brought to the city and a Coroner's jury was impanelled to hold an inquest.

WOMAN JUMPS BEFORE TRAIN

Had in Her Bag a Check for a Trunk
from Summitville, Sullivan County.

A woman committed suicide at 4:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Seventy-sixth Street station of the Third Avenue elevated road by throwing herself under a southbound train. She jumped when the train was almost up to her and the motorman could not check the train in time.

Nothing suspicious was noticed in the woman's actions, but two passengers, Henry M. Lusick of Ellis Island and Walter Henry of 138 East Ninety-seventh Street, saw her run to the edge of the platform and, with a wild scream, throw herself off.

Policeman Bierman of the East Sixty-seventh Street Station was standing just under the station talking to Capt. Hughes of the same station. They both rushed up stairs and telephoned for an ambulance to the Presbyterian Hospital. It was necessary to jack up the car to release the body.

The woman was 5 feet 6 inches in height and about fifty years old. She had brown eyes, brown hair streaked with gray, and was very dark. She was dressed all in black, like a widow, and appeared to be in comfortable circumstances.

In the bag which she carried was a baggage check No. A46,018 of the New York, Ontario & Western Railway. The baggage master at the Grand Central Station informed the police that he had a trunk with a corresponding number, and that it had been put on the train at Summitville, Sullivan County, N. Y. It was broken open, but it contained nothing to identify the woman.