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ONE LAW FOR ALL.

In the conviction of Drew Caminetti at San Francisco the federal courts have been vindicated. What the outcome would have been but for the sensational statement of former United States District Attorney John L. McNab when he resigned his office is difficult to say but to him very largely is due the credit for the unsuccessful prosecution of the cases against both Caminetti and Maury Diggs. That he should have been censured by the president for acting "so hastily and under so complete a misapprehension of the actual circumstances" is not looked upon as accrediting to him, since the president followed the advice contained in his statement and ordered the immediate prosecution of the cases at issue.

Hon. Julius Kahn, a representative from California, in a speech before the House concerning the Diggs-Caminetti white slave cases said among other pertinent things: "It has long been believed by the masses that there is one kind of law for the rich and the politically powerful in this country and another kind of law for the poor, the friendless, and the weak. The action of the department in the Diggs-Caminetti cases and the Western Fuel company cases would seem to stamp these charges untrue. Mr. McNab did the country a signal service when he sent his forceful resignation to the president of the United States. He did the country a signal service when he refused to be a party to a program that would have given verisimilitude to the statement that Diggs, Caminetti and the Western Fuel Co. directors, being rich and politically powerful could secure delay and thus possibly defeat justice. The Department of Justice and the President of the United States in the final analysis were compelled to accept recommendations that these cases be tried promptly, but wherever there are honest, patriotic men and pure, chaste women in the United States they applaud and approve his course despite the gratuitous and undeserved reprimand of the President of the United States."

This speech was delivered on July 29 last, prior to the opening of the trials of Diggs and Caminetti. At that time it was feared that the political influence of the defendants and the wealth of their friends would save them. It was feared that in accepting the resignation of McNab and thus requiring the prosecution of the cases by an attorney far less familiar with the evidence than McNab the case would be weakened. But the country was aroused through the publicity set afoot by McNab and no one possibly would find fault with the vigorous methods employed by the government in presenting the cases.

Influence and wealth have not saved Diggs and Caminetti. They have been convicted under the same law that affects the poor, the friendless and the weak. McNab made this possible. If there were more McNabs there would be less cause for criticism of the courts and court procedure on the part of the masses.

NATIONAL IMPORTANCE ON THRIFT.

"Men of the South—save. You must learn this lesson or that economy which so stiffens the North and inspires and stimulates its industry, will overwhelm you."
 —Henry Clay.

The South has learned the lesson pointed out to it by Henry Clay more than 60 years ago, and now it is on the right road to prosperity. There is a new South in which industry and commerce have an important place, and in which the idea of saving is looked upon favorably.

Thrift seems to be solving the race problem in the South, too. Dr. Booker T. Washington visited recently the four counties of Tidewater Virginia and the report he made to the Outlook of the condition of the thirty odd thousand happy and prosperous negroes he found there was to the effect that they produce every year farming crops to the value of six million dollars and everywhere he saw farms well tilled, modern farming implements and attractive dwellings, while no fewer than 1,500 farms are owned by the negroes themselves. All this was evidently the fruits of application to work, continued and persistent labor, thrift and foresight.

But there ought to be nothing sectional or racial about thrift. It is a matter of nation-wide and world-wide importance. All great empires have been thrifty. The Roman empire was.

There is no reason why we in America should not have money. We are able to earn it, we have excellent depositories for our savings, and the savings banks reward our thrift by paying us liberal interest. One bank—the Bowery Savings Bank of New York—in the first 75 years of its history, paid in interest to depositors the enormous sum of \$88,168,287.97.

The savings banks are not only doing a beneficent work in inculcating habits of thrift, in gathering and conserving wealth which might otherwise be wasted, or else lie unproductive, and in furnishing capital for many legitimate business enterprises; but especially in our larger eastern cities, with the great influx of alien people, they are keeping step with the churches and public schools in helping to make good citizens of those who seek our shore as immigrants. When extravagance took the place of thrift among the Romans, that empire crumbled and fell.

Prussia is another example of na-

tional thrift. The idea was nurtured by the father of Frederick the Great, who stored up a vast treasure and built up a great army through the strictest economy. This was the forerunner of the great German empire of today, and the Germans are still noted for their thrift, even when transplanted to this country where the temptations to spend money constantly are so great.

The French people have been referred to so frequently in this connection that the illustration is, rather a trite one, but nevertheless that nation is a wonderful model to the world in the matter of thrift. It was the small savings of her citizens that enabled France, at the end of the Franco-Prussian war, to pay, at once, in case, the billion dollar indemnity imposed, thus saving herself from bankruptcy. Knowing this French thrift, Russia, in time of need, turned to that country to borrow millions.

