

RIOT IN ROWAN.

The Tolliver and Martin Factions Both Up in Arms and Serious Trouble Imminent.

[Special to the Courier-Journal.]

MOOREHEAD, KY., April 1.—John C. Day and J. Bowling, supposed to be of the Tolliver faction, were in the pool-room at the Central Hotel, when C. Humphrey and Ed. Pearce, of the Martin faction, came in with their hands on their revolvers. Bowling asked them if they come to kill him, and if not, they had no business there and to get out, and they left. Day and Bowling came down town to the Cottage Hotel, and Humphrey and Pearce, procuring two or three guns, came down within five hundred yards of the Cottage Hotel and fired off a revolver and then the firing became general between the two parties. No casualties occurred, though both parties have been in arms all day, the Martin faction at the Gault House and the Tolliver faction at the Cottage Hotel. There were indications of bad work being done to-night, about five on each side being armed with double-barrel shotguns and heavy revolvers. The Deputy Sheriff has asked Gov. Knott for troops, and it is hoped they will come and put an end to the trouble.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

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MT. STERLING, April 1.—The clouds of war have again burst over belligerent Rowan, and the rattle of musketry is heard on the skirmish line. The result of to-day's action was thus: While Jeff. Bowling and ex-Sheriff John C. Day were in the pool-room of Nichols' saloon, at Moorehead, they were confronted by Sheriff Humphrey and his deputy, Pearce, a notorious character; both parties leveled their pistols on their game, but Bowling and Day got the drop on their men. Humphrey and Pearce treated without exchanging shots, and, going down to Carrey's Hotel, they procured guns, and, coming back upon the field, commenced firing upon Bowling and Day, who in the meantime had come out of the pool-room and were crossing the street. While this was going on, Allie Young, son of Z. T. Young, County Attorney, who was shot from the bushes by some unknown parties about two weeks ago, and is now in exile from home and family, came to Nichols' saloon, and was talking to Nichols' wife about the trouble. Humphrey and Pearce, seeing him, halloed to him saying: "Get away from here, you d--n rascal!" and raising their guns, commenced firing upon him, a ball just missing his head. Young fled, being unarmed, to Dr. Rain's house. Some fifteen or twenty shots were fired, but none took effect.

The evening express, due here at 3:40, brings news that armed men are parading the streets, and a general fight may begin at any moment.

Allie Young joined his father here this evening, leaving soon after being shot. There is scarcely an officer of the law left in Moorehead, and anarchy reigns supreme. The people are afraid to leave their houses. Each faction of the Tolliver and Martin trouble are gathering men and munitions of war, and the end of this state of affairs may not come but with the extinction of one or the other party, or the establishment of military authority in Rowan county.

AND STILL ANOTHER.

[Special to the Courier-Journal.]

LEXINGTON, KY., April 1.—A bloody battle is expected in Rowan county to-night between the Tollivar and Martin factions. Last night five armed men from Carter county and Sheriff Cook Humphrey, of Rowan, boarded a through freight train at Olive Hill, saying they wanted to come to Moorehead. The conductor refused to carry them without orders, when they informed him they were determined to go. They got off at Moorehead, and a difficulty came near taking place soon after between one of the party and ex-Sheriff John Day. About 9 o'clock this morning the ball opened as Day went to the train to come to Farmers. A large number of shots were fired, but no one was hurt in the fusillade.

Tollivar's friends dispatched for comrades at Mt. Sterling, a crowd of whom went up this afternoon. At last accounts both parties were housed and drinking, and a battle is expected to-night. Firing off pistols has been in progress all day. The belligerents shoot through windows, at cows and pigs, trying their marksmanship.

It is reported that the citizens have called on Gov. Knott for troops, and the Castleman artillery at this place are expecting marching orders. The troops likely to be sent are the Lexington and Richmond companies.

I have just talked with an intelligent citizen from there, and he says you can bet there will be h--ll in Rowan before morning.

The people of the entire county are divided in this affair, the civil power is paralyzed and the Governor ought to send troops.