

I was certain in my own mind
from what I had seen, that the ¹⁶²
attack was commenced by the crowd,
& my impression was confirmed, by a
Captain in the Federal Army, who
told me he saw the first shot fired
by one of the mob. The Crowd at
the Station was of the lowest order,
but some most respectable men
took part in the melee in Pratt's H.
Some H. were killed on both sides - how
many are wounded is not known.

The excitement & rage of every one, of
all classes, of all shades of opinion,
was intense. Strong Union-men -
harangued the crowd, declaring they
were no longer such & urging immediate
action. An attack was made on the
Volunteers who had not proceeded to
the Washington Depot, but had
remained in the cars at the Philad^{del}
Station. They appeared paralysed &
unable to defend themselves. They
were badly beaten & many had their
rifles, accoutrements, caps &c, taken
from them. At last the train moved
off with them, back to Philadelphia.
A good many had rushed out of the
cars & hid themselves. The mob
hunted