
Bloody Hands at Work:

Bomb Explosions in Many Cities of Our Country — Who Has an Interest in the Perpetration of Such Crimes?

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Somebody is producing material to justify the gag-laws which we are told our rulers intend to put in place of the Espionage Act. Who that somebody is, we have no means of knowing, but if the work speaks for its master it would certainly be no honor to know him.

We are speaking about the devilish bomb explosions reported from half a dozen or more different cities in the East of our country.

At Washington, DC, a bomb explosion damaged the residence of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, and it seems that the bomb planter was killed.

An empty suitcase was found near the entrance and a handbill, signed "The Anarchistic Fighters," printed on red paper, worded in an inflammatory fashion and serving notice of intent of its authors to begin general war on leaders of society.

The remains were literally shredded over the block and driven into the pavement.

At Newtonville, Mass., the house of state representative Leland W. Powers was partially wrecked by a bomb, but no one was injured.

Bombs were thrown by two men in an automobile at the rectory of the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Victory in West Philadelphia, and at the home of Louis Jagielky, a jeweler, about 8 blocks away. The rectory was badly damaged and plate glass windows in the church shattered. A woman and young girl who were passing the church were slightly injured.

An attempt was made to blow up the home of Mayor Harry L. Davis of Cleveland, O.

Another bomb explosion is reported to have wrecked the house of Max Gold, a silk manufacturer, in Paterson, NJ.

The home of Justice Albert F. Hayden of the Roxbury Municipal Court, Boston, Mass., was severely damaged by an explosion.

An attempt to blow up the home of Judge Charles C. Knott, Jr., at New York, resulted in the death of Special Policeman William Boehmer.

A bomb explosion damaged the residence of Judge W.H. Thompson in Pittsburgh, Pa.

That was the news received here the day after those crimes were perpetrated. Every sane person knows that nothing but evil can result from such beastly deeds. But there is a possibility that crooks use fools and weak-minded fanatics as tools for their criminal work. Let us hope that the instigators of these explosions will be made to pay the price for their dastardly crimes.

Attorney General Palmer says that the outrages indicate nothing but the lawless attempts of an anarchistic element in the population to terrorize the country and thus stay the hand of the government.

In Congress the feeling ran high for the adoption of legislation which will enable the authorities to cope with the situation without difficulty.

The Senate halted consideration of the woman suffrage resolution and other business while Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, who

has had charge of drafting anti-anarchistic bills, called attention to the explosions.

“The tragic event,” he said, “affords added evidence of necessity for stringent legislation.”

Senator Walsh reintroduced a bill favorably reported to the Senate last winter, but which failed of passage, providing severe penalties against acts or advocacy of violence designed to overthrow the government. He also presented the anarchistic circular found on the man who carried the bomb to Attorney General Palmer’s home. It was read in full to the Senate.

At Pittsburgh, Pa., John Johnson, said to be president of the IWW organization there, was arrested, and the police claim to have obtained the name of a bomb maker from him. A score of other alleged radical agitators were arrested in Pittsburgh, among them an Austrian by the name of Louis Bachhui, and Demster D. Dobridoff, a Bulgarian, who lived at Granite City, Ill, until about 6 months ago.

At Cleveland about 45 men were arrested, and at Boston, Ernest Gaudet.

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