

# Lombard Thanks Officers For Capturing Kidnapers

Dr. Charles S. Lombard of Redlands, who was saved from a kidnaping plot by county authorities, yesterday addressed a public statement to the officials praising the efficiency of their operations. Two men were sent to prison for their participation in the plot.

Following is Dr. Lombard's statement:

"Department of Justice—

"Sheriff, Prosecution and Court,

"Gentlemen:

"I want you to know that I appreciate—far beyond the capacity of words to express—what has been accomplished in each of your official departments in bringing to justice the culprits who planned a journey for me to the mountains of Ventura county.

"Reviewing the plans and proceedings of the culprits they seem to me to have been so crude and bungling as to closely approach acts of idiocy or insanity.

what was done to catch, convict and sentence those two murder-minded rascals—Lombard and Snyder—it wouldn't begin to express but a trace of the deep feeling that I have at heart in commendation of the admirable ability displayed by you all.

"Believe me, all of you—from minor deputies of the sheriff's department to the exalted summit of the superior court with Judge Allison seated in authority—I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for what you accomplished not only for me but for society at large, in catching and disposing of two such dangerous rascals.

"One thing further: You all realize, of course, that our social system—our so-called civilization—is in a very dangerous condition: not liable to blow up in a hurry, but to be undermined and scuttled by criminality. Our national expense for the supervision of society

"In tracing back the lineage of Charles W. Lombard I learned from his mother that two of his closely related, consanguine, predecessors, on his father's side, were insane and passed many years of their lives in lunatic asylums, one of them having died in such an abode.

"Now that your official departments are cleared of the abominable villainy thrust upon them by these two contemptible culprits I cannot but express my admiration for the excellent work accomplished by Mr. Mussell, Mr. Murdock and Mr. King; also by Sheriff Shay's competent deputies. Mr. King displayed unusual common sense throughout the entire proceedings—so strikingly in contrast with his legal opponents hoarse and bombastic raillery. What gets me is how any man possessed of conscientious scruples can descend to the levels required to plead for the screening and sanctification of such detestable scoundrelism as that possessed by would-be kidnapers.

"If I should pile upon the rest of this page a pyramid of thanks for

in defense against criminality from police to penitentiary and through it to the electric chair, to parole, espionage, juvenile supervision and punishment, amounts to about \$16,000,000,000 per annum; nearly one-fifth of the national income. You are also aware that right here, in our own county, we are spending through our educational department and its bonded allegiance about 75 per cent of our taxpayers' annual totals. Something is radically wrong.

"What have you—any of you—all of you, to suggest as a remedy for such a crimino-scholastic disease? An intelligent, heroic treatment is called for.

"Sincerely yours,  
"CHARLES S. LOMBARD."

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## ***Sea Scouts Granted Use of Navy Boat***

Donald Biery and Charles Ertel, San Bernardino Sea Scout, left yesterday for San Diego to take possession of a whaleboat donated to scouts of this city by the United State Navy.

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