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MRS. ELIOT WHITE TO ALL EMMA GOLDMAN

Will Open Her House to Anarchist if Police Refuse Her Right of Public Hall.

Mrs. Elliot White, who has taken an active interest in Emma Goldman's controversy with Chief David A. Matthews with reference to her making an address in Beaver hall, 9 Baillet street, to-night, has written the following communication:

To the Editor of the Telegram:
The constitution of the United States guarantees to all the people the right of free speech. Miss Emma Goldman's opinions on many subjects are not in accord with mine, but in the courageous fight which she is making to maintain the right of freedom of speech, I deem that it behooves all of us who value our liberties as Americans, to hold up her hands.

Mayor Haussling of Newark wrote July 26 concerning a proposed lecture in Newark by Miss Goldman: "I have no official knowledge of any-

thing tending to show that there will be an attempt to suppress the exercise of free speech by the speaker or by anybody else in connection with the meeting, but I can assure you that if there were any such intention on the part of any of the police authorities, it will not be carried out.

"I will not permit any interference with the rights of free speech or public assemblage while I am mayor of this city."

If the constitutional right to speak in public should be denied Miss Goldman in Worcester, it will be a pleasure to me to open my house for her to make an address, and can only regret that I shall not be able to be there and welcome her in person.

MABEL A. WHITE,
Seabrink Cottage, Sagamore Beach,
Sept. 7.

—From Worcester Telegram, Sept. 8, 1909.

DUPLICATES EAST ORANGE EXPERIENCE OF EMMA GOLDMAN

Quoting from Mayor Haussling's letter to the Newark police, advising them not to interfere with the effort of Emma Goldman to speak in this city not long ago, Mrs. Elliot White, wife of the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, of Worcester, Mass., denounced the efforts made by the police there on Wednesday night to prevent Miss Goldman from speaking in a public hall and threw open her own residence for the meeting.

The information of the excitement in Worcester attendant upon Miss Goldman's appearance was so similar to her experiences in East Orange, where Alden Freeman gave her the use of his stable when the anarchist was refused permission to use English's Hall, that a friend in New England mailed Freeman the local news-

papers, telling of the big time in Worcester on Wednesday night. A committee of citizens, headed by the Rev. Mr. White, took up the cudgels to give the woman an opportunity to lecture.

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Emma Goldman Spoke.

Nineteen policemen in Worcester, Mass., failed to prevent the delivery of an address on "Anarchy" by Emma Goldman, Wednesday night. No hall could be secured, and the police had announced that the meeting would not take place, but Mrs. White, wife of the Rev. Elliot White, for ten years rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, opened her home, and about 400 people listened to Miss Goldman's lecture.

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