

AN EX-CONVICT'S CURE FOR THE CRIME WAVE

In the June Harper's there is an interesting diagnosis of the crime wave by Jack Black, an ex-convict who, after 25 years of crime, turned straight because a San Francisco judge sentenced him to a year instead of life and said: "I believe you have sufficient character to build a new life. I will give you that chance."

"He gave me my life," explains the author, "and I couldn't double-cross him any more than I could double-cross the friend who once cut the bars in a jail window and gave me my liberty. Loyalty is the only virtue of the underworld. I repeat, I have never known one criminal who was reformed through cruelty. The records are full of emases of men, notorious for their violence, who reformed when their loyalty was challenged."

Black denies he favors "cuddling" the criminal. But he does favor understanding him, for he claims that only through such understanding can the criminal be reformed, and the production of more criminals be checked.

WE know quite well what the popular reaction to this article will be. "What do you expect from an ex-convict? Of course he wants lenience and psycho-analysis instead of the noose. It is this sort of half-baked sentimentalism that stimulates the crime wave. What we need are more laws and more drastic punishment. There is a lot of reformation at the end of a rope."

The author realizes this and gives this answer: "The secret of the cure of crime—if there is one—is contained in a knowledge of its cause. The psychologist with his cool scientific mind and a background of knowledge secured through experience and observation, is only just beginning to learn why we behave like human beings. How much more difficult is it to determine why so many of us behave inhumanly. Yet, without so determining, who can prevent the crime wave of tomorrow which is in the kindergarten of today."

"The right people are working on the wrong end of the problem. If they would give more attention to the high chair, they would soon put cobwebs on the electric chair. They lay too much stress on what the wrong people do, not on why they do it; on what they are, instead of how they got that way. "Danny Ryan's mother said it all when she held out her arms to her son in the cell next to mine and cried: "Daunty boy, how come you so?"

What, then, in a nutshell, is my case against the right people? I contend that more laws and more punishment will mean nothing but more crime and violence. What we need is more science. We need more emphasis on prevention rather than punishment. "I know hundreds of reformed criminals, and I don't know one who was reformed by a policeman's night stick, a severe sentence or prison cruelty. I know hundreds of criminals who were reformed by kindness, I know scores of potential criminals who were made into useful, law-abiding citizens through understanding."

If the present system of more laws and more severe punishments was showing good results, if there was evidence that it "worked," Convict Black's diagnosis could be more easily dismissed, as merely the vapors of an ex-criminal subconsciously supporting the interests of his class.

But no one can deny that the present system does not work. Perhaps the system of Safe-Cracker Black would not work. But, under the circumstances, we believe no harm could result in giving his proposal very careful and serious consideration.

Yes, travel is really broadening. We know a traveler who returned from Europe with a very broad "a" in "vase."

It's always safer to park alongside a new car. It won't scrape your fenders as it backs out.

The ability of two poor young men to get a million from the power people just shows you should never lose faith in Santa Claus.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. Signal letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene and to disease diagnosis or treatment should be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to the instructions. Address: Dr. William Brady in care of this newspaper.

THE PROTECTION OF X-RAY AND RADIUM WORKERS

Recommendations adopted by the Second International Congress of Radiology in Stockholm last summer, should interest all who work with x-rays or with radium.

Working-Hours. Not more than seven hours a day. Not more than five days a week. Workers should spend off days in the open air and sunlight. Not less than one month vacation annually. (Except the long vacation these rules should apply to everybody who works.)

Work Room. The x-ray room should not be below the ground floor level, unless there is special provision for sunlight. All rooms, including darkroom, should have windows affording free admission of sunlight and fresh air. Work rooms should be properly ventilated, with both air inlet and air outlet to give cross ventilation. All rooms should be decorated in light colors. X-ray rooms should be not less than 230 square feet in floor area, not less than 11 feet ceiling height. Darkrooms should be not less than 100 square feet floor area. Room temperature should be around 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Generating apparatus preferably placed in separate room.

