

DARROW'S PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

A Remarkable Interview With the Great Criminal Lawyer on Why We Are Good and Bad.

EDITOR'S NOTE—April 18 is the seventieth birthday of Clarence Darrow, famous criminal lawyer and, whether you agree with his views or not, admittedly one of America's outstanding men. During his seventy years, he has had unusual opportunities to see the good and the bad in life. He has given NEA Service and the News-Review a remarkable interview on human life. He gives his views as to why some folks are bad and others good. He gives his whole philosophy of life—and it is a very unusual philosophy. Without endorsing his views, the News-Review prints them, because they give insight into the mind of this remarkable man.

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CHICAGO, April 18.—This thing called life—

It means Clarence Darrow, famous criminal attorney. "Existence is pretty flat and futile," he says. "Life has only one purpose, the pursuit of pleasure and the avoidance of pain."

It isn't half so good a riddle as Socrates and the other ancients tried to make of it. Aside from being a celebrated lawyer and the man who saved Louis and Leopold from the gallows after those two pampered sons of rich men killed little Bobby Frank "for a thrill," Darrow is perhaps the foremost agnostic of the present time.

Cruel and Destructive
Life is cruel, combative and destructive, he says.

"Man has some generous impulses—but those who are too altruistic die young. Man kills to feed his stomach and to procure fur for the backs of his women. In time he dies to feed other forms of life. As Fabre, the French naturalist, said: 'He is in turn a guest and a dish.'"

"But a man may be called short-sighted if he neglects the future and considers only the nearby pleasure."

"The drunkard has fun today and a terrible head tomorrow. He squanders all his pleasure in the present with never a thought for tomorrow."

The Wise
"Wise folks, whether they know it or not, are simply preserving their chances for some pleasure in the future. They conform more or less to custom and so keep out of jail. They obey the laws of the future and so keep well. They work and so are able to buy food and warmth."

"The so-called bad individual is not bad at all. He simply is short-sighted. He has no regard for the future. He does not conform sufficiently, and is put into jail. He will not work and so he cannot buy the pleasures of food and warmth. He therefore experiences pain."

"But whether he is good or bad, he is guided by no other purpose than this one: The pursuit of pleasure and the avoidance of pain."

The Happy People
Born optimists in asylums and



Clarence Darrow

are the only really happy persons, Darrow believes.

"Happiness in its true sense is a state of mind," he says. "It comes largely of good nerves and a well-adjusted physical condition. It is the gift of birth. Those born with it attain happiness with difficulty if at all."

"They may make money, achieve fame and do whatever their instincts lead them to do in the pursuit of what they may think is happiness."

"But making money and seeking fame are only expressions of the

Death For Two "Radicals"? Protest Of Millions Echoes Through Serene Dedham---Ruffled World

EDITOR'S NOTE—The strange circumstances which have brought about world-wide protest against infliction of the death penalty on Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, on whom final sentence has just been pronounced at Dedham, Mass., are described in three impartial articles written for the News-Review and NEA Service by Eugene Cohn. Here is the first.

BY EUGENE COHN
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DEDHAM, Mass., April 18.—In this dimly-lit old town, sparkling white in its new spring coat of paint, two men await the coming of a certain sinister date in July—the day when they are to die.

One is an Italian fish peddler, Bartolomeo Vanzetti; the other a factory hand, Nicola Sacco. Over their plight, Dedham betrays little of any concern. But the rest of the world is flustered as two such men never succeeded in flustering it before.

The Voice of Millions
A voice that began with the whispers of individuals but which now booms through the corridors of the Boston state house and rings hourly in the ears of the state's chief executive, Governor Alvin T. Fuller—a voice that is the chorused cry literally of millions of men and women—is pleading that Sacco and Vanzetti be spared from the late decreed for them by the Massachusetts courts.

It is the voice of the "public conscience," those who have defended Sacco and Vanzetti say.

It no longer is the voice solely of labor sympathizers, liberals, and such. It is the voice of college professors, ministers of the gospel, men and women of wealth, conservative citizens, socially and financially prominent folk: bankers, members of parliament, lawyers, merchants, politicians.

Fury's Fuse Touched Off

It is raised in a "cause" which has roiled groups in South America to fury, which has blasted a foreign consulate by lay of Indian shot and which has sent workers of a dozen nations on strike.

It echoes from Mexico to Lapland, across Europe into Asia.

All because of two men who a few years ago were going through life as members of the vast army of the anonymous.

Whether Sacco and Vanzetti

truly were convicted of murder or were unjustly "framed" because they were war-time "radicals" is the question that escapes the boundaries of New England and goes dancing over the earth.



Petitions are coming from around the world to Gov. Alvin T. Fuller of Massachusetts (left) that he spare the lives of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. Sacco (above) and Vanzetti are pictured in the insets.

If description of the myriad pro-conscience is correct, the Sacco-Vanzetti case is an extraordinary

test of that conscience's potency.

Governor Fuller is Target

Governor Fuller is the state official who must answer the protests sooner or later. He is silent so far.

Harsh language is used in many of the protests. The proposed execution of Sacco and Vanzetti is referred to in many of them as "judicial murder."

