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He Can't Take It

"This new generation, for example, is not content with preachings against that vile form of collective murder—lynch law—which has broken out in our midst anew. We know that it is murder and a deliberate and definite disobedience of the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.' We do not excuse those in high places or in low who condone lynch law."

"But a thinking America goes further. It seeks a government of its own that will be sufficiently strong to protect the prisoner and at the same time to crystallize a public opinion so clear that governments of all kinds will be compelled to practice a more certain justice. The judicial function of government is the protection of the individual and of the community through quick and certain justice. That function in many places has fallen into a sad state of disrepair. It must be a part of our program to re-establish it."

The above is an extract from the radio speech delivered Wednesday night by President Roosevelt before the Federal Council of Churches, meeting in Washington, D. C.

Less than 24 hours later, a mob in Texas, dragged a dying negro from a local sheriff, burned the body after hideously mutilating it, and served notice on the world that lynch law still reigns below the Mason and Dixon line.

Does Governor Rolph approve of this action? Would he call it a "good job"? Would he suggest that the jails and penitentiaries in Texas be combed for other negro suspects of murder, and their fate be left to the "good citizens" of this Texas town?

PROBABLY not. At least Governor Rolph does not resent or criticize the president's condemnation of lynch law, although he did resent and criticize a similar condemnation from former President Hoover. He says he knows anything President Roosevelt says "comes from his heart after the deepest consideration" and he refuses to be drawn into any controversy with him.

Why NOT? Governor Rolph said ONE thing. President Roosevelt says ANOTHER. Had the president of the United States mentioned the governor of California by name, he could not have taken direct issue with him, more emphatically or explicitly than he did.

When a former president, Herbert Hoover, took the identical stand President Roosevelt takes, Governor Rolph came back at him with some slurring remark about the bonus marchers, and justified his stand, by maintaining it prevented bloodshed.

Why does the governor of California make no defense now? The answer of course is obvious. Former President Hoover is not generally popular and is inept in public controversy. President Roosevelt is very popular, and can cross lances with the best of them.

SUNNY JIM knows when he has had enough. It was easy to place the stamp of official approval upon lynch law when the cheers of the mob were with him, but when those cheers had died down, and the inevitable reaction has set in, followed by the president of the United States unequivocally upholding law and order, Governor Rolph decided characteristically, that beating a hasty retreat would be the better part of valor.

Yet if that the president said Thursday night is RIGHT, what the governor of California said the day after the San Jose lynching is WRONG.

Did some one say that in that statement Governor Rolph showed at least he had the courage of his convictions? Where, oh where is the courage of his convictions now!

They Must See!

WE refer to this Rolph incident again, not from any desire to rub it in—the governor of California has been sufficiently discredited to satisfy even his most pitiless enemies,—but to try to make it clear even to those who in their hearts upheld his action,—that such approval from men in public life, never can be, and never should be, justified.

For such approval furnishes a precedent, which can't fail to be hideously destructive, in its ultimate consequences. Once let our recognized rulers justify mob action in one instance, and human nature is such they can't successfully condemn mob action in another.

With the sanction of mob violence the bars are down. With the admission that the people are justified in defying the courts and overthrowing the law, in one state; that admission can't be denied, in ANOTHER. There is then no restraint, no law, but the law of the tooth and the claw, no logical or ultimate outcome, but the return to the jungle.

As Walter Lippman has so well said, "the struggle against lawlessness is the struggle for civilization itself."

It is the herculean effort to bring under control the persistently primitive nature of men, their greed and lust and animal violence, so that their energies shall not destroy them.

IT is this principle that not only all men in public life, but all right thinking men and women, should fight, day in and day out to SUSTAIN. For if it is NOT sustained, then certainly what we call civilization perishes.

The way out is not to condone lynch law or lawlessness, but as a people to get behind legal and court reform, and make it what it should be—an effective bar to crime, through prompt and certain justice, instead of what it is today, virtually a farce and an encouragement.

When THAT is done, then except where racial hates rule,—hates too elemental and strong for any law to completely curb,—lynch law will die out, and there will be no more thought of its revival,—than the revival of the stake and the thumb screw.

Atlantic to prove the commercial safety of trans-Atlantic flying.

