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National Insanity

A Virulent Disease

The horrors of National Insanity, in its endless variations; its treacherous intrigues; its cunning machinations, and its unnatural cruelties, are beyond ordinary human comprehension, because they are the poisonous spume of an invisible power directing our controlling human governments.

The People are being grossly deceived and misled!

The original purpose of this Nation has been abandoned!

National control is commercialized!

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A WARNING TO HUMANITY

This essay involves:

The Christian Churches —

Determined to conquer all nations.

Civil Administration—

Insanely intent upon throttling the masses.

The Army and Navy—

Blind instruments of government force.

Commerce—

Bent upon monopolizing national energy.

The Professions—

With savage intent to mulct humanity.

Political Parties—

The curse of the nation.

And a multitude of sycophant, parasitical strap-hangers, hiding their predatory character beneath a false-pretense of charity.

These are all standing together against the struggling, producing masses, the products of whose energy they greedily absorb.

13% of the population of the United States possess 87% of the wealth of the nation.

The purchasing power of the dollar paid to the producer is less than 61 cents.

The producer buys his own energy at \$1.80.

And gibbering idiocy laughs.

INSANITY!

What is it? By what rules may human sanity be measured? It is naturally potential, or in some degree active, in every human being.

Do not grow peeved or impatient that I put this plump up to you; anger is a specific symptom of acute insanity.

You may take issue with me if you will, but I can convince any logical, reasoning person, by his own conscience, and experience, that an absolutely sane person cannot exist under

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present human living conditions, irritations, restraints and persecutions.

For the convenience of those who are interested, we give the technical meanings of the words *sane*, *sanity*, and *insanity*, as they apply in this connection.

Sane—From the Latin *sanus* and the Greek *saos*, whole, sound, safe; being in a healthy condition; not deranged; acting rationally; mentally sound, possessing a rational mind; having the mental faculties in such condition as to be able to anticipate and judge of the effect of one's actions in an ordinary manner. These refer to mind and body under normal conditions.

Synonyms—Sound, healthy, underanged, unbroken.

(Webster)

Thus are physical health and mental balance co-ordinated.

In a rare old analysis of words by George Crabb, M. A.—*Universal Technological Dictionary*, London, 1826, we find the Latin word *sanus* is from *sanguis*, the blood; because, in that lies the seat of health and sickness, mental and physical. *Sound*, *sane*, and *healthy* are synonymous terms. Sound, when used in this sense, signifies "the absence of symptoms of *decay*, or mixture of *corruption*."

"He hath a heart as *sound* as a bell, and his tongue is its clapper, for what his heart thinks his tongue speaks." (Shakespeare.)

Dr. Roget's Thesaurus, London, 1852, gives the most thorough analysis of the words *Sanity* and *Insanity*.

Sanity.—Soundness, rationality, sobriety, lucidity, retention of reason and possession of one's faculties.

Insanity.—Disordered reason or intellect; diseased, obnormal, unsound or deranged mind; falling under insanity, lunacy, madness, mania, fear, mental alienation, aberration, dementation, phrenitis, phrensy, frenzy, raving, incoherence, wandering, delirium, calenture of the brain, delusion, hallucination, lycanthropy, fanaticism, infatuation, craze, oddity, eccentricity, monomania; klepto-dipso-mania; hypochondriasis, melancholia, hysteria, imbecility, egoism, rambling, doting, boasting, strutting, posing.

These are all symptoms of degrees of insanity. We may add to these technical symptoms the common evidences with which we are in constant contact.

Vanity, conceit, anger, hatred, jealousy, greed, covetousness, trickery, dishonesty, deceit, envy, and a multitude of others.

So-called love or desire is prolific in breeding insanity, culminating in suicides and murders.

Not even a dead man may be declared free from all the symptoms of insanity, because unhealth and decay are basic evidences of an "unsound" mind.

It is officially declared, that, eighty per cent of our whole population are physically defective, and, in that degree, mentally deficient, ranging in degrees from harmless imbeciles to raving maniacs.

Now, with this before you to knock the abnormal conceit out of you, we may discuss the subject with some degree of sanity—this is no place for politeness.

Every functioning body is composed of living, individual units. There should be a reciprocal exchange between the basic units and the functioning centers of the body, to establish the equilibrium and natural balance of body and mind. Any abuse of the basic units develops internal resentment, in degrees from petty irritation to rebellion, and this sets up unhealthy conditions which effect changes in the bodily structure, manifesting in the eccentric and unnatural conduct of the body functioning as a whole. Conflict is set up between the body and its structural cells, because of lack of natural harmony. In brief, an unhealthy condition arises, and unhealth is a form of contagious insanity, transmissible from unit to unit. This is a basic process of nature *en masse*—the germ of insanity is a living thing.

A nation of people is such a body; the people are the individual units or cells, and the health and sanity of the nation rests solely upon the soundness of its units. History proves that the fatal error in the development of human governments, and the establishment of nations, was the ignoring of the individual units in the building of national thought. The sole object, and no one can successfully refute this charge, was to establish a *thinking class* to rule, and an *unthinking mass* to produce. The purpose was to crush the producing class into a plastic, unyielding mass, to be ruled and controlled by force. That this was an ecclesiastic theory is found in the first ten words in the Bible.

"In the beginning God created the *heaven* and the *earth*." (Gen. I:1.)

In the original manuscript, "God" was in the plural, "the Gods." In the original Sanskrit, the word *God* signified *good*.

Therefore, "the goods" meant the *rulers* personified as *gods*, and the *good* were those obedient to drastic discipline.

The original intent was to induce the masses, through ignorant superstitious fear, to worship rulers as "Gods," "Lords of Lords" and "Kings of Kings." This succeeded to the limit of cowardly humanity licking the dirty feet of high priests like trained curs.

The name *Ecclesia* is derived from the legislative body which ruled ancient Athens, called the *Ecclesia*. Therefore the true significance of ecclesiasticism is a form of Theocratic government.

All authorities agree that the word *heaven* signifies *ecclesiastical government*, and the word *earth*, in the same verse, signifies *producing humanity*. *Adam* symbolizes mankind and the *earth*, signifying the *producer*. This is adroitly concealed from the ignorant masses by a code understandable only to the initiated priesthood.

We are trying to awaken the individual units of humanity to the fact, that they have been cheated out of their birth-right by as mean a band of knaves as ever infested the earth, and that is of the right of individual, initiative thought and understanding. To this day, ecclesiasticism is viciously antagonistic towards scientific education in the masses, because it exposes its hypocrisy, deceit and pure, premeditated meanness. Its contempt for the common herd is unconcealed. It is constantly urging upon legislative bodies oppressive, restrictive and coercive laws.

We need not go back of the time when christianity was first introduced. Previous nations merely represented the battle royal between two forms of government, which came into our period as *Church* and *State*, responsible for our own national insanity. Our constitution declares that the nation is not, in any sense, founded upon religion or church.

We may readily distinguish between the two forms as the so-called *spiritualistic* and the *materialistic*. The one to control the mentality, and the other the physical body of the nation, a palpable usurpation of nature's prerogatives by selfish, designing men.

It goes without argument that anything which attempts to co-ordinate human mentation contrary to the natural trend of thought engendered by human experience gathered in natural ways, is trifling with sanity—nature is not insane.

An analysis of the dual form of government, which is always

struggling for the mastery, reveals the origin of national insanity, arising from abnormal exaggeration of emotions in the unthinking masses. Brooding rebellions and revolutions are constantly menacing civilization.

The civil government controls by open force and concealed mental training in so-called free school systems, secretly controlled by invisible powers.

The church government attempts to control by open ethical training, and concealed militant discipline of its forces, as cruel to its own people as is the execution of the civil laws towards the masses, the theory holding that cruelty is an essential agent in human control. Cruelty without vindictive hatred is impossible.

Humanity cannot serve both masters and pursue a sane course, because they are diametrically opposed one to the other. This engenders a confusion which is conducive to insanity in many forms.

The usual interpretation of insanity merely takes into consideration the safety of personal freedom.

Babylon symbolizes the composite nation, and Babylon means mixture, confusion, tumult, and all the exciting and irritating mental and physical conflicts which foster national insanity. Nations, as bodies, become insane, precisely as human individuals lose their mental equilibrium. Insanity, like a tree, spreads out its branches to cast a shadow over the earth out of which it has its growth. As we have previously stated, in the ecclesiastical code *earth* means the *producing masses*, the seat of national insanity. This is the soil in which the seeds are sown, and out of which the tree has its growth.

A composite nation is victim of many ailments, which arise as foreign elements are injected into its body politic, exactly as foreign germs engender new diseases in individual organisms, and a nation is no stronger than its average unit. A homogeneous nation cannot be made from a heterogeneous mass composed of unlike units.

The nations sending their overflow to the United States do not send their strongest, but their weakest units, and this lowers the average value of the unit here.

It is in the execution of a multitude of criminal laws that occasion arises for the criticism of government on the part of the harassed, unreasoning masses. Revolutions do not arise from lax enforcement of the law, but rather from over-zeal in enforcement causing reaction.

It is a christian policy to corrupt those who will not place themselves under church discipline by bringing them under criminal laws. (Matt. 12:33.) Governments turn to church policies because of political influences.

Insanity is acquired or inherited. The United States inherited national insanity from her composite parent, England, with her high statistical insanity developing out of her mixture of races. This basic taint is enhanced by the introduction of foreign elements, and irritating and illogical theories of law and government.

Before the alleged birth of Christ, when Rome was a hopelessly insane, hybrid republic, England was a desolate waste of marshland and forest, inhabited by a savage tribe, not far removed from the ape, who fought with clubs, wore skins of animals, and stained their bodies with the juice of the *woad*. These aboriginal English were named *Britons*.

Right here is the evidence of inherited traits which border on insanity; *warfare*, *vengeance* and *human sacrifice* were the foundation element in their religion. England inherited these and has always been a war-like nation. Vengeance in the name of God and the law was born in the English blood.

Added to this primitive stock are the Saxons, Normans, Danes, Picts, Scots, Welsh, Irish, Gauls, Romans and Jews. Does any sane person believe this mixture would produce a high order of national sanity? Well, it did not, and the history and statistics of England prove it did not. Basic insanity is not curable; moreover, it is contagious and transmissible.

Next to England, the United States stands out conspicuously as a composite nation. She is the melting pot of nations, but, her beginning was English, and her foundation elements the offal of England. All the high-flown blather about the landing of Pilgrims at Plymouth being the foundation of the colonies is pure bunk. Hudson landed his cargoes of English convicts in the north, and Oglethorpe founded his colony at Savannah, consisting of the most desperate and forlorn convicts ever deported from England. Strut and pose as we will, we cannot deny that many of these were the ancestors of the people of the United States. Moreover, they sowed the seeds of insanity in this land. They had suffered tortures in English prisons which are indescribable, and potential within them was a vengeful hatred for humanity that it would permit such inhuman practices on the part of so-called civilized governments. That hatred laid the foundation for American juris-

prudence which has always been notoriously eccentric, and lacking in true humane justice—vengeance of the law is incarnated in peevish, ill-natured, shallow-minded magistrates.

In the United States humanity has been specifically legislated into states of criminality, merely to bring the people wholly under statutory control. Very early in the beginning of this nation, Blackstone's common-law practices were abandoned for drastic, and only too commonly, vicious, intrusive, and inquisitorial statutes, which irritated men beyond endurance. This was a clear case of legislating insanity, as well as crime, into the masses of people. The main object was to inspire the people with awe and fear of government, and fear is the first foundation stone of insanity. Cultivated ignorance, and enforced slavery, have completed the task, and smile and boost as we may, the fact remains that our people are chained to toil.

The irritating persecution by the endless laws in the United States, equals the Spanish inquisition in their intrusive interference with personal rights and freedom. The temptation to abuse the powers of law enforcement for the profit this yields has filled the land with systematic and organized graft under high-sounding titles, hiding behind the cloak of fake charities and a false patriotism.

Taxation has become a refined system of confiscation, and extravagant and profligate governmental expenditures are consuming the nation. Hopeless bankruptcy confronts the people in the not far distant future. At this time national bankruptcy hovers in the background.

Did the United States originate this abnormal system? No, she merely inherited an insane desire to outdo the older nations, with the results that Europe hovers over her like a cloud of poisonous gas, ready in her jealous rage that America is reaping greater profits from her previous examples of bleeding humanity, to smother her. The nations of Europe stand as one in their hatred of the upstart which has dared to dictate to them. No one can even approximate the bitter resentment felt towards the United States by Europe. The greatest political crime ever committed by America was intermeddling in European affairs, and opening wide her doors to her criminal offal.