Operator. Never should expose himself unnecessarily to direct beam of x-rays. Should place himself as remote as possible from tube. Normal eye should not detect fluorescence of screen placed in operator's permanent position in the dark. Tube should be surrounded as completely as possible with adequate lead equivalent; the thickness of which should be not less than 1 mm. where peak voltage does not exceed 75 Kv. and not less than 5 mm. where peak voltage is as high as 225 Kv. Operator should protect himself at all times by a screen of not less than 1 mm. lead. In giving x-ray treatments operator should remain outside x-ray room behind wall with not less than 2 mm. lead equivalent, or a thicker lead if the tube covering falls short of the lead equivalent recommended. Lead glass of fluorescent screens and inspection windows should have equivalent values recommended for covering of tube. Where tube enclosure or screen lead equivalent falls short of that recommended, other wall, floor and ceiling should have supplementary protection for occupants of adjacent rooms. Protective gloves should have not less than one-half mm. of lead equivalent front and back, and aprons should have the same minimum value.

Electrical. Floor of x-ray room should have insulating covering, linoleum, rubber or wood. Overhead conductors should be not less than 2 feet from floor, and should consist of stout metal or tubing or other corrosion-resistant type. Connecting leads for control wires should be kept tight by suitable rheostats. Unless there are reasons to the contrary, metal parts of apparatus should be well earthed. Overpowered fuses must not be used. Quickacting double-pole circuit breakers should be used.

Radium Salts. The radium should be manipulated with long-handled wooden forceps, carried in long-handled boxes lined with all sides with 1 cm. cover one-third of an inch lead. All manipulations should be as rapid as possible. A screen of not less than one inch of lead should be used to protect the body when handling radium. Attendants should not remain in the same room with patients undergoing radium treatment. Nurses and workers employed in making up radium applications should hold their jobs no longer than six months.

Small quantities of radium may be transmitted by post in containers lined with not less than 3 mm. of lead. Large quantities should be transported by hand in suitable cases. Similar protection should be used in handling radium emanation, so-called radium "seeds," "implants," radon.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Cheer Up, You're Not Dying. My friends all say I am doomed to die of tuberculosis or rheumatism because I do not wear sufficient clothing in cold weather. —Mrs. P. J. Answer—If you are comfortable, the less clothing you wear at any time the better for health.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS 1. Automobile 2. Disease 3. Insect 4. Bird covering 5. Individual 6. The yellow 7. Japanese wash 8. Complaint 9. Dressed 10. Native metal 11. Small suit 12. The lion 13. Salt water 14. Former queen of England 15. Former queen of England 16. Not at home 17. Shady name 18. Organ of sight 19. All right 20. Wagers 21. Crumpler 22. Hindu woman's garment 23. Mines 24. Division 25. Old 26. Proseman 27. Epoch 28. One who starts 29. Roman house 30. Last good 31. Thin-skinned 32. The female 33. The male 34. Ages 35. Exist 36. Finest fish 37. Star 38. Threatening

DOWN 1. Food fish 2. Black bird 3. Insurrection 4. Lateral boundary 5. Night proceeding an event 6. Insects supposed to enter the human ear 7. White 8. Clock in the form of a ship 9. Dutch dialect of South Africa 10. Military officer 11. Former president's nickname 12. Metal fastener 13. Wrath 14. Saltate 15. Meadow 16. More than enough 17. Sea bird 18. Peoples 19. Inflated 20. Broad of shoulders 21. Every part 22. Nocturnal flying mammal 23. Drunkard 24. Nocturnal flying mammal 40. Espouse 41. Stamp 42. Criminal 43. Slaworm 44. Medical character 45. Workshop 46. Tale 47. The bitter 48. Tail grass 49. Lobed 50. Before 51. Mink 52. Sea angles 53. Cast aluminum 54. Edge 55. Poem 56. Alternative 57. Beer 58. Whittier 59. Light measurement abbr.



Abe Martin Life Sharp attempted suicide today after tryin' on a straw hat. I hate 'ee summer come 'cause it's so hard t' find a doctor. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One.) are always ready to enter; millions of them on a square inch of skin surface. If the blood is not in fighting condition, blood poisoning and death are inevitable.

