

## MOB DRIVES 200 NEGROES OUT OF CITY OF CORBIN

500 Shots Fired; No Deaths;  
Stabbing of Switchman  
Starts Trouble.

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Corbin, Ky., Oct. 31.—A race riot of serious proportions broke out here last night, shortly after it was reported that an L. & N. watchman had been attacked by a band of negro laborers and his throat cut.

Many negroes were beaten and 200 were driven out of town.

Large numbers of negroes were assembled in the passenger station last night and guarded until trains arrived, when they were compelled to leave.

Nearly all these negroes were from the South, and have been employed for several months upon construction work in the new L. & N. yards at South Corbin, where the railroad company is making big improvements.

Much lawlessness has occurred since the construction camp was established, and county and city authorities have been powerless to stop assaults, robberies, bootlegging and other crime.

The town has been terrorized, but has not resorted to violence in retaliation until a switchman named Thompson was stabbed and robbed by negro laborers, it is said, two or three days ago. As soon as the report spread armed men swarmed upon the streets and the shooting began. Crowds went to restaurants and other public places, caught all negro employes they could find and drove them singly or in gangs at the point of guns to the depot.

Many native negroes, fearing for their lives in the excitement, have left Corbin or are in hiding.

Corbin is located in the three counties of Whitley, Laurel and Knox, and is a railroad center of about 3,000 persons. No race trouble before the present one has ever occurred there.

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