

TERRIBLE RIOT!

At the Astor Opera House!

**The Military called out! Numbers
Killed and Wounded!**

There was a terrible riot at the Astor Opera House last night, resulting in collisions of the military and the mob, and in great loss of life.

At an early hour the police were in possession of the house. A mob collected in large numbers outside. Some twenty thousand spectators were assembled.

The mob attempted to break down the doors and windows of the opera-house. The police ejected water on them, but the rioters persevered.

A company of mounted horsemen arrived on the spot, who were driven from the field by the mob with stones.

Companies of infantry arrived, who were received with stones and other missiles.

A portion of the regiment under Col Douglas, with a portion of the light artillery, were on the field. The Recorder read the riot act.

The mob continued to pelt the soldiers, and several were badly wounded, and carried off. *The order was given to fire, using blank cartridges, principally, but some balls.*

One or two persons were killed by the discharge, and several wounded. The rioters not dispersing, *second, third and fourth rounds were successively fired with balls; by which some ten or fifteen persons were either killed or fell mortally wounded, and some twenty to thirty were wounded!*

Several citizens, mere spectators, were unfortunately either killed or wounded; and some, at a considerable distance from the scene of action, were among the killed or wounded. One or two women were killed, and others wounded; among them was a colored woman.

The military kept possession of the field all night. This morning they are throwing up entrenchments around the Theatre.

Throughout the city there is great excitement. The theatre was on fire several times, but the flames were put out. Among the rioters arrested was E. Z. Judson, otherwise known as Ned Buntline.