

A member of the Chicago Bar recently wrote a book containing an indictment of those concerned in the administration of justice in the United States, the title being "Toward the Danger Mark." Many years ago a political writer startled people in this country by an article entitled "Whither Are We Drifting?" These two titles, putting them in reverse order, are worthy of thought at the present time.

To the legal profession, judges and lawyers, courts and officers, has been assigned the duty of interpreting the law as applicable to each particular case, and then enforcing the decree of the court or the magistrate. Our profession is therefore largely interested in the discussion of all matters which appertain to the administration of justice. They are also intelligent and influential in seeing that it is properly done.

Three sinister events or episodes are at this time much in the mind of thoughtful men, viz.: (1) The conviction, imprisonment and subsequent release of Arthur Skidmore, at Stratford; (2) The strike of the police force in the city of Toronto; and (3) The utterances of certain daily newspapers. Let us for a moment refer to these, and see what they mean and their logical sequence.

If this evil tendency is allowed to grow, increase, widen out, and bear fruit, the sequence must be anarchy, and the newspapers tell us day by day what anarchy means. We may well believe in this connection there will be no drifting toward the "danger mark," beyond which lay the ghastly scenes of the French Revolution and which now, on the continent of Europe, bears fruit in brutal barbarism, and the bloody butchery of Bolshevism. But we have recently heard of the distribution of poisonous propaganda in the city of Toronto by some unknown persons desiring the destruction of the present safeguards of law and order. We see therefore that the hydra-headed monster, lawlessness, is already beginning to shew itself.

This revolutionary pamphlet or "manifesto" of the "Provincial Council of Soldiers and Workers Deputies of Canada" declares that "the time is ripe for revolution and you must rise." One of these startling pronouncements says: "The only solution is that the workers take over all the factories, mines, and mills in the name of the working class and use them for themselves and sup-