

# What Should Be Done With Desperate Convicts

Question Which is Now Agitating the Minds of Members of the State Prison Board, Penitentiary Officials and Members of the Police and Sheriff's Departments—May Ask Legislature to Enact Similar Law to California's, Where Death Penalty is Imposed.

What should be done with desperate convicts in the state prison who are noted for their lawlessness, and who, upon every occasion that presents itself, make an attack either upon fellow convicts or upon prison officials?

This question is now agitating the minds of members of the state prison board, prison officials, and members of the police and sheriff's departments. In the consideration of this important question, the officials have in mind each desperate case as Joe Sullivan and Al Majors, convicted murderers, and Richard Deming, a 35-year man, who is regarded as a desperate and violent offender. Majors and Sullivan are men who have to deal directly with this class of criminals are considering the advisability of adding this new legislation to enact a law similar to the one in force in California, providing that, when a convict makes an attack upon a fellow prisoner, official or any other person, the convict making the attack shall immediately be taken before a judge of the district court and sentenced to death.

There are arguments, and good ones, both for and against the proposition. Such a law is turned by some to be not only harsh and brutal, but unconstitutional.

CONVICT HAS NO RIGHTS.

Those in favor of it are of the opinion that a convict has no civil rights, and that the enforcement of such a law is the only adequate protection afforded against the vicious criminal who is always looking for a chance to commit a deed short of outright murder.

Recent outbreaks at the state prison are the cause of this question being raised. In the cases of Majors and Sullivan, for instance, both are serving life sentences for murder. The first for shooting and killing Capt. Brown of Ogden, the latter for the murder of Police Officer Ford of this city. Both have been sentenced to spend the remainder of their natural lives behind prison bars. Aside from such



ABE MAJORS.  
Convicted Murderer, Who Has Heeded Plots to Break Jail Repeatedly in the Past.

If, on the other hand, a convict committing such a crime as described, were to be sentenced to death, and the judgment carried out, would it not put a check to such crimes, deter criminals from the commission of crimes while in prison, prevent outbreaks and make conditions safer and therefore better than they now exist?

Majors, Sullivan and Deming are now in solitary confinement and, in all probability, will remain in that condition as long as the present authorities are in power.

DESPERATE AND VICIOUS.

"Why?" Because they know better than anyone else the desperate nature of the prisoners. They know that one of the convicts can be trusted for a moment. They know that Majors has been a party to numerous attempts to murder and break jail. They know that Sullivan and Deming are brutal and vicious and will stop at nothing to avenge their fancied wrongs. They know these men will commit any sort of crime because they have nothing to fear.

Two are sentenced to life imprisonment. The other is serving 10 years and stands a good chance of having another sentence tacked on to that for attempted prison break. All are in solitary confinement and their punishment cannot be added to under the present law.

Majors has worked all sorts of schemes to get out of prison. He was sentenced to be shot for murder but through friends a new trial was granted and he was given a life term. He professed Christian Science and appeared to be most devout until it was certain that liberty was not for him. Then his nature asserted itself and he participated in an attempt to murder and break jail. He has committed assaults upon other prisoners and has to be watched constantly by the officers of the law.

COWARDLY ATTACK.

Just a few days ago Sullivan and Deming made an attack upon Nick Prussing, serving three years for forgery, because they believed Prussing had said something damaging to Sullivan's case. Sullivan has nothing to fear unless he murdered the man and Deming was apparently willing to take a chance with his pal. It is claimed that the men did not intend to kill Prussing outright, but to gouge out his eyes or in some other way maim him for life. Inflict injuries upon him worse than death itself. If they had succeeded the worst they could have resolved would have been solitary confinement. They could do the same with the warden, or a guard, or a visitor if they got the chance and yet have no terrors for what would follow.

But if such acts meant sure and speedy death, would they then commit such acts?

Those who have experience with such criminals give a negative answer. PROTECTION NECESSARY.

State prison officials deem it necessary for their own protection and for the enforcement of prison rules, to keep such men in solitary confinement. They do not let the criminals out because they can not be trusted. Everything that devilish ingenuity can suggest to cause trouble or escape jail is taken advantage of by such men. Majors professed religion and then resorted to physical force. Sullivan tried to break jail and Deming tried to saw his way to freedom after feigning sickness. That any one of them would murder to gain freedom there is not the slightest doubt in the minds of the authorities.

Therefore, it is no wonder that prison officials, peace officers and all those who have to deal with this element, are in favor of adopting a law as referred to above, no matter how harsh it may seem on the face of it.

SHERIFF ALFRED BATH KILLED BY ROBBER

Laramie, Wyo., May 29.—Sheriff Alfred Bath of this city was killed this afternoon 30 miles west of town by a man named Summers, from Walden, Colo.

Summers is still at large. Summers had held up and robbed his employer at Walden, taking his pistol and beating him over the head with it. Officers from Walden started after Summers, notifying Sheriff Bath, who left here in an automobile.

Going to a spot within four miles of where his body was afterward found, Sheriff Bath left in an automobile. The Colorado officials later found his dead body. Summers appropriated Sheriff Bath's horse and fled to a mountain fastness. Armed men went from here to Continental by special train and to Woods Landing in automobiles. Sheriff Bath was very popular and leaves a family consisting of a wife and six children, some of them were babies. The people here are greatly excited and if Summers is captured they declare they will lynch him.

SWINDLERS CONVICTED.

