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Negro Wounded In Trolley Row

Beco Conductor Shoots Passenger

A Negro was in serious condition today after allegedly being shot by a veteran streetcar conductor on a Pratt City-Ensley streetcar.

Two other Negroes were wounded in an affray, in which City Detective R. A. MacMurdo said Beco Conductor M. A. Weeks, 30, shot Samuel Lee Williams, 34, of 133 16th-av, w, in the abdomen last night.

Detective MacMurdo said Weeks told him the Negro boarded the trolley while intoxicated and attempted to take a seat in a section reserved for whites.

Objects To Moving

He quoted Weeks as saying the Negro objected to going to the rear, and added that Williams began to curse after sitting down in a section reserved for Negroes.

The conductor said he then went to the rear of the streetcar, held up his arm to silence Williams and the Negro grabbed it. In an ensuing struggle, Weeks said, he drew his gun and "emptied" it.

Also wounded were Amos Crosby, 24, Negro, of 108 Fourth-av, sw, shot in the leg, and John Garlington III, 21, Negro, 40 Fourth-av, s, who suffered a hip wound.

Conflicting Story

Negro witnesses told a story that conflicted with that of Weeks. They said that Williams was muttering, but that he did not seize Weeks' arm until after he had drawn a gun.

During the shooting, passengers leaped from windows of the trolley.

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