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J. F. PHU, Notary Public. My commission expires May 29, 1915.

"September Morn." Artist Hiding.

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 30.—So deeply pained and humiliated by the notoriety of his famous painting, "September Morn," has brought him that he can no longer bear to frequent his former haunts, Paul Chabas, the artist, is hiding in the south of France, and his model, a dainty and demure little bachelor girl, has also dropped from sight, according to Julips Pages, noted artist just returned from Paris.

New Charter Is Hung.

Baker, Sept. 30.—The occasion of the hanging of the new charter of Baker Lodge No. 765 Women of Woodcraft, last evening was an important event in the history of the lodge as well as a notable social gathering, for it marked the formal consolidation of Queen of the Forest and Mystic Circle, Women of Woodcraft, into one body, two lodges of the order having been maintained here for a number of years before plans for joining forces were completed.

The speakers of the evening, a high lodge official, was unable to be present, but the remainder of the program, including short talks, a reading by Mrs. John Allen and piano selections by Miss Oris Stephenson, was carried out. After the program an elaborate banquet was served, the ladies of the lodge and members of their families being present in large numbers to take part in the event.

Payette Game Friday.

Baker, Sept. 30.—The energy of Coach Williams of the Baker high school football team is being directed this week toward whipping a team in shape for the game with Payette on Friday, as with little practice the locals are bound to be up against a tough proposition when they tackle the Idaho boys, who are rated high this season and have had considerable practice in preparation for their first game. The local coach is confronted with the proposition of building an almost entirely new team. Captain Miller, one of the best line players ever wearing a Baker high uniform, was considered for fullback for a time but it is believed that Miller should be kept at tackle, where he will be a great strength, rather than to weaken the defense by pulling him back.

As there is an abundance of material the coach plans this week to pick two teams, possibly using both against the Payette team. However, this course has not been fully decided on by the coach.

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Fighting Continues at Sabinas.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Sept. 30.—With the Constitutionalists reinforced by 1,000 men the fighting between the federalists and the rebels was resumed at Sabinas today, according to refugees. The fatalities are growing hourly, in some places the corpses are piled up like wood. The non-combatants on the verge of starvation, are fleeing from their homes in the towns, which are being dynamited and burned by the warring factions.

Bumgarner Jury Disagrees.

Baker, Sept. 30.—After deliberating for a little over two hours, and having twice returned to the court room for further instructions from Circuit Judge Anderson, the jury in the case of the State vs. John R. Bumgarner, reported at 10:15 last evening that they were unable to reach an agreement. They were discharged by the judge and the prisoner remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

Bumgarner was on trial for attempting to kill and injure his wife and members of his family by placing strychnine in the pump at their home at South Baker. According to report, one detail of circumstantial evidence was the point on which the jurymen stumbled.

It is hardly probable that Bumgarner will be tried again at the present term of court.

Stockton, Cal., Sept. 30.—After removal of 42 inches of his intestines and the transfusion of a pint of his son's blood to replace that lost in the operation, Dr. Jerome M. Wallace, a well known dentist of San Francisco, died as the result of the pistol carrying habit. He was shot when an automatic pistol fell from his pocket and discharged, penetrating the intestines in several places.

Governors Favor Unions.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 30.—Governors trades unionism were about as scarce as hen's teeth at the recent conference of the National House of Governors. Miners in the southern Colorado coal fields were threatened to strike for union recognition while the conference was in session and talk of labor unions was therefore timely. Governors Stewart of Montana, Carey of Wyoming, Hodges of Kansas and Chief Clerk Kerr of the Utah executive's office, were asked if coal mining in their states had been hampered because the miners were organized and all answered in the negative.

"Unionism is one of the vital forces of industrial development, and one of the most humane agencies in the world today," declared Governor Stewart.

"Our coal miners have been organized so long," said Governor Carey, "that I cannot remember when there were any unorganized coal fields. Unionism has not retarded coal mining in Wyoming. It is one of the biggest assets the state has in regard to the coal mining industry."

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"Unionism has greatly helped Kansas," commented Governor Hodges, "and I believe in it as thoroughly and firmly as I believe in anything. Unionism in Kansas has helped the state and it has greatly protected and benefited the miner without harming in the slightest the interests of the operators."

"Our coal miners were organized before we got statehood," declared Chief Clerk Kerr, "and coal mining is one of our biggest money making industries."

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