



A "Popular" Verdict.

"Keep your minds fast on the evidence in this case," said Justice Manning in his charge to the jury at Mincola trying Mrs. De Saullies on the charge of murdering her husband. Apparently the evidence in the case was the last thing and the least upon which the jury did fix its mind. The evidence showed that on a certain night last August this woman, having armed herself with a revolver, traveled some fifteen or twenty miles to the residence of her divorced husband and there shot him dead. She took the life of a human being, an act which the law forbids and makes punishable. The fact of the killing was undisputed, the law was declared to the jury by the court. Yet the verdict was "not guilty," absolute acquittal. The jury, by that verdict, found that the woman in killing De Saullies had done no wrong; if they had some lingering doubts about the righteousness of her act, they declared that she should not be punished for it. It need not be pointed out that it is not the intention of the law that a person who takes the life of another shall go scot free.

There was no justification. Refusal to surrender a child into the keeping of another, even its own mother, is not enumerated among the justifications of homicide. What, then, moved the jury to acquittal? Certainly not the defense of insanity, of mental and moral irresponsibility at the moment when the act was committed. Probably there was never a flimsier insanity defense presented in any court. It was surpassed, however, by the pitiful feebleness of the prosecution's efforts to combat it. Apparently the Nassau bar has profited little by the teaching in the strategy of the insanity plea which the New York courts have so abundantly given in recent years.

Plainly it was an emotional verdict. The youth of the defendant, her comeliness, above all, her sex; her affection for the child—the defense skillfully and, very properly, made much of it all the time in the view of the jurors; the character and piousness of the victim, who was not a dutiful husband, who was dissolute, led an evil life, wasted her estate, and gave her cause for divorce—all these seem to have influenced the minds of the jury much more than the evidence. Yet these considerations were all quite outside the purview and intent of the law. One of the jurors said to the defendant after the acquittal: "We had your boy in mind in the verdict as well as yourself." Another juror said to her: "We're your friends, little girl!" In the view of the jury it was evidently the "little girl," not a murderer, who was on trial before them. The court attendant in charge of the jury summed it up when he said to one of them: "That was a very good ver-

dict. It was a popular verdict, too." In truth it was "popular." The court attendant, the court crowd, none of them bound by oath or under obligation to consider the law, all yielded to the impulses of emotion which seem to have swayed the jury.

For another thing, the court said in its charge that the defense of insanity in murder trials "has for its basis an ancient precept, one we may recall in that mighty tragedy when Christ Himself said 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'" In countless cases new trials have been granted—not possible in this case—on grounds far less substantial than that attestation. If it was not an impropriety to put that thought into the minds of the jurymen, then we do not know what would constitute impropriety in a Judge's charge. To import the spirit of forgiveness which religion teaches into a trial for murder under positive law, to present to the sworn twelve as the basis of any defense or in any relation whatever the example of the lofty and divine compassion which Christ felt even for His persecutors as appropriate for their consideration in determining the guilt or innocence of a very human woman who had shot to death a man not less human, was an exercise of judicial discretion of which we are confident no body of jurists sitting on the bench of an appellate tribunal would approve. Human law is not written in that spirit. If it were, all malefactors would go free, for it is a universal assumption that criminals never fully know what they are doing. In this respect, at least, that they do not know that they are going to be caught and punished. If they were all certain of that, crimes would be few indeed, but the verdict of acquittal in the case at Mincola, and others like it, tend powerfully to confirm the belief that punishment is not sure, may easily be evaded. It is proper to point out that the irresponsibility which the law makes the basis of the insanity plea—an insane person cannot commit a crime—is wholly unrelated to the excited motives that inspired the precept of Calvary. The two are wide as the seas asunder.

