

but, instead of reporting in the usual way, telegraphed, 'Truth and justice have prevailed.' When the report was received, the directors were in meeting assembled and the astonished lawyer was perplexed by receiving a prompt reply: 'Appeal immediately.'

"There is indeed a very proper distinction between abstract justice and law. Lying is a very reprehensible and mischievous practice. Yet there are sound reasons, quite apart from the inadequacy of the jail accommodation, why the law should not attempt to imprison all liars. There is not time to expound these reasons, but one can say that it is a monstrous absurdity for any one to attempt to legislate without a firm grasp of the principles of legislation.

"The Germans, after a long study of what Professor Holland of Oxford aptly designated 'Jurisprudence in the air,' devised a Code of their own which came into effect in 1900, when they thought the 20th century would belong to Germany, but in the rest of Western Europe and in all the civilized parts of America the Common Law or the Civil Law still governs.

"Bismarck observed that one of the most important facts of our time was that the people of the United States speak the English language. That indeed is a vitally important fact because liberty inheres in the English language. For in the statesmanlike words of the great English poet, Wordsworth:

'We must be free or die, who speak the tongue
That Shakespeare spake.

"It is to my mind even more important that the United States and the British Empire are so largely governed by the Common Law for the vital fact that we have common ideals of justice is the true basis of the unity of the English-speaking peoples upon which, in reality, depends the advancement of civilization, in truth its very security. The great Charter of Liberty was achieved before the division of the English-speaking peoples and some of its main provisions have been perpetuated in the Constitution of the United States.

"Magna Charta, the Bill of Rights, and, indeed, the whole Common Law, belong to all branches of our race as also do such