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"SCOTCHED THE SNAKE-NOT KILLED IT

and Sheriff Ely captured the man and placed him behind the bars.

Four labor leaders dictated the terms to Congress upon which alone their royal highnesses would consent to call off the ordered railroad strike, by which the business and social interests of the country would be seriously chippled and the populace compelled to suffer great hardship and privation. The terms dictated by this powerful oligarchy was the enactment of an eight-hour labor law, making eight hours a legal day's work for a certain class of railroad employes. The effect of the measure, if it will stand the scrutiny of the courts which is doubted, will be to give the trainmen affected ten hours' pay for eight hours' work. Of course, this additional pay must be paid by the public.

Congress rushed through this hasty and ill-advised legislation. In doing so the strike has in all probability only been postponed.

Our own opinion is that had the strike come, it would have been only of short duration, for hundreds of employes would have been loyal to the railroads and other men could have been found who would have taken the places of the strikers. Moreover, the strikers would have lost the sympathy of the public, without which no strike can be won, by their refusal to arbitrate.

We believe that Congress would hav done much better if it had passed a compulsory arbitration law. We believe that such a measure would hold. We believe that there are serious obstacles in the way of the practical working of the eight hour law in the case of railroads. That, however, remains to be seen. But having dictated terms to the President and Congress, it is foolish to believe that the rpresentatives of the trainmen will be content with that. They will make other demands and if these are not granted they will order another strike.

The railroad situation has not been settled. We need not lull ourselves into elief that it has. Until congres sional action is taken to compel arbitration between capital and labor, strikes will be called.

Knowing that the man's color added to the heinousness of the crime in the popular mind and that in all probability an attempt would be made to lynch him, Sheriff Ely took his prisoner for safe-keeping to the hospital for the criminal insane.

The mob formed, stormed the jail and brutally beat the Sheriff, threatening to kill him unless he would deliver up the prisoner or make it known where he had been secreted. His little daughter died from the shock brought on by the brutality of the mob.

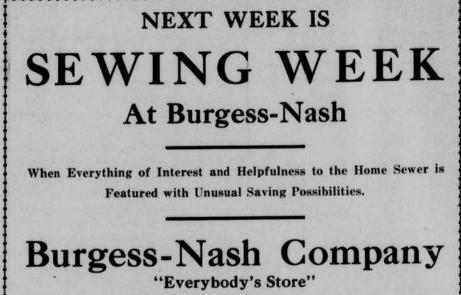
Sheriff Ely was under oath for the safe-keeping of his prisoner. He bravely did his duty. The penalty he paid was heavy; but the blood of his dear child is on the head of that Ohio mob.

The crime of the degenerate assailant of the young farmer's wife was brutal and henious and merited punshment which the courts are fully competent to inflict. But what shall we say of that of the blood-thirsty mob who threatened the life of the sheriff for doing his sworn duty and sought to preserve the good name of his community? What shall be said of the mob's disregard for the life of the sheriff's little sick child, or the piteous appeals of the sheriff's brave wife?

Brutality? Yes, the black criminal was brutal; but what about the brutality of the white mob which murdered Sheriff Ely's little daughter and nearly murdered her father?

TAG DAY.

The Visiting Nurses' Association observed Tag Day on Wednesday of this week. The day was ideal and the women and girls in charge of selling the tags brought in over \$4,100. We were delighted to see so many of our own people wearing tags because the Visiting Nurses do not discriminate in carrying their gentle and beneficent ministrations to Omaha's sick poor. They respond cheerfully to all calls for help irrespective of race, nationality or color. The willing and cheerful response of our people shows our desire to help on any good work in this community which is broad-minded and inclusive.



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BRAVE SHERIFF ELY

God bless brave Sheriff Ely and grant to him and his the solace to their aching hearts that He alone can give!

Of course, you know the story. A degerenate, whose skin as well as his heart, was black, made a brutal attack on a young farmer's wife near Lima, Ohio. He had asked the woman for food which was refused him. He forced his way into the room, knocked her down and slashed her with a razor, nearly killing her. The victim's aged mother came on the scene and the brutal ruffian fled. The alarm was given, a posse was soon in pursuit thank you.

SCHOOL DAYS.

Here is simply a word of greeting to our hundreds of boys and girls who have re-entered school. Do your best, dear children, to lead in all your studies. Let your conduct be above reproach. You are to be the men and women of the future and we are looking to you to become worthy men and women. We simply ask you to do your best, and you won't fail us, will you?

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