It is in the execution of her criminal laws that the United States has imitated England. She could not exceed or excel the viciousness with which the mother country executed her

criminal laws through the centuries. Cruelty beyond human belief was heaped upon the accused for the most trivial misdemeanors. Those who executed the laws had no conception of humane sympathy. They became as ravenous beasts in their vengeful desire to cruelly persecute and punish the accused. Usually accusation meant conviction without discretion or mercy.

The English debtor laws were a disgrace to civilization. The English are beasts in human cruelty. It is a species of insanity born during the Catholic period in England, the cruelties of the Catholics merging into the Church of England under which the nation was taxed into abject poverty. England has suffered greater poverty in its masses than any other nation.

The alleged two pillars to human civilization and national life are the *church* and *state*, but when these combine to harass and plunder the producing masses, civilization becomes a curse, and national life becomes a system of slavery. Insanity is the natural offspring of such a condition.

Both church and state have been coercively impressed upon humanity by an organized, usurpative power, rather than by choice, natural growth, or initial adoption by the masses; hence, from the beginning of community life, there have been two widely distinctive classes—the *governing*, and the *governed*.

The rankest failure with which man has been identified has been this false-pretense called civilization, with its cruel religions; its usurpative governments, and its desolating wars, all for the glorification of individuals, and the enrichment of ravenous institutions, which render no adequate compensating services to the common masses of mankind, for the tremendous personal and material sacrifices demanded.

The true purpose of national life should be, peace without sluggish impotency; prosperity without profligacy; happiness without dissipation, and the broadest opportunities for mental development and the acquiring of education and useful knowledge. The full realization of this should bring the true joy of associated human life, requiring few laws and little stress in their enforcement.

History does not record any such nation. There is only one such Elysium, and that is an adjunct to hell, as described in Greek mythology, and one must die and go through hell to attain the life. This is vindicated by the christian theory of heaven and hell, plagiarized from paganism.

There has not been a moment of universal *peace* since men

first banded themselves together in so-called community life, this very act presuming the necessity of defensive co-operative warfare against common enemies; hence, peace is a fallacy. Even christianity declares war an essential of national life. (Matt. 24:6.)

National *prosperity* fluctuates to meet the requirements of the monopolistic elements of production and distribution, with little reference to the individual convenience, and necessities of the laboring masses.

Happiness is an unknown quantity to the average man, because the word implies a condition or state of permanent equilibrium of mind and body, impossible under our mixture, confusion, tumult, jealousy, hatreds, greed, selfishness, and dishonesty. Mankind has been taught that these vicious attitudes are essential to live, thereby fostering a beastly coercion of the law of the survival of the fittest, contrary to reason which prompts human co-operation and mutual effort.

The meanest and most contemptible animal on this earth is the egotistical fool who gloats and poses over high position in public office or church; he is an impostor and a self-worshipped humbug, striving only for mastery over men.

We propose to cast upon the screen a composite picture of the causes of national insanity in so far as this nation is concerned. England originated the governmental policy of rule by unsympathetic force and the most cruel forms of coercive laws, which were adopted by the United States—our first law books were English. The first centuries of English development were filled with eternal warfare, and bloodshed, engendering in the English people an insane desire to administer and witness cruelties. All human sympathy was crushed out of the administration of the law, and those who executed the laws vied with each other in introducing obnoxious cruelties. This was the origin of the usurpative, discretionary powers of judges and magistrates in the United States, who commonly vent their spleen, petty ill-temper, and illogical and illegal private opinions upon the hapless victims who exhibit the slightest resentment towards their arbitrary attitudes. A very large proportion of court decisions in the United States are without foundation of law as defined by the federal constitution as were the decisions in England in defiance of her *Magna Charta*.

Viciousness and undue cruelty in the administration of the laws, in the United States, especially so-called criminal statutes, is a species of insanity inherited from the English practice in

jurisprudence. The English judge is as vengeful as the christian God. No inquisitorial cruelties exceeded the horrors of English, so-called administration of justice during the periods of protestant persecutions. England is not proud of her church or state record in this connection.

I happen to possess the records of the great English trials of a period replete with church and political intrigue, when the power of the courts was merely an adjunct to party promotions. Justice was tempered to the whims of political leaders, and church and state were one. During this period the infamous "Benefit of Clergy" and the brazen false-pretense, the "neck-verse" laws, were in force, by which convicted thieves, confessed murderers and other criminals escaped free, through the intervention of the church, while untold numbers of innocent persons were persecuted to death by vengeful courts.

The nearest approach to this in the United States is the "plea of insanity," the "insanity expert" and the "complacent judge," who is called "the court," having tremendous discretionary prerogatives, and opportunity for favoritisms or abuses.

I will quote a preface from an extraordinary volume published at London, England; in 1776. The title page of this book is sufficiently interesting to reproduce. The tendency towards a drastic application of the laws in the United States is rapidly approaching this early English malpractice.

A
Complete Collection
of
STATE-TRIALS,
and
PROCEEDINGS
for
High-Treason,
and other
Crimes and Misdemeanours;
Commencing with
The eleventh year of the Reign of King Richard II.
and ending with
The sixteenth year of the Reign of King George III.
with
Two Alphabetical Tables to the whole,
To which is prefixed
A Preface
By
FRANCIS HARGRAVE, ESQUIRE
1776

For convenience we are eliminating the old style English print for the modern, although we do continue the peculiar spelling of certain English words.

In the preface of this remarkable volume we find admission that prisoners in England were denied the advantages given in other countries.

"In Scotland very considerable advantages are allowed to the prisoner, which we in England do not enjoy; he has what counsel thinks fit, and a copy of the charge in his own language; his counsel are permitted to inspect the depositions against him before he is brought to trial; and they are so little in haste to dispatch a state prisoner, that the trial often lasts some months, giving to the accused every possible opportunity to clear himself without rotting in *gaol*."

Here is definitely charged unfair treatment of the accused in the English courts.

Another clause specifically says there are judges who are unfair through prejudice in favor of the crown. This is a

serious fault in our own courts, manifesting in a pompous, bombastic, fanatical bigotry as to the sacredness of the law.

"It has not always been the good fortune of England to have the bench adorned with excellent judges. . . . The reader in the course of these trials will find instances wherein the judges have delivered opinions in direct contradiction to the known fundamental laws of the nation, and as far as in them lay, sacrificed the constitution and liberties of the kingdom to the pride and ambition of an arbitrary monarch. This has at times caused the downfall of judges, and the ministers whose tools they were."

Is this clear? It is in defiance of true justice.

"Others there have been, as the reader will learn, who, regardless of right and wrong, and all the solemn oaths they have sworn, have under color of, but yet in open defiance of natural justice, made no scruple to *murder the innocent*, and by foul, unwarrantable practices to acquit the guilty. just as they received their directions from, or thought it would be best pleasing to those above them: to such a monstrous and bare-faced iniquity were they arrived, that they stuck not to determine the same point different ways at different times, usually turning it to the destruction of the person tried before them.

"These volumes will impartially transmit their memory to posterity with that reproach and infamy, so deservedly attendant upon traitors and murderers, and the hectoring bullies, who, without regard to the decency of character, used their authority to no other end than to silence reason and truth, and by blustering and clamour to worry the innocent to death.

"And the counsel, equally vicious, with rude and boisterous language, abuses and reviles the unfortunate prisoner, taking every advantage of ignorance, weakness and innocence, and, by force or stratagem, disabling him from making his defence. He brow-beats his witnesses as soon as they appear, doing everything in his power to put them out of countenance, and confound them in delivering their evidence, leaving the impression that it is his duty to convict every one brought to trial, right or wrong, guilty or not guilty. Such methods are below men of honor, not to say men of conscience. In the perusal of this work many such examples appear, not exempting the great Lord Chief Justice Coke in the trial of Sir Walter Raleigh."

Does not this come home to those familiar with the ruffian-like tactics of prosecuting attorneys in the United States?

Which do you prefer to call it, a species of insanity, or plain contempt for justice? I believe the usual contemptible methods of prosecuting attorneys but reflect a type of bravado to bolster their courage. Look at them, nearly always with bilious, sallow faces, and purple lips, the very image of one going against manhood. Cruel harshness is practiced to cover up manifest dishonesty. Instead of holding the accused guiltless until he is proven guilty, the prosecutor brands him with the most infamous guilt in the very beginning, combating furiously all evidences proving the innocence of the accused. The origin of this is found in the English practice before prosecutors were known in America.

"In his adroit and artful turns and insinuations in his pleadings before the court or jury, the prosecutor blinds them to the truth thus suppressed or misunderstood; and the innocent accused is driven into a state of insanity to see himself thus sacrificed to a sordid desire to convict regardless of the truth."

In the United States the prosecutor's reputation rests upon the number of persons he convicts and sends to prison. No one ever expects politeness or consideration for personal feelings from a prosecutor, unless it is in the form of sarcasm. He always plays to the gallery.

"In the matter of civil suits, the miscarriage of justice, and the imposition of useless costs, are as great an evil as in the criminal cases.

"The ecclesiastical courts are as guilty as the state court procedures.

"In cases of High-Treason (political), it is more difficult to make a defense than in ordinary criminal cases, and conviction carries more severe punishment. The fatal engine employed against the accused is the sycophant desire on the part of corrupt and wicked ministers to trim to the needs of the crown. Some of the noblest and bravest patriots in England have fallen victims to this type of dishonesty, their most praiseworthy acts being construed as treason and rebellion."

The *Magna Charta* of England offers many personal safeguards, but when a man is accused he usually rots in *Gaol* before he is tried. The stench of rotting debtor-prisoners, chained to dead companions, or those eaten with loathsome, contagious diseases, left to die before trial, will smell through eternity. The taint can never be eradicated from the legal garments of civilization.

That is the *Alma Mater* of American jurisprudence—selfishness overtops honor.

Every nation has certain types of criminals which should be permanently removed from contact with the people for safety's sake, and misdemeanors should be suitably corrected. The individual is responsible for his acts to the community, but this does not justify declaring all the people criminals until proven innocent. Innocence is utterly impossible with the nation smothered under a blanket of hundreds of thousands of criminal laws, driving the people into a state of hopeless bewilderment and insanity. Men known as respected citizens today, find themselves converted into criminals by some overnight law. They are respectable in one state and find themselves criminals the moment they cross the line into another state. Eager eyes of savage officials await their missteps, and, like hyenas, pounce upon them to rape their reputation and gut their pockets. The vicious practice of multiplying the petty laws to harass and mulct the unwary masses has assumed a tremendous system of graft throughout the United States. In the false-pretense of saving one individual they sacrifice thousands. There is no pretense of justice, human sympathy, or respect for character. Desperadoes, respectable people, women and children are cast into the same net. Without discretion or discrimination, accusation by the law is disgrace regardless of innocence.

This disregard for human decency was once based upon the theory, and intent, to make the people fear the law, but long ago it was discovered that, morality cannot be coerced into the people by drastic application of a multitude of laws. It was also discovered that, these same laws could be commercialized and turned into a source of tremendous profits. It is safe to say that the penalties and costs to the whole people, of executing the laws throughout the nation, exceed all forms of direct taxation, were the inside facts obtainable. Officials are daily charged with corrupt and dishonest practices, and only too often escape through corrupt favoritism.

The outcome of this deplorable situation is, we are living under a thin covering of cheap veneer; national pride dons a robe of meaningless patriotism, born of fear; officialdom struts in a pompous pretense of righteous importance, and the people are so inspired with awe they are prone to give vent to their pent up mental strain by abnormal and inconsistent support of a system which they do not understand, and which

they hate within their hearts, fear alone being the visible ruling power. The men who assume the responsibility of making and executing the laws are of an inferior caste, uneducated, and indifferent to refinement, and natural, moral responsibility. Long contact with the legal mechanism causes them to become hardened to mercy and pity, and develops an utter hatred towards all civilians.

It will be interesting to laymen and lawyers alike to know some of the customs and practices prevailing at that time because of established abuses and unhindered custom. There was not an honest, conscientious fibre in any individual connected with the courts, the law or prisons. Gaolers were mere brutes clothed in human forms and permitted to torture prisoners to death if they did not pay to avoid this. Thousands of prisoners died in prison, untried.

