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WORST RACE RIOT IN HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY ABOUT OVER

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jured, 60 Colored Killed, 100 Injured.
Dead Lie In Street

WHOLE COLORED SECTION BURNED

J. O. Midnight Telegraphs, Every Colored
Church, Business House And Home De-
stroyed. Damage Estimate Of
\$5,000,000

(By telegraph) Tulsa, Okla., June 1.—Every Negro
church, business place and home has been destroyed dur-
ing the riot. A number of prominent citizens have been
killed including Dr. Jackson. The city is under martial
law. The deaths will exceed 100. Signed J. O. Mid-
night.

Equal Rights League Protests "Wholesale Colored
Arrests" in Tulsa

Boston, June 1.—Officers of the National Equal Rights
League, a Negro organization, in a telegram sent today
to Governor Robertson, of Oklahoma, protested against
wholesale arrests of "colored and not whites, giving the
whites an unfair fighting advantage," in connection with
the race riots at Tulsa. The telegram asked the Governor
to direct the Adjutant General "to give the colored a fair
chance to protect lives, families and remaining property."

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Tulsa, Okla., June 2.—At least
25 persons have been killed, 200
wounded and the colored section
of this city is in ruins following a
two day race riot here. Damage to
property is estimated at \$5,000,000.
Dead lie in streets awaiting burial.

Tulsa casualties include 25
whites killed and 100 injured; 60
colored killed, 100 injured.

Trouble started when Richard
Paxlin was arrested on the
charge of "immudence and impertin-
ence" to a white girl in an ele-
vator. Police said he "assaulted"
her and there were threats of
beating.

A dozen colored men hearing of
the rumor armed themselves,
marched to the court house and
asked to be sworn in as deputies to
protect the prisoner. They were
later reinforced by others and a
crowd of whites collected on the
opposite side of the street. A white
man started the riot by trying to
take a gun away from a Negro.
He was instantly killed.

The battle began. Colored men
were outnumbered three to one and
fell back into the colored section
which attacking whites immedi-
ately set on fire. The state militia
was called out and the city put
under martial law. Police disarm-
ed Negroes by the hundreds leaving
whites their arms. Militia also
aided the whites. Firemen took a
stand on the edge of the black belt
in order to keep the flames there
and prevent any white homes from
catching fire.

Flames were not obedient, how-
ever, and hundreds of white people
lost their homes. Ten thousand
colored people it is estimated lost
everything that they had. They
are camped on the hills above the
city in Convention Hall and in the
ball park, where the high fence
enables them to be kept under
strict guard.

Thousands of colored people
have left Tulsa for neighboring
cities. To stay here means to be
arrested for being colored, put in
one of the detention camps on
bread and water under guard or
the chance of being shot at by
snipers in the public streets.

How many colored homes in
white sections remain cannot now
be stated. Most of those in the
ten blocks devastated were frame
and burnt like tinder.