

RIOT CALL CLOSES MEETING OF WOMEN

"Can't Stand for Thompson"
Organizer Routed in Chi-
cago Gathering.

"GET HOOK," CRIES CROWD

"Sprechen Sie Irish?" Is Final In-
terruption, Making Speakers' At-
tempts to Be Heard Frustrated.
And Then Police Arrive.

CHICAGO, April 2.—A demonstration approaching a riot in its up roar and disorder marked a woman's political meeting today and was brought to an end only when managers of the theater in which the meeting was held dropped the steel curtain and some speaker sent a riot call for the police.

The meeting was called by Miss Marion Drake, who a year ago was Progressive candidate for Almanor of the Socialist party.

Miss Drake was decisively beaten by John ("Bathhouse") Coghlan.

Miss Drake had organized the "Can't Stand for Thompson" Club, and until she declared herself today for Seymour Stedman, the Socialist candidate for Mayor, was believed to have won the Democratic nomination.

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Opponents Stopped Meeting.

As a Switzer supporter, Miss Drake would have been aligned with Coghlan, his colleague Michael ("Hind") Dunn, and other politicians, whom she had attacked in her campaign a year ago.

Woman supporters of Thompson im-
mediately formed an alliance with

the Progressive party.

When Miss Drake rose to introduce

Switzer, the outbreak began. "Where's

Thompson? Get a man. We want to

hear the men," were the calls as men

and women throughout the theater

were drawn to their feet and these were fol-
lowed by less polite exclamations, in-

cluding an unkind request for some

"Get the hook."

Extra Police Are Called.

The curtain dropped as a score of

volunteer speakers began haranguing

for their particular candidate from a

score of locations in the big hall.

Fist fights were narrowly averted

and the police ejected several persons

from the theater. Extra police were

called to the disturbance which

extended to the street, where several

hundred persons gathered, attracted

by the disturbances inside.

The disturbance began when Miss

Drake, who was chairman of the meet-
ing, appeared. As she attempted to

speak her voice was drowned by hisses

and jeers.

Woman Shout for 20 Minutes.

Miss Drake, one of Thompson's

supporters, led the demonstration.

Standing in the boxes and waving their

coats and shouting, the women caused

the whole audience to join in the

tumult.

For 20 minutes the shouts "No!" re-
peatedly filled the auditorium to be heard.

Finally she gave up and motioned for

Seymour Stedman, Socialist candidate

for Mayor, to speak.

The crowd quieted a little, but he

was interrupted continuously. John H.

Hill, Prohibition mayoralty candidate,

was next.

"Sprechen Sie Irish?" Asked.

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