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THE LAW'S DELAY.

The man who carelessly criticizes the law for its ineffectiveness to properly punish criminals, his sole idea being to generate a spirit of public distrust, is an enemy of law and order. The man, on the other hand, who sincerely points out weak places with the view to spiriting public sentiment to the pitch where correction may be made, can and does render a valuable and much needed service.

It is useless to deny that in too many cases through technicalities and needless delays, justice is cheated. It is folly to say that the situation can not be remedied with earnest effort. And that remedy, much needed, when applied will be the result of popular determination to remove from the path of justice all hindrances and obstacles which are today placed by scheming and shrew attorneys, and permitted by lax laws.

This editorial, from the New York World, should be pondered carefully for its truth applies not only to the city which made a farce of the Thaw trial, but to others where travesties upon justice have occurred.

It is not too much to say that the administration of criminal law in this country is a disgrace to our civilization, and that the prevalence of crime and fraud, which here is greatly in excess of that in European countries, is due largely to the failure of the law and its administrators to bring criminals to justice.

These are the words not of an agitator, not of a muck-raker, not of a sensationalist, but of the President of the United States on the 16th of September, 1909. They were true then. They are true now.

On the 25th of March, 1910, one of the most atrocious murders in the history of New York was committed. Ruth Wheeler, a young girl intent upon earning an honest living and helping a widowed mother, was enticed to an outside home by Albert Wolter, a pretended employer, and killed. The murderer was promptly detected, promptly tried and promptly convicted and sentenced to death. He was a wretch who had made a practice of luring young women. In this instance he met one who sacrificed life for honor.

On the 27th of April judgment was passed upon him. That was almost fourteen months ago. He still lives, but by appeals and delays following the usual course, his case has not been finally acted upon. On one motion he gained six months. On another motion he gained six months. More motions are in reserve, and if one of them should fall there is always the possibility of presenting a flimsy federal question and taking the whole matter to the supreme court at Washington.

It is not bloodthirstiness that calls for the disposition of this case. If the people of New York do not approve of the death penalty it should be abolished. If they do approve of it, as its retention in the laws would indicate, nothing but judicial sloth and neglect can explain the failure of the authorities to have applied it in this instance long ago.

The crime under consideration was one that shocked millions. It was aimed straight at self-respecting, self-supporting womanhood. It destroyed the life of a courageous, hopeful and dutiful girl. In a true sense she was the representative of a great and a worthy element forced by circumstances to become bread-winners. A state which is too busy or too indifferent to avenge quickly and severely a murder such as this, needs a revival of virtue, patriotism and religion no less than one of law and justice.

New York's Court of Appeals is a great court. What Justice Harlan recently said of its members past and present was true, every word of it, but it must not forget the weak, it must not forget the poor, it must not forget the innocent.

Here is the Texas way, as outlined by the Galveston News: "Do not kick a man when he is down. Turn him over and feel in the other pocket."

"I stick to my friends" is the motto of Governor Coal Blaise, of South Carolina, and, judging from the number of pardons granted during his heroic reign, many of those friends were in the penitentiary.

South Carolina has the honor of entertaining W. J. Bryan today. The celebration in England is a towering success.

THE ROOT AMENDMENT.

A St. Louis paper gives a trenchant analysis of the now famous Root amendment to the Canadian reciprocity bill:

"The effect of this amendment, if adopted and accepted by Canada, would be to eliminate wood pulp and pulp wood from the operation of the agreement. If it is an honest amendment, it is made for the sole benefit of the paper trust! If it is not an honest amendment, it is a sneaking method of killing the measure. In either event, it exposed the motives of the opposition."

The situation as we see it exactly. Submitted "without recommendation" is the action of the committee, after tacking on the Root amendment. The people have become aroused the country over, and the senatorial committee dared not act as no doubt impulse would have directed. In the palmer days, when monopolies exerted unchecked influence, a terse caution to kill the measure would no doubt have been offered, but the worm has turned, and when the old liners in the senate dare not express their convictions they merely do not speak at all.

If acting in good faith, senators who support the bill with the Root amendment added, will merely be serving a big trust.

The general sentiment of the nation appears to be strongly in favor of an unhobbled reciprocity treaty, believing this to be the first great step in the movement for the lowering of tariff walls and the corresponding lowering of exorbitant prices charged today for necessities of life.

Will the old stand patters in the senate dare defy popular opinion, or may the nation expect a victory through democratic members and the "insurgent" element of the republican party?

The Society Girl's Romance—At the Amuse-U Today.

