

CIVILIZATION IS DYING BELIEVES CRIMINOLOGIST

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NEW YORK, Aug. 17. — Crime is the cancer of modern society. I am told there is a new national crime commission, fostered by Judge Gary and others of like prominence, with F. Tubbs Davison as chairman. A body of volunteer social surgeons seeking a cancer cure for American civilization.

I expect to be branded as a pessimist, or worse, but I have no hesitation in saying that the committee faces failure before it fairly starts unless it clearly realizes one fundamental. Civilization contains within itself the seeds of its own destruction. This may be the voice of one crying in the wilderness. But I would rather be the one to cry now than among those to weep afterward.

Civilization is dying at the top. And it is not enough to say that it is because modern society breeds from the bottom rather than from the top. That is a symptom as much as it is a cause.

The truth of the matter is that the weight of civilization is crushing us. I have tried to show it in a novel, "Atavav" written recently. Unless we can retain our simplicity of character in the complexity of things in this jazz age, we are lost.

Now, follow me. Over a million Americans have a crime record. These are only those who have been caught. But one in every hundred people you meet is a recorded law breaker.

Why? Here's one reason. Recent investigation by a group of legal authorities reported that we have in the United States over ten million federal, state and local laws and ordinances. If one man were to start in merely to read the laws, he never by any possibility could catch up, even if he spent all his life at it.

Now what does that mean? It means that you and I never, probably pass a day without breaking some law or ordinance.

The result: When there is so much law, we are failing to distinguish between what is trivial, summary, reformatory, and what is heinous and fundamental. There is too little fundamental law.

Again, we have safeguarded the criminal by so many protections that he is escaping through the meshes of the net. We have departed far from the fundamental spirit of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence. Consequently people are losing respect for the net. We are confused in values.

We must return to a simplicity of law, of law interpretation of law enforcement. You cannot multiply offenses without multiplying disrespect for law. Too much law causes a condition approaching anarchy. You cannot go on creating new crimes and new prohibitions and expect to retain respect for law.

For instance, you may say, prohibit the sale of fire arms. If you do I say, aside from the Anglo-Saxon, constitutional aspects, you will then have created bootlegging of firearms, two crimes in place of one. Better I say to stick to the point. Punish murder and violence.

But you say make the penalties for bootlegging firearms and fire water, too, more severe. I say that the time in England when there were scores of offenses carrying the severest of all penalties, death, was the time of greatest violence.

It is not the severity of the punishment that counts. It is the certainty of it. Today murder is punishable by death in England. The murderer is caught. He is convicted. He is punished. There is certainty. Consequently there are fewer murders in London than in any congressional district of New York city.

Crime may be a disease, as half-baked thinkers propound it. But certainty of punishment will cure the disease. Simplification of laws and legal procedure are necessary to certainty of punishment.

Only by recognizing that a modern civilization contains within itself the seeds of its own destruction can we prevent the germination of those seeds. The committee has a greater opportunity if it will avail itself of the work and opinions of fundamental scientists. I could name many such. Civilization is threatened with cancer. Science can cure it.

In the membership of this committee itself there are men who might easily enjoy and carry on what I would name the American scientific crime foundation, not for the study of the causes of crime

alone, but for its prevention by detection and punishment, an organization which would be at the disposal of police and other law enforcing bodies all over the country.

Roland Wright Talked Of For Council Seat

Roland Wright, promising young business man of Klamath Falls, is one of the latest candidates in the field for the office of councilman in the second ward, which was vacated recently by the resignation of Merle West.

This is according to friends of Wright, who have offered his name in regard to a chair on the board of city aids.

Wright has made no statements in regard to the proposition, but it is believed that he will not decline the offer of placing his name on the ballot in case of the special election.

A member of the firm of Walton, Wright company, an enthusiastic booster for Klamath Falls and Klamath county, Wright would be the man to handle the affairs that would be brought before him with precise decision and careful analysis, is the commendation of his friends.

MEXICAN HELD FOR STABBING

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was brought to Klamath Falls in an ambulance early yesterday morning. He died early yesterday afternoon.

Today the district attorney's office will question Laucodo in the hope of determining just what part he may have played in the tragedy.

"Early this morning I understood the man was slightly injured in a brawl," Hawkins declared last night. "When, at 1:30 p. m. I heard he was dead I left as quickly as possible for the scene."

CONVICTS MAY HAVE ESCAPED

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During their stay at the Newman home the hunted convicts told their captives the story of how the prison was thrown into pandemonium and of their final escape to the outside.

Murray acted as spokesman for the trio, and called upon his comrades for verification from time to time, in regard to certain details of the sensational outbreak. He stated that the original intention of the jail-breakers was to stage a stick-up, take the guns from the turnkey, walk ahead and open the gate, or go through the tower. In this respect their plans failed, as five guards with guns were stationed at the gate, on special duty.