Chicago, May 29.—Thomas C. Miller, president of the Martinec Gas Engine company of Chicago Heights, and Frank L. Monroe, general sales manager of the concern, were found guilty in Judge S. H. Hobson's court yesterday of using the United States mails in promoting an alleged fraud in the sale of the company's stock. Sentence is reserved by the court pending the consideration of a motion for a new trial.

## SITUATION IN SAMOS SERIOUS

Refugees Arrived at Athens Say Battalion of Turkish Troops Fired Indiscriminately.

MANY KILLED OR WOUNDED.

Discredited at Constantinople—Greece Urging France, England and Russia to Send Warships.

Constantinople, May 29.—According to an official telegram received here from Athens a mail steamer with 150 women and children refugees from the island of Samos has arrived at Syra, one of the islands of the Cyclades group, and reported the continuation of a serious situation there. The refugees say that a battalion of Turkish troops recently arrived at Vathy, capital of the island and at once commenced to fire indiscriminately. Many people were killed or wounded. The story of the refugees is discredited here.

The Greek government is urging the three powers under whose protection Samos has been since 1835—France, Great Britain and Russia, to send warships to the island.

Greece is anxious for a settlement of the trouble with the least possible bloodshed, and has instructed its officials here to act with the greatest moderation. There is no sympathy here for the Samians who are thought to have brought on the troubles by their own folly.

REFUGEE FOR THOSE THREATENED WITH INSANITY

New York, May 29.—Through an act passed by the legislature at its recent regular session, persons who believe themselves threatened with insanity are about to be provided with a refuge to which they can voluntarily retire for observation by skilled alienists without incurring the stigma which attaches to an insane person. There is now approaching completion on the grounds of the Hudson river state hospital for the insane at Poughkeepsie, a building in which the man or woman who, through nervous breakdown or other causes, fears the approach of madness, may place himself or herself under the care of eminent specialists without formality or fear of publicity.

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## Facts Every Mother Should Know

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or overwork may make the husband need it. Babies are continually becoming constipated, and children, because they eat constantly or eat too hurriedly, may suddenly need a laxative. You or the children may be constipated today or have a sick headache or one of the other symptoms of constipation and dyspepsia, and if tonight on going to bed the prescribed dose of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is taken, it will do its work in the morning and the sufferer of the day before will be feeling well again, clear in head and cheerful in spirits.

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JOE SULLIVAN.  
Desperate Convict Who Has Demonstrated That He is a Menace to Society.

Punishment as prison rules and regulations provide for violation of such rules, they have nothing to fear. They are in for life and have no fear of death unless they commit actual murder. They may destroy property or injure for life a fellow convict or guard, or any person they might lay their murderous hands upon, and yet not be punished beyond solitary confinement. In the way of punishment, they have got all they can possibly be given legally. Therefore, they have nothing to fear on that score.

Would Majors have taken part in all sorts of schemes to kill guards and break out of prison—would he have participated in murderous attacks upon fellow convicts who had aroused his enmity. If this law were in force? Would Sullivan have attacked Nick Prussing if he knew that for so doing he would receive the death penalty? Would Deming have assisted in the brutal attack if he knew that it meant death? Prison officials practically to a man will answer these questions with the word "No."

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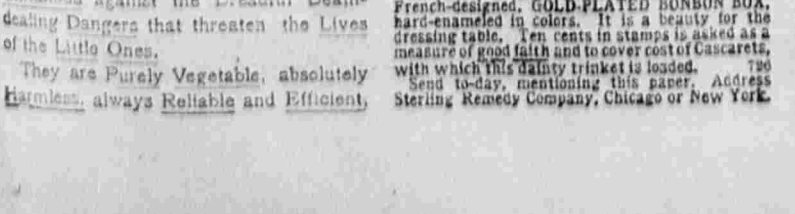
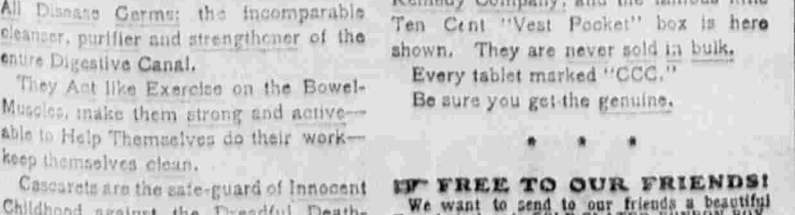
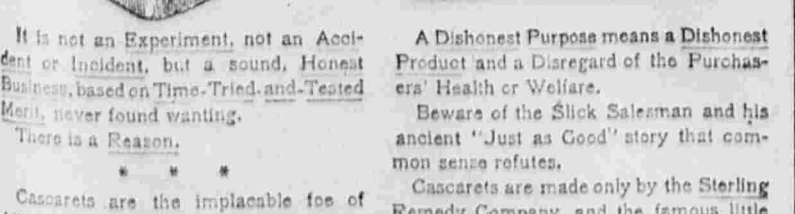
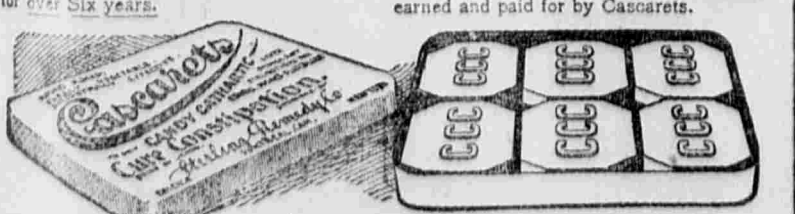
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