

anarchists. I am a Socialist. You should know that Socialism and Anarchy are not akin. But the spectacle I witnessed this afternoon makes me understand how men can readily give their allegiance to anarchy. The violence today was not the result of the resistance of the persons in Union Square to the police so much as it was the result of the manner in which the police acted toward the persons in Union Square. We all have a constitutional right to free assembly and free speech, and I had no hesitancy in resisting today what I conceived honestly to have been an exhibition on the part of the authorities of usurpation of power. Even though I know the meeting had been placed under the ban by the police, I had no intention of withdrawing from it. I had a right to speak there, as had every man that had been invited. I do not believe any wise judge would refuse to accord a citizen of the United States the exercise of his Constitutional right of free speech. I did my best to be arrested that I might have that question tested and decided, and it was not my fault that I failed.

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Among the eye witnesses besides Robert Hunter, who testify to the recklessness of the police, are H. H. McClure and Arthur C. Pleydell, secretary of the Tax Reform Association. In addition to the above quotation from him, Mr. Hunter says:

The mounted officers rode over men, women and children. I have seen many meetings broken up by the police in Russia and in other European countries, but never such extraordinary roughness as was used this afternoon. I met H. H. McClure, the publisher, in the park, and he agreed with me that the conduct of the police was most astonishing.

Mr. Pleydell says:

Coming out of the subway at Fourteenth street at 3 o'clock, just in time to dodge a mounted squad, there was no disorder visible except the confusion created by the police themselves. I did not know of the proposed meeting, and was uptown on business. The statement that the explosion was at 3:30 seems nearest right. At any rate it could not have occurred between 3 and 3:20, or I should have heard it. I saw no actual clubbing, but some of the police didn't seem to care whether they ran over women or not. The Fourteenth street sidewalk is wide and the police drove right along it. The slightest accident would have made havoc.

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A committee appointed by the Socialist party of New York to investigate the action of the police has decided to issue a call to all persons who suffered ill-treatment at the hands of the police on this occasion, and to all who witnessed such ill-treatment. The evidence will be compiled, and made a basis for impeachment proceedings. A call is also to be made upon the legislature to institute an official investigation.

**Emma Goldman.**

The newspaper reports of the bomb explosion at New York were coupled with statements that Silverstein's rooms had been searched and incriminating letters from Emma Goldman found. Being interviewed in Minneapolis, on the 28th, Emma Goldman said, as reported by the Chicago Tribune of the 29th:

I did not know Selig Silverstein. I did not know the dead man Irwin Bassky. I have never heard of either of them. The report that letters from me to Silverstein were found in his room is absolutely false as—well, I think I know my correspondents. You want to know who I think was at the bottom of the whole riot? The police. They do it to show their authority. Such affairs as occurred this afternoon in New York have been traced in many instances to the police, who grasp the opportunity to lay all blame on anarchists. Who knows that Silverstein threw the bomb? Did any newspaper men see him do it? Why do you come to me for enlightenment? Am I supposed to know every anarchist, any more than President Roosevelt is supposed to know every Republican? As soon as there is a riot, a bomb explosion, an assassination, or an uprising, the police immediately try to attach the affair to me. And that is why I say that they even go so far as to instigate these plots themselves for the purpose of incriminating us and heaping praise on themselves. I don't believe a workingman threw the bomb. It would not have been to his advantage. The logical conclusion in my mind is that the police are in some way behind the whole matter.

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The speeches of Emma Goldman at Minneapolis are reported to have been to crowded houses in consequence of her persecution by the Chicago police (vol. x, pp. 1201, 1212). She is described by those who heard her as having spoken calmly and quietly but forcibly. In view of newspaper reports that are designed to make her appear as a criminal it is but fair to quote Bolton Hall's estimate of her, made after years of familiarity with her work and purpose. Advising *The Public*, Mr. Hall says:

With many of her views I do not agree, but I have known Miss Goldman for about ten years and I know no one who is kinder, more unselfish or broader-minded; and withal she has an indomitable courage both in word and deed. Her home and her slender earnings are always at the disposal of the poor, the oppressed and the unpopular.

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**Local Self-Government in Des Moines.**

The first election under the "Des Moines plan" of city government (vol. x, p. 1233) took place in two Iowa cities on the 31st, non-partisan nominations having been made under the plan two weeks ago. At Cedar Rapids, John T. Carmody was elected mayor, and ex-Mayor Huston (vol.