1. It was common for judges to render opinions in direct contradiction to the known fundamental laws of the nation, and reverse these opinions in other cases when occasion required.
2. All cases were decided to meet the whims and pleasure of higher-ups and the crown, regardless of justice.
3. The judges were recognized as the tools of ministers and political powers.
4. If needs be, the innocent were condemned to death regardless of right or wrong, in defiance of justice. It was treason to criticise judges.
5. It was the privilege of prosecutor and counsel to bully-raggle, and frighten the accused, and their witnesses, into a state which prevented a defense, and these tactics were sustained by the presiding judges.
6. The accused was openly declared guilty until proven innocent, and, if it were possible, evidence proving his innocence was barred.
7. Regardless of character and decency, witnesses were so thoroughly outraged by the bullying of lawyers they were disgraced upon leaving the court.
8. These practices were not alone confined to the lower court officials. In the trial for High-Treason of Sir Walter Raleigh, Lord Chief Justice Coke disgraced the cloth beyond repair, by his utter disregard of truth, justice and common decency. This was a typical case.

9. It was a common practice to promote injustice and wrong by mean insinuations to discredit principals or witnesses, and a wilful suppression or disguise of the truth, knowing that none would dare criticise the conduct of the prosecution or the attitude of the judges.
10. In other countries convicted criminals sentenced to death were executed in private, but in England they were executed in public as examples of the "necessity of vindicating the law," and "meeting the ends of justice," in order to deter others from committing like crimes (a heinous theory which never worked out).
11. The charge of High-Treason was commonly preferred as a means by which objectionable persons could be disposed of. An example is found in the outrageous abuse of justice in the trial of Sir Walter Raleigh. Many of the greatest men England had produced were thus sacrificed—in plain English, murdered.
12. Much show of liberal, protective laws was made in the *Magna Charta*. The writ of *habeas corpus* was an English invention, available in cases except treason or felony, which were unbailable. This was evaded by expressing in all possible cases the word *felony*. The alleged purpose of the *habeas corpus* was to prevent prisoners becoming "worn and wasted with long waiting in prison for trial." Under the debtor-laws nearly as many died in prison from vile diseases and starvation as were brought to trial.
13. The precaution of the *habeas corpus* and the *King's writ*, was overcome by secretly losing the subject by sending him to some remote or private prison, by which he lost the benefit of such writs for want of knowing to whom to direct the writ. A pretense of correcting this was made by passing a law that no English prisoners should be sent beyond the seas. Nevertheless, England was honey-combed with so-called insane asylums filled to overflowing with "unidentified" prisoners kept there by liberal payments to the keepers. England was guilty of more "public-sop laws" than any other nation. Her court practices were utterly lawless. Frequently favoritism sent persons out of the country as "messengers" or "ambassadors," which placed them under the protection of the king and beyond prosecution. An attempt was made to save Sir Walter Raleigh by this process, but his enemies were too strong.

14. Press-warrants were common, taking men by force to serve on the sea. Many persons were prevented from going to the common Gaols by "messengers" being sent to take charge of and imprison them in their own homes, where they were detained sometimes for months without hearings. This was a violation of the expressed law. There are no records of such cases ever having had a judicial hearing as to their legality.

15. It was a common thing for judges to destroy persons far more righteous than themselves. The law itself was a dead letter. Judges interpreted it as they saw fit, until the laws became intolerable from sheer misinterpretation.

(This is a warning to the people of the United States to take heed of the tendency of judge interpreted laws. All of the lower courts, especially magistrates' courts, are abusing the law of discretionary power by rendering opinions having not the slightest basis of legality. Punishment for contempt of court is not legal because appeal is denied. It is a mere instrument of savage vengeance.)

16. Modifications of the drastic methods of the English judges were absolutely necessary to prevent revolution.

17. The English law at that period required juries to unanimously agree before they gave in a verdict; if they did not, they underwent greater punishment than the accused himself, being confined in one room without meat, drink, fire or candle, till they were starved. This custom often worked grave injustice by forcing verdicts.

(A large number of verdicts rendered in the courts of the United States are just such forced agreements. The man whose conscience honestly opposes conviction on the evidence, and is forced to render a verdict against his best judgment, is the man whose mind begins to lean towards insanity. Fear impels him to blindly follow the majority, and swallow his resentment. This enforced suppression embitters his whole being.)

18. The practice in the English courts, of rendering indictments in the Latin tongue, was wholly detrimental to the prisoner, because he did not know with what he was charged. He could have no voice in any reasonable exception to the indictment, but was wholly at the mercy of uncharitable prosecutors, and only too often indifferent counsel.

(Perhaps the meanest maxim in law is that which is

distinctly English, *Ignorantia juris non excusat*: "Ignorance of the law is no plea." Apply this to the United States, with hundreds of thousands of laws on the statute books, and from ten to twenty thousand new laws being ground out annually, and you will grasp its absurdity and rank injustice. It is safe to declare, that, under this drastic theory, more innocent persons are convicted than real guilty.)

19. It was a common practice to exaggerate the charges against the accused by concealing them in Latin phraseology, the theory always being, that the accused was "guilty as charged," unless proven otherwise by overwhelming evidence. A large proportion of the convictions were based on concealed charges, in the Latin indictments, which were foreign to the case, and not understood by the accused or the jury, but well understood by the prosecutor and the judges. Usually these inserted words were intended to bring the word *felony* into the indictment, making it a non-bailable case, and not subject to the crown writs, to prevent application for them.

Thus it is seen that the law and its machinery were avowed enemies of the people, and always sought to draw the innocent as well as the guilty into their nets.

(In the United States this legal sentiment against the people, born of a cultivated prejudice, is growing stronger, and a similar indifference and disregard for human interest is manifesting, especially in police departments and petty courts. Police officials brazenly violate the laws to set snares for the people.)

20. A large number of prosecutions were for blasphemy—reproachful reflections upon God and religion. Most of these were malicious and brought convictions without proof of vicious or evil intent on the part of the accused.
21. A cruel and senseless practice in felony cases was that the accused was not allowed a copy of the indictment, the names of jurors, nor the aid of counsel. This, evidently, is why it was so important to get the word *felony* into indictments. It was a fact that persons were allowed greater privileges in defense of property than in defense of their lives. This evidences the utter contempt held for human life by the English law and courts.
22. Conviction for petty theft, or pocket-picking was conviction for a *felony*, and drew the same death sentence

as the murderer of a household. Theft and murder were classed as the same. It was proven that the frequency of crime, as emphasized by these death penalties, removed the terror of it and increased crime, death was less dreaded than the living death of the galleys, or *Gaols*.

Nothing could be more repugnant than inflicting the death penalty for pilfering and petty offenses common even to children. Compare this with adultery, for which there was no criminal prosecution. Compare the invasion of a man's household, and the stealing of the affections of his wife, and the mother of his children, with the stealing of some petty household article, and you will realize the absurdity of English laws. The one act may be to satisfy ravenous hunger, and the perpetrator dies for it, but the other is to satisfy the cravings of a vulgar lust which could easily lead to murder, and no criminal prosecution follows. What protection has an honest, decent man against such a thief? The idiotic excuse for this is that "theft is a public matter" while "adultery is a private matter." Thus property is held above the national virtue and honor.

Posing as a great religious nation, as England does, how does it reconcile this with the Mosaic law making the same offense punishable by death? Have the judgments of pot-headed English jurists superseded the judgment of their own christian God? Even under the ancient laws of Rome the adulterer who invaded the home of another was put to death.

23. As to misdemeanors, the judge was a law in himself, using his own discretion as to the punishment he inflicted upon culprits. This led to tremendous abuses, due to favoritisms. A fine which might be a mere trifle to one man might mean the ruin or prison to another.

(Here we have the origin of the abuses so manifest in our own petty magistrate courts. The tremendous volumes of petty fines assessed by magistrates run into unknown millions in this country. Magistrates are openly accused of a flagrant abuse of office to mulct the public. The meanest attitude taken by many of our courts is the perfect indifference shown toward character and reputation in their alleged punishment of the most trivial offenses. It would seem that the law-making machinery, and the courts of the land, are bent on destroying all respectability

in the nation. This unnatural tendency, like the early craze concerning witchcraft, at Salem, may be charged to the fanaticism of English so-called jurisprudence, which was nothing short of the extension of the inquisition, that hellish Catholic institution established to discredit civil governments in the hearts of their citizenry.)

24. Discretionary judges indiscriminately abused their privileges to gratify their private revenge, or satisfy the rage of a party, by inflicting indefinite or perpetual imprisonment, excessive and ruinously exorbitant fines and unusual and cruel punishments. They possessed the extraordinary privilege of venting their ill-nature or revenge as they pleased, placing those accused of trivial misdemeanors in a more precarious position than had they been accused of felonies, exposing them to perpetual imprisonment, and unlawful punishment worse than death. An English prison, with its vermin and filth was a living tomb. Extravagant fines, wholly beyond the ability of the accused to pay, were excuses for subjecting them to cruel corporal punishment, notwithstanding the *Magna Charta* forbade unusual fines or punishments.

(We have an excellent example of this unjust and unlawful practice on the part of vicious, conscienceless men without regard for justice and honor. Our constitution specifically forbids unreasonable fines and punishments. The greatest opportunity for graft ever developed in any nation, is in the endless, petty, and often contemptible, laws pretending to regulate automobile traffic in the United States. Fines beyond all reason, and the promiscuous smirching of good reputations without sufficient reason, by ignorant asses posing as magistrates, is bringing all law into bad repute. The most universally hated men in the country are traffic officers hovering in clumps of bushes or under bridges, waiting to pounce upon the unwary traveler technically overstepping some trivial regulation. Taken before a heartless magistrate he is mulcted of an inconsistent fine, and perhaps disgraced by a prison sentence. Many of these laws accomplish nothing in the way of public safety.)

25. Lord Chief Justice Coke himself declared that the hated *star chamber*, was the most honourable court in the Christian world, consisting of the chief officers of the kingdom, and dealing with cases which required secrecy. Its

chief end was the abuse of authority to wreak vengeance on particular persons, and vent the malice of court factions. No limits were observed in the execution of its jurisdiction, nor injustice in its sentences; when their judges became a disgrace to human nature by their barbarous and cruel butcherings, punishing pretended libels by perpetual imprisonment, with indescribable physical tortures, and branding of the faces, and mutilating of their victims. Fines and punishments were so monstrous they could not be concealed except by *star chamber* procedures. Humanity should curse the names of *Barnardiston, Hampden, Oates, Dangerfield, Johnson*, and their ilk.

26. The Pillory was an especial instrument of torture under the English system, exposing the victim to public shame, infamy and disgrace, forever branding him as a Cain, to be reviled and shunned by his fellowmen. This was an open sop to the irresponsible mob, to gain its favor and approval of an act revolting even to the judges themselves. The pillory was always the resort of fanatical magistrates to vent an unnatural spleen and vengeance, born of judicial insanity, anger and hatred. It invited the insults and assaults of the ignorant, unthinking, bigoted mob, and frequently resulted in the death of the pilloried victim, for which the contemptible magistrate was morally responsible. Supposedly in the hands of justice the victim is deliberately handed over to the mob. The pillory was his disgrace, but personal injury was a wilful transmission of physical punishment to the unlawful mob, for which these judges should have been held liable for damages, but such was English discretionary, judicial custom.
27. Another thing showing the defect of English procedure was, the packing of juries, one of the most disgraceful practices on the part of the prosecuting machinery, rendering it next to impossible for accused persons to receive just trials. This practice made accusation practically conviction, and a large proportion of the trials mere vengeful persecutions.
28. The most despicable things in England were the hardened gaoelers. Their oppressions, persecutions, extortions and numerous forms of blackmail, were an open disgrace to the nation. There seemed to be no remedy for this vicious abuse of opportunity. No criminal who ever entered their

Gaols could be so low and contemptible as these human dogs. But, why drop them below the equally despicable authorities whose duty it was to check the outrages of these beastly Gaolers? Men were not only forced into these vile prisons, but were compelled to pay for living there. Inability to meet the demands of the ravenous Gaolers meant unheard of cruelty and starvation. The guilt or innocence of prisoners had not been determined by trial. Sometimes they remained there for years without trial. Their inability to pay inconsistent costs and fees, even after they were acquitted of criminal charges, left them in prison indefinitely. These practices on the part of sheriffs and *Gaolers* were definitely contrary to the law, but custom had annulled the law.

29. The filth and nastiness of the *Gaols*, due to overcrowding, was beyond description. They wreaked with vermin, contagious disease and unnamable offal. Infection even penetrated into the courts when the prisoners were brought for trial. It is a matter of history that in the twentieth year of *Queen Elizabeth* at *Oxford Assizes*, the prisoners brought such pestilence with them into court, the Lord Chief Baron Bell, the sheriff, several counsel, almost all the jurors and nearly three hundred others, died within the space of forty hours after it, from infection.