It is not to the interest of society or compatible with its safety that a man or woman who has killed a human being should go free. Certainly there is crying need of an amendment to the laws of New York providing that when the plea of insanity is presented, and accepted by the jury, the verdict shall be in every case, "GUILTY, but insane," to the end that under the direction of the court the prisoner may be put under such restraint as the public safety demands. What safeguards the law may be able to set up against the vagaries of jurors who sweep evidence aside, pay little or no attention to law, and yielding to influences that sway the uncovenanted minds of the crowd, proceed to render verdicts based upon the "little girl" theory of their solemn duty, is a problem we must leave for solution to those wiser generations who may inhabit this earth in some future day.—N. Y. Times.

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New York Papers

Roundly Condemn Lansdowne's Letter.

New York, Dec. 17.—The newspapers this morning are practically unanimous in a chorus of condemnation of the proposals of the Marquis of Lansdowne as outlined by him in his letter to the London Daily Telegraph. Emphasis is laid on the point enunciated by President Wilson that there can be no dealings with the present German Government, and Lord Lansdowne's advocacy of democracy is called into question. The Sun stands alone in whole-hearted endorsement of the Marquis's motives.

"If Lord Lansdowne," says the Times, "seeks a statement of the war aims of the Allies, let him find it in that decision of another English statesman, the vital formula of allied aspiration, and endeavor, that the war cannot end until Germany is either powerless or free."

"On that all depends. Short of the utter defeat of Germany or the freedom of the German people, the blood of millions will have been shed in vain and the blood of other millions yet to be must be shed in that future day when a renewal of the German menace shall force them to take up an uncompleted work."

"That does not mean a prolongation of the war that in Lord Lansdowne's despatching phrase 'Leads to the ruin of the civilized world.' It does mean that we must fight until the German people themselves put an end to the carnage by political readjustments within that will destroy the Prussian menace they have too long permitted to project its black shadow over the world."

Proposal for Surrender.

The World says: "Nothing could be more inopportune than the Marquis of Lansdowne's letter to the London Daily Telegraph, demanding a restatement of the Allies war aims and a further attempt on their part to bring about peace before 'the prolongation of the war leads to the ruin of the civilized world.'"

"If Lord Lansdowne had desired to give the largest possible measure of comfort to the Russian Bolsheviks who are now negotiating with the Kaiser, for a separate peace, or had cordily determined to do whatever lay in his power to embarrass the Inter-Allied conference now in session in Paris, his letter could not have been more acrotically timed."

"In the circumstances, the Lansdowne letter reduces itself to a proposal for a conditional surrender on the part of the Allies. His noble Lordship does not go quite so far as Lenin and Trotsky in their negotiations with German autocracy, but he is willing to travel part of the distance with them. A strange company it is. But while the Marquis of Lansdowne is fraternizing with the Bolsheviks and the junkers, the democracies of Great Britain, France and the United States will stick to their task and renew their determination to make sure that their dead have not died in vain."

Has Injured Allies' Cause.

The Tribune says: "Of all that may be said concerning the letter of Lord Lansdowne to the London Daily Telegraph, there is but one thing that Americans will themselves have to say at this time. Whatever may have been Lord Lansdowne's purpose in the letter, the effect of this document has been to give courage and new inspiration to those elements and those interests, which are doing most to bring down the American will to win and the American purposes to fight."

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A great German attack around Grainscourt cost countless dead for every few yards of gain—and that gain did not hold in the face of an instantaneous British infantry counter-blow.

The Prussian artillery throughout the whole Campaign sector is laying down an almost ceaseless barrage of shrapnel, high explosive shells and gas.

In the Bourlon sector to-day their armies were busier than usual. I saw one exceptionally daring exploit by a German fighting pilot.

While the sky was liberally flecked with British airmen, a lone German, watching his chance, slipped through the cordon, and charged a British sausage observation balloon.

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A dainty little apron for a child is made of white picque. It wears and launders well. Make it with a square neck to slip over the head. A pretty finish is a buttonhole scallop about the neck, sleeves and at the bottom. If a tiny pocket be added it will please the little one and will save many a handkerchief from being lost. Another style is made long, buttons down the back, is cut V shape back and front, trimmed all around with a little ruffle and ties with a big ruffle string.

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