

TAFT DOES NOT FEAR EFFECT OF SENTIMENTALITY

Says Result of Maudlin Sentiment on Justice May Be Exaggerated.

The second instalment of the exclusive interview granted by Chief Justice William Howard Taft of the United States Supreme Court to the United Press Association, is given here today. Great interest is shown in the interview with the living ex-President at the Taft summer home, All The Queen's Men.

In Monday's statement, Mr. Taft discussed certain legal phases of the crime question, and there was intense interest throughout the country.

Today he speaks of some of the human elements in the situation of the human.

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POINTE AU PIC, Murray Bay, Quebec, Aug. 24.—William Howard Taft, chief justice of the United States Supreme Court and the Nation's only living ex-President, has little fear of the effect of "maudlin sentimentality" of the "weekly emotional" who "belong to the lunatic fringe of society" on the future of American justice.

Mr. Taft, an exclusive interview with the United Press at his summer cottage here, discussed the crime situation and the difficulties which confront the courts in coping with it—a question which now is drawing the serious consideration of public official and private citizens.

"It is a common basis for complaint," he said, "that the maudlin sentimentality of many develops into an obstructing public sympathy for bloody-handed murderers who are brought to justice, leading to efforts to prevent the execution of sentences already pronounced."

Exhibition in Buffalo

"Such an exhibition as that recently shown in Buffalo when a murderer, since executed, was cheered because a jury disagreed, may well be cited as an instance."

"But I think the effect of such expressions of the weakly emotional may be exaggerated."

"They belong to the lunatic fringe of society. But if we can only get the murderers convicted and sentenced, I don't have any particular alarm about sending roses and cheers and apparent popular sympathy for those on their way to the penitentiary or the gallows."

The chief justice suggested that part of the crime wave of today "which fills the newspapers and discourages many people must in some degree be attributed to the war as an aftermath," but he suggested that "does not explain it all."

Attacks Parsons

While he did not take too seriously the maudlin sympathy complex, the chief justice suggested that there is however, "Real danger in a lack of sense of proportion in associations and persons pressing legislatures for measures which permit the parole of hardened criminals through appeals to boards and officers that are not subjected to public scrutiny." This, he suggested, "is a challenge to public prosecutors, who should present the interests of society against any abuse of the parole and pardoning power."

"Then too," continued the justice, "in the effort to avoid cruelty and to reform criminals by measures of encouragement, reformers forget that the chief aim of punishment is to protect society by deterring others from committing crimes and it destroys the main object to change a penitentiary into a free boarding house with all sorts of entertainment. It robs punishment of its characters as such and leads criminals to think that they will not suffer for law-breaking."

Despite the situation he pictured, Mr. Taft is optimistic for the future, and he observed in conclusion:

"But all of this is now under investigation. Reforms are contemplated, able commissions are at work, the public is aroused and I look for great improvement in all the directions I have indicated."

Early Auto Rides

Mr. Taft's health now is such that he can take only automobile rides or brief walks, besides doing his work on briefs for the Supreme Court.

Mr. Taft is looking forward to seeing all of the Taft family gathered here in September, including ten grandchildren, two sons and a daughter, and others. It is expected that about thirty or thirty-five members of the Taft family will be here for Mr. Taft's birthday.

He is at work early each day with his secretary and then rests, resuming his work in the afternoon. He told me he was feeling quite fit now and laughed at reports published in the United States that he was seriously failing.

With care, the indications are Mr. Taft will live to a much riper age. His spirit certainly remains young and optimistic.

TWO CHILDREN HURT

Struck by Autos in Street Near Their Homes.

Two children were injured in auto accidents early today.

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CHURCH DESTROYS HOPES FOR PEACE IN MEXICO SOON

Announces Stand Against Compromise—Wait Word From Rome.

By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Aug. 24.—Early settlement of the religious controversy between church and State seemed impossible today. Hopes of immediate peace were removed by Monday's statement of the episcopate in which the church announced its intention to stand fast against all compromise, pending further instructions from the Pope.

The priests and prelates, therefore, will not return to their churches until Rome has instructed Archbishop Mora Del Rio with respect to civil registration of priests and regarding the legal procedure, if any, to be adopted by the church to obtain reform of the church to obtain reform of the church.

