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YOUNG DODGE

There are times when judges who sit in judgment on cases that require a little different treatment from the majority of those that come before them seem to be verily inspired. Such an instance is the case of young Dodge who was sentenced to work for one year at some useful occupation. If anything can save him from the fate that appears to lie before him, it will be acquaintance with the self-respect that comes from achievement and the greater interest in life that is found in doing something that is worth doing.

The difficulty in his case will be to find something that he can do at all in an acceptable manner that is not so dreary in its doing as to defeat the very purpose of the judge. Henry Ford has offered to find employment for him, but what that work is to be has not been divulged. If it is taking a place in the mechanical work that goes into the construction of the machines; that are turned out for the Ford factory, there is little reason to hope that there will be anything but rebellion on the part of the worker, for the deadly effect of doing the one little piece of work that contributes to the greatest efficiency of the working force will be punishment, right enough, but not the kind of punishment that tends to correct defects of character. If, on the other hand, Mr. Ford can find it in his heart to give into the hands of the young man something to do that will draw upon his intellect, inspire interest, there will be possible a complete regeneration that may turn into a useful citizen a man who has just shown himself to be a menace to the public.

When the people of Dayton and other Ohio towns were suffering from the floods some years ago the hearts of the whole public of the country went out in sympathy and a desire to help. Today there are many people who are suffering severe discomfort and some measure of privation because of the high waters which have driven them from their homes into tents provided for their shelter. There must be ample place to use anything that can be provided for the betterment of the condition which, although it affects a relatively small number of people, is nevertheless as serious for them as if many were stricken in the same way.

QUARRELING AMONG THEMSELVES

Dissension within the ranks is the most demoralizing of practices, but also the most common. It is no surprise to the world to read of strife between the leaders of the Irish cause. It occasions no comment and excites no wonder.

What is the general and to be expected thing is not surprising when it is discovered within an organization effected with only the most lofty purposes. It is human to try to put over something unexpected in a meeting, a part of the fun and a means of impressing one's importance upon those who are in attendance. It

was not therefore to be wondered at that there should have been an effort to stampede the convention of the League of Women Voters with a resolution endorsing the League of Nations. It is a matter for congratulation of the women in charge of the session that the effort was unsuccessful and that the resolution failed. The only reason for being of the League of Women Voters is the service that it may be in developing public opinion in matters that are needing correction in our own laws and practices. A great national issue such as the attitude of the government towards the League of Nations is not within its province and has been quite rightly refused place there.

It was to be expected that there should be criticism of the work that has been done by Director of the Budget Dawes, because of the prevailing opinion as to the demands of political life. It is not quite *comme il faut* to expect approval of what is done by anybody in the opposite party, no matter how obvious is the benefit resultant from it. If the democratic leader should have done otherwise than he did do in his expression of opinion concerning the appropriation measure there would have been the severest sort of criticism of him by members of

his own party. But the fact remains and the public will not be otherwise convinced, that the saving to the tax payers shown by the budget is a real and tangible saving, not the trick of bookkeeping that it is charged with being.

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