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“To the Friends of the American Mercury, a Statement by the Editor” April 16, 1926.


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Mencken and Sara Haardt Mencken took this cruise together. This publication offers three articles by HLM: “Historical Notes by Our Cruise Member,” “Confidential Information,” and “Shore Arrangements.”

This publication concerns the “Hatrick” case, the innocuous sketch published in the American Mercury that generated Mencken’s most significant literary combat concerning freedom of speech.