THE EVENING NEWS.

Monday, - - Sept. 28, 1874.

The New Orleans Conflict.

HOW IT BEGAN.

There is a strange ignoring of the most conspicuous fact of the late conflict in this city, of which certainly there has been no doubt, uncertainty or dispute.

This is the fact that the first aggressive act was committed by the regular military body known as the Metropolitan Brigade—which, in positive violation of the Constitution of the United States, has been kept as a standing army in this State for the last three or four years. This body was a thoroughly organized and disciplined force, armed with the most approved weapons, and consisting of cavalry, infantry and artillery. They were indeed mostly veterans, selected with special reference to their military qualities and experience. They were commanded by officers who had borne conspicuous parts in the late war. There was no regiment in the regular army in a better condition for active military service. They were absolutely subject to orders of the Governor, and were entirely diverted from their legitimate object of protecting the peace of the city and the property of the citizens, to be made janissaries, a pretorian band, to guard the persons and maintain the authority of the most arrant usurpers and remorseless plunderers who ever oppressed a free people. It was the aggressive movement of this body of soldiery, hired soldiers, and in no sense a portion of the militia of the State, which led to the recent conflict. A formidable detachment of this brigade on Monday evening moved from their depot and base, in column of attack with four pieces of artillery, and one of those fearful instruments of destruction, the Gatling gun, and, without a warning, without the usual commands or demands for dispersal, began firing their cannon up one of our most public streets and discharging volleys of musketry on the citizens as well armed as unarmed.

This was the inauguration of the conflict which resulted in the killing and wounding of over sixty persons on our streets. The whole responsibility for this unfortunate conflict and its unhappy results must therefore attach to the military movement of the metropolitans and their reckless firing upon the citizens without warning or justifiable cause. We believe that this act has now the condemnation of nearly the whole body of the supporters of the late government. There is a bitter contest among them as to the responsibility for the act, but no doubt as to its folly and criminality.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

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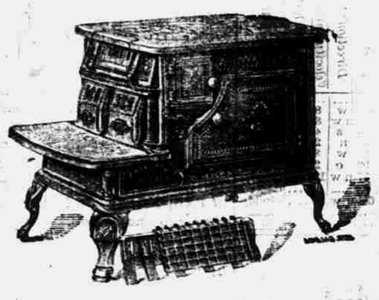

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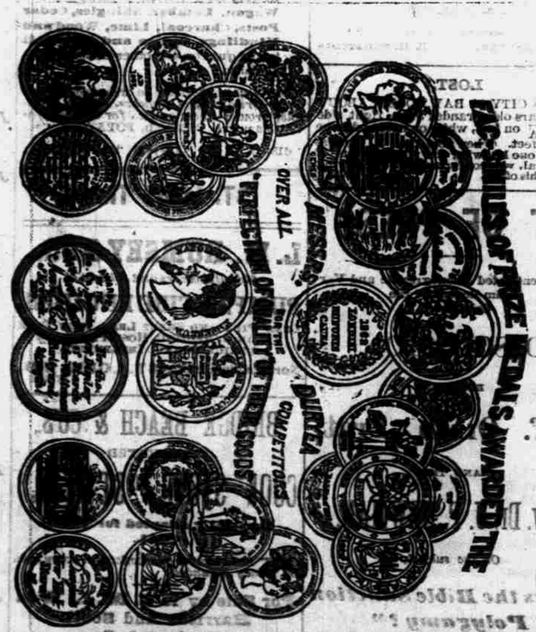

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