Criticizing the courts of Massachusetts, the "voice" points out that the highest tribunals of the state cannot, under severely restrictive laws, consider new evidence or facts of any sort in passing on appeals such as those which Sacco and Vanzetti vainly have made.

It points out that since the two Italians first faced trial for murder in connection with a \$15,000 payroll robbery at South Braintree, Mass., in April, 1920, the entire complexion of the case has changed—but that it has been impossible to bring this change before the higher courts.

"Voice" Accuses Judge
Judge Webster Thayer, of Worcester, the trial judge in the case and a leading figure in it through out the seven years of its history, is accused by the "voice" of personal bias.

Narratives of "red raids" occupy the front pages of newspapers when Sacco and Vanzetti were arrested and the "voice" charges that their prosecution was intended simply to rid Massachusetts of them as "radicals." The issue of whether Sacco and Vanzetti committed murder, it is contended, was all but lost in the shuffle.

The testimony of important state witnesses has been exploded, new defense witnesses have been found, the confession of another prisoner to participation in the crime has exonerated the men on whom the law fastened it—these are details of the complaint the "voice" makes.

Professor Felix Frankfurter, of the Harvard law school, has put the case under a microscope and, in a public document, classified it as standing on feeble legs.

Harvard Law Committee

Four Harvard law professors have been seated in a committee formed to get some action from the governor.

A gun expert, who gave for the prosecution its most important evidence, concerning the death bullet, has since pointed out that a trick question affected his testimony against the men and that his

TURNER BOOSTED FOR RETURN TO TEXT BOOK BODY

SALEM, Ore., April 18.—Appointment of five members of the state textbook commission probably will be one of the first official acts of the state board of education when the list of new laws enacted at the last session of the legislature become operative late in April.

Reports here during the past few days indicated that a drive already has been launched looking to the reinstatement of R. H. Turner of Dallas as a member of the textbook commission. Mr. Turner previously served as a member of the commission, but was removed by ex-Governor Pierce before his term had expired. It was charged by Mr. Turner that his removal was due to his refusal to play politics and because he would not submit to certain demands made upon him by friends of the Pierce administration.

Sam Starmer, sheriff of Douglas county, and George Alexander, former sheriff of Washington county, both are waiting to be appointed state prohibition directors by Governor Patterson, in the place of William Levens, who still is functioning. Up to the present no indication has come from the governor's office to show whether he contemplates any immediate change in that department or intends to permit it to ride along for a time.

Dallas Retains Turner
DALLAS, Ore., April 18.—R. H. Turner, former state superintendent of public instruction, has been re-elected superintendent of the Dallas city schools for three years.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PRUNE GROWERS' DATES ARE SET

Community meeting of Douglas county prune growers will be held next month to select delegates to a special convention of Northwest growers, to be held at the Oregon Agricultural college June 23. The purpose of the convention is to formulate a program for future activities in the industry based on the report of the prune studies by the federal bureau of economics.

Results of the studies and recommendations of the federal bureau will be submitted before the convention by C. J. Hurd and C. L. Long of the extension service, who have made a special study of the problems and have been supplied with special charts and slides dealing with the prune survey. B. H. Critchfield, who conducted the survey for the government, is expected at the main convention of more than 100 growers.

Dates set for the community meetings in Douglas county are: Oakland, May 2; Roseburg, May 4; Myrtle Creek, May 5; Ridge, May 6.

MURDERER'S PAL GETS 20 YEARS' SENTENCE

EUGENE, Ore., April 18.—Twenty years in the state penitentiary was the sentence given Dewey Russell, Veneta pool hall bandit, by Judge Skipworth in circuit court Saturday. Russell was convicted of assault with intent to rob in the holdup in which the proprietor, William Maddaugh, was seriously wounded by Albert Brownlee, Russell's accomplice, who is to hang May 17 for the killing of Eston Hooker, a policeman.

Russell, in his statement to the court denied participation in the holdup. Life imprisonment is the maximum sentence for his crime.

complete opinion never had been secured.

To thousands who have interested themselves in the case, Sacco and Vanzetti are but symbols. For to those who are out of sympathy with "radicals" and "alien" ideas, the fight is an ethical one.

Dedham goes on its way complacently, the while. To Dedham, it is a matter for the courts, not for the "public conscience"—and the courts already have acted.

Dedham Was Tidy

That is the history of Dedham. In the days of the American Revolution it was stolidly British, aloof to the presence of the storm outside. The revolution came and went. It remained austere aristocratic, while year by year factory towns sprang up all about with their imported populations of some of the best blood.

Dedham is Anglo-Saxon. Its tradition reaches over a few brief miles to Plymouth, landing place of the Puritans, down whose long main street once trod the fish peddler, Vanzetti, calling his street cries and stopping in North Plymouth to chatter with housewives in the tongue of Tuscan.

Such inherent dignity might not be expected to notice that two shadows have escaped the Dedham prison, and tripped across the nearby cemetery of crumbling tombs just to flash darkly against the sky.

(Governor Alvin T. Fuller of Massachusetts will have the last word as to whether Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti are to die. Close-ups of Gov. Fuller and other leading characters in the Sacco-Vanzetti drama will be given to tomorrow by Gene Cohn in the second of three articles on Dedham's epic case.)

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