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PREFATORY NOTE

THE Sacco-Vanzetti case has been before the courts and the public for more than six years. It has divided opinion at home and been the cause of demonstration abroad, and the end is not yet.

This is no ordinary case of robbery and murder. More issues are involved in it than the lives of two men. Had that been all, its history could never have been so prolonged. Other factors, little known and less understood, explain its extraordinary vitality. What they are, these pages seek to make clear, for the first time so far as the general public is concerned. There are no legal mysteries about the case which a layman cannot penetrate. The issues that are involved and the considerations relevant to their solution are within the comprehension of anyone who feels responsibility for understanding them.

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