
A Terrible Deed

[event of Sept. 4, 1918]

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Wednesday afternoon [Sept. 4, 1918] an explosion occurred in the entrance of the Federal Building of Chicago, whereby 4 persons were killed and more than 75 injured.

Philip J. Barry, in charge of the local office of the Department of Justice, attributed the crime to the IWW. Raids on two headquarters of the IWW within 15 minutes after the explosion resulted in the arrest of 9 men. Several more were taken into custody within the Federal Building and a woman whose name was suppressed was arrested in a nearby building.

The blast occurred directly beneath the courtroom of Federal Judge K.M. Landis, where 95 IWW leaders were recently convicted and sentenced for obstructing the government's war program.

William D. Haywood, who was on the 8th floor of the building when the explosion happened, deplored the crime and expressed the fear that the IWW would be blamed for it.

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