WITH national prohibition officially dead, and with states everywhere considering legislation for the control of the liquor traffic, President Roosevelt issues an appeal for temperance.

"The objective we seek through a national policy," he says, "is the education of every citizen toward a greater temperance throughout the nation."

CONTROL of the liquor evil BY LAW has always been unsatisfactory. In all probability, it always will be.

WE can seek happy solutions by law of the liquor evil until we are black in the face, but we shall continue to be disappointed in the outcome. There is no happy solution of the liquor evil.

The nearest approach to it is the

Comment on the Day's News

LINDY and Anne fly from Africa to Brazil, a distance of about 1900 miles, in 18 hours. Perfect flying weather. No mishaps. Rather a routine affair, all around.

Considering their uneventful trip, we are inclined to think of commercial flying over the Atlantic as something already made possible.

BUT a less careful, less skillful flyer, repeating the almost expected experience and getting lost, would change our ideas entirely.

It takes more than one swallow to make a summer, and it takes more than one uneventful flight over the

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FEAR, HEALTH, CHARACTER AND HABIT

At first blush it might seem that a health teacher is a bit outside of his province talking about character, but after all character is determined largely by health; all the teachings of hygiene or rules of health are consistent with and the study of and obedience to them is conducive to good morals as well as good health.

It is a well recognized fact that the cultivation of bad habits is not only due to weak will, lack of character, but also tends to weaken the will and character. It is a vicious circle. This is the reason why all teachers, whether their concern is the mind, the body or the soul, make such a point of pledging the boy or girl against the first cigarette or the first drink. There has never been a time when parents, teachers or others who have any influence over children could do more good than they can right now by exacting such pledges from every child. By child I mean any individual who has not yet attained full adult development and presumably adult independence. Many children do not attain such independence much before the age of 25 years. One of the saddest spectacles in life is the youth who smokes, drinks, gambles and entertains wild women at the expense of the funds who support him.

practice of good common sense by each individual.

A HEADLINE says: "Armed Men Burn Ballots in Louisiana."

They were protesting, or at least professed to be, against the political methods of Senator Huey Long, and they may have been justified in their indignation. This writer isn't much of an admirer of Huey Long, either.

But listen: They would get farther, in the long run, if instead of burning ballots they would go to the polls and vote their honest convictions.

Lawless violence ISN'T the way to cure the things that are wrong in this country.

SPEAKING of things that are wrong, W. W. Aldrich, president of the Chase National Bank, of New York, one of the world's biggest private banks, says the new securities act and uncertainty over the future value of the dollar are what is chiefly wrong with business.

Another thing that is radically wrong, we are pretty sure out in this country, is that the public has lost confidence in the big New York bankers.

THE new securities act, Wall Street claims, makes it harder for big concerns to borrow money by means of stock and bond sales.

Uncertainty over the future value of the dollar makes people who have money to lend hesitant about loaning it, because they don't know what kind of dollars they will be PAID BACK IN.

INCIDENTALLY, we are all cursing the banks because they won't lend enough money.

But don't forget this: The banks loan OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY—yours and mine, along with the rest, if we have any. Before they make a loan, they must be reasonably sure that the borrower will be able to PAY IT BACK.

That is the important thing in loaning money.

SUPPOSE you had a thousand dollars. Just how, in these days, would you set about loaning it with REASONABLE CERTAINTY that it would be paid back?

Profits are necessary for the repayment of loans, and profits haven't begun to materialize to any considerable extent, as yet.

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board, around bookshelves, in bottoms of drawers, wherever the silverfish hide. But be careful not to leave the poison where children or pets can get hold of it. Proper Food. Can you give a general idea of what would be proper food for a person who has a chronic colitis of long standing? —W. H. C. Answer—Some general information is given in the booklet "Guide to Right Eating." Ask for a copy and enclose a dime (not stamps) and a stamped envelope bearing your address. Hypo Antidote for Monoxide. Employed in a garage and inhale a good deal of monoxide gas each day. Is there anything I can take or do to counteract the effects on the body? —L. F. G. Answer—Yes, each evening or each alternate evening take half a teaspoonful of photographer's hypo (sodium hyposulphite, also called thio sulphate) dissolved in half a glassful of water, sweetened and flavored as you like. (Copyright, 1933, John F. Dille Co.) Ed Note: Readers wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letters direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

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