

# DIABOLICAL RIOT AT WHITEWELL

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lying on the floor. They were boiled with their feathers on. (laughter)



The cloths box was smashed all to pieces and wearing apparel stolen. Everything that was not broken was taken away, except the beds. £20 in money was also gone, I left it in a box. I also lost about twelve pairs of cotton sheets, cotton quilts and a new flannel blanket, and wearing apparel. I estimate the loss at £90. The damage done to my property, I estimate at £70 and the money at £20, making a total of £90. The prisoners were all working at the waterworks, and I am aquatinted with them. - Examined by Mr. Eastham: The prisoner Pendlebury was a foreman under the Preston Corporation. The bedstocks and forms belonged to the Corporation and some of the table. I am not aware that my father-in-law said that the prisoner had nothing to do with the affair. He told me that Pendlebury led the men and encouraged them. There might have been forty barrels there".



**Ellen Holden** said: "I am the wife of the last witness. When I left home on Wednesday I left everything in good condition and comfortable. I said I might be back the same night, but I was not sure. I did not, however, get back until Saturday night, between ten and eleven o'clock. I found the house in a state fearful to look at, indeed in a most shocking state. I looked around and found that there were many things gone, and I went back to Chipping. I returned on Monday. On the Saturday night I found the box kicked to pieces and there was nothing in it. When I went away there were in the box, 14 yards of cotton cloth and nine yards of French merino (dress pieces) 7 yards white flannel, three

yard of holland, and a great many other things. There was 18s.10p in silver and about 30s in copper. There was altogether about £90 in the house. There was also missing eight pairs of cotton sheets and an odd one; five holland aprons, half-a-dozen harding aprons, two woollen handkerchiefs, three cotton chemise, a night dress, two pairs of grey worsted stockings, 18 pairs of mens worsted stockings, a cotton plaid shirt, three striped cotton shirts, seven white cotton shirts, seven grey twilled cotton shirts, five blue counter panes, four white counter panes, four blankets, and a large quantity of clothing, and bedding. I think the whole quantity of clothing and bedding would be worth £70, besides the money. - Cross examined by Mr. Eastham: I recollected my husband receiving a notice not to sell drink. The notice said, "to desist and cease to sell drink on the premises". We did not sell drink to the navvies - we gave drink to people who came. We still went on selling drink to the navies after we received the notice to desist. We had from 30 to 40 navvies lodging in the house at the time. The Corporation sent us notice to quit soon after.

My father James Baker, was left in the house. He had been very ill of late. My father did not say that all the damage had been done by the lodgers, nor that a man had his leg broken in the house. The barrels of beer came on the Saturday from Clitheroe. On the Saturday in question there were 20 barrels came to the premises, and we took four into the house. The 16 barrels were outside. The row had not begun when I left the house on Wednesday. I had two women with me, but they did not suit me. One stayed a month and the other only a few days. One came from Preston and the other from Clitheroe. When I was coming home, I was told it was very dangerous, but I went there a lady with me. Pendlebury and Singleton were never in my house when I was there. The foreman of the works had never complained to me of the men going to work drunk".

**Mr. Trappes:** "There were 16 barrels of beer left".

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