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JOHN LAWSON AND HIS CRIME

THE conviction of John Lawson yesterday afternoon on the charge of murder in the first degree, the jury fixing the penalty at imprisonment for life, is the ending of one of the most spectacular cases ever tried in any court in the United States. In view of the intense feeling engendered by the crime and the trial, the episode cannot pass without reference, even if comment is withheld in view of lack of complete information regarding the circumstances from unbiased sources. But it is well, for the purpose of refreshing memory and supplying data that a few paragraphs of information regarding this remarkable case be given, a case in which a frenzy against law and order, an anarchistic tendency, too common in these latter days of labor agitation, caused not only one, but many other lives to be sacrificed. This is the version of the case, compiled from the best authorities, authorities without bias:

This strike is conceded to have been one of the most notable labor conflicts in the history of the United States. It was called for September 23, 1913. On that date, thousands of miners laid down their tools. Those living upon the property of the coal companies loaded up their household goods and moved out, most of them settling in tent colonies established by the union. The largest of these tent colonies was at Ludlow, a few miles north of Trinidad and in close proximity to the Hastings, Delagua, Tabasco, Berwind and Forbes mines.

Violence began early in the strike. There was a series of clashes in the Ludlow and Forbes neighborhood, and on October 29 the National Guard of Colorado, on orders from Governor E. M. Ammons, took possession of the coal mining districts. It was in one of the Ludlow fights before the arrival of the state militia that John Nimmo was killed. Nimmo was one of a force of deputies stationed at the Ludlow section house under command of K. E. Linderfelt. Linderfelt, a witness for the prosecution, said the deputies were ordered by the then sheriff James S. Grisham to preserve order and prevent trouble between strikers and mine guards. Early in the afternoon of October 25, 1913, a fight started between these deputies and a large body of strikers. Firing raged in the arroyos and railroad cuts until evening. Some time during that battle, Nimmo was shot through the leg, bleeding to death.

Lawson was charged with the homicide on the theory of the prosecution that he was in charge of the tent colony and in command of the strikers during the battle. The information upon which Lawson was tried was filed by the attorney general of Colorado in February of this year. The original indictment was returned by the Las Animas county grand jury in August, 1914, but was dismissed by the attorney general after a plea in abatement had been filed by the defense.

It is not charged that Lawson himself fired the shot that struck the officer low, but it was unquestionably he who directed the murder. As such he was doubly guilty, for his leadership might have caused and was intended to cause many more homicides in the attack upon the representatives of the law. The defense should be greatly elated in that the death penalty was not exacted.

RENO'S INTERNECINE STRUGGLE

RENO today is in the throes of a municipal election of greater interest than any that have hitherto been held in that city. There are 5445 voters registered, more than one-third of whom are women, this being the first opportunity they have had to exercise the right of suffrage since it was granted to them by the males last fall. This phase of the election makes it of extreme interest, but that is not the chief cause for the riverside city writhing in a political maelstrom.

It happens that the cause of temperance enters into the contest. The Business Men's League is a saloon organization. It was largely instrumental in getting the gambling bill, the easy divorce measure and the race track bill, as well as kindred measures, enacted into laws. Opposed to this organization is the Citizens' League, which is opposed to what the Business Men's League favors and to it are allied sundry other organizations composed of both men and women, but chiefly of women. They plan to reduce the number of saloons in Reno to forty, which is believed to be the first step toward a prohibition movement that may be state wide. All the candidates for mayor and council on either side are pledged one way or the other on this proposition and the result will doubtless be that a greater percentage of registered vote will be polled today than at a general election.

GOOD MEN IN BAD BUSINESS

THERE are no nicer people in the world than lawyers. They are uniformly courteous and kind. They do not as a rule beat up their wives nor do they compel their children to run barefooted or ragged. Many of them are pillars in their respective churches. Practically all wear one or more lodge emblems. They are quick to respond to the call of distress and, in general, they comport themselves as good citizens should.

But that is no reason why the man who buys a little block of mining stock should be compelled to also purchase the gasoline and valve oil for their automobiles, to furnish the coin which they drop into the contribution plate on Sunday morning. In other words, the laws of the United States should not be permitted to read as they do respecting the rights of owners of mining claims. You get the point, don't you? Amend the federal statute to make side lines as well as end lines vertical from the center of the earth to the skies, and then we can put these good lawyers to doing some work for the real benefit of humanity.

The canning interests in California bewail prospective curtailment be-

cause of the high price of sugar. The Nevada Sugar company will not operate this season because of the high cost of raising beets. Can you beat it?

When essaying to swat the fly be careful not to slip on the ice. For further particulars see the May record for temperature, as well as precipitation for Tonopah.

The Carson City News thanks God that Nevada is not as pure as Los Angeles. This is an awful break for Anderson to make the first day he sat on the News tripod.

INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

Geraldine Farrar, the prima donna, thinks the governor should pension artists—even before they are wounded.—Kansas City Star.

If the truth could be discovered, probably it would be found that the donkey's pride is in his ears rather than his family tree.—Cincinnati Engineer.

One wonders just how long the nations can live up to the current newspaper headline: "Fill the Gaps as Fast as Men Fall"—Buffalo Evening News.

The fact that a man named Schwab is doing a big business in war material with the allies raises again the old question, "What's in a name?"—Richmond News Leader.

There is more joy in Berlin over one Englishman captured than over 59 Russian regiments which cross the border enroute for the detention camps.—Kanesburgh Illuminator.

A polite man never gets a chance to say anything but "thank you." If one wishes to talk at length upon any subject he must be both rude and discourteous.—Harrisburg Patriot.

One advantage a man has is that

whenever he wants anything in the house he can always tell his wife and she'll tell him just where it is, but when a woman wants anything she has to hunt for it.—Detroit Free Press.

We never suspected that Paris Green had the marriage bug until we read in the Webster (W. Va.) Republican that a marriage license was issued to him and Miss Lona Cummings in Webster last week.—Springfield Union.

A prospective bride wants to know if there is not some wedding march other than Mendelssohn's and the one from Lohengrin, as she does not like either of them. If that is the case she might approach the altar to the strains of "What Will the Harvest Be."—New Orleans States.

SOME PROCLAMATION

"Now, therefore, I, Samuel C. Park, mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 3, a day for all good people of this municipality to attend to their immediate needs."

Yes! Yes! Go on.—Goodwin's Weekly.

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