

New Orleans July 2/93.

Dear Sir, I take liberty to write and send you a newspaper clipping that will show you how the people are being treated in our state. You know already that certain parts of Louisiana are under flood water, from the Mississippi causing much suffering especially among the poor negro laborers. Well the citizens of other parts send provisions such as is needed to relieve those poor people (useful farm laborers) but Captain Neal Miller's crew is composed of colored men so probably (so the culprits think) they will have some say so about distributing those to those most in need who are colored that is all the cause of the shooting.

done at Captain Miller. There are
nine chances in ten those records
will not be prosecuted because
their services are needed during
the elections although they are
as ignorant as wild beasts

truly
One who read all your
Notes.

The attack on Capt. Neal Miller, of the steamboat Albert Lea, running in the Tensas river, at Jonesville, last week, deserves the severest condemnation. The perpetrators shot the captain in the hip and leg because he wished to take some provisions intended for flood sufferers from the landing. One account from Waterproof, La., says:

The pilot house was riddled with bullet holes, the captain says fifty. He, for a wonder, escaped with his life. He was wounded slightly in the hip and has a severe flesh wound in the leg. Had not his son barred the pilot-house with plank and doors and such protection, there is no doubt that he would have been killed.

Capt. Miller has been in the Tensas river trade for several years and is an upright and honorable man. He says the attack was a premeditated affair and that one of the same parties was aboard his boat the night before, and took notice that he was unarmed. The captain notified Secretary Shields of the affair, immediately on his arrival. He states that the parties are not planters, but are raising hogs and are not overflowed. We hope that steps will be taken to bring them to justice.

*Albert Lea
Capt. Neal Miller
Jonesville
Tensas River
La.*