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LYNCHING

Some things happen that simply baffle description. Meanings and implications come rushing so great and urgent that the mind is staggered. What can one say -- there's so tremendously much to say -- about that man who sits in a jail down in Louisiana and listens to the howls of the infuriated mob wanting to lynch him, string him up, tear him to pieces.

This man is the confessed killer of a sixteen year old girl. He is a fugitive from a chain gang. A couple of years ago he escaped from the Georgia chain gang to which he had been sentenced for criminally assaulting a girl.

But listen to some of the other things that this criminal, Fred Lockhart, says in his confession. "Yes," he admits, "I drove the car - when we carried Leo Frank away".

Remember that Leo Frank case twenty years ago:- Leo Frank was accused of killing a girl and was convicted. There <sup>has</sup> been a long controversy about <sup>Frank's</sup> ~~his~~ innocence or guilt. A grim, determined mob seized him, drove him away in a speeding car and lynched him. Well, at the wheel of that car, <sup>helping in the lynching</sup> was the youth who now, in middle age,

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is in that jail down in Louisiana. Just think of the brutal mockery of the record; he helped to lynch Leo Frank who was accused of the crimes of ~~rape~~ <sup>attack assault</sup> and murder. Then he committed that same crime of *criminal* ~~rape~~ <sup>assault</sup> and was sent to the chain gang. And now he has confessed <sup>to</sup> the identical monstrous kind of murder on the suspicion of which he helped to lynch Leo Frank! - and now the lynchers are after him.

He says he <sup>now knows</sup> ~~knows~~ how Leo Frank felt; and he ought to. For days the mob has been battling to get at him. And he remembers how that other mob battered down the doors of the Georgia State Prison to get at Leo Frank. He remembers mighty well that he was there helping.

He sits behind the bars of the Caddo Parish jail reading and rereading the first verse of the Seventh Chapter according to the Gospel of St. Matthew. Here's the way that verse reads, "Judge not, lest ye be judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again".

Yes, he and his fellow lynchers judged twenty years ago, judged falsely they say - and now he is being judged. He will be judged just as savagely as he once judged - if the lynchers get him.

MACHADO

The demand of the Cuban Government on Uncle Sam for the extradition of ex-President Machado is something new in Latin American affairs. Hitherto it has been the tradition that when a deposed President flees the country, the new government lets by-gones be by-gones. The idea is that the new government never knows how soon it too may be in the ex-class. So there has been an unwritten gentleman's agreement which went so far that the property and estates of refugee officials were always respected.

But now the Mendieta Government wants, not only General Machado, but his chief of staff, General Herrera. General Machado is living quietly in New York but the whereabouts of General Herrera is not known. It is claimed that Machado and Herrera were guilty of murder, torture, misappropriation of public funds and what not.

An ironic circumstance is that late last summer while Machado was still President, Colonel Mendieta and other revolutionary chieftains were captured by the Machado forces while on their way to the island to stir up a rebellion. They were treated not only with

the utmost courtesy but hospitably; entertained at lunch and so forth, then gently placed on a ship bound for the United States. So this demand of the Cuban Government shows how exceptionally bitter the feeling still is against Machado and his lieutenants.

Personally General Machado is a bland, courteous, cultured, smiling little man with a broad and rather handsome face. To look at him it seems difficult to understand how he can be accused of such a long catalogue of heinous crimes.

## KAISER

Another historic mystery is no longer a mystery. It concerns the sensational interview the former Kaiser gave in nineteen hundred and eight to an American correspondent, William Bayard Hale. Just as it was about to be published in the Century Magazine it was suddenly and mysteriously suppressed. So ever since then there has been infinite speculation about it.

And now it comes to light because William Harlan Hale, the son of William Bayard Hale, has told the whole story in the latest issue of the Atlantic Monthly. And after reading Mr. Hale's story it is no wonder that the German Government almost broke it's neck to keep that interview out of print. It was fantastically indiscreet, tactless and in many respects prophetic. One rather wonders why the editors of the Century consented to suppress it at the last moment. The inference is that there must have been pressure of an exceedingly high nature from Washington. Especially when you considered that President Theodore Roosevelt himself read the interview in which the Kaiser expressed voluble admiration for the great T.R.

