

stopped at four o'clock, and that we would go to another warehouse on the Point; after awhile he told me to come along with him, and that I might either put on my coat or leave it in the office; three others and myself got into a boat, went over the dock, and then crossed over Union Dock, and so went on to the corner of Wilkes and Caroline Streets; he stood there with us awhile, took me by the arm, and then led me and the two others into the house there to a bar, where we were treated; while I was drinking, another man present in the room said to me, as soon as the work here is done you can go back to the other warehouse; after awhile our conductor came and led us through the back of the house into a court-yard, and then, apparently, through one or two yards, until we came in front of a crowd of men, about five or six, armed with clubs, and guns, and other weapons, standing at a sort of entrance through the fence or partition between two houses; immediately I was pushed from behind, and caught by the arm by one of the crowd, and dragged through the opening; at the same time another German, not one who had accompanied us, was pushed through immediately behind me; the conductor and the two others I saw no more.

After we had been got through the opening into the next house, as I have stated, another man came and led us into a little dark room, where we were kept a few minutes; while we were there, the man with me began to make a noise, trying to break the planks out, &c.; immediately thereupon the door opened, and three or four men appeared, one of whom struck the poor fellow on the head with a club, which felled him to the ground; a second one raised an axe and struck at him through the doorway; seeing the intention of the man, I pushed the door to, so as to intercept the blow, which fell upon the door, beat it back against my mouth and hurt my lips severely; the party then came in and searched us thoroughly, taking everything of any value from us; I had only a small pocket knife, which they took; my companion they made strip, and as he drew off his shoe, his money fell out, a few quarters and some small money; we were left locked in for awhile; then the captain of the coop came, opened the door, and led us down stairs to a small trap-door which led to the cellar; we were put down there, and as we were going down, I in front, my companion was pushed down violently, and falling against me, we both tumbled down into the cellar; here we found ourselves in a dark hole, full of all sorts of men, with but one solitary candle to give us light; there I was kept until Tuesday afternoon, when the captain came down and selected the oldest of us; I was called by name, and led up-stairs to the second story, and put into a large room, which was also full of persons who were similarly cooped; there I was kept until Wednesday morning, the day of the last election; on Wednesday morning, after nine o'clock, we were brought out by threes and fours, and had tickets put into our hands; I examined the tickets