After a meeting of the Episcopate Monday, it was announced that the situation was unchanged after President Calles' conference with representatives of the church, and that suspension of services in the churches would remain in effect. It was officially stated that the Pope's instructions had been requested by cable.

A United Press correspondent touring the States of Morelos, Guerrero and the southern part of the State of Mexico, found the people generally apathetic to the religious controversy, although some sections were experiencing a business slump.

Fau Brandelin is a trader. He belongs to the street. Not "the street" of high finance, but "Traders Alley," which is Pearl St., between Missouri and West Sts. Here is the last stand of the horse, and here Brandelin does a thriving harness business, enlivened with an occasional auction sale.

Tuesday was auction day at Brandelin's, and "Traders Alley" took on something of the atmosphere of two decades or more ago. Horsemen with slouch felt hats were on hand to bid for saddles and bridles. Farmers were there to secure tugs and reins. Even the old-time "speculator" was on hand to see what could be bought low, and later sold high."

Surries for Sale
"There's not a chance in a thousand that we would appoint or promote others than those recommended by the civil service board," Haskett added.

The board of safety members plan to appoint and promote policemen and firemen recommended by the newly created civil service boards. O. D. Haskett, safety board president, said today.

"He always loved flowers," she said in broken English, as the great floral tributes were hustled past her.

Mrs. Piscano said that she and Rudolph Guglielmi were childhood chums in Castellana. Standing just off Broadway with its staccato noises, it was plain that for the moment Mrs. Piscano saw only the fields of her native Italian village.

"He recognized me when I saw him here in New York once," she said. "He liked my daughter Vincenzo and was kind to her."

Rush the Doors
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"Traders Alley" refuses to believe that the horse is done and the harness maker is loud in his support of this belief. After the auction he scanned the list of results with a practiced eye.

"We didn't do so well. Things sold too cheap," he commented.

Asked if he thought harness was sold value, he said:

"You think all the horses are in the bone yard?" he asked excitedly. "Let me tell you they are not. We still have money in 'Traders Alley' and good horses, too."

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Like Cavalry Officer
Then Brandelin launched a tirade against modern transportation and defended the horse like a cavalry officer. "He will take you to the rear of his tiny shop and show you a fine specimen of horse-flesh stabled there."

Every Sunday the harness man goes for a buggy ride. He drives to Martinsville, and this fine nag never steps under five miles per hour, he said.

"The only trouble with buggy riding is that the kids holler at you," he explains. "If you call on your old friends with a horse and buggy they think you are queer. It takes a brave man to stick to it, believe me."

Many farmers still take pride in their work-horses. The harness man sells them beautiful tassels in all the hues of the rainbow. He exhibits them with as much pride as an auto salesman does a new car.

Advises Breeding
Baron Frederick von Krupp, Jr., heir to the vast Krupp estate and youngest of the house of Germany's famous munitions makers, has declared that he will not allow the manufacture of a single cartridge. A student at Harvard University, he has vowed to spend his days working for peace.

WHAT? MORE TWINS
By United Press
HOLLAND, Mich.—Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Slough, of North Holland, were recently presented with a set of twins for the second time within one year.

VALENTINO, THE POET
By United Press
NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—To the world Rudolph Valentino was known as an actor, but he dabbled in poetry at times.

In 1923 a book of his verse was published by the McFadden publications. It was called "Day Dreams."

A typical selection from it reads:

YOU
Your eyes,
Mystic pools
Of beatiful light
Golden brown in color
Deep.
Yet amber clear
Unshadowed by a frown,
Fathomless,
Wherein
My senses drown.
Your eyes.

YOUR LIPS
Your lips,
Twin silent petals
of a dewy rose,
Altar of the heart
Where love
Kindling desire,
Worships unafraid,
Crucible of passion.
The rose in masquerade.
Your lips.

YOUR KISS
Your kiss,
A flame
Of passion's fire,
The sensitive seal of love,
In the desire,
The fragrance of your caress;
Alas, at times
I find,
Exquisite bitterness,
In your kiss.

