

# LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times

## Great Excitement in Cincinnati—Demonstration against Bedini, the Pope's Nuncio.

CINCINNATI, Monday, Dec. 25.

Our city is the scene of a terrible excitement, caused by a threatened demonstration by an organized body of Germans against Bishop BEDINI, who is now the guest of Archbishop TURBELL, and officiated in the Cathedral yesterday morning. A most violent animosity, it seems, is entertained towards BEDINI by a body of Germans in this city, called the "Society of Freemen," and last evening about five hundred members of this Society assembled at their hall; and, having organized, marched in a body to the vicinity of the Archbishop's residence, with the supposed intention of doing personal violence to the Nuncio. The Chief of Police, however, having received an intimation of the movement, he retained the entire police force at the watch-house, which is situated opposite the Archbishop's residence. As the Freemen approached, they set up a dismal groan, accompanied with shouting, and discordant music. When the procession was passing the watch house, the police, at the word of command, rushed upon it, and each arrested a man. A general *melée* followed, and a scene ensued which baffles description. Many shots were fired, and shouts and execrations filled the air. The rioters finally fled, but were pursued by the police, and upwards of sixty of their number captured, and placed in the cells of the watch-house.

The bitter animosity against the Nuncio, which led to this outbreak, is the consequence of that individual's betrayal of the cause of liberty in Italy, during the Revolution of 1848. Several inflammatory articles have recently appeared in the German papers touching that matter, in one of which the following sentence occurs: "If the Hungarian butcher, HAYNAU, met with so warm a reception in monarchical England, what ought the Pope's Nuncio to expect in Republican America!"

The excitement is continued this morning in the neighborhood of the watch-house, where a large crowd is collected.

*Second Dispatch.]* CINCINNATI, Monday, Dec. 26.

The parties arrested last night have been held to bail for an appearance on Friday next.

Fourteen were wounded, of whom one died this morning. All is quiet now.

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# THE RIOTS AT CINCINNATI.

## Outrages offered to Archbishop Bedini.

### Arrest of the Rioters.

From the Cincinnati Gazette, Dec. 28.

Some few days since there arrived in this city Monsignor the Rev. CAJETAN BEDINI, Archbishop of Thebes and Apostolic Nuncio of the Pope to Brazil, accompanied by a private Secretary, Rev. Mr. VIRTUE, who took up his quarters at the residence of Archbishop PURCELL, on Eighth-street, adjoining the Cathedral. On Sunday morning and evening addresses in Italian were made by him to an immense assemblage, which were translated by the Archbishop.

There is a Society in this city, composed mostly of Germans, known as the "Freemen's Society," or Liberals in religion, most of them professing to be infidels, and specially antagonistic to the Roman Church; they are devotees to what they call Liberty, and determined enemies to oppression and tyranny. Their views of civil government are radical.

Several months since, this enthusiastic and excitable Association were awakened to a great indignation in finding in this city a Dr. JUNGHAUS, who had been a spy in Austria against the revolutionary insurgents, and, in like manner, hundreds assembled at the Hall, and marched in order down to the Fifth-street market space, where they burnt him in effigy, amid the hisses and contempt of the crowd. Although there were some hurrahs, there was then no confusion or breach of the peace ensued.

Having no reverence for the Sabbath as a divine institution they consider it no infraction of a divine law to make the Christian Sabbath their day of recreation and amusement. The Society in this City are in number some 1,200 and own the ground and building on Vine and Mercer-streets, which is in the German quarter above the canal, in which is a large hall, where the men, women and children of the Society meet Thursday evenings and on Sundays and Sunday evenings to enjoy music recreation and amusement. Many of the members have come from those sections of their native land where revolution by being disastrous to their fortunes and places have compelled them to seek a home more congenial to them in the free land of America. The arrival of BEDINI at various cities in the country has been attended in many cases with unwelcome eulogy and fulsome compliment by his ecclesiastical friends, while others have been ill at ease.

One of the principal men of influence in this City is FRS. HASSAUREK, a young man of much intellectual ability and force as a writer, who is editor of a weekly German paper called the *Hochwächter*, devoted to the support of Liberal Government principles and infidel religious opinions. The refugees and patriots of the Freeman's Society deem the nuncio of the Pope now in our City as no other than the bloody butcher of Ugo Bassi, who was the favorite chaplain of GARIBALDI, in the Italian Revolution in 1848, and was, as is charged by GAVAZZI and the Freeman, accessory to the brutal punishment of causing the skin of his forehead and the palms of his hands to be peeled off and he slayed alive, and is classed by these same Freeman with the Austrian butcher HAYNAU. Entertaining against him the profoundest feelings of contempt and indignation, the "Freemen," as an Association, determined to exhibit their contempt and indignation in a public manner.

