

INSTANT DEATH PENALTY

Two London newspapers, discussing editorially the attempted assassination of President McKinley, suggest that guards be instructed to shoot down such villains on the spot, that they might be deprived of the opportunity to pose before the world as martyrs of their belief.

The Baker City Republican thinks there is much accuracy in this deduction. Anarchists know that killing a ruler of a nation will not subvert the form of government. None are better aware that the government is the handiwork of a majority, is maintained by a majority, and will only fall when the majority supporting goes down before the minority.

Czolgosz and his confederates, of whom there are many, know that the republic form of government would be followed, without McKinley as chief executive. All they could hope to accomplish further was to remove the president from the people by placing armed guards between them, to add another evidence to a list already accumulated that the people cannot stand freedom and equality.

With this conclusive proof that anarchists could not hope to accomplish anything, their purpose is the question. When this question is up, the ready answer is, notoriety. In the brothels and gin mills, where the fever-heated brain is fired by alcohol and ambition to become famous, these dastardly assassinations are concocted. Reason is foreign to such cabalistic meetings.

A sort of rebellious spirit is engendered, happy in knowledge of opposition and faithful to its adherents in a common effort to attract attention by thwarting the usual and approved course of life. This spirit, run to seed, produces murder, and soothes its tools by the thought that their names will be on every tongue from the time that their cowardly work has been done and the law is vindicated.

If anarchists were shot down on the spot, ruthlessly as mad dogs would be dealt with, much of the glamour attaching to their heinous crimes would vanish. While they feign to disregard life, their fortitude and courage is born in the prospect of becoming famous. Upon this reeking food an appetite is fed, until strength is given for an ordeal many persons would shrink from with a more laudible incentive.

When the devilish band at Patterson, N. J., paraded with an effigy of King Humbert, shooting it full of holes, and gloating over the cowardly assassination, they proclaimed themselves accessories of murder, and should have been killed. When that same brood of hell hounds raised their beer glasses for a toast

to Czolgosz, they declared themselves accomplices in one sense, and merited the same fate from society which they threatened—immediate death. Anarchists are human beings with rabies, and can be guarded against only by death or summary punishment.

Should President McKinley die, what recompense is there in hanging the worthless Polish fiend, Czolgosz? What is there to be had in killing every one of the gang? A million of them are not worth the life of one great man, selected by his people to guide them. Here one man, arrogating to himself the exclusive powers of reason, deprives 70,000,000 of their ruler. Seventy million persons say they need such a man in the office of chief executive. One man says they are mistaken. Because they will not yield to his views he adopts violence. They have the same right to adopt as much violence against him for not coinciding with their views.

While it is a free country, where every man should have the privilege of his own views, anarchists insist upon making the country a despotism, in which millions must submit to one, or be punished by assassination and murder. As reason is not his logic, so there should be none in that employed by the people in ridding themselves of him. An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth should be effective when he expresses destructive purposes, and thus anticipate irreparable loss.

But should some anarchist survive who finds opportunity to slay a great man, or any one, his demise on the spot would be a condign punishment for his death, and would shatter the bubble of notoriety so attractive to the morbid imagination of anarchists.

SEWER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of Dalles City, by ordinance regularly enacted on the 4th day of September, 1901, has determined to construct what is known as the Court street sewer, and to proceed with the construction thereof at once.

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For the purpose of determining what property within said territorial district will be benefited by said sewer and the proportionate cost thereof to be assessed against the different properties benefited thereby, a meeting of the Common Council of Dalles City will be held at the council chambers on Tuesday, the 17th day of September, 1901, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., which meeting will be continued and adjourned from time to time until all interested parties shall have been fully heard in said matters, at which said meeting all interested parties and all owners of real estate within said territorial district above mentioned, are hereby required to appear for the purpose of being heard in relation to the settlement and determination of the matters hereinbefore mentioned.

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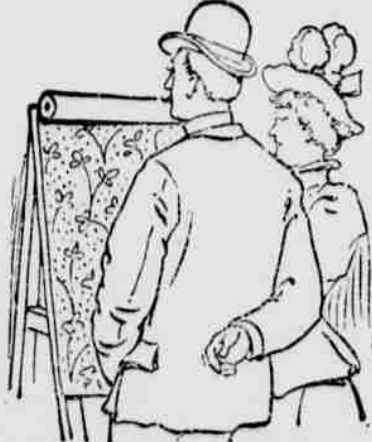
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