~~One cannot help a mischievous regret that this interview was never printed.~~ It boils over with vitriolic hatred for Japan, for England, for England's then ruler, the Kaiser's uncle, Edward the Seventh. Way back in nineteen-eight the German Emperor was saying:- "The white nationals (meaning principally Germany and Uncle Sam) should cooperate to protect China against Japan to maintain the open door", and then he said:- "Japan's ambitions have got to be restricted. The white man's interests in China have got to be protected.. The consolidation of Eastern Asia has got to be prevented." Taking a crack at John Bull he remarked:- "England is a traitor to the white man's cause". At that time there was an offensive and defensive alliance between King Edward and the Mikado, a treaty which has since been denounced.

Another feature of the Kaiser's exuberant doctrines was a panegyric in praise of war. He said:- "<sup>Ach du lieber</sup> ~~My God~~, I wish my battalions could have a chance at the Japanese! We'd make short work of them!" And he continued:- "It is a mistaken idea that Christianity does not countenance war. We have to fight even for righteousness sake", If that's what Kaiser Wilhelm thought about war, I wonder what ex-Kaiser Wilhelm thinks about it today.

## HITLER FOLLOW KAISER

And in Berlin today there is a gentleman with more power than the Kaiser ever dreamed of exercising, a ruler who has been rattling the sabre even more noisily than the abdicated emperor. The magnifico I am talking about now has been celebrating his forty-fifth birthday. All Deutschland is in festive mood for its present hero, Chancellor Adolph Hitler. It has been remarkable how many of the fiery Hitler pronunciamientos have been echoes or paraphrases of the imperial indiscretions. For example, when the Kaiser said:- "The future belongs to the Anglo-Teuton, the man ~~who~~ ~~came~~ from northern Europe", he was merely anticipating the violent pro-Aryan doctrines of the Nazis today.

In private life Hitler is simple and genuinely shy as the Kaiser was flamboyant and pompous. Though he offers bonuses to other Germans to get married, he himself is conspicuously a bachelor. He is no traditional German trencherman. He is a vegetarian, eats sparingly, doesn't drink at all, not even Munich Beer. Neither does he smoke. He has no hobby, no sport, except getting from one place to another as quickly as possible. His one passion is politics, his only recreation music. No matter how busy he is he takes two or three

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evenings a week to go to the state opera house in Berlin. A  
bizarre combination of the comic swashbuckler and the oriental  
ascetic - that's the impression one gets of Hitler.



Do you know of anything perfect in the world, I mean anything perfect excepting your wife, or your mother, or your sweetheart? Well, Hagerstown, Indiana, is the home of the Perfect Circle, those piston rings in your automobile. The news from there is that times are better. They're making more perfect circles than ever, and building additions to their plants to make 'em still more perfect. If you can do that.

One reason I stopped~~there~~ was to meet one of the most interesting engineers in the country, an engineer who helped Uncle Sam win the World War. His name is Ralph Teeter. One of our serious <sup>war</sup> naval problems was how to keep our high speed torpedo boats, boats that they wanted to race through the water at almost forty miles an hour, from shaking to pieces. They had ~~the~~ built power plants for the torpedo boats that generated gigantic power. Unless they could find some way to stabilize or quiet them the power plants in those boats would shake 'em to pieces, yes, shake all the rivets out of them. Ralph Teeter of Hagerstown, Indiana, one of the~~Perfect~~ Perfect Circle wizards, solved the problem.

At the Perfect Circle plant I saw a part of an automobile that Charles Teeter built in 1905. The speedometer registered six hundred and forty miles. That was because the car was worn out at the end of six hundred forty miles! And, the passengers too. Only thirty years ago! Now your car isn't even broken in at that mileage.

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MR. BRANCH:

Lowell, there was a real development in the air mail situation today when 45 bid proposals for temporarily carrying the air mail over seventeen routes, traversing all sections of the United States, were opened in public at the Post Office Department. Bids were received for each route advertised, and all the bids were at a lower rate than the rate which was paid on the same routes for the same service under the contracts which were annuled on February nineteenth. These bids assure the Government of a considerable saving. It was a keen and a bonafide competition among the bidders. It will probably be several days before any contracts can be awarded, as all bids must be carefully analyzed to determine whether they are responsive to the advertisement. The responsibility of the bidders as well as the adequacy of the equipment proposed must also be determined. Every possible safeguard was taken to protect the secrecy of the bids until they were opened in public. Present at the opening of the

bids were the Postmaster General, three Assistant Postmaster Generals, the General Superintendent of Railway and Air Mail Service. The Assistant Superintendent of Air Mail Service, the Comptroller of the Post Office Department who read the bids, the Chief Accountant of the Post Office Department who recorded them, the Solicitor of the Post Office Department, a special Assistant Attorney General from the Department of Justice, three officials from Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce, numerous bidders and a large number of newspaper correspondents. And so Lowell that answers your question.



