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LAW MUST BE UPHELD

"Of law there can be no less acknowledged than that her seat is the bosom of God, her voice the harmony of the world; all things in heaven and earth do her homage, the very least as feeling her care, and the greatest as not exempted from her power; both angels and men, and creatures of what condition soever, though each in different sort and manner, yet all, with one consent, admiring her as the mother of her peace and joy."

The above quotation is from a noted Anglican theologian, who lived in the latter half of the 16th century. It deserves to be studied and remembered, as it expresses the universality of law, as extending throughout the whole creation, and upon the maintenance of which, the security of the universe depends.

Human laws may be defective, but as law they are entitled to recognition and allegiance, for if imperfect laws be ignored it tends to the ignoring of law altogether.

Grave responsibility then rests on law makers, lest by putting forth unjust and vicious laws they furnish an excuse to the people for disregarding law. On the other hand those entrusted with the administration of law should neither be negligent nor weak in enforcing it in partially, and with as much rapidity as possible.

Part of the aftermath of the war is the present popular appeal to intimidation when grievances arise. The situation in England with its widespread railroad strike and that in our own land, with the steel strike, constitute attacks on the integrity of law, as they are not only accompanied by violence but depend on violence for their effectiveness. If these strikes solely related to the railroad or steel executives and their employees, there would be some justification for them. But they involve more than that in that they menace the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of both the English and American people. Neither in England nor in this

country, are the differences between the strikers and the officials such as cannot be arbitrated. There should be a law making arbitration compulsory and to decide whether the grievances are valid and need remedying, then if the case is decided in favor of the men and the officials refuse to afford relief; or on the other hand, if the grievances are found not valid and the men strike, both should be considered criminal actions.

Something has to be done, and done soon, for we are confronting the danger of mob rule or rule based on force and not on right and justice.

Akin to this is the disgraceful race riot in Omaha, where the mayor of the city was assaulted and nearly lynched, because he pleaded for law and order. The mob by their inflamed actions showed they were as much animated by passion as the black brute himself. In both cases it was an orgy of lust and crime.

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