The theory of corrective laws is that punishment is to reform the persons sentenced to prison, therefore, it is clear that this outrageous prison system and practice defeated the end of the law, and degraded still more the persons committed for correction. This was well known to English authorities, but the "vengeance of the law" was more desirable. The *Gaols* were schools for hardened crime implanting in the hearts of men an equal desire for vengeance on society and its mechanism.

30. It was the unchecked practice of *Gaolers* to extort from prisoners every cent they could pay to avoid being loaded with fetters and irons, or chained to other prisoners dying with loathsome diseases. So many died it was a common thing for a prisoner to be chained to a corpse for days before the *Gaoler* would release him. (This was shown in Oglethorpe's report.)
31. It was the practice of fiendish *Gaolers* to thrust new prisoners into stinking, disease-infested dungeons in order to extort from them all they possessed to be given other

quarters. To force them to a compliance to their demands, they loaded the prisoners with fetters and irons, the sole excuse being that they were answerable for the prisoners, therefore they should use such means to secure them as they saw fit. Nevertheless, they relaxed their cruelties in proportion to the amounts the prisoners could pay for relief. Shackling and fettering had no other purpose than to extort money from the prisoners. This practice was notoriously open, some of the *Gaolers* waxing wealthy, living in palatial homes filled with liveried servants.

The law specifically provided that prisoners should not be punished, tortured or injured by *Gaolers*. Nevertheless, a large proportion of English prisoners died in prison without trial, after being imprisoned for the most trivial offenses.

32. Lord Chief Justice Coke took his ideas of justice from *Rhodamanthus*, the judge of hell, who first punished and then asked the nature of the charge, or from the chief captain who first heavily chained *St. Paul*, then asked him who he was, and what he had done.
33. "There is one thing more regarding the English laws, their multiplicity of statutes and their incoherent character, a single law often treating of several subjects. The policy of not repealing old laws when new laws on the same subject were passed, caused constant conflict and clash.

(Here is the origin of the policy of endless laws in the United States. This is the most vicious, inconsistent system of trickery known to civilization. A clique of men desire to attain certain advantages and they immediately begin to intrigue to have certain laws passed to that end, regardless of how unjust and irritating these measures may become to the whole community. Political intrigue, by church and political parties, in the United States, is one of the great national evils.)

34. The attempt to inculcate into the public mind such a blind veneration for the law is to invite abuse in making laws. The blind support of the law merely for the law's sake, regardless of justice, common sense or reason, is neither natural or honest. A very large proportion of the laws are obsolete in their original intent, and are en-

forced only at the pleasure of those who can invoke them for profit or revenge.

(Here is an excellent example of the so-called obnoxious blue-laws in the United States. Moreover, the insistence that the law is a "sacred thing" is a fanatical disease, inspiring in the minds of uneducated, uncultivated, petty officials the idea that they are the embodiment of the law, with the right to accuse, arrest, punish, and even kill persons, without due process. Where England's practice of cruelty towards accused persons was concealed behind the prison walls, arrogance, insolence, insult and assault are commonly in the open when making arrests in the United States. The one is born of bitter hatred, and a desire for vengeance; the other is to exploit, and advertise to the gaping mob, the importance of officials of the law, a personal strut, wholly inconsistent with the intent and purpose of justice. This custom in the United States has two results: It cultivates in the thoughtless mob indifference to personal self-respect, and respect towards others; in the thinking classes, with some regard for national refinement, it develops a disrespect for the law, and an utter hatred for cheap, theatrical, official conduct.)

A decent respect for struggling humanity has no place in legal jurisprudence. The same bigoted, intolerant, insane force, which butchered humanity in Europe, is concealed behind the legislative powers in the United States. Officers of the law openly violate the law to ensnare people who have no intention of overstepping the arbitrary restrictions which manifestly intrude upon their natural personal rights—the right to measure their acts by an honest conscience.

The theory that ignorance of the law is no defense is a brutal snare, and a senseless accusation of purposeful violation of the law.

The criminal accusation of persons for accidental infringement of the law, without premeditated intent, is a criminal abuse of power on its face, and should be drastically suppressed.

The men who are chosen to enforce the laws should be held strictly to the intent and purpose of their selection, and they should be drastically punished for overstepping their specifically defined prerogatives. An office should hold no pets.

Naturally, after one has reviewed the tragic murder of Sir

Walter Raleigh by his country, through a coterie of imbecilic national politicians, we pat ourselves upon the back because we are above such utterly insane practices. But, are we? and, are they insane?

What is the difference between the distinguished Sir Walter Raleigh, and the multitude of petty individuals who are daily the victims of our own court maladministrations? Our territory is so vast, and our population so great, as compared with that time, we may overlook the fact that, daily, thousands are getting the benefit of raw deals in justice. At the time of the conviction of Sir Walter Raleigh, the population of England was only about 4,800,000, and the ideas of national honor were of little consequence, measured by the needs of the rulers of that time. Through centuries of church intrigue, men had lost all respect for personal honor in the necessity for trimming to the will of their masters—the common herd did not count.

What we desire to impress upon the people of the United States today is, that we are drifting towards maladministration of justice, and our people, in consequence thereof, are developing mass insanity, which blinds them to the fact that they are being exploited, and deliberately misled by designing forces. A disastrous reaction is as inevitable as the law of "reaction is equal to action" is true in physics.

Every human act is being penalized, and the people are being put under a system of commercialized liberty, involving licenses, and fines, based upon the principle of indulgences. Those who cannot pay exorbitant fines are disgraced by imprisonment. The untold millions taken from the people by this process, exceeds, perhaps, all forms of national taxation. Moreover, the dispensation of justice is farcial because of the endless laws, and the temptation on the part of magistrates to abuse their legal power for the profit this yields. The federal fines alone, in administering the prohibition law, exceeds \$50,000,000 annually.

Law officers have become insolent and abusive from sheer freedom. No pretense of politeness or respect towards the public is exhibited. Strutting in elaborate regalia, with blunderbusses strapped to their hips, men of the commonest type are permitted to parade about the public thoroughfares with the pompous airs of conquering heroes, ever watchful for an opportunity to give vent to their desire for bravado and intrusive rudeness. Civility and respect towards the people

are things of the past. The abnormal conduct of officials becomes the example for the conduct of the people.

This was not the original intent in the establishment of this nation; on the contrary it reflects a trend towards national insanity, because of the absence of natural sentiments of honor in the men chosen to make our laws, and the low type of intelligence in the men selected to enforce the laws. The result of this defect has been to eliminate all refinement and human sympathy from our system, leaving but a gross brutal instinct to govern, instead of an intelligent and jealous guardianship. The system does not grant individual intelligence as an agent.

The example which has shaped our policy in jurisprudence is one thing, but the cultivation of insanity in the national units, the people, is quite another. The subtle influence of the church in making and executing the laws directly affecting the masses of people, is a sinister thing. Inconsistency is as apparent in the church attitudes as those of adverse decisions on the part of English judges. The influence of the church power upon shaping public opinion is beyond dispute, yet the utter disregard for consistency is rank. Let us review some of the well known facts regarding the church pretense to being a just and proper agent of morality.

War is the one bugaboo of nations, hence it is a pet theme of the church, sometimes for and sometimes against. Its attitude in its attempts to influence national policies, are not only illogical because of reversals, but are wholly illegal, and they should be given short shrift in their elimination from public affairs.

It is a matter of record that the church trims to the political party to which it looks for support and favors. The alleged public opinion, as portrayed in the newspapers, is usually the opinion of the church backing up some secret policy with which the masses of people have nothing to do.

When this country was dragged into the late world war by "public opinion," the church howled its patriotism and favored war. This only corroborated the teachings of the christian Bible at a time when war was popular. God Himself was favorable to war.

"The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name."
(Ex. 15:3.)

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." (Matt. 24:6, 7.)

In the issue of the Los Angeles Times of October 31st, 1927, this article appeared:

"Churches Seek Peace on Earth.

"Council Urges Members to Study Outlawing of War."

Here is positive evidence that the alleged dictates of the christian God are merely the whims of men. This is in line with the contemptible prohibition laws passed at the dictation of church forces, absolutely contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Their God is not only a "man of war" but their Christ was a maker, drinker and a dispenser of wine.

In the body of this article regarding peace we find these remarkable statements:

"We pledge ourselves to *enthron*e Christ in the counsels of the mighty in the foreign policies of the nation."

Here the church shows its hand in politics, for Christ symbolizes the church.

"Let us remember that the abolition of war and the attainment of peace wait upon a quickening of the conscience of the church of Christ, regarding the futility of war to establish justice."

Now does this not shock you? A confession that the power to make peace has been dormant in the conscience of the church through all the centuries, yet it has stood idly by and permitted war to continue through every day since its introduction.

"But, what is of vastly greater significance, the positive power of Jesus' way of life."

What folly is this? Their Christ Himself makes liars and fools of them:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I come not to send peace, but a sword.

"For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother.

"And a man's foes shall be they of his own household." (Matt. 10:34, 35, 36.)

Here their Jesus Christ pledges Himself to violate the most sacred human ties.

Reader, are you satisfied to be posed as one of the simple minded individuals who is willing to believe all the preacher, or these christian fanatics, say? Do you know what they are talking about when they speak of Jesus Christ?

I am going to tell you the truth. If you honestly believe in christianity, doubtless you want to know whether or not you have been misled and deceived.

You are not a Jew, are you? Well, why, then, do you profess to worshiping a Jew character?

The name *Jesus* is merely the Greek form of *Joshua*, hence, Jesus is a Jew, and was an alleged Jewish deity. But this is not all. Joshua himself was a symbolic figure. *Jo* is an abbreviated form of *Joseph*, meaning *increase*. The word *Shua* means *wealth*. Therefore the Jewish name for Jesus, Joshua, means, that *increased wealth was the savior of the Jews*. You may verify this for yourself, by reference to the proper dictionaries—James P. Boyd's Bible dictionary is in common use. Look for the meanings of *Joseph*, *Joshua*, *Jesus*, and *Shua*. At the same time look at *Mary*, the alleged mother of Jesus, and you will find this secretly means *rebellion*. Yet she is named the "*mother of God*"—the God of war.

The word *Christ* is not a proper name, but is derived from *Kristos*, the Greek form of the Jewish *Messiah*, which merely means an installed official or priest.

Don't you feel a little foolish upon learning the truth? Just put this under the impudent nose of your preacher or priest; either he will lie to you, and say this is not true, or he will slap your face and tell you to attend to your own business.

It is sufficient to cause any "good christian" to feel a bit batty to find what an utter simpleton he has been.

I shall now line up the mind racking stuff paraded before the public daily by the newspapers, in turning out the grist of imbeciles amidst whom we must live. Every man has the right to draw his own conclusions as to whether the youth of the country are benefited by such criminal practice. I do not hesitate to say, that the newspaper policy of the United States is part of a despicable game to irritate and torment the people into a state of hopeless insanity.

This is the underlying cause of our national insanity. visible in every contact we have. There is not one ray of intelligent, constructive progress in our national trend, and our national statistics vindicate this conclusion.

The following headings and quotations will clearly reveal why we are drifting away from reason, common sense, and logical thinking. They are intended to work upon every human emotion to produce given effects, being closely censored by an invisible, guiding mind.

I have not culled papers over a long period in gathering these items; on the contrary I have taken the larger part of them from a single, average, daily newspaper, covering but a few days.

In four columns of the Los Angeles Times of October 24th, 1927, these headings appeared. (See page 18):

- "Boy Caught by Rip-tide Saved After Battle."
- "Society Women Back Charity High-Jinks."
- "Ex-visitor Poison Victim."
- "Stabbing Ends Liquor Bout."
- "Boniface Recovers Bride."—(Silly sensation.)
- "Rocks Used to Beat Off Park Bandit."
- "Mexican Woman Held for Deportation Bears Son."
- "Pneumonia Gowns."—(A fake.)
- "Clubman's Own Hand Ends Life."
- "Physician, Here Years, Succumbs."
- "San Franciscan Shoots Self in Pershing Square."
- "Doctor Studies Auto-diseases."
- "Slaves in Africa to Be Given Freedom."
- "Rat Killing Success."

In the same issue there were 29 items referring to crime.

I have quoted this to show the widespread education of the reading public in crime, semi-crime and sensationalism, as the cause of national aberration. There is nothing educational in this and it appeals to the grossest human sentiments, encouraging thoughts along lines which can only excite and inflame the mind.

I will analyze some of the more important items appearing daily:

Times, September 2, 1927.

- "Earthquakes Called Holy-Land Foe."
- "Area Menaced for Thousand Years."

