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## The I. W. W. Trial

By LUDWIG LORE

Sixty-five minutes of "deliberation," and the jury brought in a verdict of "guilty" on all four counts against all of the 101 defendants in the courtroom. And at that, this polite pause of one hour and five minutes was nothing more than a matter of form. As soon as Judge Landis had finished his instructions to the jury, the foreman of the jury might have honestly declared: "Will it please the court. The jury agrees to a verdict of guilty on all counts!"

It is this that makes us so furious when we hear from the lips of Haywood and the leading attorney of the defense—not to mention sanctimonious clergymen and subsidized newspaper reporters—statements that are fairly sticky with sweetish sentimentality and sickening in their lying hypocrisy! "We have had a fair trial. The prosecution, the jury, the judge—everybody was fair to the extreme, to the utmost." And yet, the 101, everyone of them, were found guilty, everyone of them is staring a thirty years' prison sentence in the face! It must be said at the outset: These men did not have a fair trial because the possibility of a fair trial, of unquestioning and unbiassed judgment, was, from the very first, out of the question. Judge Landis, with all his sympathetic urbanity and informality, with the best intentions in the world, could not bring