FOLLOW SPEAKER

Well that is striking news, Mr. Branch. Aviation seems to be bulking big in the world's news these days. I see that the American Airplane Manufacturers are coming back with strong words at the British expert Major McKenzie Kennedy who declares that American aircraft equipment is not up to snuff. The manufacturers over here are challenging the British expert's facts and figures. They claim he is all wrong.

LT in  
Dayton,  
Ohio  
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DAYTON AVIATION

I spent part of today in Dayton, on my way to Columbus. And Dayton, as we all know, is the aviation capital of America. They are particularly busy here right now -- training army pilots to fly blind. This is in connection with the air mail problem.

Eighteen <sup>Army</sup> mail pilots at this moment are being given a three weeks' course at Wright Field. They are flying new Martin-Bombers, planes that travel at two hundred miles per hour and land at eighty miles an hour.

Blind flying, taking off and landing in fogs, is made possible by instruments developed by Captain Hegenberger, who made that first flight from the mainland to the Hawaiian Islands. He hit ~~them~~ right on the nose. He was the first man in the world to take off and land blind, that is, with no safety pilot, no robot along.

These blind flying instruments are all in duplicate, just about fool proof. Should one go bad the other is automatically thrown into control.

Lieutenant John S. Griffith is in charge of this training here at Dayton. He's here in the room. <sup>Also Capt. Alfred Lyon, chief engineer</sup> ~~They~~ tell me they probably will make these instruments standard equipment on all

*of the Air Corps Rev.*

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Army planes.

Incidentally, Major Alexander de Seversky, <sup>world war ace,</sup> developer  
of the fastest plane in the world is here in Dayton. He's  
here with me too. Major Seversky, in your best Russian-English  
tell us what you think of this blind flying business and it's  
possibilities.

FOR MAJOR DE SEVERSKY

Important doesn't half express it, Lowell. Why, with these new instruments a passenger is safer flying than in his bed sleeping. When you consider that a plane with the aid of these instruments can land in the heaviest fog, as well as take off, one can't help but realize what a gigantic step forward aviation has taken. Even palatial ocean liners, with thousands of years of experience behind them, can't dock in heavy weather. And that's what our planes can do now.

## YOUNGER GENERATION

Is the younger generation dumber than its predecessor? Are fathers and mothers right who harangue their sons and daughters about how much smarter papa and mama used to be in school or college?

Harvard scientists have just completed 18 months' research on the subject, and the results are being studied by the editors of the American Magazine. The facts have been gathered from records at Harvard which go back to 1870. For data on mothers and daughters, similar records came from four leading women's colleges.

The assembled material shows that the average American boy or girl is more intelligent, taller, heavier and healthier than was his father or her mother, at the same age.

Hum! So long as they don't get too smart for their own good maybe it'll be okay. I dunno! I dunno! I'm skeptical.

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How'd you like to buy some water at ten thousand dollars a glass. Sounds expensive but then it's heavy water. The scientists have been experimenting with a new arrangement of atoms that produce a kind of water far heavier than the H-two-O we swim in, and that some of us drink. The red hot news is that they've got the price of heavier water down to ten thousand dollars a glass. It used to cost more than thirty thousand dollars a glass. A bath in that heavy water would cost about a million bucks but the scientists say it isn't for bathing or drinking or for watering the garden. They use it for deep chemical reasons in laboratories.



CAVALRY ENDING

Another Army item.

Murphy, a new cavalry recruit, was given one of the worst horses in the troop.

"Remember," said the instructor, "no one is allowed to dismount without orders."

The horse bucked and Murphy went over his head.

"Murphy," yelled the instructor, "did you have orders to dismount?"

"I did."

"From headquarters?"

"No; from hindquarters."

And I've just received instructions from Radio City Hindquarters, in New York, I mean headquarters, that it's time for me to dismount from where I am and say:

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.