

## TWO SENTENCES

Aug. 1929  
With the sentences of members of the Clarke banking firm running up to eight years taking the spotlight on the front page of Saturday's newspapers, another sentence for taking other people's money was recorded with relatively inconspicuous display.

Most of the papers gave a few lines on an inside page to the three-to-seven-year sentence of Edward Hughes of 127 Chambers Street for the theft of a \$6,000 certificate from a defunct brokerage house. In contrast, the Clarke brothers and their partner in crime received virtually an equal sentence for stealing \$5,000,000 from 2,200 depositors after their bank had become defunct. And they are to serve time in a Federal penitentiary, which is a gentleman's club by comparison with Sing Sing, where young Hughes will serve his time.

The contrasting news items furnish one of those glaring inequalities of the law, which the poor man interprets as inevitably favoring the thief who steals a million or more. He can engage the ablest lawyers, make the longest fight in court, force the best compromise from the prosecuting attorney—and sometimes he succeeds in purchasing jurors or even judges. In the present instance there is no suggestion whatever that unethical means were employed to obtain a light sentence. but "moral suasion" alone.

Yet there is no question that "money talks" and gives its possessor the advantage. It is a tool with which men may be modified to one's purposes, whether it is in the hands of a thief or an honest man, so long as it is used with reasonable intelligence. Hence a wise man will not expect too much of human nature, even when exhibited in the courts of justice. But as an effective citizen he will not hesitate to protest as effectively as possible against such inequalities.

## Heavy Fines in Liquor Cases

8/5/29  
Federal Court Collects  
\$8,450 in Disposing of  
157 Violations

A record amount of \$8,450 was collected in liquor fines by noon today when 157 cases were disposed of before Federal Judge Fake.

The last two defendants in the Orange Brewery case were fined \$750 each on pleas of guilty to two charges of illegal possession of liquor. They were Thomas Dowd of West Orange and his brother-in-law, A. E. Young. The brewery, located at 119 Hill street, Orange, was raided in 1927.

Pleas of guilty to charges of passing counterfeit bills brought two-year sentences in the Atlanta Penitentiary to Anthony Dellacqua and Vincenzo Astune, both of Brooklyn.

Newarkers among those fined for liquor violations included Jacob Marder, 122 Halsey street, fined \$400; Edward Smith, 14 Center street and Harry Colston, colored, 419½ High street, fined \$250 each, and John Bowers, 216 Waverly avenue, and Norman Brown, 3 Spring street, fined \$200 each. A \$250 fine was imposed on Anthony Manna of 13½ South Center street, Orange.

Because it was his second offense, Tony Urva of 232 Front street, Elizabeth, was fined \$100 and sent to the Hudson County jail for six months.