On Sunday morning this subject was discussed in their Hall, and it was unanimously adopted, inasmuch as it was understood that BEDINI would leave the city on Monday morning, that preparation should be made to form a procession and march down past the Archbishop's residence, have a speech in German from Mr. HASSAUREK, and one in English from the President of the Society, when, after groans by the whole procession, they were to march down to Fifth-street, where a gallows was to be erected, on which was to be hung an effigy, and while hanging by the neck with a mitre on his head, to be publicly burnt amid the hisses and groans of the populace.

The afternoon and evening was spent by the men and women to complete the preparation of effigy, gallows, transparencies, &c. In the meantime, information had been conveyed to the Mayor and Chief of Police, probably colored and distorted as to the object and intent of the procession. Secretly the force was detailed for special service, and were held in readiness to resist and repel violence. The Mayor and his Chief counseled with the Police Judge and agreed on the plan of management to suppress what was supposed to be intended as a riot.

The procession was formed and left the Hall at 9 o'clock at night, which fact was communicated to the Station-house. It consisted of some 1,200 people, 200 of whom were women, many of them ladies of intelligence, but carried away with the intense excitement of disgust and indignation of their husband and brothers at what they called the "Roman Butchery of BEDINI." Several of the women had their youths, young lads, with them leading them by the hand.

The men marched four abreast arm in arm, and were divided into four divisions each of which had a Captain. Along with them was a stout German bearing a rough gallows frame on which to hang the effigy, which was prepared and carried in procession—surmounted with a Bishop's mitre and on it a cross emblazoned. Another bore a transparency on one side in English, "Down with BEDINI;" on the other in German, "Neider wit BEDINI;" on another, "No Priests, no Kings, no Popery;" on another, a picture of a Priest suspended from a scaffold, and the German inscription on it of "Galgen vogel BEDINI," which translated is "The Gallows Bird BEDINI;" on another, "Down with the Roman Butcher;" on another, "Liberty, Equality, Love and Fraternity;" on another the representation of an even poised scale, stars, a flag and an anchor.

The procession moved in order to the Turners' Hall, the Society occupying it declining to join, the Freeman and Freewomen continued their march down to Ninth-street, when, on reaching the intersection of Ninth, as one party says, they were suddenly repulsed and dispersed by the sudden attack of the Police, who, in a hurry dashed into their ranks, beating down the transparencies, securing what they could retain, and pursuing the fugitives. The stampede was complete—husbands were separated from their wives, and screams and shouts added to the confusion of the noise of fire-arms.

The police say the firing of a pistol was commenced in the procession. The question of which party shot first may not be determined correctly from the contradictory statements, until the examination takes place. The result was that sixty-four men were taken to the watch-house and locked up, and the transparencies, gallows frame, effigy, mitre and all, taken from the Freeman. The leaders in the procession say that no parley was demanded; no authorized peace officer interposed before they started, to inform them of the impropriety and illegality of their conduct; that the Riot Act was not read to them, but with great precipitation the mass of armed Policemen bore them down when they had no idea of an attack.

The riot was complete. The men and women that escaped fled to their wall, and those arrested were confined in the cells.

Dr. CAMERON was called in, and dressed the wounds of fourteen, who were wounded on the head. Five persons, we learn, were shot who were not arrested, but were flying from the scene of action—one of whom, ANDREW GETZINGER, is in a dangerous situation, being shot in the left leg. HENRY CARROLL, watchman in the Second Ward, was also shot in the leg. The rooms and cells of the station-house were a hospital during the night.

On Monday morning, the prisoners charged with riot were brought into the Police Court in three divisions, and answered to their names, which we omit.

Application was made in their behalf by CHAS. S. POMEROY, THEO. GAINES and A. HARTZ, their Attorneys, for the postponement of the examination until Friday morning, in consequence of the impossibility of consulting so many clients and preparing for a defence immediately. The court so ordered, and 53 out of 63 gave bail in \$500 each to appear on that day, and from day to day, during the progress of the trial, and to keep the peace in the meantime.

Two swords, three pistols, one poniard, three canes or bludgeons, one sword-cane, a sheathed butcher knife, and a few other weapons, were taken from the prisoners; and some of the arms found on and taken away from the persons in procession were used by the Police at the time of the affray on the fugitive crowd.

Mr. HASSAUREK, the editor, was arrested and bailed with his party.

Much out-door excitement prevailed during the day, in the neighborhood of the Court House.

