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BELLINGHAM, Dec. 15.—Architect Blackwell of the firm of Blackwell & Baker of Seattle, Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock attacked Capt. Frank W. Radley, commander of the Bellingham Coast Artillery Reserve corps, and pummeled him so severely that his victim had to be taken to a physician's office for treatment.

The fight arose over charges of graft made in connection with the construction of the state armory building in Bellingham.

Blackwell arrived in this city on the noon train and went up to the armory building. Radley sauntered up that way in the afternoon and the two men came together on the sidewalk across the street from the building.

Blackwell, who is a man of 200 pounds weight, while Radley is of slight build, knocked the captain to the ground, sat down on him and calmly pounded him in the face with his fists. A score of workmen on the armory building stood within a few feet and seemed to enjoy the scene, making no move to interfere.

Blackwell is one of the architects in charge of the construction of the armory. Radley, as captain of the company, was secretary of the Bellingham armory commission. The captain resigned about three weeks ago, declaring that the building was not being constructed according to specifications.

Blackwell came to Bellingham, inspected the work and then insinuated that Radley was a "liar." Radley answered the imputation, saying that Blackwell had come here, called him a liar and then departed on the train before he had a chance to answer him.

When Blackwell released his victim yesterday afternoon it was with the remark: "Now, d— you, be good!"