

ATICK BOMB

Exploded Under a Lodging House.

NINE WERE INJURED.

Strikers Say "We" Wouldn't Have Botched the Job.

RING THINKS IT REVENGE.

ATICK, Aug. 28.—Excitement prevails tonight over an unsuccessful attempt made early this morning to blow thirty Armenians and Swedes into city.

About 1 o'clock the occupants of the lodging house of Hiram P. Ring on Kett court and the surrounding houses were awakened by a loud explosion and crashing of breaking glass.

No further disturbance was heard, and wonder as to what caused the explosion prevented many from returning their slumbers before dawn.

As soon as the smoke and noise had died away, and the occupants of Ring's house were assured that they were still terra firma an investigation was made.

In the cellar was found a piece of pipe, three feet long and quite thick, which had been loaded with an explosive and used as a bomb.

Every pane of glass in the cellar windows had been blown to pieces, while the foundation was cracked in several places.

Either it was the intention of the persons who placed it there to only scare the occupants, or they knew little about making bombs, for the powder used was not violent to do much damage.

Hiram P. Ring, who runs the boarding house, expressed his opinion freely to a reporter today. "You know," he said, "that about two months ago we had a strike here at Driscoll & Eaton's shoe factory on North Main street over a reduction in wages, and some twenty-one men struck. When about fifteen Armenians who came to take their places applied to me for board and lodgings I readily took them in.

"Of course the strikers did not like this and threatened all sorts of things unless we put them out, but I hold a man has a perfect right to earn a living nowadays at as he likes without being dictated to.

"Shortly after the strike at Driscoll & Eaton's the lasters at J. W. Wolcott's so went out owing to a reduction, and about fifteen Swedes came up from Spencer to take their place.

"These men all came to me and I took them in, and I can honestly say I never had a better behaved crowd and they have caused no trouble to anyone about town.

"The strikers have been at swords' points with me since, and although they have done me no bodily harm, I have kept myself well prepared.

"I am certain the strikers are responsible for the explosion, for they are a vicious crowd. I hardly think they were so human as to try and murder us, but they meant to scare the men, so that they would leave town, but in this they have failed, and the Swedes are more resolved to stay now than ever.

"I have placed the matter in the hands of Detective Bean.

"It is my opinion that the bomb was thrown in the cellar window, and there was a time fuse attached, for when the explosion came there was no one in sight."

Mr. Ring today stands in need of such household articles as lamp chimneys, plates, dishes and other breakable articles. The boarders are somewhat excited over the affair, but do not propose to give up the fort at this late day.

Having heard one side of the story, and being desirous of securing the other, the Post reporter set out to see some of the strikers. This proved to be a great deal harder than it would have been two months ago, when the strike was ripe. Since that time the strikers have either gone to work somewhere else or left the town, and but six remain without work. Four of these were found on Main street, near the depot, and although they were not at all slow in expressing their private opinion of Ring and his gang of "scabs," as they called them, they denied any part in the bomb affair. The spokesman of the party, when told what Ring had said, became quite angry.

"It is my opinion," he said, "that some one of those Armenians left the bomb in the cellar so the other boarders wouldn't see it, for they do nothing but make and carry all sorts of dangerous implements.

"Why, they have become a nuisance to the town, and it was only last Saturday that three of them pulled daggers on some little children on the Common because they called them 'scabs.'

"Those are the kind of men who took our places, and but few tears would have been shed tonight if the whole lot had been sent to glory.

"The sooner Ring leaves the town the better we all will be pleased.

"When we heard of the explosion he had last night we expected he would blame us, but I assure you if we started to do the job it wouldn't have been done by halves.

"He may lose his boarders yet, at least some of them, because it is said that Prouty's shop in Spencer, where the Swedes came from, is about to start up again, and they are going back."

Ring swears that he will do just as he pleases when it comes to business, and it is going to take more than bombs to scare him too, although he trembled considerably while relating the experience of the night before.

Hereafter a watch will be kept upon the house both by the police and the inmates.