### The Provocation to this Outrage.

The Cincinnati Sun translates from the *Hochwächter*, the organ of the German society concerned, part of the article which led to this riot. After describing BEDINI as a murderer, a butcher of men who offer to the Patagonian cannibal the tears of poverty for a sacrifice, and concluding the paragraph with "the church celebrates its bloody, horrible mysteries," the *Hochwächter* proceeds further on, to say: "By what name do you call it, when the butcher of Bologna carries safely home his unbroken limbs, his body, and his life from the Republic of the stars? If he does so, then speak no more of the world conquering powers of free ideas—no more of the dignity, the bravery of men—let the mouth be closed, the eye cast down. Prosperity will spit upon your cowardly manners, and look upon you with scorn and contempt! Wherever the opportunity of revenge offers itself, it should be taken hold of and used to its utmost. Whoever has reason for exercising revenge ought to exercise it whenever he can. The sons of Italy are too thinly scattered among us to punish the blood-hound of Bologna for his dark and bloody deeds! The Yankee has plenty to do with speculation and money, the Yankee possesses neither feelings nor principles—do not count upon the Yankee for your revenge. Do not count upon the sons of the 'Green Isle,' the Irish Paddies; they are reared in ignorance and rudeness, their eyes are blindfolded, they are unable to look through the gown of a priest, they are not able to discover, under the cross and rosary, the heart of stone—the heart of a hyena! Germans, you are called for! \* \* \* The *Wahrheitsfreund* (the Roman Catholic paper) smirks a rat, and seems to think the murderer of UGO BASSI, and of the hundred and thirty-three—the murderer covered with curses, BEDINI, would not be quite safe. And, in fact, he is right. \* \* \* What do we care about the *Wahrheitsfreund* babbling about American hospitality? Who will suffer the tiger, the hyena among men? \* \* \* BEDINI walks also hereabout seeking whom he may devour. He thinks of murder, of the murder of minds and thoughts. He is not our guest, he is a robber, he is a beast of prey, intending to destroy here also the peace of the country. He who offers him hospitality in America is an enemy to liberty. Such is BEDINI! Is there for tigers and hyenas an habitable roof in the Republic of the stars? Is there no ball, no dagger for a monster who never had an equal on earth? The *Wahrheitsfreund* is right if it trembles for the life of Bedini in Cincinnati."

### The Proceedings of the Mob.

From the Cincinnati Sun.

Let the reader place himself in the position of our chief magistrate, pondering over this call to revenge, to blood and murder, and say whether there was not enough to call for vigilance and to awaken attention? The Mayor, with a forethought that does him credit, took the necessary precautions, and, in conjunction with the active chief of police, used every means of obtaining intelligence of what was going on. The Freemans Society, among whom the editor of the *Hochwächter*, is chief, resolved to show their sentiments against BEDINI. The police were on the watch through the whole of Sunday, but when night had far advanced they retired, all appearing likely to remain quiet. The City Marshal, whose duty it is to "suppress all riots, disturbances, and breaches of the peace," took no part in the duty especially entrusted to his care, and all was left with the chief of the police. At eleven o'clock, on the Sunday night, the crowd came on, the Freeman's Society to join in a midnight promenade, and the Freemans Society carried out their scheme, marching in rank, in four divisions, each of which had its captain; they carried banners, transparencies, and a gallows from which hung an effigy arrayed in canonicals, wearing a bishop's mitre. Captain LUKEN marched his men to the corner. Half were on one side of the street and half on the other, the captain being in the centre

On seeing the police approach, the procession burst out in cries and yells, and began to seize their arms. Mr. SPOONER, the Police Judge, stood on a bank from where he could view the whole affray. In that position he saw the first shot fired. It came from the ranks of the mob. The police charged them, took their banners and gallows, seized a number of prisoners, and put the rest to flight. This was no trivial task to be accomplished by a handful of policemen. There was no shrinking on their part; they performed the duty allotted them bravely. The German members of the police were conspicuous in their efforts to obey the orders of their Chief. Thus the object of the Atheist Society, whatever they might be, and the dark intentions of the writer of the infamous article in the *Hochwächter*, were left unaccomplished.

### Another Account.

From the Cincinnati Times.

In the evening the "German Freeman" met. They numbered some six hundred, and were full of enthusiasm. The procession formed on Vine street, in front of the Freeman's Hall. Many carried lighted torches, and several transparencies decked the line. On these transparencies were the following mottoes, with others in German:

"Down with BEDINI." "No Popery."

"Liberty, Equality, Fraternity."

"Down with the Roman Butcher."

"No Priests." "No Kings." "No Tyranny."