The verses were written just prior to Valentino's marriage to Winifred Hudnut, his second wife.

OSAGE JURY RESUMES
Locked Up All Night—Considers Murder Case Since Friday.

By United Press
GUTHRIE, Okla., Aug. 24.—Unable to reach a verdict, the Federal Court debating the case of William K. Horse, wealthy Osage Indian, was to receive the deliberations today. After being locked up all night, the jurors have been considering the case since Friday.

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WANT BUDGET INCREASE
Majority Councilmen Will Boost 1927 City Costs.

Majority faction city councilmen will take first steps to increase the 1927 city budget at a special meeting of council tonight.

The councilmen plan to vote readjustment of the budget at a rate of \$1.05. City Controller William C. Buser submitted a proposed levy of \$1,035 to the council.

Council may increase the budget, but must take action not later than ten days after the budget is readjusted, according to Philip Zorcher, State tax board member.

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Win In Ford Air Tour



Walter Beech (right) is the winner of the Ford reliability tour for commercial type airplanes, which took a score of machines over thousands of miles of country without a serious mishap. He is shown receiving congratulations from Louis Meister of Detroit, who took second place. Indianapolis was one of the cities visited by the fliers.

MILLIONS PAY RUDOLPH TRIBUTE

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theaters of Oscar Hammerstein, Anna Held and Nat Goldwin, lay when their day passed.

The sober setting of the gold room, with its impressive hangings, heavy furniture and air of almost royal splendor, men moved quietly, preparing the setting.

Outside there was the steady shuffle of feet and hushed voices.

Those who came were of all walks of life. Old women and young, some fashionably dressed and others in meager garb, mingled with many men and occasionally children. They were permitted to linger a moment, and then were to move on.

But, as though divining that she had some right there, police did not molest one poorly dressed woman in her early thirties who stood near the door holding the hand of her 8-year-old daughter.

Such is the tradition of the stage.

Valentino, dead the stern laws of the theatrical world worked relentlessly. Plays went on as usual last night.

And today the morning papers still carried the announcement that tonight will open Earl Carroll's Vanities—with seats up to \$100 each.

Such is the tradition of the stage. Valentino had been in New York for a short time before he was taken ill and had lived the life of the usual actor visiting here. He had been seen frequently at night clubs—often with Miss Marlon Benda, now appearing in a revue here, and had been a guest at numerous informal parties, dances and the like.

Two versions are told of the hours immediately preceding his collapse a week ago Sunday morning. One was that he had spent the evening at a night club, and had gone from there to the home of a friend, where he was taken ill. The other was that he was attending a private, informal all-night party at a friend's home when the first touch of what proved to have been his fatal illness, came upon him.

Started as Indigestion

Valentino said, however, that his illness was in no way due to anything which might have occurred during those hours—that it had been coming on for weeks, starting originally as "a touch of indigestion," so slight that Valentino had paid no attention to it and had neglected to secure medical attention.

During his life Valentino earned several million dollars but the extent of the fortune he left is doubtful.

Joseph Schenck, his producer, said he understood Valentino had little in the way of a fortune outside of possible interest in films. That others estimated, may make up an estate of the quarters of a million dollars, when added to his personal belongings.

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The contract in effect at the time of Valentino's death called for a cash payment of \$200,000 when a picture was made and one-fourth interest in the gross income from the picture.

EULOGIZED IN ITALY

Editorials Compliment Valentino's Intelligence.

By United Press

ROME, Aug. 24.—Rudolph Valentino was eulogized in the press today, the editorials especially complimenting the dead actor's intelligence in availing himself of the many opportunities offered in the United States.

His death, the papers agreed, will cause mourning among that section of the international public which admires Valentino as one of the best interpreters of love on the screen.

MANY COUNTRIES MOURN

Women Sob as Death Is Announced in British Theaters.

By United Press

LONDON, Aug. 24.—News of Rudolph Valentino's death had penetrated to most of the remote spots of the world Monday night, and today the flappers and movie fans of many countries were mourning the dead actor. Great Britain especially shares the sorrow of Americans, for Rudy was known as well here as on the other side of the Atlantic.

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