

VERDICT A DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF THE PRESS

Also Rebuke to Those. Who Count on Party Prejudices of Jurymen, Says Globe.

The Globe to-day will thus comment on the verdict in the Foster-Macdonald libel suit:

"The verdict of the jury in the libel case which has attracted public attention during the past fortnight is a notable declaration of the rights of the press in matters of political criticism. It is also a verdict against loose and unbusinesslike methods in the administration of trust funds. And it is a significant rebuke to the cynical notion that political leaders can count on the party prejudices of jurymen to shield them if they play fast and loose with first principles. These three im. plications, make the judgment of the high court of justice in the suit for ; libel brought by the Hon. George E. Foster against the editor of The Globe a matter of public concern far beyond any of the personal or other interests involved.

"The verdict asserts the right of the "The verdict asserts the right of the press. Mr. Justice Magee, in his care-ful, judicial and very able charge to the jury, made plain the privileges and duties of the press and of individual newspaper men in criticizing even severely and in condemning even sternly the conduct of men who offer themselves as candidates for parlia-ment. The law does not allow falsement. The law does not allow falsement. The law does not allow false-hood or malicious representation on the part of the press; but the law does allow, and the requirements of good government in a democratic country demand, that men who seek the places of power shall be made to pass thru the strong white light of public criti-dem on Seturday the jury justified cism. On Saturday the jury justified from the evidence the speech com-plained of and its publication in The Globe, and in so doing they declared that all similar criticism in ither newspapers, within the bounds of truth and in the public interest, may also be justified, not only in the heat of an election campaign, but also in the unimpassioned atmosphere of a court of law. In so safeguarding the freedom. of the press the court gave no protection to journalistic license, but only secured the rights of accurate reports and reasonable comment.

"Important before almost any other feature is the emphasis which this verdict gives to the obligations resting upon trustees and those charged with the control and management of trust funds. It will not do to observe the letter of the law with seeming defer-ence and then do violence to its spirit and purpose. Had the jury condoned the evasions and jugglings disclosed in the witness box, by means of which the most sac ed trust funds were diverted from their legitimate and safe investment, the stays and bolts of the great fabric of life insurance would have been loosened. The jury rather served notice on directors and gers of insurance and trust companies of all kinds that the ten commandments are not outgrown. Men in charge of trust funds now know that a jury verdict may disregard all the finely spun theories of high finance and hold to account all who connive at or profit by the ignorance or the carelessness or the cupidity of responsible trustees. "The significance of the verdict will not be mistaken by men in politics. For one thing it pre-supposes one code f honor and of morals for business and for politics. It assumes that a man who plays fast and loose with trust obligations in business relations should be carefully scrutinized if he enters the political arena. It is based on the sound view that a man's life is in the judgment hall of the juryroon arate compartments and of different no man is condemned because of what no man is condemned because of what is said of him by his enemies, but only NOT one and indivisible, not a thing of soparate compartments and of different ticians of all grades and parties that because of what he does himself.

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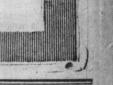
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