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INSURRECTION AT PALERMO'S PRISON

600 Prisoners detained at Ucciardone prison in Palermo continued to make a protest against the severity of the new manager, Alessandro Fadda. He had taken over the office only since short time with the precise task of supervising strictly and rigorously.

The revolt began after lunch time: when the prisoners had taken their meals in the courtyard, instead of stepping back to their cells climbed on the top of the roof, shouting "get out the manager". The riot had been obviously brooded over ~~whispering~~ for a long time: in fact the boards had been prepared to protest against the manager and to ask amnesty. Among the others, there were also attempts to set the building on fire, setting fire to furniture, mattresses.

Upon the alarm, policemen and carabinieri rushed and surrounded the building: the situation got harder and harder continuing all through the night and next early day, so the police had to use machineguns and tear gas to smash the demonstration: the rioters were hurling tiles, that had torn from building rooftops, into the prison courtyard. Furthermore the rioters held four prison-guards as hostages. Vainly policemen tried to shoot in the air:

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at last they were ~~was~~ ordered to shoot against the roofs. So the ~~winning~~ results came out: the rioters surrendered showing the white flag. One of them was dead and seven injured. Among the policemen: twenty injured. Damages to the building are estimated hundred million lire.

The coverage shows the various phases of the riot.