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(Sic Ad Astra)

Washington, D. C.

No one can fail to look with sorrow &
apprehension on the Asheville crime
solution. For while the shocking cru-
elty of the crime itself had already
lashed public indignation to fever
heat, the final revelation of the infinite
distance in social values between
its victim & the perpetrator brings into play
forces & emotions that might easily
^{& broadly disastrous} ~~well~~ ^{high} become
ungovernable. & this just because prejudice
& race-hatred run so much faster &
farther than right-reason & common
humanity. Our ^{greatest} ~~only~~ hope for the credit
of the good old North State is that law &
order will prevail, that a speedy trial
under the law will be held & if convicted
the misguided youth pay the full penalty
of his crime. There certainly should be no
~~attempt to manufacture sympathy for the~~
~~murderer or to evade the law~~ ^{by appeals} ~~to~~ ^{the} hands.

on the one hand
symptoms of vindictive passion on the other.
The general press, so often charged with "playing
up the news to manufacture sentiment" has so far as I
have been able to learn shown praise worthy restraint
in reporting the facts. Quite noticeable has been the
absence of those ^{inflammatory} epithets known to infuriate the mob
spirit under compulsion to destroy & sweep away.
But somehow I cannot escape the conviction that
on our side those of us who have had some advantages
are not doing all we might in giving those contacts &
sympathetic
Crime is everywhere & at all times deplorable & revolting
& unquestionably Society is justified in not only seeking
to eliminate from its midst a deadly dangerous enemy
but the impulse is only natural & understandable to want
to go further than mere self protection, to demand hurt for
hurt, life for life, to inflict measure for measure of
suffering on the author of so much misery
& that way lies madness, & that way lies all the wrong
& inhumanity that besmirches our country's dealing with
its darker peoples, & the lynching of the abject culprit is
not all nor the worst of the ills that follow in the train
of an inflamed racial indignation. The victim of the
mob has scant chance of survival even in a fair trial
the law being left to take its course, but as in the case
of Martin Moore at Asheville the injury inflicted unwittingly
on thousands of innocent human beings whose only
crime is that of being black, is incalculable & irreparable.
The Ethiopian cannot change his skin while a white

abdication of the meek & lowly Nazarene. Above all
are we not in America rendering the mind of youth
callous to the shedding of blood by the halting steps
of justice in overtaking the "privileged" of our land
when their victim happens to be the plain unloved ^{unloved} ~~unloved~~

You cannot cheapen some life without cheapening
all life. You cannot look with calm indifference on the
riddling & roasting of a black body & get the normal
reaction in the contemplation of an atrocity committed
on a white body. ~~But~~ "kicks" & "thrills" are insatiable ^{masterpieces} & ever
demand that the next come stronger: a fundamental &
systematic disregard of the rights & sensibilities of others
is the weak spot in our modern training, the tabooing
of moral teaching & the principles of ~~it~~ ^{it} from our schools
the most alarming symptom of our present day edu-
cation. We have actually come to the point where human sympathy
is frankly condemned as amiable imbecility & "Do others if they
lack the wit to do you" is ~~bravely~~ ^{bravely} flung out as a superior
because modern version of the Golden Rule. Speak of reaching
out to help the less favored or less fortunate & you are met with a
cold stare which says as plainly as words: "Now how do you get
that way? Cut out the mid-Victorian mush. If they can't keep up
let them go under." & so we organize the thing. Those that can
shoot ahead, for God's sake don't hamper ^{pegs} with such
paralyzing considerations as duties. Let them see how far
ahead they can shoot & incidentally how fine we are in
arranging the staging for the "marvels." As for the middle's - the read-
ers, the ungifted, the plain, the ~~pedestrians~~ ^{pedestrians} let them get on the
best they can or drop out of the procession. They serve in the enumeration
of the census as "also present" - That's all. No glory comes from helping them
across. ~~Forrest~~

The civilized world has been shocked & the Xtian world shamed by the heinous crime of two mere boys, college graduates & post graduate university students, sons of prominent families, multimillionaires & typical exponents of 20th century American "aristocracy."

Immediately, of course, our friends the psychologists get busy & are duly "puzzled" for a brief period as a fit preamble to a scientific diagnosis of the neuro-pathological conditions. Already the dementia jazzmania Americana is hinted at & it is freely prophesied by the criminals themselves as well as by the general public that money & "prominence" will get the two university marvels out of their predicament. Is it not time to challenge the all sufficient theory of the divine right of Superman based on the Intelligence quotient in Education? Dare we say that the last word has been uttered for civilization & humanity when some minds or some races have ^{or ponds nations} acquired the power to annihilate time & space thro concentrated egoism & the sublime disdain of altruistic obligations & responsibilities? Are we not in danger of over stimulus of the intellectual to the disregard of the ethical in our systems & methods? Are we not too ready to fall down & worship such prodigies as Sidis & at the same time belittle & discourage the faithful plodder who grows as the oak grows, one year at a time & takes occasion to strengthen & deepen living roots in the wholesome contacts of mother earth & brother man. Are we not secretly, even if not avowedly putting the doctrines of Nietzsche on the throne with the forced