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A pathetic incident occurred in the office of Governor Cooper a few days ago which ought to sink into the hearts of the criminally inclined youth of the State. A good deal less is heard nowadays of parental love than was heard a few years ago when the home was considered a more sacred institution and parents spent more time teaching their children to fear God, walk uprightly and concern themselves about the good opinion of their fellowman, for the letting down in which, he it said to our everlasting shame and discredit, we owe to lessons learned from rotten France during and after the World war; but after all the heart of the parent worthy of the name goes out as it always has to the erring child, no matter the depth of infamy or degradation into which that child has fallen. In the penitentiary in Columbia today there is a young man facing the electric chair because he refused to be guided by the early teachings of his parents. Had C. O. Fox carried with him through life recollection of the solicitude displayed by his father and mother for his welfare when he was too young to strike out in the world for himself it never would have come to pass that his father found himself in the presence of the governor of South Carolina making the heart-rending admission that nothing could be done for his son, but asking the privilege of being admitted to the penitentiary, to say good-bye to that son. Fox is doomed. With his life he must pay the penalty for the part he took in murdering the helpless young transfer driver in Lexington county a few weeks ago; but however much the man and his crime may be loathed, there is not lacking sympathy for the father who sees his son come to such an ignominious end.

In connection with the murder charge preferred against "Fatty" Arbuckle, motion picture actor, in San Francisco, who is accused of inflicting fatal injuries upon a young woman at a "liquor" party he gave in that city a few nights ago, there becomes generally known a provision of the California criminal code which denies bail to persons charged with murder in that State. We venture the guess that there is no such provision of law in any of the original States of the American union. Nor should there be. The common law presumes every man accused of crime, even though it be murder, innocent until he is proved guilty. Such a criminal statute as we find existing in California, instead of acknowledging this well established principle of law, places the defendant at the disadvantage of having the State say to begin with that the presumption of guilt is stronger than that of innocence and this being the case, it is more than likely if the defendant is granted bail he will run away and may never be brought to trial or by sharp practice may be able to free himself of the charge. It also places the defendant at the disadvantage of being unable to communicate as freely as he should be allowed to with his counsel and friends and to assist in working up evidence in his own behalf.

The wonder is that the supreme court of the United States has not been called upon to decide the constitutionality of the California statute. We certainly do not need any such provision of law in South Carolina, regardless of the complaint one now and then hears against this or that judge for granting bail to men accused of murder. It were better that half a dozen men held on murder charges and subsequently convicted be granted bail than that one man wrongfully accused of the crime and afterward freed by a jury be forced to lie in jail awaiting trial with the State meanwhile saying to its citizens, "Here is a murderer; it is for him to prove his innocence and not for this commonwealth to prove his guilt." That is what the State of California does.

**HULL LOSES NAME.**

"The city of Hull doesn't officially exist," says a bulletin issued by the National Geographic society, dealing with the town in England near which the United States navy's giant dirigible balloon exploded. "Hull is the name of a small river emptying into the broad estuary of the Humber, and the official name of the river at its mouth is Kingston-upon-Hull."

"Wrapped up in the name is the history of a more or less profitable real estate deal by King Edward I of England, who, though he conquered Wales by force of arms, acquired the city on the Humber by the more peaceful process of trading some outlying acreage with the monks who owned it. He had visions, which have since been justified, of the town's becoming an important port, and to make the place immediately more popular with others changed its name from 'Wyke-upon-Hull' to Kingston-upon-Hull. But a generation impatient of long names seems to have sprung up in England as well as in America, and the city is now almost universally known merely as 'Hull'."

"Hull has nearly 280,000 inhabitants. It is about 20 miles from the open sea at a point where the estuary of the Humber is some three miles wide. There are many shallow areas in the river and the tide at times makes a marked difference in the water level. Because of this fact Hull's important harbor—it is sixth among the scores of ports of Great Britain—is almost entirely a matter of artificial basins, entered by locks, in which the water is kept at high tide level. The town is situated on a flat, low plain, and a large number of these docks, aggregating hundreds of acres, have been scooped out. A ring of them practically surrounds the old town, so that a forest of stacks and masts seems to spring from its highways. Beyond the chain of basins is the newer part of the city."

"Hull was at one time the headquarters of the North sea fishing industry. The more important center now is Grimsby, on the other side of the Humber and about ten miles nearer the sea. But even now Hull holds second place, being the home port of the second largest single fleet of steam trawlers in Great Britain. It owes its importance in this respect to its situation, close at once to coal mines and to the western end of the Dogger banks which are to the fishermen of England what the Newfoundland banks are to those of America."

"In other industries besides fishing Hull is tied closely to the sea. It builds ships and manufactures sail cloth, ropes, cables and chains. As a general freight and passenger shipping point it is one of the principal doors to and from northern Europe, especially the Scandinavian countries. There may be a poetic justice in this, for it was up the Humber that most of the Scandinavian raids into Britain were conducted in the ninth and tenth centuries."

"Located opposite the German coast, the mouth of the Humber, too, was the entrance point for numerous air raids by the Germans during the World war. Only one of the raids, that of March, 1918, occasioned any considerable loss of life or destruction of property in Hull itself; but the sweep of the Zeppelins across the sky and the whir of their engines became commonplace sights and sounds to the dwellers of the city."

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