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"The newspaper, with the law, should assume the accused innocent until proven guilty; should be the friend, not the enemy of the general public; the defender, not the invader of private life and the assailant of personal character. It should be, as it were, a keeper of the public conscience."—Henry Watterson.

DAILY EDITION.



FRIDAY, MAY 5

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CAMMORRA

Every few days the newspaper readers are treated to an item of news about the trial of the Cammorrists in Italy. It is probable they will continue to be so regaled for a year more at least. The Cammorrists are on trial for a crime committed in 1906, and most of them have been in custody since that time. Some folk whose opinions are not to be sneered at think the trial will drag on until the Judge and jury and most of the prisoners die of old age. It is a matter to be deferred as long as possible, this trial of the Cammorrists, according to popular opinion in Italy. The phenomena of the Cammorra is a matter of interest to young communities where law and order enforcement may conflict with the interest of local authorities. For the Cammorra is the outcome of conditions, created largely by those who are hired to preserve law and order.

The Cammorra, unlike its kindred societies the Black Hand and the Mafia, is a vast secret society comprising all ranks of society in Italy. In some of its sections none but those of noble birth are admitted. These are the Raffles, the Arsene Lupins of Southern Italy, the Smart Set of crime. Their speciality is the extortion of blackmail from gambling dens and the like though they do not stop at deeds of violence. Their operations are winked at by the authorities. Last year, indeed, the Government selected Gennaro Cardinale, a Naples lawyer and an attache of the Cammorrists, to study Italian schools in America. The Cammorra is stronger than the Government, and holds the police and local authorities in fear. Even the visitor in Naples who loses his watch or pocket book soon learns that it is of no avail to look to the police to recover his valuables. Instead he goes to the local agent of the Cammorra who for a suitable fee returns the lost or stolen article.

Within its ranks the Cammorra has its own ethical code. The "barratollo"—the proceeds from the gaming houses—and the "sbruffo"—the proceeds of robbery and extortion—are apportioned every week or two among its members, after a portion has been deducted for social purposes and legal expenses.

That the civic police of Naples were in league with the Cammorrists is beyond doubt. Not until the carabinieri, the military police from the north, came on the scene was a genuine effort made to arrest any of the leaders. Since their arrest, it has taken nearly five years to bring them to trial, and how long the trial will last no one can safely prophesy.

That they are a band of desperate characters goes without saying. The fierce impotent hate which prompted one of the prisoners to take out his glass eye and hurl it at the Judge is not merely a humorous incident; it is an indication of the wild ferocity of the caged men.

Thriving upon the license accorded them, the Cammorrists of Italy have initiated an era of Anarchism. Anarchism as a philosophic doctrine among professors is a singularly easy and ideal condition to argue for. But as a condition of existence for masses of people under present economic systems it proves a failure. It is a truth that before we get a New Jerusalem, we need some new Jews. To administer the law "without fear or favor" is the only safeguard for communities yet awhile. It is for her laxity in this regard in times past, that Italy is now reaping a harvest of terrorism and crime.

Society must be remodelled from within, without letting down the barriers of government until a new generation arrives.

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MUSINGS BY MACK

"It is a globular shaped ball set on a pedestal all made of brass and copper and plated with nickel." says a contemporary describing the new steriliser at the Hospital.

Nearly every game that has grown popular on the surface of the "globular shaped ball" on which we live is played with a ball of some material. Up to the present they have all had a marked tendency towards the "globular."

A particularly unsatisfactory type of ball is that designed in the form of an isosceles triangle. Do not be led into the purchase of an obtuse-angled equilateral parallelogram shaped ball. It will prove erratic.

HINTS TO INVESTORS, NO. 1

You can tell what sections of the city are developing fastest by looking through the real estate ads. Wherever there is real estate activity—there must be real estate advertising.

PROBLEMS

After Diaz, what? Problem for the gesser He'll be, like as not, Merely his successor.

Letters to the Editor

Help! Help! Help!

Dear Sir: Who is the dead one that earned the "epitaphic sentiments?" What are the aforementioned adjectival sentiments? Who is Mike? What relation is an auto to a wheelbarrow?

Busiest When Quietest

No cases in the police court for the past few days. The fact may be taken as an indication that the police are not idle, but that they are watchful.

The Weather

Weather conditions along the coast as reported by wireless continue fairly favorable. Prince Rupert in glorious sunshine for the past few days, fairly puts the frequent "Cloudy" and "Overcast" note from the down below stations to shame.

If you "Keep Boarders" at all, why not keep enough boarders to make it PAY? A small campaign of classified advertising in The Daily News will keep you busy.

Yes; Some Good Printing Costs Too Much, Too

It's the same as with other good things. The temptation to charge "stiff prices" for high class things, or high class service, is always natural. But it's not always justifiable—not even usually. For in all artistry and nowadays the standard is higher—the doom of the commonplace is pronounced. So that, as to printing, high grade work is not apt to cost you more than its worth; still, you can pay more for it at some places than at others—and this shop is one of the "others."

"If a Man Deceives You Once, Shame on Him. If he Deceives You Twice, Shame on You"

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