Fate of the Friend's Advice. The heiress had married a struggling young artist, and mama and papa were not any too well pleased. In consequence the parental supply had been cut off. The heiress was perfectly loyal, however, to the man of her choice, had full faith in his future and tried hard to help him, but she found the present circumstances rather difficult, as she was not accustomed to economy.

Also she found that while he was temperamentally liberal with himself in some directions, his anxiety to make good with a bank account often became most intense when she needed some article of wearing apparel. In other words, says the New York Press, he was willing to spend money for almost anything else except her clothes.

"Of course I love Arthur," said the heiress loyally, "and he really isn't close—just anxious to make good with mana id papa, but he has no idea how hard it is for me to buy cheap goods. Just think of my having to wear stockings that cost only 50 cents a pair!"

"Never mind," said her friend consolingly. "It is just as easy to keep lisle stockings clean as it is silk." "That's exactly the trouble," moaned the heiress ruefully. "I wish it were not. If I could make the plea to Arthur that lisle hose could not be kept clean it might have some weight with him. Besides, I should have more nerve, in the case, to insist on having silk ones. Thenexttimeitunley silk ones. The next time I tell my troubles to anybody I shall pick out some one who will tell me that only the most expensive silk stockings can be kept perfectly clean."

"Oh," said the adviser in dismay, "is that what you want? I thought you wanted the truth." "Oh, did you? Does anybody who seeks advice ever want the truth? What I want is silk stockings—and somebody to back me up in getting them."

Choice of Career. An English father consulted a friend as to what career he ought to select for his son, a boy of 10. The friend thought the matter over for a bit and then advised the father as follows: "Lock your boy in a room where there is a Bible on the table, an apple and some pieces of money. After a quarter of an hour open the door noiselessly and see what the boy is doing. If he is reading the Bible make him a clergyman; if his attention is concentrated on the apple, make him a farmer, and if he is amusing himself by counting the money it's plain that he is meant to be a financier."

The experiment was tried, and when the friend inquired what the result was the father replied: "I found him sitting on the Bible, he had pocketed the money and was eating the apple." "Make him a member of parliament, then, was the advice of the friend.—London Globe.

It Was Fortunate. Rembrandt and Michael Angelo were playing checkers under a spreading tree in the golden sunlight of the Elysian Fields.

The famous Italian looked up. "Remmy," he said, "did you notice the price somebody has just paid for that Mill of yours?" "I heard about it."

"Well, I'm glad I had enough money when I painted that picture to buy a good quality of canvas. It's your move, Mike."

And the game went on.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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FROM OTHER SANCTUMS.....

Waiting for Milk Punches. The newspapers of North Carolina are discussing the question, "Do Snake Bite Cows?" We regret to say the disputants differ widely. We will not believe that snakes bite cows until the cows begin to give milk punches.—Houston Post.

GA. GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE VERY BUSY

Atlanta, Ga., June 19.—The 1911 general assembly of Georgia will open on June 28th, Wednesday of next week. It will be a very busy session, and if all the work already cut out is seriously attended to there will be little chance for the introduction of freak bills or wrangling over trifles.

Of paramount importance will be the election of a United States senator. As a matter of routine ceremony the inauguration of the new governor will be of importance.

Many important bills and amendments are pending. An effort will be made, for which success is predicted, to create a state road commission, following recommendations expected from Governor Brown in his message.

A bill will be introduced to move the state capitol from Atlanta to Macon.

A bill will be introduced for the improvement and better management of the state asylum, and another to widen the functions of and increase the appropriation for the State College of Agriculture.

The automobile law will be amended so as to more nearly conform with the up-to-date laws of other states. It is practically conceded that the situation on the prohibition question may be expressed in the old phrase, "One's afraid and the other darsant."

One side wants to abolish near beer, the other side wants local option. The law, it is believed, will be let to stand exactly where it is.

An effort will be made to curtail the power of the pardon board, making its function chiefly that of getting up evidence and leaving to the governor entirely the question of granting or refusing the pardon.

A state appropriation will be urged for the reclamation of swamp lands. The sum of \$5,000 will probably be appropriated to be used with an equal sum from the federal government, for a survey of the water power of the state.

The biennial sessions bill will come up again, and an effort will likely be made to change the time of the inauguration of governors from January 1st to July 1st, following the recommendations which have long been urged by Governor-Elect Hoke Smith.

MRS. COLES RE-ELECTED.

Atlanta, Ga., June 15.—Mrs. William C. Coles, of Atlanta, has been re-elected national president of the Alpha Delta Phi Sorority, which has just been in annual session here. Birmingham was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting.

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