

LETTERS TO THE JOURNAL DENOUNCE DEATH PENALTY. GOVERNORS MERCIFUL.

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Those of Far Northwestern States Cry Out Against Her Fate.

DR. O'SULLIVAN'S PROTEST.

Famous Medico-Legal Expert Writes That Capital Punishment Fails.

DOES NOT PREVENT MURDER.

Men Say Women Should Not Be Judged by Man's Standard, Women Inclined to Severity.

THE widespread interest in the question whether a woman who commits murder should suffer the extreme penalty of the law—death—is evidenced by the hundreds of letters which the Journal has received since it invited general discussion of this subject more than a week ago.

Opinion is divided on the abstract question as to the moral accountability of a woman before the law. Many correspondents, while they evince little sympathy for Mrs. Place, are doubtful whether any good end is to be attained by the death of a woman at the hands of the public executioner.

WARDEN SAGE WILL NOT TALK ABOUT IT.

The following response from Warden Sage is only natural:

I have your telegram asking me to give my views upon the infliction of the death penalty on women.

OMAR V. SAGE, Agent and Warden Sing Sing Prison.

It is barbarous, in my opinion, to inflict the death penalty upon a woman. I am opposed to it, and I make no exceptions in my condemnation.

Women are responsible for many reasons. Their physical structure differs from that of man so marked a degree that to apply the same rules to women as to men amounts to absurdity.

No woman will ever sit in the electric chair in this State. Public sentiment is opposed to it, and a law which operates against women in this respect should be withdrawn from the statute books.

AGUSTINE W. PETERS, President of Manhattan Borough.

It is an outrage to inflict the death penalty upon a woman. The mind revolts against it, no matter what the enormity of the crime. I do not believe that a woman in her right senses would commit murder.

MICHAEL T. DALY, To the Editor of the Journal.

As a woman with the honest appreciation of the present status of our sex feel it necessary to express my views on the electrocution of that human fiend, Mrs. Place.

Equality before the law is the only demand the educated and moral world of women insists upon. We ask no sentimental pity for those of us who are not women but, friends, and we demand that justice be administered without sex restriction.

MARGARET HOLMES BATES, No. 274 Manhattan avenue.

ALICE LEE MORGAN, To the Editor of the Journal.

It would not be fair to place the full penalty of her crime because she is a woman, except that being a woman, she has not the same mental capacity as a man.

MARGARET HOLMES BATES, No. 274 Manhattan avenue.

CHARLES RANDALL, No. 62 West Twenty-second street.

Mrs. Place should have been one of the first laws of heaven being violated by her, and the death penalty having been ordained thereby by our Creator, it seems to me that our latter day civilization should abide by it.

ANN S. KUGLER, SUNDAY JOURNAL "WANTS" BRING MONDAY MORNING RESULTS.

GOVERNORS INCLINE TO MERCY.

NEVADA—Carson, July 15.—It is conceded that it is the certainty, not the severity, of punishment that restrains the criminality disposed. I do not believe that society would be safer with Mrs. Place in the grave than in jail, therefore I would commute her sentence to imprisonment for life.

R. SADLER, Governor, MINNESOTA—St. Paul, July 15.—Sex should not interfere to prevent infliction of the death penalty upon a woman if convinced of her guilt.

D. M. CLOUGH, Governor, OREGON—Salem, July 15.—While the law remains as it is, I believe in its impartial administration. I do not think an Executive authorized to interfere with the judgment of a court unless there are some special facts or circumstances to warrant it.

WILLIAM P. LORD, Governor, WASHINGTON—Olympia, July 15.—If Mrs. Martha Place is a murderer, I see no reason why she should not suffer the extreme penalty of the law. I am told that on the average throughout the United States a life sentence extends over only a little more than eight years.

J. R. ROGERS, Governor.

HUMAN NATURE REVOLTS.

To the Editor of the Journal: I do not believe in the infliction of the death penalty upon women. Human nature revolts against it. I do not pretend to know anything about the merits of the case against Mrs. Martha Place, but upon the general question as to whether a woman should sit in the electric chair for the crime of murder I can say that I am unalterably opposed to such a reading of the law.

There is a strong sentiment in this State against the infliction of the extreme penalty upon women. In my judgment no woman should ever be put to death. Imprisonment for life would seem to fulfill every requirement of the law in the case of a woman.

JOHN W. KELLER, Commissioner of Charities.

DEATH PENALTY A FAILURE.

To the Editor of the Journal: I don't believe in capital punishment in any case. The only ground on which we retain the barbaric institution of the destruction of human life is on account of what the theorists call its inhibitive influence on prospective murderers.

All homicides of a criminal character resolve themselves under one of two heads: First, impulsive killing as the result of sudden anger, and, second, premeditated killing.

The first is generally inspired by revenge or anger, and the second by the hope of some material gain, either in the shape of money or an inheritance of some kind. I contend that the fear of electrocution or hanging can have no influence on one who acts on the sudden impulse of hate or anger.

