

BADEN-POWELL IS HISSED AT PORTLAND

SOCIALISTS BREAK-UP MEETING OF BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

Emitting Cat Calls, Jeers and Singing "The Red Flag," Horde Refuses to Listen to Celebrated English Founder of Organization.

Portland, Ore., March 11.—Long, sibilant hisses, wild groans and ribald jeers from a crowd of men representing the local headquarters of the Socialist and I. W. W. organizations, who packed the front seats at the meeting, under the auspices of the Board of Education to be addressed in Gipsy Smith auditorium by General Sir Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, made it impossible for the speaker to be understood and ended the gathering in a turmoil.

At the close the Socialists hurried their own speakers to the platform, from which "militarism" was denounced in rabid terms.

No policemen were present, and when called by telephone, they arrived after the Baden-Powell party had retired. The police had been notified Friday that trouble might develop at the meeting.

It was just at the very height of the meeting, while James E. West, of Washington, D. C., chief executive of the Boy Scout movement in America, was reading the Scout oath, that a party of lads, only too evidently incited by those opposed to the meeting, rose and stalked on, in a body, while the wooden building fairly echoed with the cheers and yells of the serried rows of ocellists.

Laidlay Also Victim.

Even James Laidlaw, British Consul, was not spared. His voice, raised to a high pitch to introduce Mr. West, was drowned in a sheer chorus of yells, catcalls, hisses and abuse.

Even the Socialists themselves, the cause of the disorder, could not obtain a hearing for their own speakers, and a recourse was had to boisterous singing of the Socialist song, "The Red Flag."

With quiet dignity Baden-Powell attempted to ignore the interruption

and addressed himself to the boys in the audience, but so persistent were his opponents that his address almost failed its purpose.

Yells Speed Speakers.

It was in the midst of uproarious yells of "Militia," "Lawrence" and "Massachusetts" that the "B.-P." party left the building, while further hisses speeded their auto on its way. The uproar at the auditorium directly "followed up" the street demonstrations of the Socialists when Baden-Powell and the Boy Scout movement were satirized and derided by ribald banners.

Socialist speakers have been denouncing the Boy Scout movement on the street corners since it was announced that General Baden-Powell was to come to Portland.

They organized a parade as a demonstration against him and the movement of which he is the author. When it was found that his arrival had been postponed they held their banners and paraphernalia and made another demonstration on the street at that time.

Jeers Greet Solemn Oath.

In spite of the pacific attitude taken by the speakers, the turbulent faction continued to hiss and jeer, some times so loudly that the words of the speakers could scarcely be heard, but the programme was carried through as it had been outlined, in spite of this.

Before introducing General Baden-Powell, H. C. Campbell, of the Board of Education, quietly requested the Socialists to refrain from interrupting the speaker, and said that if, after the close of the programme, they had a statement to make, they would be welcome to come upon the rostrum and would be heard.

General Baden-Powell ignored their interruption and addressed himself directly to the boys in the audience, while the Socialists persistently broke in with jeers, questions and remarks.

Outlining the purpose of the movement, not to train boys to be soldiers but to give them practical instruction that will aid them in making a way for themselves, and will instill into them the principles of honor and courtesy to those in need and help, he denied that the plan aimed to make military material out of the boys of the country.

F. C. Ramp, of the Socialist party, endeavored to quiet the crowd and secure a quiet discussion, but the up-

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roar was already beyond his control. After giving ample time for the mob to become quiet, when it showed no indications of bringing forward any questions for him to answer, beyond uproarious yells about "militia" and "Lawrence, Mass.," General Baden-Powell and his party left the auditorium.

Execrations Follow Party.

Part of the crowd followed him outside and, surrounding the auto that was waiting for him, screamed out execrations and jeers after him as long as the machine was in sight, and then returned to the auditorium, where they sang boisterously the Socialists' song, "The Red Flag," and held an after-meeting at which several speakers harrangued vigorously against the Boy Scouts and the Boy Scout movement.

Boy Scouts Jeered.

The Socialists again made a demonstration parading the streets with drums and with banners bearing inscriptions denouncing the Boy Scout movement. Boy Scouts of the Portland organization, who acted as ushers at the evening meeting at the Multnomah Hotel, were in many cases accosted by representatives of the Socialists as they were entering the hotel and either jeered at or advised to have nothing to do with the movement.

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