

THE MEMPHIS MASSACRE.

Report of the Congressional Investigating Committee.

An Awful Picture of the Workings of "My Policy."

The report of the Congressional Investigating Committee on the Memphis massacre is a document of 38 pages. It goes into the details of the horror with inexorable minuteness, describing the murders, rapes, burnings and other atrocities from beginning to end.

THE CHARACTER OF THE ATROCITIES.

The proportions of what is called the "riot," but in reality the massacre, proved to be far more extended, and the circumstances surrounding it of much greater significance, than the accounts and the conception of before they entered upon the investigation.

Most of the newspapers in the city had grossly misrepresented everything connected with it, while great efforts had been made by the citizens to belittle it into a simple row between some dissipated negro soldiers and the police.

Nothing could be more false and malicious than the reports of the riotous proceedings given out of the teachings of the Freedmen's Bureau officers and of the teachers of the colored schools and the preachers in the churches of the colored people.

The outbreak of the disturbance resulting from collision between some policemen and discharged colored soldiers was seized upon as a pretext for an organized and bloody massacre of the colored people of Memphis.

The testimony taken in this regard is very full, and is believed by the committee, as a general thing, to be entitled to the fullest confidence.

The story of the shooting of those who were the first to be killed, and of the colored witnesses who created the fury of the mob, was simple, affecting, and, by doubt, truthful.

About a week after the riot, according to the testimony of Dr. Sharp, there had been an arrest made of a colored man in the neighborhood of the fort, without cause.

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FRANCES THOMPSON.

The rape of Frances Thompson, who had been a slave and was crippled, using crutches, leaving a cancer on her foot, is one to which reference is here made.

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The guards which were placed in the city on Sunday night, with strict orders to disperse any party assembling together for any purpose whatever, prevented the assembling of the people.

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