

SENTENCED TO TWELVE YEARS

McHenry Murderer Was Found Guilty at Carrington Last Saturday.

Frank Sroufe was found guilty at Carrington late last Saturday evening of manslaughter in the first degree and he was sentenced to serve twelve years in the state penitentiary.

Sroufe shot and almost instantly killed John McLaughlin in the U. C. T. hotel at McHenry, N. D. Feb. 24. The killing followed a quarrel in the hotel. Sroufe claimed self defence.

The trouble was over McLaughlin's wife who had left him. She had been befriended by Sroufe at his hotel and there had been blood between the two men for some time previous to the murder.

Sroufe was taken to the state penitentiary Sunday to begin his sentence.

Following is an interesting resume of the trial, which is taken from Carrington papers:

Mrs. McLaughlin, wife of the man killed, is in attendance at court and weeps most of the time. It is alleged that her presence as an employe in the hotel run by Sroufe was the cause of the bad blood that existed some weeks prior to the shooting between the two men who met in the deadly conflict in the hotel lobby.

Mrs. Sroufe is in a hospital in the east, it is reported, and will not be at the trial. She is well known here as Josie Babcock, a former telephone operator in Carrington.

Sroufe is an interested but not extremely nervous spectator in the court room. He chews gum continuously and was alert to hear all the testimony introduced.

The case opened by introducing the testimony of Doctors King and LeBein of McHenry and Dr. Mackenzie coroner of Carrington. Their evidence went to show that McLaughlin came to his death from a bullet wound, and testimony was had upon the wound that was inflicted on McLaughlin's head by the piece of rubber hose with which Sroufe first assaulted the deceased.

Joe Greb, the village marshal at McHenry, was the first witness introduced whose testimony had to deal with the shooting. He arrived at the hotel shortly after the shot was fired. Through Mr. Greb's testimony the state introduced several exhibits, including: The bullet that was taken from McLaughlin's head at the autopsy; a plat of the interior of the U. C. T. hotel at McHenry, where the shooting occurred; the revolver used in the shooting; the piece of hose used and a letter purported to have been written by Sroufe in jail telling how and why the killing took place. The letter was found in a coal pail, torn to pieces, and was resurrected from there by Greb and patched together. The letter tells of the conversation that took place at the hotel that evening, of the assault with the hose and the shooting, stating that the writer did not know how or when the gun went off. The letter was not signed.

Following the cross examination of Greb, Master James McLaughlin, son of deceased, was put on the stand and told a clean cut story of the affair that seemed to be very fair to both sides. James was with his father at the time of the shooting and had supper with him at the hotel. He told of the movements of the two and of the altercation that ensued in the lobby after supper. The little fellow broke down and wept just before the story of the shooting was reached. Many of the women in the court room had moist eyes in sympathy with the young man.

Miss Alta Conway, an employe of the U. C. T. hotel and the only other witness to the shooting except the two principals and the boy, was placed on the stand. She was called as a witness by the court and the prosecution and the defence will each have equal opportunities in examining her.

John McLaughlin, who was employed in a McHenry elevator as second man, met his death Saturday evening, February 24, in the U. C. T. hotel at McHenry. It seems that there had been bad blood between Sroufe and McLaughlin for some time. Mrs. McLaughlin had left her home, it is said, and was working at the hotel. Altercations had taken place before between the two men. On the eventful evening, McLaughlin and his son went to the hotel for supper. Coming out of the dining room some words were had, and McLaughlin was ordered from the hotel. He started to go but came back. Sroufe attacked him with a piece of wire bound hose in one hand and a revolver in the left hand. He hit McLaughlin over the head with the hose, and accidentally or otherwise, the gun was discharged and the bullet went through McLaughlin's eye and lodged in the back of his head. He died within a few minutes. McLaughlin had been drinking the afternoon of the tragedy.

GRIGGS COUNTY OFFICIAL VOTE

LaFollette Has a Plurality of 313 Over Roosevelt and Taft.

The following is the vote cast in Griggs county primary election according to the official vote:

REPUBLICAN

For president—LaFollette 463, Roosevelt 141, Taft 9.

For national committeeman—Marsh 441, Cooper 84.

For electors—Aaker 432, Allin 180, Barnes 408, Breen 138, Buck 139, Cathro 350, Ferris 121, Johnson 413, Thompson 457, Tostevin 135.

For delegates—Christianson 156, Cooper 412, Erickson 108, Garnaas 381, Hale 144, Hayes 121, Hyde 126, Johnson 408, Lauder 376, Linde 147, Mashek 109, Nelson 397, Pollock 403, Scott 144, Scow 854, Sinnes 138, Toftsrud 384, Stimmel 123, Thorson 415, Twichell 372, Whitt 147.

DEMOCRATIC

For president—Burke 128, Bryan 8, Wilson 24.

For committeeman—Bruegger 32, Duis 14, McLean 10, Perry 9, Willson 90, Whitehead 14.

For electors—Armstrong 157, Cameron 155, Kelly 169, Kerlin 153, Williams 158.

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