In the case of premeditated killing, before the criminal puts his scheme into execution he has to his own satisfaction eliminated every possibility of detection, and when he puts his designs into active operation the culprit is usually satisfied that he has succeeded in diverting suspicion from himself.

As to the means adopted to cover the crime, these will depend on the intelligence of the criminal himself. What I contend is that a man who premeditates crime never thinks of the electric chair. The fear of it does not deter him for one moment. He is so convinced of the adequacy of his plans to escape detection that he does not give a thought to the possible punishment.

Of what avail, then, is this system of killing criminals? It deters neither impulsive murderers nor deliberate ones. If the object of such legislation is deterrent it has failed of its purpose. It doesn't prohibit or restrain them.

If the legal executioner is to be abhorred in the case of a man, how much more monstrous he must appear when his services are invoked to destroy the life of a woman, whose accountability in any case is open to question!

WILLIAM J. O'SULLIVAN, M. D.

VIENNA HAS GONE POKER MAD.

Authorities Determine to Suppress the American Game, Declaring it is Ruining the City.

Vienna, July 15.—The authorities here are about to banish the American game of poker, which has become a great craze among the people. It is declared that the game has filled up the leisure moments of family circles, corrupted young men, and even absorbed housewives in its web.

It is reported that the game has led to betrayals, swindles and family quarrels. The authorities have determined to suppress the game by the law.

Mrs. Frances Bowne, sixty years old, and residing at Coney Island, was yesterday morning placed under bonds in the Flat-bush Police Court by Magistrate Steers to keep the peace toward Mrs. Rosie Meyer.

Mrs. Bowne was accused by Mrs. Meyer of threatening her life with a revolver and calling her "Red Headed Bona." The trouble arose over some chickens Mrs. Meyer's stevedore, John Sullivan, owned.

Rev. Dwight Galloupe, chaplain of the Ninth United States Infantry, who was wounded at the battle of Santiago, returned to the rectory of St. Paul's Church, Newark, last night. He was in a very weak condition due to hemorrhages of the lungs.

They Were Found Bleeding in a Gutter Late at Night.

While Frank Kotfield and William Morrell, of Mt. Vernon, were driving along a lonely road near Port Chester their horse slipped at some object in the road, and the carriage went into the gutter. Morrill alighted and walked up to the dark object.

After a long delay the men gave their horses a shove and started them. They returned to the city. She was still so weak that she had to be supported to the train, but she was happy.

A CEMETERY DOG.

The "cemetery dog" is interesting the residents in the neighborhood of Sixteenth and Norris streets. The dog makes its home in Monument Cemetery, and keeps aloof from everybody but the policemen whose beats touch upon the lonely locality.

Hygiene Run Mad.

Her children cling to her skirts, crying for food, and there was none to give them. True, there were plenty of cold biscuits, but they were not to be given to the children.

NOAH'S CHAPLAIN LOCKED BY DEWEY'S

Called the Admiral of the Ark a Greater Hero Than He of Manila.

THEN THE PREACHER FELL.

An Enthusiastic Patriot Kicked His Stool from Under Him.

THE open-air preacher tried to prove by argument and biblical precedent that Noah was a greater sea captain than Admiral Dewey. It was lucky for the preacher that he had a reformed pugilist for an usher and bodyguard.

The preacher was holding forth to a crowd of Tenderloin burning brands from the vantage point of a soap-box, at Broadway and Twenty-seventh street, on Thursday night, when the two non-conformists to the Noah theory hove in sight.

One of them was Benjamin Keef, who said he came from Boston. The other disputant is named Fred Williams, but his name was John Doe, and declined to give his address.

Keef and Williams were celebrating the anniversary of Santiago when they were attracted by the preacher's voice.

"Now, let us compare Dewey with Noah," said the preacher, by way of beginning. "Dewey was a hero, Noah was a hero."

"We must hear this," said the man from Boston. "We are enthusiastic about Dewey's splendid record," said the preacher. "But, my friends, let us also remember that greater victories of the sea—the navigation of the world—were won with no advantages or bolters or modern improvements."

"Could Noah sit in a steel conning tower and navigate a vessel? Not a bit of it. Noah had to lodge up on deck through a trapdoor to send out his birds except to reconnoiter the waste of waters. Furthermore, he had to take care of hundreds of dumb animals, which he had penned up in the 'twain decks in order to preserve them."

"Yet Noah, brave old Captain Noah, without crew, or rifles, or armor plate, or wireless, or even sextants or compasses, navigated the Ark successfully and was victor over the forces of nature."

"Who says Noah, captain of the Ark, was not a greater hero than even Admiral Dewey?"

"Blast your side lights! I'll kick the soap box from under the feet of the parson," said the Boston man.

"A man who has his wealth and knowledge of Biblical tradition would have a monument on his tombstone," said the preacher when a squabble broke out between the two disputants.

