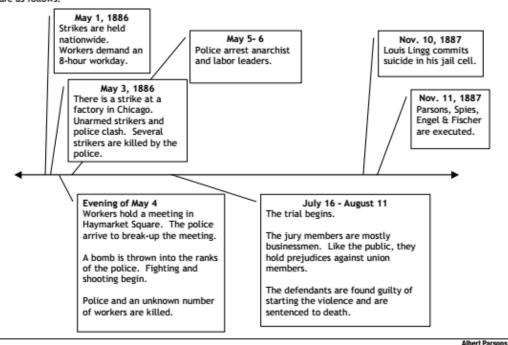
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May 1, 1886 Strikes are held nationwide. Workers demand an 8-hour workday.

Evening of May 4 Workers hold a meeting in Haymarket Square. The police arrive to break-up the meeting.

A bomb is thrown into the ranks of the police. Fighting and shooting begin.

Police and an unknown number of workers are killed.

May 5- 6 Police arrest anarchist and labor leaders.

## July 16 - August 11 The trial begins.

The jury members are mostly businessmen. Like the public, they hold prejudices against union members.

The defendants are found guilty of starting the violence and are sentenced to death.

Nov. 10, 1887 Louis Lingg commits suicide in his jail cell.

May 3, 1886 There is a strike at a

Nov. 11, 1887 factory in Chicago.

Parsons, Spies, Unarmed strikers and Engel & Fischer police clash. Several are executed. strikers are killed by the police.

**Albert Parsons**