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average man so as to cause him to forget the burden of proof required to convict.

"The requirement of due process of law", said the Court, "is not satisfied by the argument that men of the highest honor and the greatest self-sacrifice could carry it on without danger of injustice." Due process of law is denied when the procedure offers a possible temptation to the average man "not to hold the balance nice, clear and true between the State and the accused."

And thus, once again, ranters against American government are effectively contradicted by concrete evidence that the quality of American justice is guaranteed by the Constitution which they assail and deride.

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

A special committee of the American Bar Association will present a divided report to the annual meeting in August, covering additional canons and a summary of professional ideals. The summary submitted by the majority of the committee appears unnecessarily long and detailed, and the following substitute by Mr. F. W. Grinnell all-sufficient and preferable:

"The specification in the foregoing canons of certain conduct as unprofessional is not to be interpreted as an implied approval of conduct not specifically described. The purpose of the canons is to assist lawyers by stimulating their imagination as to sound professional behavior. That purpose is indicated by the statement in the 'preamble' to the canons that the stability of courts and of all departments of the government rests upon the approval of the people and that it is, therefore, essential that the agencies in the administration of justice be so developed and maintained that the public shall have confidence in the integrity and impartiality of its administration.

"The reason that the profession is recognized and set apart by law as a body of sworn public officers is the public need of a body of trained, reliable men to whom individual citizens may trust their private affairs in order to secure justice. If the Bar is thus set apart as a profession it must preserve such sound traditions and standards as have contributed to the public confidence that has given it its position and which is essential to its freedom of action in future.

"The canons simply reflect the better standards of practice, the history of which is not always conveniently available. Their expression in this form was the result of a growing need of counteracting practices which contribute to the gradual loss of public confidence in the profession.

"Violation of the seasoned professional standards of conduct thus reflected and suggested may merit or result in different degrees of disapproval ranging from disbarment, suspension, or censure, to lessening of respect for the character or taste or general reputation of the individual lawyer. No lawyer can justify his conduct merely because he does not find it specified in the canons as unprofessional. He must do his own thinking as a trusted representative and advisor and take the consequences."

NEW - LAW - ITIS

The 1927 sessions of the various legislatures witnessed the introduction of 42,000 bills, 11,500 of which became the victims of majority

rule and are now called laws. The 69th Congress, which President Coolidge is being importuned to convene in extra session, considered 24,729 bills, 1,423 of which met with a vote of approval and are now measuring the conduct of Mr. Average Man. This brings the total of separately enacted laws and ordinances, covering every conceivable and many visionary forms of human activity, to somewhere between 2,000,000 and 2,300,000.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

President Charles S. Whitman will call the American Bar Association to order on the 31st of August at Buffalo, New York. Ex-Governor Whitman has given so freely of his time to the affairs of the Association during the past year that extra effort is being made by officers and members of that Association to obtain a large attendance for this meeting. It would seem but fitting recognition for the service rendered by President Whitman, much of which has been at some considerable sacrifice. The State Bar Association of North Dakota takes pleasure in inviting the lawyers of this State to take some responsibility in building up the attendance record for this meeting.

MORE ON CRIME COSTS

The Illinois Pardon Board recently requested an appropriation of \$3,286,000 for the biennium "to stem the tide of parole violations". The appropriation heretofore had been \$175,000.

ALWAYS COURTEOUS

A summons recently published in the Fargo Forum, after reciting the usual requirement for answer in thirty days, and giving notice of entry of judgment by default in case of failure, ends up as follows:

"Dated.1927.

Yours &c.,

M. A. H. Attorney for Plaintiff."

CALIFORNIA ADOPTS SELF-GOVERNING BAR BILL

With the signing of the bill by Governor Young on March 31st, California entered the family of states providing for statutory Bar integration. The Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, together with four members of the Bar appointed by him, will constitute a commission to perfect the preliminary organization and thereafter make the act effective.

LIBERTY OF PRESS

Does the term "liberty of the press" include the right to take and print pictures of persons accused of crime?

From whence comes the power of the courts to punish for contempt?

What is meant by the right to a public trial, and for whose benefit is such right intended?

Are judgments in contempt cases reviewable, and to what extent?

For the answer to these questions see the decision handed down by the Court of Appeals of Maryland last January in the case of *Ex Parte Sturm, Klemm, Deland, Ellison and Clark*.