The Boston man forgot his admiration for tradition and went to work on the preacher.

Policeman Loewner, of the West Thirtieth street station, untangled the controversy, and arrested the Boston man on a charge of disturbing the peace.

REV. GALLOUPE RETURNS A HERO.

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THE DEBATE PASSES THE ASSEMBLY.

Democrats Question the Constitutionality of the Measure.

NOT SUBMITTED TO MAYOR.

An Injunction Will be Demanded Against the New Election Officers.

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J. A. ROOSEVELT DIES ON A TRAIN.

Aged Financier and Philanthropist Stricken Down by Apoplexy.

CHATting WITH FRIENDS.

Half a Dozen Millionaires His Attendants in His Last Moments of Life.

NEWS KEPT FROM HIS WIFE.

Waiting at the Station for Him, She is Told That He Missed the Train—Head of a Great Family.

James Alfred Roosevelt, eldest male representative of a distinguished old New York family, and one of the most important figures in the city's financial and commercial life, died suddenly in a parlor car in a Long Island express train yesterday afternoon on the way to his summer home at Cove Point.

Mr. Roosevelt was an old man, and the physician who attended him said that the rupture of a blood vessel in the brain had caused his death. The coroner at Cove Point later confirmed this diagnosis of apoplexy.

The train upon which Mr. Roosevelt habitually travelled home from business leaves the Long Island City station at 3:32 p. m. Yesterday afternoon he seemed to be in perfect health. He chatted cheerfully with W. W. Baldwin, president of the Long Island Railroad, and other wealthy New Yorkers in the car were Vice-President Platt, of the railroad company; Dr. Roy Dresser, whose daughter recently married George Vanderbilt, and E. M. Johnson.

Newsboy Found Him Dying.

Mr. Baldwin had left Mr. Roosevelt's side for a moment as the train passed Floral Park. As he did so, David Watson, the newsboy in the train, approached the seat—the fourth from the rear end of the car—in which the old gentleman always sat. He was in the habit of buying from the boy every evening.

Watson saw that Mr. Roosevelt's head had fallen forward on his chest, and that he was breathing heavily. The lad knew something was wrong and ran to the front of the train, where he called for the train conductor, Albert Jones, and the physician who attended him.

President Baldwin at once recognized the prominent symptoms of apoplexy, and told young Watson to call through the train for a physician. Meantime he, President Baldwin, took charge of the car, and Mr. Roosevelt on a cot and opened his collar.

As the train passed Mineola station, Dr. E. W. Ewing, of No. 154 West Fifty-third street, was called to the train by the newsboy. He tried to revive the unconscious man, but Mr. Roosevelt died as the train passed Mineola station.

As soon as the train drew into Cove Point the car was shunted to a side-track and President Baldwin sent for Dr. Gardner Skinner, who gave permission to remove the body.

As the passengers went out from the station they were approached by Mr. Roosevelt's boatman, who crossed from Cove Point to the city, and met his employer with a naptha launch.

His Wife Was Waiting.

The sailor touched his cap to Mr. Baldwin and asked:

"Beg pardon, sir, but did you see Mr. Roosevelt get off the train?"

Mr. Baldwin, who thought of Mr. Roosevelt's death, the sailor turned pale under his tan and replied:

"That will kill Mrs. Roosevelt. She's right down here in the launch waiting for him."

The boatman was instructed to tell Mrs. Roosevelt that Mr. Roosevelt had missed the train. She was not informed of her husband's death till late in the evening.

Mr. Roosevelt was one of the best business men in New York. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt of the Rough Riders, is his nephew. He was a member of the city in 1823. He was a hale old man, fond of outdoor exercise, particularly of horseback riding and yachting.

The family mansion on New York is at No. 6 West Fifty-seventh street, but for thirty years Mr. Roosevelt has been spending his summers at Cove Point. All the surviving members of the household are there this summer. They include Mrs. Roosevelt, a grown son and a daughter.

James Alfred Roosevelt was the second son of Cornelius V. S. Roosevelt. The elder brother was Theodore, father of the colonel of the Rough Riders. At twenty-one years Mr. Roosevelt became a partner in the house of J. A. Roosevelt & Co., a firm of hardware and plate glass. When Theodore Roosevelt died he became head of the firm, which he managed for many years.

Some years ago Mr. Roosevelt, with his two sons, Alfred and Emile, entered into the banking business, at No. 35 Wall street, under the old firm name of Roosevelt & Co.

The eldest son, Alfred, was killed in a railroad accident at Ives, N. Y., in 1891. A strange fatality in the way of children's deaths has appeared to pursue the Roosevelt family. Colonel Roosevelt lost his wife and another member of his family upon the same day, twenty years ago.

Mr. Roosevelt married in 1847, Elizabeth, daughter of the late W. Emion, of Philadelphia. They had three children, Mrs. May, Lella, Alfred and Emile. One of the daughters is the wife of E. Reede Merritt.

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