TOM LAWSON, LONG FOE OF WALL STREET, BROKEN BY NEW DEFEAT, SEEKS MYSTERIOUS SECLUSION

Spectacular Bostonian Who Juggled Millions and Made and Lost Fabulous Fortunes Put Up Palatial Estate to Pay Debts and Disappeared

GREAT CAMPAIGNS AGAINST "ENTRENCHED INTERESTS" MAIN EVENTS OF CAREER

Exposure of Financial Trickery Came After He Had Been 'Double-Crossed' by Supposed 'Friends' and Dropped Nearly \$12,000,000

"What do I over the people? What do I over the gelatine-spined chrimps? What have the saffron-hard apes done for me or mine? The people, particularly the American people, are a jake-a system jake. The people can do their own reforming and I shall devote my time and capital to my own business of stock gumbling."-From one of Lawson's last interviewa

HAS the "System" at last "got" Thomas W. Lawcon? A few years ago that question would have been of vast and vital interest to almost everybody, for the day was when the fate of Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, was a matter of great public concern.

The whole history of the world's financial centers can scarcely hold forth so startling and picturesque a figure as this juggler and gambler in millions who has just disappeared from his old haunts and whose present whereabouts is known only to his sister, who declines to say anything about her brother except that he is "safe and well."

His wonderful Dreamwold estate in Massachusetts is up for sale at public auction. Lawson is said to be "broke" and the day is past when he can stage any of the sensational "comebacks" which used to keep Wall Street and the whole stockdealing public in such breathless suspense.

Perhaps the "System" has at last succeeded in putting a quietus on this vitriolic enemy whose warfare upon it made and unmade stock prices, and who won and lost fortunes so often that there is no complete record of all of his sensational transactions.

His War Upon "System" Long and Picturesque

Lawson used to swear that he would "get" the "System." He wonhuge followings of small investors by his campaigns of full-pare advertisements in the newspapers of the country; he was a prolific writer with a compelling command of piea language and, in spite of the



Dreamwold, the magnificent estate of Thomas W. Lawson at Egypt, Mass.

many disastrous failures into which he ever thought he could." he almost drove the credulous public, he always seemed to be able to un- Hit Hard and Often

ple do not know this monster, self some time ago ceased to be an because Lawson always managed to "Standard Oil," as I know it. If they did they would not scoff when

not read it, and I do not intend to." The first copies of the last two issues the magazine no sooner dropped

the newsstands than John D. ockefeller's man grabbed them and as away with them to Tarrytown. "After the first chapter Henry H. logers bolted for Europe, and it is an open secret at 26 Broadway that he bolted on the advice of the active men of 'Standard Oil,' to avoid the danger of an open rupture with John D. Rockefeller. When he returned, in answer to the press representatives he said. 'I cannot understand that fellow Lawson.'

"John D. Rockefeller, when his attion was called to Henry H. ogers' comment, simply snapped his jaws together with, it's a pity had achieved some local reputation as a financier.

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made no sign of opposition. But they "Analgamated directors cut diviwere determined that prices must not dends to 6 per cent,"

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nd top boots. But lift in Grand Rivers soon lyked Mr. Lawson says that only one person Mr. Lawson says that only one person form of a spectacular bear campaign in heiged bin, for he has many enemies. General Electric, "They are all thoroughbreds," he say

