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ENCOURAGING THE CRIME WAVE?

IN a communication printed elsewhere Bill Day of Ashland, among other remarks, accuses the Mail-Tribune of encouraging the crime wave by extenuating the crimes of such "hellions" as Mooney, who is still in San Quentin, and Sacco and Vanzetti, who were executed several years ago.

We fear Bill must be affected by the heat. If we have ever extenuated the "crimes" of which these men were accused, we would like to be informed of the time and place.

What we have said, and what we say again, is that, after reading pleas for Mooney's pardon from the district attorney who prosecuted him, the judge who presided at the trial, and practically every one of the jurors now alive who convicted him, we agreed with them, that the time had come to set him free.

IF the men who secured his conviction, and have every selfish interest in seeing that conviction sustained, have found such convincing evidence of his innocence that they publicly request his liberation, then we are ready to go along with them.

And under the circumstances the burden of proof rests upon those who are not. If Mr. Day, for example, has any facts regarding the case which the district attorney, judge and jurors do not know, and which prove that Mooney really threw the Preparedness Day bomb, then he should make them public at once. For, according to the latest report from Sacramento, Governor Young may parole or pardon Mooney before Christmas.

THE same way with Sacco and Vanzetti. All we have said about them, is that after the new evidence was discovered, evidence which pointed strongly to the innocence of at least one of them—they should have been granted a new trial.

This view was expressed after we read the report of the Outlook investigation, the Sacco-Vanzetti committee report and a book on the case written by one of the most distinguished members of the Harvard Law School.

WE don't say, and never have said, that these two men were innocent. We don't know. But we do believe that evidence secured just before and after their execution, raised a reasonable doubt, and a doubt which in the minds of thousands of intelligent and disinterested American citizens has never been removed.

All of which, we regard as extremely unfortunate. For the cornerstone of better law enforcement lies in respect for our courts. They, like Caesar's wife, must be above suspicion.

Therefore, a case of unjust punishment is as great a victory for the lawless as a case of justice miscarried.

What we want in this fight against the crime wave,—as in most other things in life,—is, in simple language, a square deal. A square deal for unpopular radicals like Sacco and Vanzetti, without money or influential friends; and a square deal for popular "Rounders" like Remus of Cincinnati, with both money and friends,—particularly political ones. A square deal and NOTHING MORE,—a square deal and nothing less.

In fighting this crime wave it is as serious a mistake to give punishment that ISN'T deserved, as not to give punishment that IS.

So that's where this paper stands. We favored lenience for Sacco, Vanzetti and Mooney because we believed, and still believe, it was deserved, and we favored the maximum punishment for this man Remus, because we believed that was deserved. We didn't get what we asked for in either case. But as you say, Bill:

"This is a great country"

The count of ten is "out" because in the old days the referees couldn't count above ten.

You can't blame an empty infant for acting that way. It's just a little whine for the stomach's sake.

China's 400 million population won't insure success in war. One doughboy had a population equal to that.

General practitioner: A sign post that points the way to the right specialist.

The Chinese-Russian situation has its bright side. Uncle Sam won't have to pay for the war.

A hick town is a place where a man in a dinner coat looks queer without a napkin over his arm.

Russia and China can't have a real war yet. Neither side has thought up a slogan to die by.

How easy it would be to close New York's speakeries if they were birth-control clinics.

The sound of slapping hands doesn't make the female mosquito stop singing. She doubtless thinks it's applause.

Personal Health Service By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to discuss diagnosed or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if 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. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

