

# **BACKS SACCO AND VANZETTI**

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## **Mass Meeting Resolution Says They Were Victims of Prejudice.**

Resolutions adopted at a mass meeting held last night under the auspices of the Workers' Defense Union at Beethoven Hall, 210 Fifth Street, declared that it was the opinion of the gathering that Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, convicted of the murder of two men in Massachusetts last Summer, were innocent, and that their convictions were the result of "a prejudice against the defendants as radicals and foreigners."

The presence of Lieutenant J. J. Gegan and fifteen members of the Bomb Squad and Lieutenant John Leonard of the Fifth Street Station with a dozen patrolmen led to the report that they were present to prevent Elizabeth Gurley Flynn from speaking. The officers denied they had been ordered to stop Miss Flynn. It was announced that Miss Flynn was in Illinois on a speaking tour for the Sacco-Vanzetti defense. Nearly \$500 was collected for the defense of Sacco and Vanzetti.

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