

# NEGRO SHOTS POLICEMAN

**Officer Baker Probably Mortally Wounded By William Burns.**

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 3.—Policeman August Baker, one of the veterans of the Cumberland police force, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded tonight on Wineow street, near the canal wharf, by William Burns, a young mulatto, who came here six months ago from Delaplaine, Fauquier county, Va.

Baker was shot in the abdomen, just below the heart, and the intestines are perforated. He is approaching 60 years of age and has been noted for his fearlessness and nerve. It is thought that he cannot recover.

His assailant is locked up in the police station and is in a hysterical state. He shows great fear. A great crowd is loitering about the police station.

It appears that Burns and Gus Little, another negro, had gone into Hussey's saloon and had threatened to clean out the place. They had been drinking and had been ordered out. Officer Baker came along and sought to arrest them for disorderly conduct. A scuffle occurred which attracted a number of white men from the saloon. Burns was resisting arrest and Little, it is stated, was aiding him.

Baker used his mace on Burns and in the scrimmage, while the negro was down, he shot Baker. Despite the desperate wound Baker kept on beating the negro, and then put nippers on his wrist and fell over exhausted. Humphrey Green, a colored ice-wagon driver, assisted in the arrest of Burns and took him to the station house.

Little got away, but the police have him shadowed tonight. Burns, when he came here, was porter at Alpine Hall, but lately has been driving a cart for George Palmore, colored, who conducts the Old Dominion restaurant. The colored people of Wineow street say that Burns was a stranger to them, and they loudly denounce the shooting.