NEW AILMENT NEARLY AS PREVALENT AS BILLINGS COMPLAINT

A layman, by Jingo, has discovered a new and exceedingly popular ailment and the man is so modest about it that I am going to give him discovery space here, just to establish priority. In case you do not understand what I mean, I will explain it as simply as I can. It is a very important matter. I took up a new idea, a theory, even a method, or a trick, diagnosis, I let no grass grow under my feet, not nowadays. I sit right down with my typewriter, presuming I have one and she's willing, and we pound out a preliminary report of the big idea, and hustle it off to a medical journal for publication. Once having made the printed page of any recognized medical publication, I have established priority for my idea, and I'd like to see any other doctor come forward at any time thereafter with the same or a similar idea. You know, a considerable portion, I should estimate at least one-half of 1 per cent, of our contemporary medical literature is devoted to battles royal between medical men and their friends,—that is, on the one hand, you understand, and other does and their followers on the other hand,—over this vital question of priority. Priority claims indeed preclude some of the most sanguinary battles of medicine. My lay friend may rest assured that his priority is now firmly established. If he wishes we may even name the new disease after him—this, we might call it B—a complex. But let the discoverer tell his own story:

Dear Doctor Brady: This letter is written to tell you that the writer greatly enjoys your articles. Am sorry I do not have any question to ask as I seem to have nothing wrong with me unless it is too much appetite. I think this is the matter with a good many people. I can always eat twice as much as I do but I don't. I agree with you absolutely about it. Never had it. Go out in the cold, get my feet wet, sit in drafts and do all the things that are supposed to bring disaster. My sole care is not to overeat. I eat a little of everything I can reach, but only a little. With sincere appreciation for the pleasure and instruction contained in your articles, I am, Very truly yours, I. P. B. I believe this gentleman is right not only about the value of my articles, but about the common excess of appetite over metabolic capacity. Eating is an art, he wishes being a middle social economic position, and an ideal and always respectable pastime—in fact, I'm going to find a remedy for this new disease and publish reports of my studies here from time to time, unless Mr. B—or someone else comes forward with a cure before I can complete my researches.

Brisbane's Today

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pared with women—when excited. A gray-haired, middle-aged German, Dr. Eckener, handles the controls, when his ship meets "a wall of wind," or other trouble. He is the intellect of the ship. The passengers and crew are his freight and depend for safety on him.

Germany may well be proud of such a man. And this country may be glad that an American made the voyage possible.

Charles A. Brunison, who won second place in the Edison competition for "smartest American boy," says the test questions were foolish, particularly the question, "How would you move a heavy boiler if you were alone on a desert island without tools?"

The smartest of them if they found him, might reply that on a desert island, without tools, he would no longer be a heavy boiler. All test questions are more or less foolish in themselves. But they intelligent men to form an opinion of young intellectuals.

No test questions could have brought out Edison's ability. He was to make his reputation by answering questions that had never been formulated.

How to transform lightning into permanent steady heat, how to make more than one electrical message travel simultaneously over the same wire, how to print the human voice on wax or metal, and similar impressed upon the human talk.

Such are questions that genius answers. You cannot invent the questions, much less the answers. And some silent boy, unnoticed, unable, as Edison would have been unable, to answer made up test questions, is the boy that will succeed Edison.

He may be sitting at your own table and called the dull boy of the family. Newton, who seemed a dull boy, could have won no Edison competition. And he had ten times the intellect of Edison, or any man alive.

New York sends word that the Federal Reserve Bank has raised the discount rate to 4 per cent. That will make the big speculators shiver and give the big fellows that waited too long a chance to get in.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: TREAD, SCARE, SALLET, FOOTED, AV, PERJURY, NG, REP, PAUSE, NEE, SNOB, INE, SOWS, STERNE, ALMS, TRIS, ALAI, POND, FRENO, RNE, POI, HERS, RNS, GONGS, ELL, ET, CLOTHES, OO, VELOUR, TRAMS, EDILE, BLUSH.

Table with 12 columns and 12 rows of numbers for a crossword puzzle.

Brokers' loans went above six billions, breaking records. The Federal Reserve, organized to prevent panics, meets the situation by doing what it can to create a panic.

Money lenders will increase interest rates, and the little tools will be squeezed. In France, money is lent at 4 per cent. Ours is the land of usury.

In the autumn, Ethel Barrymore will appear in a new play, her daughter acting with her. It is easy to imagine the intense satisfaction that this will give the talented young girl's brilliant mother.

It interests, especially, those that saw Ethel Barrymore when she appeared in "Captain Jinks" only a few years ago.