Here we have the land which God gave to His chosen people continually threatened with destruction, intimating conclusively that God never intended that humanity should live in peace and safety.

Times, September 4, 1927.

- "Anglo-Saxons Rule Forecast."
- "Conquest of Palestine Called Part of Fulfillment."
- "Palestine Was Never Promised to the Jews."

Here we have a specific denial of Bible history.

Times, September 8, 1927.

"Catholics Scan Crime Problem."

"Socialization of Penal Work Urged."

"Luncheon Social Feature of Day's Program."

"Hysteria on crime waves which called for more drastic legislation deplored. 'The nation was crime ridden 100 years ago.' Quoting a statement by a writer in 1820, 'Half the number of convicts are youth.' In 1908 a southern bar association stated that there were twelve homicides in New England to one in London, and in California seventy-five to one.'

"This is a clear bid for the criminal classes by the Catholic church."

Times, September 9, 1927.

There were 79 divorce decrees granted, and 59 notices of intention to marry.

This proves it is easier to divorce than to marry. Both encourage contempt for marriage.

Times, September 14, 1927.

"Useless Laws Flayed by National Exchange Club."

"We Must Get Back to Fundamental Things in Government."

"It would take ten hours a day for a policeman to read the laws he is supposed to enforce."

Cincinnati Com. Tribune, September 29, 1927.

"Charge Two Patrolmen with Murder."

"The trial was held up because one of these officers had to take his vacation."

Isn't that a fine specimen of coddling and favoritism?

Cincinnati Enquirer, September 30, 1927.

"Lone Pint Brings Life Sentence."

"Had a Pint of Gin in His Home When Raided."

This occurred in Lansing, Mich. It matters not whether this man deserved such a sentence on general principles, the reason for so gross a sentence was not sufficient, and this kind of stuff irritates the public mind and begets a vicious resentment against the law. The supposition was that he had duly suffered the penalty for previous derelictions or else he would not have been at large.

Cincinnati Com. Tribune, September 30, 1927.

"Marshall Bill Tempts Graft."

A bill presented to the Ohio state legislature was clearly in the interest of grafting by country magistrates and

justices, yet it was openly advocated by the church element simply because it could be applied to automobile cases and to prohibition—the most prolific sources of graft the world has ever known.

Times, August 30, 1927.

“Council of Los Angeles to Attend Catholic Luncheon.”

This is a rank betrayal of the protestants.

Cincinnati Com. Tribune, September 30, 1927.

“Jury Ponders Fate of Girl Bank Robber.”

“Girl 22 Years of Age Held up Bank.”

A clear case of youthful insanity born of cultivated desire for sensation and notoriety.

Cincinnati Enquirer, October 5, 1927.

“People Pray All Day in Kentucky Town for Relief from Infantile Paralysis.”

It seems beyond reason that, in this supposedly enlightened age people would manifest such tendency to imbecility.

Cincinnati Times-Star, October 11, 1927.

“Ohio Justices Are Denounced as Grafters.”

Cincinnati Times-Star, October 11, 1927.

“Librarians to Discuss Banning of Books.”

“Must Determine What Is Morally Fit.”

Here is a menace to the first privilege of education, the right to apply to a neutral agent, the public library, for uncensored and unbiased information on any subject. This censorship would be a crime against humanity.

Cincinnati Times-Star, October 12, 1927.

“Cardinal McConnell Forbids the Singing of the Popular Song, ‘Beautiful Isle of Somewhere,’ ” because it casts doubt on the christian heaven.”

Cincinnati Times-Star, October 12, 1927.

“Girl of 12 May Choose Husband.”

So decided by an addle-pated ass of a judge at Laurel, Mass. He permitted this child to marry a boy of 17 against the will of the parents.

Kansas City Times, October 13, 1927.

“Husband in Prison for 150 Years, Wife Divorced.”

This man was given this sentence on a forgery charge in El Dorado, Kans.

El Paso Herald, October 14, 1927.

"By a decision of the U. S. supreme court Michael Faltin is to hang for murder after having spent 15 years in state's prison, and in the state insane asylum."

This would make English courts blush. Nothing could bring the law into greater contempt.

L. A. Times, October 17, 1927.

"Pay Highest in America."

"Earners Under Hand of Gold."

The value of the American dollar at this time is about 61 cents. We are prone to boasting.

Times-Star, October 17, 1927.

"Singing Is Requisite in Heaven," says Methodist Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, at Chicago.

Can you beat it?

Times, October 17, 1927.

"Pioneer Takes Life While in County Jail."

Sam Dattle could not stand the disgrace of being placed in jail as a vagrant because he could not find employment with thousands out of work.

Times, October 19, 1925.

"It Requires \$22,000,000,000 Annually for Food."

With about \$10,000,000,000 to pay for it, according to official statistics. The alleged national income of \$90,000,000,000 is a *huge* joke.

Times, October 21, 1927.

"Crime Wave Recedes to Only Ripple."

Express, October 20, 1927.

"Crime Wave Fails to Ebb."

Express, October 20, 1927.

"Fails to Aid Injured Dog; Sent to Jail for 20 Days."

Can you beat it? English courts have nothing on this.

Times, October 20, 1927.

"Because he refused to be pressed into fire fighting service, fined and sentenced to jail."

Why accuse English courts of abusing their power?

L. A. Herald, October 20, 1927.

"Dispensation of Charity Money Accused of High Cost of Administration."

Twenty-seven per cent held out for expenses of distribution. Where did \$334,946 go?

Express, October 20, 1927.

"Community Chest Authorized to Collect \$2,750,000 for 150 Charity Agencies in Los Angeles."

Some poverty, in a proud city.

Times, October 21, 1927.

"Judge at Santa Ana sentences man to attend church four Sundays each month for five years, because he possessed liquor."

Could English courts exceed this imbecilic act?

No law justifies judges making asses of themselves on the bench.

Times, October 21, 1927.

"Mrs. Chaplin Sees Coolidge" (?)

On the same date there were sixty-four divorce decrees granted, and thirty-eight new applications, in Los Angeles.

Times, October 21, 1927.

"Answer to 'What Price Glory'."

"Board of Public Works asks \$293,460 to decorate rooms, lay carpets, install clock, water filter and refrigerator in new City Hall. This is in addition to the original appropriation of \$5,000,000 for marble pillars and hallways in the new City Hall. The council also has a special committee at work listing the new furnishings and desks the councilmen want in their private offices, and those of their secretaries, and this committee will soon present its addenda to the bill of the Board of Public Works." "The cost of decorating the council chamber is estimated at \$30,210; decorating lobbies at \$41,340; painting walls and ceilings, \$74,200; carpets, \$15,000; steel filing equipment, \$90,000."

Do you gasp? What is the answer? The Community Chest must go out and bulldoze and bluff money out of the people to take care of "more than 400,000 charity subjects," and "250,000 cripples" in Los Angeles, and taxation is sent skyward, and still there are those who declare there is no cause for insanity. Who couldn't strut and pose with the power of coercive confiscation at their disposal? What if it does require 150 so-called charity institutions to care for the paupers?

Times, October 21, 1927.

"Teachings of Catholic Church Unchanged Through 1900 Years."

No one will dispute this. And, we may add, there has not been a single day of universal peace during that period. Moreover, the billions of church property, taken out of poverty-stricken humanity tells a grewsome story. While humanity slaves to be mulcted by just such extravagances as we have previously quoted, the church, with a myriad of alleged charity institutions following in the shadow of her skirts, to further intimidate the weak minded to give up all they so badly need for their own comforts, harass the producers.

Nothing can conceal the vital fact that all these luxuries must come out of the producing masses. All wealth is coined out of human energy. Call it taxation, charity or what you will, the sweat of the brow of helpless humanity produces it, and the strutting, posing, egotistical scoundrels who absorb it are parasites, and hangers-on of the producers, rendering no adequate services to humanity. If they cannot get what they want by coercive taxation, in a multitude of forms, they assume the garb of beggary, thus they milk every human emotion.

Times, October 21, 1927.

"Drop of Liquor in Sink Jails Ex-Policeman."

"A few drops of whiskey recovered from the kitchen sink of his home sufficed for a jury in a municipal court yesterday to convict a former policeman on a charge of possessing liquor, and he was sentenced to ninety days in jail."

Oh, England, watch your laurels.

The man who reads this without a sense of contempt for every element involved is no better than the skunks who took part in the dirty trick. There is no animal below men that would stoop to such contemptible meanness, and a magistrate who would lend himself to such work is not worthy to be called a man. A jury of men who could be bribed or bulldozed into such a verdict are mere tools of such forces.

Times, October 21, 1927.

"Charity Quiz Action Due."

"Grand jury decides today if asserted startling disclosures will be given to public."

Here is a fine item appearing in the same issue of the newspaper with the foregoing one. A man is sent to prison for drinking his own liquor, in his own home, and it

is a question on the part of a dignified judge if he should give out the facts concerning the questionable distribution of \$334,946 of money belonging to so-called charity funds.

The superintendent of the distribution of these funds, no doubt, feeling sure of his position, turns up his impudent nose and declares he is "not interested in grand jury proceedings." This impudence is in keeping with the coercive manner by which the money was accumulated. We have heard of no subsequent action.

Times, October 21, 1927.

"Atheism Advocates Denounced."

This was the theme of a trickster who addressed members of the "Junior Chamber of Commerce." The speaker was either ignorant or else he was a falsifier, for he declared that faith in the Christian religion was the foundation of our Constitution, a thing disputed by all the early Presidents, and by the Constitution itself, which declares: "The Congress shall make no laws with respect to the establishment of religion." Washington, Jefferson and Madison vetoed numerous bills sneaked through the Congress by cunning political workers trying to trick the government into a recognition of the Church. Instead of sending men to prison for drinking liquor in their own homes, these hypocrites should be suppressed, even if they have to be jailed.

Times, October 23, 1927.

"False Arrest Upheld."

The infallible town marshal of Red Bluff, Cal., arrested and held in jail, for seven days, an innocent man on the request of an equally important official of Oregon looking for a man for non-support. The outcome was that the boob at Red Bluff had to cough up \$1,000 damages. If more of this kind of justice could be dispensed, some of the impudent conceit would be kicked out of these tin pie-pan toters.

Times, October 24, 1927.

"Rail Cars Now Face Padlocks."

Can you beat it? The whole nation must be put in ball and chain to appease the fanatical skunks who are attempting to enforce the nefarious prohibition laws.

"A recent decision by the Supreme Court which upholds the padlocking by enforcement officials of any cafe, hotel or other public place, whether the liquor is brought in by

the patron or furnished by the waiters, is reaching out for the Pullman cars." "It is held that this decision applies to club cars, dining cars, smoking cars and any cars open to the public. The government is empowered to padlock any car and run it on a siding for a year."

"Let no man judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of the Sabbath day" (Col. 2:16). What blather we find in the Bible!

"Wine maketh glad the heart of man" ((Ps. 104:15). "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy heart" (Prov. 31:6).

"Let him drink, and forget his poverty and remember his misery no more" (Prov. 31:7).

"Ho, everyone that thirsteth come buy wine" (Is. 55:1).

"I have drunk my wine with my milk" (Sol. Songs 5:1).

"Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities" (I Tim. 5:23).

"And in this mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined" (Is. 25:6). (Mountain means the church.)

Noah drank wine, Lot drank wine, David drank wine, and David is named the father of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 1:1.)

"Christ is come eating and drinking and ye say behold a wine-bibber" (Luke 7:34).

Christ Himself made wine for the joy of a wedding feast, bidding the servants to draw it out and serve to the governor of the feast, who pronounced it better than old wine—today they would hang Christ as a bootlegger.

"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee" (John 2).

"It was the mother of Jesus who bade Him make the wine" (John 2:3).

"Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or what shall we drink?" (Matt. 6:31).

Now, you bigoted knaves, step to the front and explain these things. *Have you repudiated your God, your Christ, and your Bible?* Don't start your yawp about the sacredness of the law and its enforcement, these glaring rebukes are of vastly greater importance. Why did the corrupt, dishonest promoters of the prohibition laws exempt the

clergy and the Jews? I am going to tell the world why. The Constitution specifically repudiates religion, declaring that: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion." It was written into our treaties with foreign nations that "the United States was in no sense founded upon religion." Neither the word God nor Christ is mentioned in any of the foundation documents.

For more than a century the intriguing churches have striven to sneak into legislation a recognition which would annul this important constitutional provision. Not until this nefarious prohibition amendment was passed did they succeed. *The clergy and the Jews were exempted on religious grounds, thereby recognizing religion, contrary to our Federal Constitution, which it brazenly violates.*

This is something to think about in your lucid moments.

