

ing been done intentionally so bad that the vessel had to be hauled up and recaulked. Another case is mentioned of a white foreman in a yard that acknowledged the society's regulations having done a day's work in another yard that resisted its authority, and his employers were compelled to discharge him forthwith, the black caulkers refusing any longer to work under him. It is also asserted that a party of black caulkers having found a white man at work on a vessel on which they were engaged threw down their tools and refused to work until he was discharged from the vessel. These charges, if true, were certainly provocative of resistance, but do not justify any violence or infraction of the rights and interference with the business of employers. The black caulkers on the other hand allege that there are not, or was not until very recently, any white caulkers in the city, that the business has always been in their own hands, and that the regulations of their society were exclusively applicable to their own members — They also say that these men who are interfering with them are not caulkers, or such bad work men that they are unwilling to work with them, and share in the blame that would fall on all if the work should prove defective. It is an undoubted fact that for many years past all the caulking done in the city has been performed by blacks, and it was not until this outbreak occurred that we were aware that there were any white men here who claimed a knowledge of the trade.

The parties who committed the acts of violence at the yard of the Messrs. Skinner are known to those gentlemen, and should be at once arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Every employer should be allowed, without let or hindrance, to employ black or white men, as he may think proper, and if the white caulkers have, as has been alleged, resolved that no black caulkers should work on the south side of the basin, so long as the work is not more than sufficient for their employment, they should be taught that such resolves cannot be carried into execution.

We visited the yards on the south side of the basin yesterday afternoon, and found black caulkers at work in some of the yards, and white caulkers in others, and great activity visible everywhere. Perfect quiet prevailed, and some to whom we spoke on the subject reported that they had witnessed or heard of but little

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