Ethel Barrymore's daughter will represent the fourth successive generation of brilliant actors in our family, beginning with her great-grandmother, Mrs. Drew.

Such inheritance of talent is rare. Nature's plan seems to be to keep leveling off success, and make each generation begin again.

You remember Fra Filippo Lippi and his brilliant son, Pitt, buried with his father in the state tomb in Westminster Abbey, Alexander following and eclipsing his father, Philip.

What other instances can you name of inherited ability?

Communications

"It's a Great Country." To the Editor: In these days of agitation about "separations" and "war debts," it is worth while to give the respective subjects, even a passing consideration. The "dear people" will never know the difference, whether these obligations are repudiated or not. High financiers will do a little expert book-keeping and the momentous subject will be a closed incident. Furthermore, in the course of time, Germany will ship us a consignment of goods, and Italy will follow suit with an invoice of spaghetti, the result being that the "balance of trade" will more than offset any

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) August 10, 1919.

Lenox, Miss.—Andrew Carnegie also died 84. Senate revises Volstead act so measure will not interfere with storage and personal use of liquor in private homes. Two hundred and fifty-six editors, members of National Editorial association arrive and are taken to Crater lake by Medford citizens.

Local Elks leave for state convention at Klamath Falls. Stephen Kramer, director of national parks, visits city.

Oregon artists sell to cannot at \$100 per ton. Smudge: "With suits selling at 1000 kopcks, it looks like the men will be wearing see-more pants next winter."

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New York City: 40 babies killed in one day by excessive heat. Professor J. B. Mack to establish business colleges in city.

Washington: Gifford Pinchot starts attack on Secretary of Interior Ballinger. An alfalfa mill to be started in valley.

Local: Lee Jacobs has returned from a trip to the Seattle exposition. Lee says he had a splendid time, but was glad to get back again to Medford, where the sun is shining.

Ad: Everybody is eating at the Sams Grill these summer evenings to hear the delightful musical program rendered by the orchestra and the great violinist, Romanoff.

START THRESHING IN SAMS VALLEY AREA

SAMS VALLEY, Aug. 10.—The Nelson-Wilson threshing machine is coming into our district this week, which is glad news to the grain men. John Nelson is operating the little machine in this part of the valley, while O. P. Williams runs the larger machine in the Phoenix district.

Olney Edlington spent Saturday visiting his mother, while on his way from Stubbs, Cal., to Yalloga, Wash., where he is employed by a large trucking service company. Mr. Ferguson of the Ferguson mineral springs reports he hasn't the usual amount of campers this year, but finds a much stronger demand for the bottled product than ever before. He is now selling 10 cases of the water a week and could sell more if he was equipped to take care of it faster.

FOREIGNERS FORSAKE COURT TO PLAY GOLF

PARIS.—(AP)—European tennis stars revert to the middle, niblick and racket when a soldier a racket becomes too strenuous for their aging arms. Andre Goliert, once supreme in French tennis, reached the semi-finals in the French amateur golf championships at Chantilly recently.

Sean Washer of Belgium, the sturdy amateur, finalist against Tilden and Johnston at Sagat Cloud, whose forehead drive streaked like lightning across the courts, now hits the pill just as hard from the tee. He is also hitting them to all points of the compass.

He succumbed in the third round. Mercer Beats John Doeg. SOUTHAMPTON, N. Y., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Employing a better rounded game, Evitt Mercer of Bethlehem, Penn., seventh ranking American tennis player, defeated John Doeg of Santa Monica, Calif., No. 8 in the national list, in the final of the Meadow club invitation tournament today by scores of 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

The press was urged by President Hoover to lend its able assistance in combatting the criminal wave sweeping the country. This was a fine example of appealing to a powerful factor to aid and order. But in the light of such an appeal we find portions of the press extenuating the crime of a set of fellows. From such

a phase of "encouragement" good Lord deliver us! "This is a Great Country!" BILL DAY, Ashland, Oregon, August 10.

MUTT AND JEFF—On Board the Flying Laundry Check



By BUD FISHER