And what is true of one human body is true of a nation. If you do not keep prepared, you will go under, no matter what the pacifist or the faith healer may say. Pacifism and faith healing are admirable, when there is nothing the matter but nerves.

Indirectly, Lloyd George controls Great Britain's government. His party, weakest of the three, in parliament has enough votes to give a majority to Tories or the Labor party on every vote. That annoys Tories and Labor, but is fortunate for the British empire. Lloyd George is Britain's ablest man, by at least 1000 per cent.

Italy worries about the British labor victory. Mussolini's idea is that labor must do as it is told, not ask questions. That is not Ramsay MacDonald's idea. For Mussolini to have Russia against him has meant little. But Britain, greatest power on earth, with one exception, represents a different problem.

However, for the world at large, and for Britain, the best possible thing has happened. Ramsay MacDonald is honest, intelligent, able. And Lloyd George, holding the balance of power, is the ablest British statesman since Pitt.

The German debt question is settled. Germany and all Europe will go ahead to prosperity. If Ford, General Motors and the other great American enterprises established abroad, can persuade Europe to get prosperity, as we do, from high wages, instead of trying to keep labor down, the war's losses will soon be forgotten.

The campaign of 1932 begins early. Bishop James F. Cannon, Jr., protestant southerner, calls upon the Democrats of Virginia to defeat the Democratic organization candidates in Virginia and "block Governor Smith and the wets in 1932."

Do You Remember?

10 YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of Mail Tribune) June 3, 1919. Official weather report shows last month was the second driest May in the history of the local weather bureau, only .83 inches being reported, while the yearly average is 1.75 inches.

Mark Foster sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge F. M. Calkins from 3 to 20 years. An Italian anarchist and a Pittsburgh policeman killed in bomb outrages in seven eastern cities charged to I. W. W.'s.

Medford Choral society meets at Presbyterian church. Bowers drug store at Gold Hill broken into and robbed.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of Mail Tribune) June 3, 1909. John D. Olwell has purchased a Rambler auto of A. W. Walker. Hot water said to be an indication of gas is the latest strike at the local oil well now down 1100 feet.

D. Fehl, proprietor of the Snow Flax bakers, denies report of raise in price of bread, and says they are selling 28 loaves for \$1. Ashland Masons decide to build a new Masonic hall.

Quill Points Alas! The man destined to establish a record for longevity never seems good at anything else. Even crooks avoid acts that merit universal scorn. Ergo, crime will end when everybody scorns criminals.

How strange that it never occurs to the police to wonder why a near-beer joint needs a bouncer.

If he holds a chair for her in public, and doesn't at home, he sees nothing wrong in giving a bogus check.

So far as the tariff is concerned an industry is like a nation. The stronger it acts, the more protection it has.

You can't be a bridge expert unless you are the type that can say "make" when you mean "shuffle" and not feel silly. Equality, fiddlers! If a man married in the hope of working no more, he'd have a hard time making people think it a love match.

Americanism: Wishing that fool driver in front would pull aside; thinking that fool driver behind has a nerve to honk for gangway. A night club hostess isn't party a wife. She cleans out your pockets before you fall asleep.

It displeased Hefflin, but a Senate composed of good baseball fans couldn't afford to condemn a little bottle throwing.

Tapping a cigarette on the thumb nail is nice, but for true elegance the curving of the little finger while drinking a soda still holds first place.

The saloons can never come back now. All the corners are occupied by filling stations. The successful man's explanation indicates that the secret of success consists in taking credit for any good thing that may happen.

The news photographer needs great skill. No mere amateur could always catch a great man with a foolish look on his face. So much of this criticism of the naughty seems always on the point of adding: "And observe how good I am."

Correct this sentence: "When a car honks to pass me," said the village cut-up, "I never step on her."

Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry There was a general exodus of Older Girls to the seashore yesterday, and inasmuch as the state of California forbids the picking of flowers in the wildwood, with characteristic female determination, they endeavored to pick them all.

