

# RACE RIOT QUIETS ON VASHON

## Situation Tense After Dynamiting, Knife Fight When Whites Attack Filipinos

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BURTON, Vashon Island, May 15.—Although no hostilities between whites and Filipino laborers have occurred since the outbreak that resulted in the dynamiting of two houses, the stabbing of one white man and the injury of two Filipinos, the situation on the island is still tense.

Phoneas Shattuck, King county deputy sheriff stationed on Vashon Island, who has been working on the case, went to Seattle this morning to confer with King county authorities. He intimated that arrests might be made in the case before nightfall, but did not disclose whether the men involved were whites or Filipinos.

The trouble here is believed to be a result of labor controversies that flamed up following similar riots between white men and Filipinos at Kent last week. The principal difference between the Vashon and Kent disturbances seems to lie in the fact that the whites involved here are believed to be youths while those taking part in the outbreak at Kent were older men with families who had been thrown out of work by the influx of Filipino labor.

The condition of Will Hastings, Maury Island rancher, who was stabbed under the arm in an altercation with Filipino laborers, is not serious. Hastings' wounds were dressed by Dr. F. H. Grandy here. Hastings was brought here by two white boys named Hayes, who were with him at the time of the stabbing.

Shattuck is working on additional clues in connection with the destruction of two houses, one at Steen's mill near Ellisport and the other at Shawnee, between Burton and Magnolia Beach, Tuesday evening. Both houses were blown up by dynamite believed to have been set off by a gang of white youths. Each house was occupied by Filipino laborers. Two of these suffered slight injuries in the Shawnee explosion.

The occupants of the house at Steen's mill were awakened by the shouts of the dynamiting party and succeeded in escaping to the woods before the blast exploded. The two Filipinos injured were working on a ranch owned by a Japanese named Matzuda.

Approximately 30 Filipinos are employed at various ranches on Vashon Island. Ordinarily this number would be increased shortly by the influx of berry pickers.