

TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

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will of your bosses. They killed them because they dared ask for the shortening of the hours of toil. They killed them to show you free American citizens that you must be satisfied and contented with whatever your bosses condescend to allow you, or you will be killed.

This appeal was printed in both English and German and circulated in thousands. It is known as the famous "Revenge" circular.

It was followed by another circular calling a mass meeting at the Haymarket the following evening and instructing the working men to arm themselves and appear in full force, and was a direct challenge to the authorities of the city.

Among the plans proposed in case of a conflict was to throw bombs among the police.

In the afternoon of May 4, 1886, the signal word "Ruhe" appeared in the "Arbeiter Zeitung," the anarchist German organ edited by Spies, and all the armed men proceeded to put themselves in readiness for the conflict. Their greatest reliance, however, was on dynamite. If they succeeded in overcoming the people all the police stations were to be blown up and other acts of destruction were planned.

The Mayor's attention had been called to the possible results of such meetings if allowed to be continued, and he in turn directed the police department to keep close watch of the gathering in the Haymarket Square, and disperse it in case the speakers used inflammatory language.

The meeting had been called for 7.30 o'clock, at which hour quite a number of men had assembled at the spot. About 8 o'clock there were perhaps 3,000 persons present. A wagon or truck was utilized as a speaker's stand. The first man to mount it was Spies, who made a harangue that Mayor Harrison, who was present on horseback, described as a good political speech.

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The mayor went home thinking there would be no trouble. Bonfield had detectives going through the crowd who reported to him every little while.

At last Fielden mounted the stand. He opened with a reference to the insecurity of the working classes under the present social system, referred to the McCormick strike in which he said men were shot down by the law in cold blood in the protection of property, and held that the strikers had no more to do with the law except to lay hands upon it and throttle it until it made its last kick.

At this juncture the police were ready to be marched up from a station close by. Fielden, however, went on: "Exterminate the capitalists and do it to-night."

The police force was formed into four divisions. They stretched across the street from curb to curb. On seeing them advancing in the distance Fielden exclaimed: "Here come the blood-hounds. You do your duty and I'll do mine!"

Captain Ward, advancing to within three feet of the speaker, said: "I command you to disperse in the name of the people of the state, immediately and peacefully."

Fielden immediately jumped off the wagon, and as he reached the sidewalk, declared in a clear, loud tone of voice, "We are peaceable."

This was the secret signal, and no sooner was it uttered than a spark flashed through the air. It was a lighted bomb of which the anarchists had many. It fell among the police, between the divisions of Lieutenants Stanton and Bowler, right where the speaking had taken place. The explosion created havoc and dismay. It was immediately followed by a volley of small firearms from the mob on the sidewalk and the street in front of the police force. For a moment the latter were terror-stricken. The entire column under Stanton and Bowler and other officers were hurled to the ground some of them killed and many in the agony of death. That was the time to display Irish courage and tenacity. Inspector Bonfield rallied the men who had been stricken and ordered a running fire of revolvers on the desperate anarchists. Lieutenants Steele and Quinn charged the crowd on the street from curb to curb, and Lieutenants Hubbard and Fitzpatrick, with such men as were left of the special detail, swept both sidewalks with a brisk and rattling fire. The rush of these Irish policemen was like that of a mighty torrent in a narrow channel. They carried all before them like the Irish Brigade at Fontenoy. They did not fear the fall of another bomb, but swept on in the performance of their duty and saved the city. The man who threw the bomb was not known until long afterwards when he had left the city. It was Schnaubelt.

Poor Lieutenant Stanton, who was a friend of mine, was badly wounded, but not fatally. Many on both sides were killed and many were wounded, but the behavior of the police was on all hands pronounced most admirable. A military man said it was "worthy the heroes of a hundred battles." It saved Chicago from being sacked, the murder of its leading citizens, and maintained the force and integrity of the law. Since that fatal night no Irish policeman is ever jeered at or insulted.

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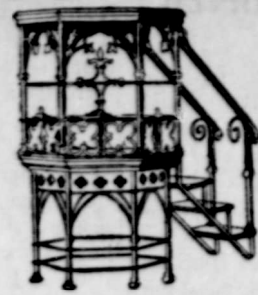
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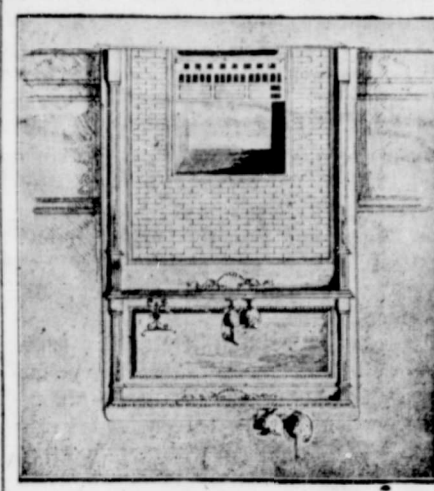


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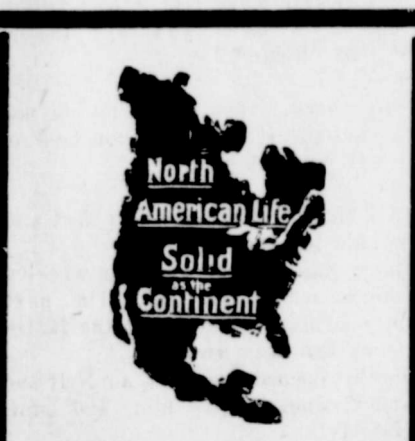
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