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WHY HEAVY LAW BOOKS ARE TAKEN LIGHTLY

On the front pages of Los Angeles papers the other day appeared three stories which are not conducive to respect for the law. We quote headlines from one of the papers:

Published weekly at Torrance, California, and entered as second-class matter January 30, 1914, at the post-office at Torrance, California, under the Act of March 3, 1878.

"Six named in Beach Police Scandal." 'Volmer Hits at Dismissal of Prisoners."

"Needles Mayor Under Arrest." One story details the alleged pernicious ac-

tivities of policemen in Long Beach.

Another quotes the Los Angeles chief of police in an attack against a police judge for dismissing prisoners arrested by officers of

The third records that the mayor of Needles is under arrest for asserted violation of liquor

At the root of such lawlessness is a growing disrespect for law and constituted authority. Immediately after the armistice the crime wave

was dismissed as a temporary reaction from

But that excuse doesn't ring true now Citizens, daily reading newspaper accounts of official law-breaking, naturally—perhaps unconsciously—develop a disrespect for law and

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the institutions established to uphold the law.
Officers, sworn to enforce law, have too
many laws to remember. Statutes and ordinances are piled up in such a mass that
no single individuals can remember half of
them, to say nothing of enforcing them all.
Forced therefore to disregard many breach so
of the law, isn't it logical that officers soon
come to take the whole array of laws with

come to take the whole array of laws with more or less unconcern?

Too many laws, filling too many books and crowding the courts. And the result is disregard for all law, both by officials and the laity.

IF YOU WANT FILTH, DON'T TAKE THIS PAPER

THIS paper was the object of considerable criticism last week, for failure to publish a revolting piece of news. We did not record the nauseating details then, and will not do so now. Suffice to say that we suppressed the story because of editorial self-respect and consideration for the finer sensibilities of most of our readers.

We want this paper always to be clean enough for boys and girls to read. If we printed the story we are criticised for sup-pressing we would have been responsible for

the wide circulation of news not fit for young

eyes to read.

If our critics expect to find filth in our columns they had best stop this paper. For we assure them here and now that we will not peddle dirt.

We are pleased to note that the criticism

comes from a small minority of our readers.

To that small minority let this sentence sink in:

If you want a sheet, don't take our paper. If you want all the news that is fit to print, we welcome your patronage.

SHORT JABS AND JOLTS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Out where the unrest is most eloquently vocal, that's where the West begins.-Sioux City Journal.

The roads traveled by blocs may seem divergent, but all lead at last to the feed trough.

—North Adams Herald.

The most hopeless conservative is the left-over progressive of an earlier generation.— Hagerstown (Md.) Herald.

Some day, maybe, Peace will break out; and how few of us will be adequately prepared.— New York Evening Post.

As far as Japan is concerned, it may not be necessary for us to give until it hurts, but let us at least give until it helps.—Chicago American Lumberman.

One war the people really enjoyed was the gasoline war.—Capper's Weekly.

It seems to have become the League of Consternations.—New York Sun and Globe.

One thing a fellow with a lot of German marks might do is to trade them for Russian rubles.—Chicago American Lumberman.

An' army corporal arrested in Athens, and alleged to have married twelve women, pleaded that they were merely platonic affairs. He might almost have called them platoonic.—

The funny thing about "Who's Who is that it mentions so many great people nobody ever heard of before.—Shreveport Journal.

Some African natives fish in a prone position, says a traveler. In this country most anglers lie standing up with the arms out-stretched.—London Opinion.

A Los Angeles woman is reported to have left her husband eight times and returned again in less than a week in every case. It is this sort of thing which is so apt to dishearten the average husband.—Punch (London).

It is estimated that each child born is burdened with eleven pounds of national debt. That probably explains why babies always cry so much.—Punch (London).

Mr. Gompers points out that workers in the building trades are now earning more than ever before. At any rate, they are being paid more than ever before.—Nashville Southern

According to the Registrar-General's report there is a remarkable falling off in the number of births. Alarming though this may be, it has its brighter side for America. It means that fewer English lecturers are being born.— Punch (London).

One of those indispensable government bulletins advises us against eating whale meat, and now we are waiting for another bulletin to tell us what to eat as a substitute.—Cleve-

Premier Mussolini seems to have Italy all tangled up in his first syllable.—Chicago Amer-

There are 837 causes of war, chief of which is the conviction that you can lick the other fellow.-Peoria Star.

The trouble seems to be that we have too much talk about evolution and not enough of it.-Detroit Free Press.

At any rate, the negro migration should open up a new market for washing machines in the South.—Dubuque American Tribune.

Monkeys tire of anything quickly, and divorce statistics indicate that there may be something in that Darwin theory.—Indianapolis

The clouds hovering over Europe are mostly 'dun" colored.—Tampa Tribune.

Every day something is being done that ELECTRONIC

Instead of writing the Bible down to the people, why not educate the people up to the Bible?—Rochester Herald.

Well, anyhow, the people who push baby carriages hardly ever try to beat locomotives to railroad crossings.—New York American.

Because he presided over the senate for two years and recognizes the futility of talk may be the reason President Coolidge is so silent.— Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

A magazine article on lunacy says that many inmates of insane asylums are capable of earn-ing their own living. Apparently many of them are doing so by writing our popular songs.— Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Ford's cash balance of \$210,293,922 is in- Phone 158 teresting because it sets a record, but not nearly so thrilling to New Yorkers as the fact that he own his own coal mine.—New York Evening Post.

Every week a thousand people are said to elude the American immigration officials and enter the United States illegally. It is not known why.—London Opinion.

Well, we suppose Greece made as good a defense as could be expected without closing practically all the shine stands and many of the restaurants and shoe-repair parlors in the United States.—Grand Rapids News.

There is still some doubt concerning the origin of the song "Yes, We Have No Reparations," as different versions have appeared in Paris, London, and Berlin.—Punch (London)

The sum of 1,000,000 pounds sterling is to be spent on an Actors' Home in New York, where the residents are to be encouraged to work in the garden. Many a musical comedy veteran will at last realize a long-cherished ambition to figure in a plot.—London Opinion.

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