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# Mob Wrecks Socialist Newspaper

## Editor Ordered to Leave Town, but He Decides to Stick

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Garden City, Kan., Aug. 24 [1911].— A howling mob, crying for the blood of all Socialists, rushed through the streets of this city last night to the office of *The Prolocutor*, a Socialist paper, destroyed the entire newspaper office, scatted the type upon the streets, and wrecked the press.

### Life is Threatened.

Editor Ashford was given 24 hours to leave the town by the mob, which threatened to take his life.

Ashford was acting as chairman of a meeting at the courthouse, at which W.F. Ries, author of *Men and Mules*, was lecturing, and was entirely unconscious of the acts of the mob.

When he received the warning to leave the city he refused to do so, stating that he meant to push Socialism in this town if his life was given up in so doing.

Ashford is ruined financially, not a thing being left by the mob. Socialists will rally to his aid.

The act of the mob brings to mind the lynching of Elijah Lovejoy at Alton, Ill., when his press was destroyed and his life taken for publishing an anti-slavery paper.

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