Times, October 24, 1927.

"Grand Jury Report Accuses County Charity Head."

There are, it is alleged, one hundred and fifty so-called charity organizations clawing at the public for contributions in Los Angeles. What a possibility!

Times, October 24, 1927.

"Bishop's Bible Rap Answered."

Purporting to be a controversy between the Bishop of Birmingham, England, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, but in fact is a hash-up of the same old bunk which has gotten their names in the newspapers times innumerable. This church tommy-rot is getting tiresome, nevertheless it remains the strongest evidence of our theory of universal insanity, the whole thing being but a strut of words without sense or reason. It leads to just such foolishness to gain notoriety as is found in the succeeding item.

Times, October 25, 1927.

"Autoist Gets Horse Laugh."

Ancient unrepealed ordinance, referring to the leaving of vehicles in the streets without horses, is invoked to embarrass autoists. This was in Buffalo, N. Y. This is on a par with the so-called blue-laws dealing with the "desecration of the Sabbath" by the purchase of gasoline, or necessary medicines to save life, from a corner drug store.

And yet there are those who take offense at the suggestion that these are rank evidences of insanity.

Times, October 25, 1926.

"Lloyd George of England forecasts war, practically on the tendency towards international insanity."

Times, October 25, 1927.

"Guilty, But Does He Know it?"

A deaf, dumb and illiterate person was arraigned before a typical smart-alex magistrate at Rutland, Vermont, for a trivial violation of the traffic laws. He was asked if he was guilty, and the arresting officer took it upon himself to plead guilty for him. The "judge" fined him \$21.50, the accused not knowing what it was all about. They searched his pockets and took all he had, \$11.07, and discharged him. Name it if you can.

Does this arouse your ire?

Times, October 25, 1927.

"Y. M. C. A. Exceeds Million Mark."

This organization has wholly stepped out of its original purpose, now being a highly organized business proposition, having amassed hundreds of millions of surplus funds and supporting thousands of highly paid officers. It is a supposed charity institution, yet it is now competing with legitimate lines as a highly profitable money making scheme. Yet they are listed to participate in the easy money of the Community Chest.

Times, October 25, 1927.

"Former postmaster of Hialeah, Fla., pleads guilty to embezzlement of \$50,000 from government, is sentenced to five years in the Atlanta Federal penitentiary."

Compare this sentence with the life sentence given to the man in Lansing, Mich., in whose house was found a pint of gin and see if you find any evidences of vicious insanity on the part of nut-headed judges.

Times, October 26, 1927.

"Girls to Have Smoking Room."

"Vassar Seniors Raising \$1,000 for Ventilating Fan and Furnishings."

Can you beat it? Do you suppose these young women will make fit and sane wives and mothers? Of course you do not!

Times, October 26, 1927.

"State W. C. T. U. Policy Outlined."

This policy is to bullyraggle future candidates for pub-

lic office to think their way in relation to radical and irritating laws.

Organized political influence is the curse of this nation.

Again we find the Bible repudiated, although they use the name "Christian." Evidently they do not know the true meaning of Jesus or Christ.

"Suffer not a woman to teach, nor usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence" (I Tim. 2:12).

Times, October 26, 1927.

"Six Grid Teams to Be Arrested."

Blue laws of 1794 invoked to punish them for playing football on Sunday.

"Let no man judge you in respect of an holy day or of the Sabbath days" (Col. 2:16).

Times, October 26, 1927.

"All Creeds Pledge Aid for Chest."

And all have a hand in the pie, Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Of course they favor it in Los Angeles.

In the list of distributions of the Community Chest monies the Catholics appear twelve times, the Jews eleven times and the Y. M. C. A. six times.

Yet the City of Los Angeles is placing before the grand jury charges against the dispensation of charity collections. Are the county and city officials less to be trusted than these freebooters of the "charity" game?

Herald, October 20, 1927.

"'Showdown' on Dry Law is Planned."

Speaking of nerve, this proposition is the limit!

Allegedly, the "National Committee on Law Enforcement," a merely nominal bunch of notoriety seekers, propose to cross the continent in a spell-binding effort to coerce the nation to commit itself on the prohibition question. It has neither moral nor legal standing. If you desire to know the origin of this idea, here it is:

"The New York State Woman's Committee for Law Enforcement, in co-operation with the national committee, will hold its meetings on November 12 and 13."

There will be services in the churches.

Now wouldn't that shock you?

What have these women or the churches to do with the enforcement of the laws of the nation? What are we paying the officials of the nation for? If they do not know their business they are unfit for official positions.

No! This is merely the offensive attitude of a lot of meddlesome women who neglect their home duties to stick their intrusive noses where they do not belong.

But don't get gay with this thing.

The National Committee for Law Enforcement, *it is stated*, has a total membership of 10,000,000. Do you believe that?

There are in the United States about 40,000,000 native white women. Not more than 30,000,000 of these are over twenty-one years of age. About fifty per cent of these live in the country, and a large proportion of the others are working women. Now, in view of this, do you believe, for a moment, that 10,000,000 educated, intelligent women are understandingly organized and banded together for any purpose? Of course you do not. This is a dream of female conquest. The leaders may be found in the "Peacock Alleys" of the big hotels in the United States, trying to convince the world of their vast importance, a pathetic yet provoking evidence of national insanity.

Herald, October 20, 1927.

"Report 76 Bombings in Chicago for 1927."

There you are! Is this any evidence of national insanity? Surely you do not believe that sane men would indulge in this pastime. Men are driven to do such acts by some abnormal pressure. Men do not respect the law when they believe they are getting the worst of it. Have a care, this is very natural.

Times, October 25, 1927.

"Red Cross is Banned From Navy Yard."

The arrogance of the Red Cross forces is well known, but despite the fact that the President is ex-officio President of this aggressive organization, they became so aggressive that the Navy turned them down hard, and forbade further solicitation at the navy yards.

Times, October 27, 1927.

"'Humoresque' Player Minus His Wife Now."

"Because her husband played 'Humoresque' on his violin too often to please her, Mrs. Helen Holmerson was granted a divorce on the grounds of acute cruelty." (This occurred in San Francisco.)

Now, which of these three exhibits the greater mental aberration, the musician, the wife, or the addle-pated judge?

On the same day, at Los Angeles, forty-eight divorce decrees were granted. Most of them on equally as absurd grounds—Reno has lost her reputation. How much money do you suppose is involved in twelve to fifteen thousand divorces granted annually in Los Angeles? This is not a pie, it is a pudding.

Times, October 27, 1927.

"The director of the Columbia University School of Journalism deplores filthy newspaper sheets."

In an editorial the Times says:

"He is right, as the experience of the Times in its policy of playing down scandal proves."

This is a joke! It will be observed that nearly all of our quotations have been taken from the Times, and only cover a few days. They may play down vulgar scandal, but they do play up sensation, and especially those things which irritate and excite the public mind. No modern newspaper could live without exaggerated sensation. The bare facts may be sufficient to arouse the public without adding to. It is neither logical nor true that the public demands sensation. The newspapers pose as censors over moral public opinion, nevertheless, they loudly proclaim their inability to trim their sensations to truly sane and moral facts. It is no excuse that the average reporter is a cheap sap-head with no other idea than to make his "stuff" stick. Newspaper men generally are frank to say: "To hell with public morals, give them what they want," and we must admit that it is the national idea. The newspapers are but a single element in a tremendous national force. Along with politics, religion, sports, amusements and commercial gambling, they merely urge the public mind to greater indiscretions.

There is no greater evidence of the greed for sensation, on the part of newspapers, than the constant assaults of authorized reporters upon people chosen for slaughter. To assault a traveler for news is a virtue, to assault an impudent reporter is a crime. While denial pretends to relieve the newspapers of the whole responsibility, the fact remains they are closer to the daily home life of the nation and exercise a more intimate influence upon the developing thought of the people than any other national agent, and they send out their hunting dogs for any game they can bring in.

"Negro preacher goes to prison ten years for manslaughter. He was charged with murder, but the jury rendered a compromise verdict."

I wonder by what right of law a jury may change the charge upon which a person is being tried. This sounds like the old English practice of favoring the church.

Times, October 30, 1927.

"Drys Discount Church Ballot."

It's funny to hear them disputing among themselves. The Protestant Episcopalians are hopelessly split on prohibition.

Times, October 30, 1927.

"Police Arrest Serenaders" (Eugene, Oregon).

"Fifty students of the University of Oregon were under arrest because the police wanted to break up a long practice of serenading. A truckload of students with an orchestra was taken in and charged with disorderly conduct."

Can you beat it? England had nothing on this. Music no longer "hath the charm to soothe the savage breast." The police are getting mighty particular.

We must charge up against the Times the raw publication, item for item, of some twenty-five to thirty-five daily burglaries in Los Angeles over a period of a month. We wonder why they stopped it.

Times, October 30, 1927.

"Rum Auto Used for Gospel."

Here is an excellent example of the utter disregard for decency and self-respect on the part of the church operatives. Cars confiscated in the apprehension of prohibition law violators are bought up by the preachers, who thus benefit by their own activities.

This is in keeping with the policy of the United States to demand tainted money from gamblers and bootleggers under the excuse of income tax. Truly all money looks alike to the tax gatherer. Money may corrupt men, but men cannot corrupt money.

It is a law in nature to cultivate that which gives it maintenance.

Times, October 30, 1927.

"The Church and Peace."

"There will convene in St. Louis November 9 the twelfth annual meeting of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches."

Here is the same old gag that the churches are for peace. During the late war they loudly demanded war, and, during the war, they waged a bitter campaign of easy graft, collecting a billion dollars from the hard pressed people.

Times, October 31, 1927.

"Churches Seek Peace on Earth."

Now what kind of a bluff is this? It is contrary to the alleged declaration of their own Jesus Christ. Who declared He had come to violate the most sacred human ties.

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I come not to send peace, but a sword.

"For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

"And a man's foes shall be they of his own household."
(Matt. 10:34, 35, 36.)

If we let them run they will repudiate the whole Bible and the bottom will fall out of the whole church exploitation.

By what authority do they dispute the teachings of their own Bible, and take it upon themselves to bring these into ill repute? With whom is God in consultation?

"Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." (Matt. 24:6, 7.)

In view of this it is the rawest hypocrisy and false pretense for the church forces to talk of international peace. They can do much more by keeping their intrusive noses out of such matters, which have nothing in common with the Christian religion.

Times, October 30, 1927.

"Juryman Ruins Trial with New Court Conduct."

This is a hot one. Even a simple-minded person can sometimes blow up and do a sane act. This juror, recognizing the absurdity of the usual court tommy-rot and being inexperienced, took it upon himself to teach the presiding judge his manifest duty by arising in the jury box and exclaiming: "If the lawyers would stop their eternal objecting, the jury might get at the facts of the pending case."

Now, if any sane, thinking person can see the justice of

what followed he has a peculiar idea of the fitness of things.

The judge decided that this sensible suggestion voided the whole proceedings, to the detriment of the plaintiff who had brought the proceedings. Could an English court go further than this?

Times, October 31, 1927.

"Twenty-five 'Bombers' Ordered for Army by Government."
(Why?)

"One Million Bibles Ordered Printed by the New York Bible Society."

This is a sinister sign, one of the big church money-making schemes during the late war was the sale of Bibles.

Times, October 31, 1927.

"Wealth Shirks Tax Obligation."

"Fifty Per Cent of Property in Slacker Class."

It is officially claimed that 13 per cent of the people possess 87 per cent of the whole wealth of the country, therefore it is a self-evident fact that the richer class pays 87 per cent of taxes assessed on property.

This is a mean, contemptible slander upon the taxpayers who support the government. It proves itself. Taxes are collected beyond the normal needs of the government, in an amount exceeding a half billion of dollars, necessitating the refunding of a vast sum, yet a bunch of smart-alecs, desiring only to further irritate the people, see fit to broadcast this slander. Always accusing the people of dishonesty, they proceed to accuse them of wilfully avoiding their just tax obligations, forgetting that they are accusing the tax assessors who are the officials entrusted with this work. By what legal authority may a so-called commission stick its inquisitorial nose into the private affairs of any community, and by vulgar insinuations smirch the good names of the taxpayers at large? If they would closely scrutinize the purposes to which tax money is put by those entrusted to conduct the public expenditures, and make known their findings, they might serve some good public purpose. It is not necessary to inquire the legal status of this inquisitorial body; anything which openly challenges the honesty of the community *en masse* is intrusive and improper as long as daily accusations of mal-administration of public officers are being broadcast.

