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THE ROSS CASE.

J. THORNBERN ROSS may not go to the penitentiary after all; but the decision handed down last week seems to bring the high-finance banker within the shadow of that institution. It seems to be a pity to disturb the activities of so excellent a money-maker as Thornber Ross.

So far as the general public is interested in the fate of this financial gentleman, there is no element of personal animosity, or at least, there should be none. Nevertheless, the

case is in accord with the moral standard as in the disposition of the same. There appears to be no doubt of the guiltiness of Ross, as a matter of fact, nor has there been any since the prosecution presented its proofs at the initial trial.

It is no excuse in law, nor is it an apology in ethics for Ross to say that he did nothing worse than hundreds of other bankers all over the country have been in the habit of doing. If Ross is right, it is time that other bankers were afforded an exemplary warning as to the legal consequences of high finance, aside from this, it would be vastly better for the business integrity of the country along all lines if the punishment of the Ross type were the rule and not the exception.

William Dean Howells is reported to be suffering from "cholethlasiatic colic." We fear, from the looks of the name, that it is both painful and expensive.

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