Describe Escape

Continuing, he said: "I had a knife, but Jones had nothing. Dalrymple and two guards were in the turnkey's office. They came out and passed by me, running. Dalrymple said as he passed: 'It's Tom Murray' and made no effort to stop me. He seemed to be trying to avoid me. He knew we were making a break. The guards were unarmed. Dalrymple ran through the gates to his house. I did not see him after that."

"Kirk Davidson
"Then we discovered that (Slaughterhouse) Davidson and the turnkey were in the latter's office. I knocked "Slaughterhouse" down with a blow, and left him lying on the floor, and then backed the turnkey over the gate with an open, long pas-

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Passenger service from Sprague River to Klamath Falls could be established within 20 days is the opinion of R. C. Groesbeck, attorney for the Southern Pacific lines in his discussion before directors of the chamber of commerce yesterday at noon when he asked for the support of the chamber toward obtaining a permit for the Oregon-California and Eastern to cross Sixth street in order for the railroad to reach recently acquired terminal property on Seventh and Klamath streets.

According to Groesbeck the lines are willing to build from Sprague River to Klamath Falls a road 50 miles in length in order to benefit Klamath Falls.

"Whether at a loss or not," said Groesbeck "the company is willing

ing knife. Then Jones came in. Jones lost his head, and instead of letting the turnkey open the case, he knocked him down with a blow of his fist.

"We were still unarmed, and the gun case was locked. Jones ran to the desk and searched the drawers for firearms.

Effect Escape

"Meanwhile the guard in tower No. 1 began shooting into the turnkey's office. The turnkey ran out then, holding his jaw. I picked up a cuspidor and burst the lock on the gun case, and handed a loaded 30-30 to Jones. Jones began emptying the gun, firing at random. He seemed excited and apparently was making what he considered his last stand. When he emptied the 30-30 he grabbed two revolvers and continued to fire. Nobody was hurt up to this time and Jones and the guard in tower No. 1 were the only ones that had fired a shot. When we reached the lawn, five guards had Kelly standing with his hands up in the air. The only thing that saved him was the fact that Guard Pete White was standing between Kelly and the five guards. White wanted to quell the outbreak without bloodshed. Meanwhile I had given Willos a revolver and we all ran. Kelly, Willos and I got behind an oak tree"

Murray then went on to state how he went to tower No. 1 and challenged the guard to come out. "I tried to get a shot at him with a rifle, as it was my life against his," he said. "I finally shot him through the head and killed him, and as I reached the steps of the tower Guard Holman shot me in the arm, and when he fired Willos shot Holman with a pistol. We then made the final dash for liberty through tower No. 1, under a hail of bullets. I picked up Guard Sweeney's (of tower No. 1) rifle. We all dropped to the ground outside. Jones, Willos and I. About this time Jones was shot in the side and Kelly stopped to shake hands with him and Jones said: 'Tell the boys be careful and not make it more than one.' Jones then took a gun and fired a

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to back this movement in order to bring to Klamath Falls now what business and moneyed interests will go to Chiloquish with the completion of the new Chiloquish road."

The installation of the line will not only benefit the city but will be of initial assistance to the residents of the Sprague River country, which is in the midst of many of the coming section of this section. With reservation funds backing the projects, roads will soon be completed that will far surpass the roads in the vicinity of Klamath Falls or outside the reservation district.

According to Groesbeck the type to be used on the proposed lines will be gasoline motor cars. The matter was referred by President Collier to the railroad committee.

lead of buckshot through Holman's head, who was sitting up against a wall"

At the end of the story Murray declared that he had given a true story of the outbreak, and concluded by saying:

"I want my mother to read it."

The three hunted convicts then placed their signatures to the statement.

TERRIFIC OFFENSIVE

FEZ, French Morocco, Aug. 18. —Twenty-five thousand French troops are sweeping northward through French Morocco, spreading terror among infidelly tribes and driving Abd El Krim's warriors before them in the greatest offensive of the war. It may also be the last offensive, top, as the French seem courate to a defensive victory over the Rifians.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18.—Dr.

Thomas W. Young, confessed "scientific murderer" may take the stand in his own defense tomorrow and tell the jury trying him for his life that his wife, Mrs. Grace Grogan Young, killed herself in a fit of jealousy.



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TOM MURRAY A NICE BOY

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day night, then forced Leslie Newman, 17 to drive them to Portland, where they disappeared at a busy street intersection. It was not until Tuesday that the alarm was sounded, which sent law enforcement of forces in Oregon and Washington watching new avenues of escape.

But although he was an intruder, Murray proved that he had not forgotten his gallantry.

After he had eaten he told Mrs. Newman he was sorry to cause her so much trouble.

"Let me help you with your dishes."

Do Card Tricks

Murray suited his words with action, and wiped the dishes. Then he swept the floor, and later played about the house with Isabel. The parents said she seemed to be having a fine time.

Willos, Murray's pal, showed the Newmans some card tricks.

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