

kend to remember and I mean, “What a weekend!!!”

6

E.J. -1

Riot Memphis, Tenn.

To assist in the investigation of the Memphis riot I investigated several on the scene, witnesses. To begin with there were many accusations of police brutality. One of the instances of this case was the beating of a six year old negro youth by eight or more policemen. Further investigation of the case showed that the boy was cussing and shouting all types of obscenities to the policemen. But says [sic] witnesses, “that was little reason to beat the boy in such a manner.”

Another instance of this nature was the policeman’s [sic] use of tear gas. One witness, who also termed himself a victim, recollected that he was inside the church, “Clayborn Temple,” into which policemen shot gas and then held the doors. The witness commented, “Why they shot gas into the church I’ll never know.”

There has been an accusation that the reverend King is to blame for the violence and destruction in the streets. However upon interviewing some of the looters themselves I found that many of these were just [gets cut off at the bottom].

1

E.J. -2

[...] were just waiting for such an incident as the strike and march as a purpose for looting.

2