The sob stuff about "penalizing the poor, willing taxpayer,

who cooperates with the tax-collecting authorities, and the working of hardships on widows and orphans" is sickening blather. By what measure do they determine the honest poor from the dishonest well-to-do taxpayer? Since when have widows and orphans been contributing to the rich man's taxes? Somebody has paid more than was necessary. This eternal accusation of the rich with dishonesty and the poor with overhonesty is no part of the equalization of the differences in condition between the rich and the poor. That is a deeper national problem.

They admit that the property value of the United States is \$300,000,000,000, and that taxes are paid upon \$124,000,000,000, on its face a preposterous imposition, making life one great burden.

The questionable character of such arbitrary mass valuations renders these estimates useless in determining tax matters. Taxation is always a local problem, which does not concern inquisitorial committees appointed only to irritate and harass the people by searching out new methods of plundering them in the name of taxation.

There are vastly more important matters than tax collections to be considered. The non-payment of taxes never bankrupted a people, whereas excessive taxation has already plunged this nation into hopeless insolvency with an alleged credit turnover of \$550,000,000,000 on a property value of \$350,000,000,000 in this country, there are bottomless sinkholes which make taxation look like child-play.

What is being done with the untold millions now collected throughout the United States in licenses, fines, penalties and the endless forms of indulgences with which the people are penalized? These are the things which mulct the poor, and work hardships upon the widows and orphans, not ordinary taxation. Find out where these monies go and you will do something worth while. The concealed graft in the United States would run the whole world.

It is a sinister thing to learn that a supreme court decision temporarily interrupted a colossal graft by county magistrates, and to find the preachers demanding a law to restore this system, as they are doing, at least in Ohio.

It isn't tax "slackers" that require investigation. There has never been a time when the people, both rich and poor, have not been milked of every available dollar under the iron hand of the taxing power and new forms of taxation are con-

tinually being put in force. Local tax collectors may not be accused of laxity in tax collections. Since the Bible first set the example of placing "Levi the tax gatherer" at the gate, so that none could escape, the church deifying him as St. Matthew. No man has escaped taxation in some direct or indirect form. It has been the curse of poor humanity. Ashamed of *Levi the tax gatherer*, the ecclesiasts changed his name to *Matthew*, signifying *giving of gifts*. This was the point where taxation by coercive laws became the prerogative of civil governments, and taxation by coercive moral suasion became the privilege of the church. During the late war the hard-pressed people of this country gave up a billion dollars to the churches under this obnoxious system. There are many forms of coercion, moral suasion is the strongest resource of the bunko-worker.

It is the systems which render the masses too poor to pay taxes which should be probed, the greatest of which is the tempting of those who cannot buy luxuries for cash to pawn their very souls by buying on credit. The so-called credit system is breeding more dishonesty than any other scheme being worked in this country. The prisons are full of those who have been accused of abusing the installment system. This will surely lead to the horrors of the English debtor-laws.

There is an annual deficit in the cost of living in the United States of approximately \$15,000,000,000 which may definitely be charged up to installment and credit buying and the temptations of "moral suasion."

The chances are that the grafting upon the producing masses, of every form, will equal this amount. One single item, officially announced from New York, places fake charity solicited throughout the country at \$100,000,000, or nearly one dollar for every man, woman and child.

Why do not the busy-bodies correct these abuses, instead of accusing the people of evading taxation? Why do they formulate plans for greater taxation, with the government clamouring to pay back hundreds of millions? It was the over-zealous taxgatherer who placed the Treasury in this awkward position, and it is the same influence which is trying hard to keep the money. What kind of national honesty is this? Why sing *tedeums* of thankfulness and spout patriotisms under such conditions?

I know, from experience, that when one overpays to the government, it is difficult to get a refunder. Why should such examples of greed be set for the people?

In view of these gross indiscretions on the part of those who should protect the people from the abuses by over-zealous officials, evasion often seems to be justifiable.

The very origin of taxation was coercion at the point of a gun. There is very little difference in the holding up of an individual at the point of a gun and demanding all or a portion of that which he has earned by the sweat of his brow, and the demand upon the whole mass of people by the threat of the law. Since men first assumed the power to collect tithes, taxing forces have striven to advance taxes to a *ten per cent* basis by an abuse of power. The temptation to profligacy in public expenditures, because of the power to enforce the payment of excessive taxes, is a notorious scandal the world over. The people at large do not understand the bigotry and intolerance involved in the execution of the laws. Officials are thoroughly imbued with the belief that they are divinely appointed to persecute the people as a means of engendering awe and fear of the sacredness of the law. There is a clearly defined mob sentiment held well in hand by invisible controlling forces, which may be depended upon as claquers at times when a sane public opinion arises in anger to resent oppression. It is a matter of history that, when secret control of that militant mob was lost, and it joined with the objectors, rebellion, insurrection and revolution followed.

It was natural for the ecclesiasts to include a tithing or taxing system in their enterprise, for they plagiarized their name from the legislative body that ruled ancient Athens, called the *Eccllesia*. The first tax levy directly on the people was by Solon, the first *Athenian legislator*, 540 B. C. It practically confiscated all the popular wealth.

The next direct levy was a land tax by assessment, by Darius, the son of Hystaspes. It was so confiscatory and odious, his own subjects derided him by calling him Darius the Trader. This was in 480 B. C.

Taxes in specie was a form of arbitrary confiscation first introduced in England by William I., 1067, and for three hundred years exorbitant subsidies were arbitrarily exacted on wool, corn, leather and other standard products of the country, binding the nation in abject poverty. Later even the window openings in houses, which gave light, air and health to the nation, were taxed to a point which prevented the people indulging in the luxury of windows.

Our own history warns us. The first taxation of the British

colonies in America, in 1764, produced vicious resentment in 1765, forcing the stamp act repeal in 1766. But the stamp act was re-enacted in 1767. The tax on tea in the colonies caused the rebellion in Boston in which the 340 chests were cast into the sea, leading to the Revolutionary War.

Those who may indulge in the luxury, may find the type of houses built, to avoid the window tax, in the town of Nassau, on the Island of New Providence, a British possession in the Bahamas, and a fitting but gruesome description of the place may be found in English encyclopedias.

"Great resort of invalids. It has a lunatic asylum, and a leper-house. It is defended by two forts."

I have dwelt at length upon this subject of taxation, to warn the people, that the power to make coercive laws, and the craze to levy taxes for the tremendous volumes of money it takes from the people, encouraging a temptation towards government extravagance, and engendering a contempt for those who are penalized, has developed a dangerous and vicious type of national insanity, which must, in due time, lead to the same national defaults which have previously resulted from identical abuses of power.

Reaction is equal to action—an inevitable natural law. Nations cannot assume orbital motion; they must follow the motions of the pendulum, which compels their ups and downs. The attempt to usurp a permanent seat at the axis of the pendulum has caused all the world wars.

Directly in line with that which we have said above is the following item:

Times, October 23, 1927.

"New Gasoline Tax Nets More."

"Asserted vast amount of gasoline wrongfully gained exemption from tax under old law."

"Difference under new law revealed by comparison. In July, taxes were \$96,908. In September, \$161,078."

Pause to consider this impudent accusation of purposeful evasion of taxes, when the situation required new laws.

"Where there is no law there is no transgression." What blather!

"The new law should give the state \$2,000,000 annually."

The means employed to increase the returns is to compel buyers to pay the tax first and then file a sworn claim for refund.

Do you get the constant insinuation that the public is made up of cheats, thieves and liars? In what manner was the expenditure of this vast increase in income so quickly provided for? If it is expended, it must be for some unexpected luxury, but if it is not expended it must be lying idle somewhere with some institution getting the use of it, usually the favored banks where state moneys are deposited.

The unthinking masses would be amazed to know the vast profits realized by depositories where state, county and municipal funds are deposited. Under the checking systems, and clearing systems, tremendous volumes of actual money remain unchanged in the banks as available funds for the banks. Who benefits by this favoritism?

Some estimation of the fabulous expansion of credit in the United States may be drawn from the following authoritative statement:

"Credit is the vital energizing force in our business today."

"In 1927 the credit turnover will be at least \$550,000,000,000."

Now, pause and ponder this.

The stock of money available for circulation in the United States is about \$5,000,000,000, or a per capital circulation of about \$42.

Upon this narrow cash basis rests the colossal inverted pyramid of credit. No business institution on earth could be in a solvent condition with debts of about one hundred times its cash capital hanging constantly over it. Sudden cash liquidation would involve a loss of more than the estimated wealth of the nation, therefore, liquidation is impossible; hence, insolvency is a national disease.

The credit system in the United States is a fatal thing. A national tragedy hovers over us like a poisonous gas.

Is it any wonder that "financial crime, and its suppression, cost the people of the United States \$2,500,000,000 a year"?

After all, should we class it as crime under such criminal, national example?

Men close their eyes and their conscience when under such stress, and take a gamble on saving themselves and getting away with it, by violating the ethics of as bold a gambling system as was ever invented by insane men or nations.

ANNUAL LOSSES BY FRAUD IN U. S.

Stock frauds (enterprises which fail)	- - - \$	500,000,000
Merchandise frauds	- - - - -	500,000,000
Robbery, theft and hold-up	- - - - -	250,000,000
Credit frauds	- - - - -	265,000,000
Insurance frauds	- - - - -	200,000,000
Embezzlement frauds	- - - - -	125,000,000
Forgery	- - - - -	100,000,000
Real estate frauds	- - - - -	100,000,000
Cost of prosecution, prevention and punishment of crime	- - - - -	500,000,000
The total stock fraud loss in U. S. is placed at		1,000,000,000
Fake charity schemes	- - - - -	100,000,000

Does this awe you?

It is a self-evident fact that this is a negative part of the great national business system, therefore, the nation is responsible for these vast derelictions.

But, it is perfectly safe to add to the above, seventy per cent to cover a multitude of protected grafts not classed as crimes. The fee system covers a multitude of respectable thefts.

Is it any wonder that "excitement" has just now been classed as evidence of insanity?

The numerous so-called charity raids upon the people are wholly dependent upon working upon human "emotions" for their success. Fake pictures of children on crutches, deformed and emaciated characters, and weeping, pleading pictures. To reach another class of emotion, pictures of cunning, beautiful children are portrayed. Pictures of beautiful, pleasing young girls as solicitors are used. In selecting their collectors they choose characters exactly suited to every human emotion.

Frequent exposures of graft is placing the people on their guard and each year finds it more difficult to realize their so-called "quotas."

This game encourages the very things it pretends to cover as charity. It should be suppressed by stringent laws. A very large proportion of the alleged worthy institutions are not charity subjects, and it is an imposition to irritate, tease and torment the public by these periodical raids.

None of the foregoing takes into consideration the tremendous amounts involved in the support of lodges, clubs and innumerable so-called social organizations, which render no

adequate compensation in proportion to the amount involved in their support and upkeep, and giving soft places to tens of thousands who should be engaged in some productive calling.

In a single issue of the Kansas City Times we find the advertisements of 20 lodges holding their meetings on October 12 and 13, 1927, and this in a single city.

Thus we see that the whole nation is being milked, in some manner, of its surplus. All of which must be produced by human toil, the expenditure of the national energy.

Before this surplus may be realized the nation must be fed, clothed and medicated. To feed the nation alone requires \$22,000,000,000; including other requirements a total of about \$70,000,000,000 is necessary.

It is estimated that the total national income, as measured by dollars, for 1926 was \$80,000,000,000.

But, the actual purchasing power of the dollar, at that time, was variously estimated at from 48 cents to 60 cents. At 60 cents the true income was \$48,000,000,000, an annual deficit in the cost of maintenance of \$22,000,000,000. This is absorbed into credits.

We said we would draw a composite picture of the causes of national insanity. If what we have shown does not convince, it is useless to add a myriad of collateral things to enhance the picture. Every man has enough of his own private reasons for discontent to make a background, foreground, or frame, for the gruesome exhibit. The time is close at hand when men will understand from sheer contact and experience, and then the land will ring with the angry shouts of men gone mad, and crucified humanity will rot for want of burial.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men will hide themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains."
(Rev. 6:15.)

Mountains mean churches.

Rocks mean places of refuge.

Dens mean monasteries, insane asylums, and prisons.

Governments are to disappear.

The head of the united churches will be "Lord of Lords" and "King of Kings."

This is the picture painted by the christian church, the prime cause of all human default.

Will humanity awaken or will it fall?

With our daily newspapers thrusting into our faces endless crime, much of which is exaggerated misdemeanor of half-witted people, driven crazy by the irritating intrusion of endless, senseless laws, the public has not a moment's waking peace.

