

# Grief-Stricken Jacob Franks, Insists: "JUSTICE WAS NOT DONE"

By ROY GIBBONS

Chicago, Dec. 31.—An eye for an eye! A tooth for a tooth! So ran the Mosaic law of old his forefathers. So runs the law of Jacob Franks today.

Many weary months of anguish have added to his heartache since Franks, now but a shadow of his former self, and bent under his tragedy, wept beside the bier of his slain son, Robert, and watched him borne away to a premature grave.

Past the age of unreasoning hate, Franks, cheated out of his son by Loeb and Leopold, arch fiends, who cut the youngster off from life "for a thrill"—bespeaks his mind of what "real justice" is. Seated at his desk, on which in an exact row are three portraits, of the unfortunate Bobbie, Franks, in a voice and with eyes that seemed to burn with an intense fire, repeated over and over: "They should have hanged. They should have hanged."

Never Uses Their Names  
That is the way he refers to Loeb and Leopold, now serving life sentences and 99 year's imprisonment each at Joliet penitentiary for striking down the boy—"my little Bobbie"—for whom Franks, the millionaire watchmaker, had planned so much. He never calls them by name. It is always "they" when he brings the slayer into conversation. His manner is impersonal. The pronoun is impersonal.

But it reveals Franks' loathing for the killers. He will not permit their names to defile his mouth.

"Justice was not done in this case," he says. "They should have hanged. There was no reason in law or human kindness why those two fiends should not have been done away with."

"You ask me what justice is. Justice is what the law requires. I am fully satisfied with the criminal law as it is written. In some few cases there are mitigating circumstances. In this case there was none."

Sweeping on in a surge of pent-up passion, Franks burst the floodgates of his grief and with eyes fastened on the three mute photographs of the little boy upon his desk he launched into a bitter attack upon many concerned in the trial.

Criticizes Caverly  
He is particularly enraged over the conduct of Clarence Darrow, master pleader, who defended Loeb and Leopold, as his son's confessed murderers.

"Darrow is an atheist," hissed Franks. "He undertook this defense for the money there was in it. It said that he made \$1,000,



000 for what he did. "And then Judge Caverly—why did he, a chief justice, sit in the case?"

"It is an unusual procedure for a chief justice to sit in a trial like this. He should have assigned the

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case to some other judge. "Because he didn't do so, makes me believe that his mind was already made up before he heard the facts. Likewise, sentence on them, stated that he disregarded the insanity theories of the defense."

"Therefore, according to many lawyers, his only course of action legally was to deliver the death sentence."

"When Caverly sentenced the boys he said that 99 per cent of the letters he got regarding the case, asked for leniency. I believe I got more letters about it than the judge, and 99 per cent of the correspondence I received asked for hanging. This would seem to indicate that Judge Caverly picked out the letters that agreed with his viewpoint."

"But that part of it is a story that may never be told."

### WATCH SERVICE TONIGHT AT CHRIST CHURCH

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**PUGH AT HERTFORD**  
C. R. Pugh delivered the address at the Perquilman's Lodge A. F. & A. M., at their regular communication at Hertford Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. His subject was "My Obligation."

William Webb left Monday for his home at Salisbury, Maryland, after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Maggie Webb on Cherry street.

### SPECIAL FEATURES

Three special features will appear in the next issue of The New York Sunday World: For the people interested in the puzzle fad, there will be a new and enlarged eight-page "Red Magis," edited by Houdini—for those interested in mystery stories, there will appear in this issue, a new Arthur Somers Roche Series, three complete stories—and then, for our music lovers, "I'll Be Your Soldier," a popular song hit from the international success "Madame Pompadour," now playing at the Martin Beck Theater, New York City.

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