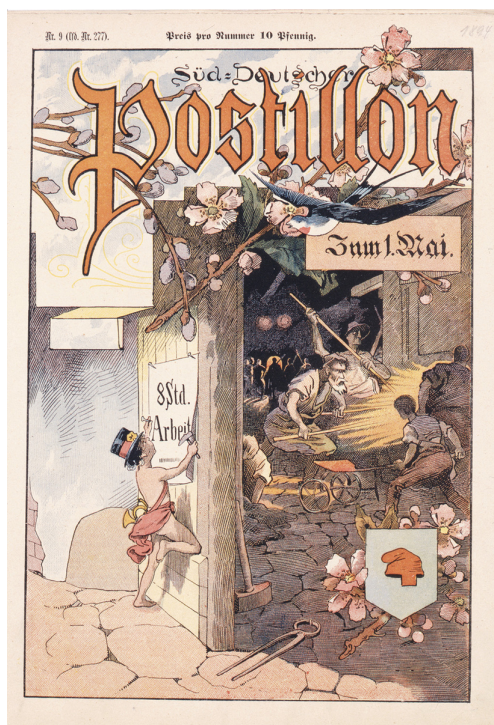


Eight-Hour Workday (1894)

Abstract

First celebrated in 1890, May Day commemorated the Haymarket Massacre of May 4, 1886, a Chicago demonstration that began as a peaceful rally in support of workers striking for an eight-hour workday and ended as a deadly riot. This cover image from the May 1, 1894, edition of the *Süddeutscher Postillon*, a Munich-based political-satirical newspaper for workers, features a postillion (or messenger) posting a sign that reads “8-hour workday” on the facade of a foundry, where workers toil inside. The dark foundry interior exists at a complete remove from the cheerful outside world, with its spring flowers and buds.

Source



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