The community is threatened with another male chorus. It was thought the sight of the male leg in opera length hose would never again be inflicted hereabouts, but no such luck.

AN OLD TERROR FADES (Emporia (Kan.) Gazette) An old-fashioned hell sermon has not been preached in this locality for two years. As man becomes wiser, it is richer he sloughs off his belief in hell. Hell is needed by the poor as a place for the rich to fry in.

Gooseberries are on the markets. The gooseberry results in a low grade of pie or wine, and will not sell. BLESSING NO. 56 (Albany Democrat) And that's why we like Oregon. And never shall we rather it. For we can have a sparkling glass of water when we want it; Or splash, or swim, or sail a boat. And leave cautions behind us. So sing a ray Bright roundelay For thirst shall never find us!

The senior class and the football team get their sheepskins this week. Next fall the local press will revert again, it is predicted, to the headline: "Hard Luck and Futibles Beat Medford."

Another income tax election is in the offing, taking the mind of the state off such vital problems as fishing and such pastimes as railroad development. The first cutting of yellow mustard is in the stack. SMARTY!! (Odessa Ledger) A certain young man in Odessa has a young niece of about six summers, who is devoted to him, and one of her chief attractions is a pair of dimpled knees. Sunday morning she came in after Sunday school and sat down right behind her uncle and he was playing with her until church started. During one of the opening songs he reached back and tickled her knee, when he noticed the difference, and hurriedly turning around, he saw that some late arrivals had come in and pushed the young niece away from him and he was looking into the face of an utter stranger.

"Friends and relatives of the defendant were kept in suspense until the jury returned its verdict of acquittal."—(Pound by At.)—Shabby trial. If there is going to be any summer, it better be getting at it. Once upon a time a waffle iron was hot. It is alleged. June brides have started to show up, along with the inconspicuous June groom.

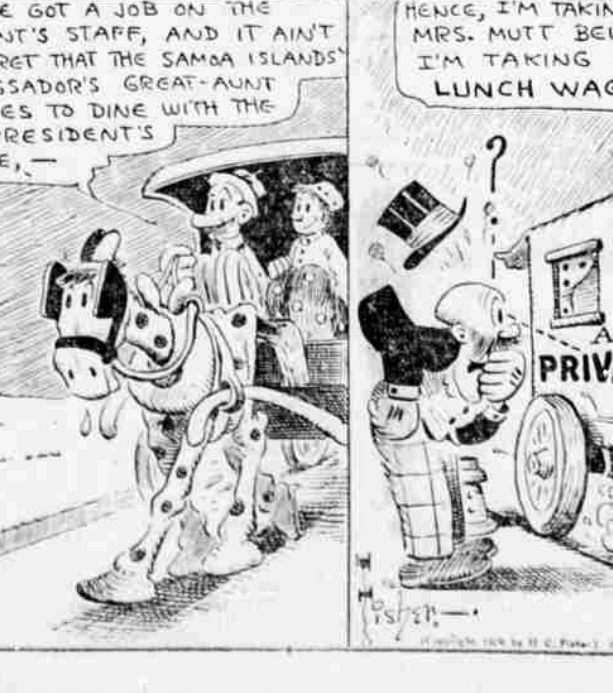
BIG BUCKS VISITING TABLE ROCK FIELDS TABLE ROCK, Ore., June 3.—(Special).—Two large buck deer have been spending the spring months in the underbrush just outside of the alfalfa field on the H. L. Gregory place. Charley Dugan, who was operated on for appendicitis last week at a Medford hospital, is reported to be getting along nicely and will leave the hospital in a few days.

Chute Jumper Saved SACKRAMENTO, Calif., June 2.—(C).—Frank Brooks, attempting a triple parachute leap, escaped death after the first chute he had cut away fell upon the one that was lowering him to earth. Brooks struggled for 3000 feet before he was able to clear away the added burden and save his life.

MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt Solves Washington's Social Problem



By BUD FISHER



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