In the centre of the procession was borne an effigy of the Nuncio. It was a figure fantastically dressed, with a gilded pasteboard mitre on its head, a rope was around its neck, and it was suspended to a sort of gallows, and thus borne aloft. Around it was a mock body guard, armed with old swords, pistols, &c. It was the intention of the Freeman, after proceeding through several of the principal streets and passing the Bishop's residence, where the Nuncio is stopping, on the way, to proceed to the Fifth-street Market space, and there, amid groans and hideous yells, to burn the effigy.

When the head of the procession had reached the corner of Ninth and Plum streets, quite a crowd of the police were assembled there. These the procession greeted with cheers, or rather yells—not knowing, probably, who they were. Conceiving this to be disorderly conduct, the Chief of Police gave the order, "Arrest these boys." In a moment one hundred policemen pounced onto the unsuspecting Germans, and commenced obeying orders. Those who were seized fought in self-defence, but still were unable to sustain themselves. Their comrades in the rear, supposing the procession had been attacked by Catholics, came to the aid of their comrades, and fought vigor usly for a minute or two, using their canes and such other things as they could lay their hands on. One after another, however, was knocked down, when at last a pistol was discharged from their ranks. This, the police say, was followed by at least two more, when Watchman CARROLL exclaimed, "Boys, I am shot." At the discharge of these pistols, the parties separated somewhat, but only for a moment. The police, who had been using their maces—dangerous instruments, to say the least—freely pulled out their pistols and fired indiscriminately into the mob.

The balls whizzed in every direction, not less than fifty shots being fired within two minutes time. This was too much for the Freeman, and in the greatest consternation those who were not already in the clutches of the watchmen, fled out Ninth-street. Those who had fire-arms, discharged them back as they ran, but being too badly frightened to take aim, did no injury. Many of them left their hats, canes and part of their clothing behind them, while all the transparencies and the effigy fell into the hands of the police force.

Short as the fight was, it was bloody. Two of the Freeman had four balls put into them. Both of them were pronounced mortally wounded yesterday, and it was rumored this morning that one of them had died, (since dead). His name is ANDREW ABZECKER, and he was a quiet, peaceable man. In addition to these, it is known that sixteen others, who were in the procession, received pistol wounds, so that the police must have taken good aim, with the intention to leave their mark. In addition, quite a number, say 30 or 40, were cruelly beaten over their heads with maces and clubs.

Two policemen were injured. Watchman CARROLL received a pistol ball in his right thigh, which made a painful though not a dangerous wound. He was taken home, and is doing well. LEWIS HOUSMAN had one of his thumbs broken by a blow from a club, while engaged in the struggle. It is feared the thumb must be amputated.

It was rumored on Monday evening that the Irish Catholics intended mobbing the Freeman's Hall, and also that the French intended attacking the jail, to rescue the eighteen members who had been placed there. Both rumors were false, but served to create some excitement.

The police were gathered at the watch-house at seven o'clock in the evening, and screwed themselves around the room to get a nap before being called out, and then our reporter left. No riot called them into service.

There was quite an exciting time at Freeman's Hall during the evening. The members gathered in full force, and seemed very much excited about the proceedings of Sunday night. Their large house was filled chock full. A meeting was organized and some business transacted, but all being done in German, we could not understand it. They prepared themselves for an attack, supplying themselves with guns, pistols, knives and other weapons, so that if their house had been assaulted, there would have been bloody work. But one difficulty occurred there during the evening. Two watchmen went to the house for the purpose, we presume, of learning what was going on. A number of the Freeman pitched into them, and gave them a severe beating.

Mr. HAUSERAK, editor of the *Hochwächter*, and President of the Freeman Association, was arrested up town by some of the police. He was brought down to the watch-house under a strong guard. As he was taken through, the crowd gathered around the city buildings, the cry, "HAUSERAK!" went up followed by hisses and yells.

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The German Association state that they had no intention of doing more than burning the Pope's Nuncio, BEDINI, in effigy.

## **The Riots in Cincinnati.**

We give elsewhere full details of the recent disturbances at Cincinnati in connection with the visit of Archbishop BEDINI, the Papal Nuncio. It seems that a German paper, the organ of a society of German infidels and socialists, published a most violent and inflammatory article, (which will be found in another column,) assailing BEDINI in the coarsest terms of vulgar vituperation, and distinctly urging a popular demonstration of violence against him. The appearance of this article had the designed effect. The Society referred to formed a procession, and was marching towards BEDINI's residence, when it was stopped by the Police, and a number of the leaders, after a violent resistance, were arrested and committed for trial. It is said that the Germans profess that they designed no violence towards the Archbishop, but intended only to burn him in effigy. Indications were not wanting, however, that their designs went a good deal farther; and there was certainly great reason to apprehend that in the excitement under which they were laboring, outrages would have been perpetrated of a much more serious character.

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