With state governors being sent to the penitentiaries, and other high officers caught red-handed in real crime; with great financial leaders fighting to keep out of the prison; with preachers being tried for murder, rape and betrayal; with the fiendish prohibition snoopers shooting to death private citizens, and unlawful raids and arrests being made everywhere by ignorant asses in uniforms, is it any wonder we hear the laugh and chatter of insanity about us?

Do you believe our picture overdrawn? Then you are not informed of the true conditions. Your indifference in itself is a symptom of creeping insanity.

We make this prediction!

If some sane body of men, if such men are possible, does not take in hand the work of halting the illegal raids being made upon the people, by tempering legislation, and by arbitrary and drastic disciplining of over-zealous interpretation of the laws by noodle-head officials, in a decade chaos will reign supreme in the United States. The people will go mad and resist the encroachment of the laws upon their natural, personal prerogatives.

The fact cannot be overlooked. A fatal mistake in judgment, or criminal influence on the part of bigots and intolerant fanatics, caused this government to smother the people with a blanket of laws, making felonies of manifestly trivial mistakes and misdemeanors which are common to all nations of people. This theory and practice has cultivated crime, and the charge may be made that a multitude of laws are commercialized for the profit they yield.

What was the origin of this insane desire to criminalize men by wholesale?

"Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt and his fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by his fruit." (Matt. 12:33.)

This tree is mankind.

This is the commercializing of civilization.

I do not hesitate one moment to charge ecclesiasticism with this crime against nature and humanity. It is up to the people of the world who are involved, to jerk officialdom up with

short shrift, and teach it manners. The government of every people is its official force, chosen to conduct the executive business of national and community life. The sole object of national life is the safety, happiness and mental and physical comfort of the people. Search as you may, you cannot find one of these objects in tact. The servant has assumed authority over the master, and the producing masses are slaves to a bombastic, egotistical and self-exploiting officialdom which openly struts and poses in its contempt for the people who employ and pay them. This will lead to revolution in due time. Resentment is inevitable when the end of endurance comes.

There are certain basic reasons why it is logical and proper to call for an accounting in the conduct of human affairs.

1. Christianity has, for two thousand years, posed as a super-moralizing force in the development of human affairs.

It openly confesses failure, and statistics prove beyond discussion that it has not accomplished its professed purpose. Its God has not been omnipotent, and its own practices have not been above reproach.

In simple, christianity has proven itself to be a gross fake, and false-pretense. Its original purpose did not contemplate a moral influence over humanity; it specifically designed a conquest to control civil governments, acquire super-governing power and amass wealth, and this involves the betrayal of humanity.

2. Governments have, during most of that period, groveled at the feet of ecclesiastical humbuggery, blindly followed the lead of bigoted, intolerant fanatics, and trimmed human control to their whims and dictations.

3. The theory that poverty and ignorance were essential agents of complete human control caused the ecclesiasts to antagonize education in the masses, and its examples of confiscatory taxation to become the taxing systems of national governments.

4. The theory of superiority of the governing over the governed is a gross false-pretense born of ecclesiastical egotism and vainglory, and is the cause of vicious abuse of power on the part of civil officials elected and paid by the people. A definite symptom of insanity is egoism and vain pride, which vent themselves in over-zealous intrusions upon human rights.

The vainglorious strut and pompous parade of ecclesiasticism are as intrusive and impudent today as they have been through

the centuries. Our newspapers eagerly encourage these, in order to fill their pages with sensational pictures of Catholic tinsel and gew-gaw. Pompous, over-fed, big-paunched and saggy-jowled archbishops, cardinals, bishops and priests strut our streets with flaring brass bands, and armed forces carrying regulation army guns, without protest. It is the fanatical mob which is entranced and hypnotized by this frivolous fanfare that constitutes the class to be watched in this country. The determination to elect a Catholic president is a mania. Wherever the Catholic church spreads its political intrigue, rebellion, insurrection and revolution have raised their savage heads.

Mary means *rebellion*. She is the alleged mother of *Jesus*, symbolizing the body of humanity.

Joseph, the alleged adopted father of *Jesus*, means increase, or increasing numbers.

Increase and *rebellion* carry *Jesus*, the people, into *Egypt*, meaning *trouble* and *oppression*. *Jesus*, the people, takes refuge in separation, and flees to *Galilee*, meaning *revolution*. He then takes refuge in *Capernaum*, meaning *repentance*, located on the boundary of *Galilee*, revolution—in simple, the church.

Do you grasp the full import of this conspiracy concealed in the ecclesiastic code?

If your priest or clergyman tells you this is not a true interpretation, he is a wilful liar, and hypocrite. Moreover, when he arises in his pulpit and preaches to his congregation *Jesus Christ* as a personality Who once lived as an individual, he is deliberately perpetrating a mean falsehood, and he knows it.

This is quite sufficient to create a demand for a showdown, to determine the true character of the greatest influence in American politics, which is doing everything in its power to re-establish the old Bible myth, fable and romance, that the repentant people may take refuge in the church as an arbitrator between the government and an overpressed people. This is why the church favors a multitude of drastic and oppressive laws, and vicious taxation. They are driving the people again into rebellion, Egypt and Galilee.

4. Let me bring home to the people who have retained the power of consecutive, constructive thought, the grave danger hidden in a foolish, child-like pride, which listens with tearful eyes, and gulping throats, to the inspired haranguers of paid claquers, who wave the national flag and shout patriotism.

It merely exploits some pet hobby of selfish organizations. That is not love and respect of one's country.

The purpose of all loud-mouthed, so-called patriotism is to lead the unthinking masses into some form of trap, usually to create a popular shout to conceal some ulterior propaganda. The country is literally taken by storm by this vicious practice, to arouse enthusiasm preceding wars, and it always involves the levying of money taxes, or great personal sacrifices.

5. I have said that we inherit our greatest weaknesses from Europe. Let me make this clear. I know many will feel insulted that any reflection should be cast upon the respectability of those who allegedly founded the United States. To those I will say, I can boast of a direct ancestry back to 1684, in America, when the flag of the brooding nation was a *snake with thirteen rattles, on a crimson ground*. It was not until 1777 that the flag of thirteen stars, white on blue field, was adopted as the national emblem, signifying the birth of a new constellation in the sky of nations. A long and careful study of the early colonial period does not change facts which stand out as vividly upon the map as the states themselves.

England chose to make of North America a criminal colony to relieve her own bursting prisons. Later, ambition, and an over-zealous desire to develop a great nation, caused the States to throw wide open her gates, and all the nations of Europe seized upon the opportunity, and the United States became the reformatory of Europe. Her criminal and semi-criminal, ignorant and poverty-stricken rushed in as a flood. With the result that instead of a new constellation, we became a chaotic, heterogeneous mass of whirling human nebula. Out of this mass of widely differing elements we have striven hard to construct a composite nation whose units would function in unison with our national aspirations.

It is a law in nature that, when you bind a decaying body to a healthy body, the disease of decay is transmitted to the healthy body.

When you mix white with black the white is bemuddled.

We need not point out a greater error than the attempt to put the highly developed white race in the United States, on an equality with the negroes. Only imbeciles could have conceived such an unnatural and degrading thing. The theory of sacrifice does not imply degradation and debasement of character, for others, it means a material sacrifice to appease personal needs. Charity can mean no more than food and cloth-

ing, therefore it is an imposition for other nations to send their effete population to the United States to be fed and clothed, instead of elements which could reflect some benefit to the intellectual and moral stamina of the nation.

We are daily reminded by the newspapers that it is the foreign elements which give us most trouble. They find here a freedom which they do not understand and they go crazy and run amuck. Never before in the history of nations has there been criminal statistics to equal those of the United States today. The people do not seem to understand that the constant addition of laws to our statute books is systematically criminalizing the better elements to reach the guilty class. Thus we are sacrificing the nation to punish the criminals sent here by other nations.

This comes of a determination to perpetuate a rule or ruin policy, laid down by the ecclesiasts centuries ago, which requires the crushing of the common people into a senseless, ignorant mass, to do the bidding of lords and masters. The contemptible idea that men must have masters like dogs is a church proposition which should be viciously resented.

We put this up to the thinking people, not as an exploitation of propaganda. The day of that most villainous of all human invention, "chivalry," with its rottenness, filth and irresponsibility has passed. Then, crime strutted, in an ecclesiastical garb. Today, animalism, with all its cunning and perseverance, urges men to secretly compete with the law which irritates, restrains and, in many ways, persecutes them. Crime, beginning in a feeling of necessity and self defense, becomes a sport and men revel in doing forbidden things. As the people are restrained, petty officials assume more impudent attitudes towards them.

Church and state are infallible, and cannot do wrong. Men resent this theory because they see terrible wrongs to humanity concealing themselves beneath this cloak.

I am not so egotistical as to suggest a remedy for the evils which I have tried to make plain; that is not a one man task. But, I am frank to express an opinion that there is no remedy. We have postponed the day of correction too long. The laws offer no remedy; on the contrary, they have assumed an irritating theory of vengeance, which only adds to the confusion. Rebellion stalks our midst; a disappointed people scowls and growls at the law enforcement, which depends too much upon the impudent presumption of a low type of men

chosen as law officers, and no attempt is made to enlighten the people as to the real intent and purpose of national and community life. Instead of being banded together for protection against harmful elements, they find themselves merely herded as cattle and constantly under the yoke and the goad.

It is definitely agreed by all competent authorities, that morality and good citizenship cannot be enforced by a multitude of offensive laws, intended to narrow the personal liberty of the individual unit. Control *en masse* is a colossal failure.

What will be the end!

Bankruptcy, poverty, ignorance, and crime are already common national diseases. Who disputes this?

What is left?

National insanity and human slaughter, as far as humanity at large is concerned.

Ecclesiasticism has won.

Hold! Nature speaks!

The ecclesiasts, in their utter contempt for common humanity hath said:

"What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?" (Job 15:14.)

"Vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt." (Job 11:12.)

Here is a cold-blooded confession that it was at no time intended that men should be *clean*, *good* or *wise*.

Nature gave to the ass a faculty which now becomes man's last resort in self-defense. When the ass is loaded beyond his natural capacity he lies down in the road, blocks all traffic, and you may knock him in the head with an axe and he will not arise until he is relieved of his excessive burden.

If every man, woman and child in the United States should agree with Job, and refuse to do any kind of work for one week, state, church, commerce, politics and the army would kneel at the feet of the people and plead for a compromise. It would be a peaceful readjustment.

Job himself would laugh and apologize.

The *Referendum* is the last resort of the people.

Don't make a farce of—"A government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Demand that every state law be declared strictly and explicitly in accord with the federal constitution before it is permitted to go onto the statute books. A logical construction and interpretation will eliminate one-half the state laws now so irritating and provoking.

It is in the power of the mass of producing people to enforce justice, if they take advantage of the very means by which they have been brought to a plastic state. The non-producing people cannot oppose the producers, if the latter act *en masse*.

The prohibition laws are fit examples of persecuting laws. The Volstead act is brazenly unconstitutional. Its basic purpose was to smuggle through the legislature a constitutional recognition of religion. Subsequent enlargement and inquisitorial abuses of this law are collateral results, and have been the cause of more major crime than any other law passed by any legislative body in this country, and today yields unknown volumes of graft.

To finish my discourse I must declare a deep respect for government, and sane logical laws is a sacred duty on the part of every citizen residing under their protection. Support of such a government is the basis of healthy national life. I am not, in any sense, opposed to such a government, and am wholly in favor of normally correct laws, but I am bitterly antagonistic to the abuse of the legislative powers for the benefit of favored classes or strong political bodies, or to foster one class over another. I am opposed to the drastic enforcement of law merely for the law's sake, regardless of right and justice. I especially regard a multitude of criminal laws as an open accusation that the whole nation is criminal, and must be accused by the law, that is contrary to national association and community life.

I have no fanatical views; no issues to support; no propaganda to forward; no financial, political or social aspirations, and I speak solely upon my own beliefs and convictions, born of logical and reasonable investigations, without the advice or consultation of anyone.

I especially do not seek notoriety, but I feel constrained to point out manifest derelictions as I see them. The people of this nation were given free speech to express a natural liberty of thought, and there is no intimation in our constitution prohibiting the expression of the freedom of speech in the criticism of the government itself, and those selected by the people to execute its laws, and guide its functions, should occasion suggest that good could come out of such criticism. Therefore, I feel that I am fully within the rights of a law-abiding citizen in all that I have said.

I submit my brief to the judgment of those who compliment me by perusing these tedious pages.

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