

excludes the exercise of that divine faculty.

"It is here that room is found for consulting the feelings and wishes of those most injured by a crime, and if they ask for mercy, it appears to me that mercy should be granted, unless such request is mere sickly sentimentalism and in opposition to the best interests of society. The grounds stated in this letter to the governor asking the reprieve show the grounds on which the family of my murdered son ask you to recommend the commutation of the murderer's sentence to imprisonment for life."

In the letter to the governor Mr. Farrar included the pathos of a father's love, which had blossomed into the great forgiveness that would flood the lowly dwelling of the murderer's father and wife with supreme happiness—a happiness which would be impossible to the imposing seat of aristocracy, in which the law of "an eye for an eye" has been eliminated. The letter to the governor follows:

"On this day of Thanksgiving the thoughts of all my household were turned to the vacant chair made empty by the crime of the poor wretch, the date of whose execution you have fixed. This matter has been in our minds for some time, and after mature reflection, all of us—father, mother, sisters, brothers and widow of my murdered son—have concluded to ask you to reprieve Rene Canton and to send his case before the board of pardons for their consideration as to whether his sentence should not be commuted to imprisonment for life.

"We feel that this young brute is the product of our system of society for which all of us, particularly persons of our positions, are to some extent responsible. His father and mother are honest, hardworking people. With them the struggle for existence was too exacting and bitter to permit them to devote the time and personal care necessary to develop the good and repress the evil in their son, who thus grew up amid malign influences that surround the children of the poor in a large city.

"We believe that he shot my son as instinctively as a snake would strike one who crossed his path, and while the act was murder in law and in fact, yet it lacked the forethought and deliberation which makes a crime of this sort unpardonable. This man is now in no condition of mind to be sent into the next world. We hope and pray that time and reflection will bring repentance, and that his soul may be saved."

Incidentally in the letter, Mr. Farrar brought out the fact that, although the young widow, and since a mother, had not signed the application of Canton for a pardon, she had agreed to offer no objection when the case was brought up, and also she had sought to save the life of her husband's murderer.

But sentiment was swept aside by the cold judicial turn that was taken in the case of the murderer when the case was thrashed out. If, by the code of law, he was to be granted a life in the penitentiary, instead of a death on the gallows, the laws of the state must give it to him and not the forgiving sentiments of a bereaved father for his son. This was made plain when Judge Chretien declared that "if there is murder, I want this man hung." He was concurred with by the other members of the board.

Whether or not, sitting as a jury of three in private consultation the three members of the pardon board will cast aside the death adjudged by a jury of twelve, lies only with their interpretation of the moment in which the shooting took place. An argument brought out to sustain

Canton was made by Judge Gautier, who declared that had Canton been resisting arrest, then he would have shot the negro who was holding his brother also, but that he only acted as Mr. Farrar's letter expressed: "He shot my son instinctively as a snake would strike."

Another strong point in Canton's favor was that he did not know that young Farrar desired to arrest him when he rushed up from behind and throttled him and his brother. Farrar was dressed in civilian's attire and is supposed to have made no comment when he grabbed the two burglars.

The case as reviewed was that Edgar H. Farrar, jr., prominent young attorney and scion of one of the most prominent families in the city, had recently been married, and after establishing his home in the city had crossed the lake with his wife to spend the summer. He left in his new home all of the expensive presents which had been bestowed at the time of their marriage.

The two Canton boys, of which Rene was the eldest, were common laborers, and had a somewhat shady record in the city. Seeing the house unoccupied and knowing its status, they planned to rob the place. Rene, himself, had only a short time before married a young girl of creditable standing in the city.

The Canton boys perpetrated the robbery one day, and shortly following it was discovered that the house had been robbed. Young Farrar was immediately communicated with and returned from his summer home to make an investigation of the robbery. The negro keeper of the place, who saw the robbery take place, met him at the house and as they were making the investigation about the premises the negro saw the two Canton boys pass and pointed them out to Farrar.

Followed by the negro, Farrar, who was a powerful man, rushed out to capture the two criminals and bring them to the hands of justice. Running up behind the two boys, and seized both of them by the neck and tried to hold them until aid could be summoned. Rene, who was armed, jerked away from Farrar, running about sixteen feet, turned and fired, killing Farrar. The younger Canton meanwhile succeeded in escaping from Farrar's grasp, but was captured by the negro, who held him until the police arrived.

Rene Canton, following his escape and killing of Farrar, without waiting to see whether or not his shots had been effective, turned and fled without waiting to see whether or not his shots had been fatal. He was afterwards captured by the police. The two Canton boys were tried and the youngest sentenced to penal servitude, while the eldest boy was sentenced to be hanged Dec. 6.

Through the untiring efforts of his young wife, who it is alleged several times approached the young widow and also the bereaved father, Governor Hall granted a reprieve until Jan. 3, giving the pardon board sufficient time to consider the application for a reprieve of the sentence of death to life imprisonment.

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of the district of Kansas, was asked for in petitions from the common council of Kansas City, Mo., presented to the house by Representative Borland of Missouri. The resolutions, framed by a special committee of the Kansas City council, charge that Judge Pollock and Judge Van Valkenburgh appointed receivers for the Kansas Natural Gas company, which, it is alleged, is controlled by the United Gas Improvement company of Philadelphia, men who were "friendly to the interests, designs

and purpose" of those two companies. A further charge against Judge Pollock is that he issued an order to the receivers directing them to charge an increased price for gas delivered to the Kansas City Gas company.

The petitions were referred to the judiciary committee of the house.

Mrs. Steven B. Ayres of New York, was elected president of the women's national democratic league. Other officers were chosen as follows:

First vice president, Mrs. William A. Cullop of Vincennes, Ind.; second vice president, Mrs. Edward T. Taylor of Colorado; third vice president, Mrs. Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida; recording secretary, Mrs. John E. Baker of California; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Josephine McMahon of New York; treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Adams of Washington, D. C.; auditor, Mrs. Charles Morton of Washington, D. C.; historian, Mrs. William F. Dennis of Washington; field secretary and chairman of press committee, Mrs. Grace Porter Hopkins of Washington, D. C.

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