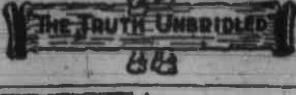


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FORGIVING AND FORGETTING

The anti-lynching bill has gone, as we predicted it would, the way of all other similar bills that have come before the law making bodies of the United States.

The Negro is going to forgive this awful calamity, but he will not forget it. We side with the Pittsburgh Courier in its editorial of several weeks ago when it said, that the Negro will keep a watchful eye on those ambitious young white men from the South who may have an eye on the presidency of the United States.

The Negro is also going to forgive the anti-lynching calamity because he knows that tottering white civilization is going to need every resource at its command to survive the rising tide of yellow people in the East.

Italy, Germany, France, Great Britain, Russia and now America, building more and bigger battleships, aeroplanes and other implements of war is the spectacle which presents itself to the world today.

So the much abused Negro, the stepchild of the United States, the disliked and scorned people of America who could not get the nation to pass a law to protect them against mobsters and lynchers may be called upon to help protect America against European and Asiatic mobsters and lynchers.

POLICE SHOOTING

The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs ought to investigate the shooting of John Cagler by H. W. Carlton, local police officer on February 9. The committee ought not to be satisfied with the mere report from the police department that the shooting was accidental.

We have been reliably informed that the officer took the Negro to the hospital, after he had shot him and that all the information the hospital could give was that an unidentified policeman shot Cagler.

Frankly we don't like the odor of this shooting. The smell is somewhat offensive to us, especially when we know that a Negro woman, not under arrest has been slapped down inside the police station by a uniformed officer of the law, coupled with the slapping of a Negro not under arrest on a local bus by another uniformed policeman.

The Carolina Times believes there is something wrong somewhere and asks the Committee on Negro Affairs to look into this shooting, before a murder is committed by an unscrupulous officer of the law in Durham.

If the local Committee on Negro Affairs will not do anything about this shooting, we feel that the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People should awaken from its lethargy and do something about it.

The law of Diminishing Returns was what Oliver Wendell Holmes had in mind when he said, "Because I like a pinch of salt in my soup is no reason I wish to be immersed in brine."

The man who insists that all folks shall work, be they holy or secular, learned or illiterate, always has a hard road to travel.

When a creator of new thought goes into business of retailing product, he often forgets to live it, and soon is transformed into a dealer in secondhand thought.

We often find an avowed and reiterated love for Jesus, the non resistant, going hand in hand with passion for war, a miser's greed, a lust for power and a thirst for revenge.

There may be a prating about righteousness while the hand of the man is feeling for his sword-hilt, and his eye is locating your jugular vein.

Kelly Miller Says - -

EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

Leaders are born, not made. Rugged individuality, initiative, enterprise, courage and daring, requisite to effective leadership must be bred in the bone. Any one who would not make a leader without education will not make more of one with it.

The superlative leaders have often been uneducated. Jesus, was the greatest leader of all times, and yet his listeners marveled at his ability to read "never having learned." Charlemagne was unable to write his name.

Our greatest Presidents, including Washington, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln and Grover Cleveland, were but partially and imperfectly educated. Our great industrial leaders and merchant princes like James Fisk, Commodore Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Mellon and Henry Ford, graduated from the school of hard knocks and the university of common sense.

Such labor leaders as William H. Green and John L. Lewis, who lead the labor movements of our time got their education to the tune of the coal miners pick and shovel. Any one of my readers can multiply instances by the hundreds illustrative of the principle, that leadership is not necessarily a school taught product.

If we narrow the discussion to the confines of the Negro race the facts stand out with equal boldness. Our greatest leaders have not come from schools but from the common walks and byways of life.

Our political leaders from Frederick Douglass to Oscar De Priest, are never thought of in terms of book learning. Booker T. Washington and Marcus Garvey had but slight exposure to the superior learning of their day and generation.

What Do You Know About Negro Wealth in Dixie?

(By James Bozeman for ANP) To read or hear orations on the plight of the Negro in Dixie, and then travel and do your own investigating, you would no doubt become surprised. Most writers and speakers only refer to the South as a section forever boiling over with nothing less than barbarism, lynching and starvation for the Negro.

Motoring through Louisiana and across Texas plains, one gazes upon a dense forest of derricks and oil tanks as thick as mushrooms. I dare not make the assertion that Negroes own these fields, but on investigation you would be amazed to find just how deep his hand is buried in this pie.

The Universal Oil and Drilling Corp., a race organization whose headquarters at Shreveport, represents a stock of \$200,000. Prof. J. L. Jones, president of that firm, is said to be worth more than a quarter million dollars. Individuals belonging to the colored group own around 150 wells in and around the Kilgore (Tex.) fields bordering La.

"Black Gold" alone is not the only means by which Negroes in this great section have risen into the financial limelight. Like other races they are gradually becoming a commercial competitor in various fields. There is no greater example than the rise of Victor Simon, president and owner of the Union Stock yards at Baton Rouge, a horse trader since

BOSTON—(C)—Eugene Gordon, former feature editor of the Boston Post, who has been in Russia for three years, visited

Calvin's Digest

BY Floyd J. Calvin

"WHITE FAMILIES"

To Negroes who buy white papers in preference to their own, we wish to call attention to an ad. appearing in the New York Times last Monday. The ad. is 6 ft. wide and 17 1-2 inches deep and is headed: "An Important Announcement to Advertisers and Advertising Agencies."

But static society which has become institutionalized and processed, a systematic course of training is required of those who would reach high stations, as in case of the Catholic Church and the Army and Navy. In any well established nation like Germany, England or France only formally educated men, have any chance for the controlling places in the State, Church, Army, or Political life.

[But even at a time when world order must be transformed and new type of institutions inaugurated formally educated leadership is discarded and such rugged uneducated or half educated individuals as Stalin of Russia, Hitler of Germany, and Mussolini of Italy forge to the front. When Negro life becomes standardized and crystallized a certified degree of education will be necessary to recruit the various callings and pursuits. Education teaches how to conform, but not to transform.

At the time of the emancipation four million Negroes constituted a group without organized leadership. Even now we have a race of twelve million human beings, a part of, and yet a part from, the general life of the nation. In all those ways in which the life of the race differentiated from that of the nation there still exist a fundamental lack of organization and leadership, which two generations of education, have very imperfectly supplied.

We name the papers, because, recently, we saw an editorial in a Southern Negro paper recommending that its readers support one of them, yet we know it to be a fact that the lot of Negro papers is made hard in several cities of the South by the dailies carrying what some people call "Jim Crow columns."

The failure of schools and colleges to encourage and inspire Negro leadership today is due mainly to the fact that there is no fixed ideals and objectives for the ambitious student can espouse with zeal and aspiration. The devotion which amounts to all but fanaticism like the early Christian, the anti-slavery agitators and temperance reformers. Inspiration rather than education is the sine qua non of effective leadership.

Every newspaper mentioned above is widely read by Negroes of the South. Suppose Negroes just transfer their support to their OWN papers, since these daily papers are advertising behind their back that they are good for "Native White" advertising only.

SUCCESS A "SYSTEM"

Last week we dropped off in Durham, quite unexpected and unannounced. It was the first time we had ever been to Durham in mid-winter. We found the weather perfect, almost a Spring day. But the thing that impressed us was the smoothness with which the Durham business machine runs as a matter of routine. Every body was occupied, but no body was rushed. We were more

COLORED DINING CAR STEWARDS IN SOUTH

ATLANTA—(C)—L. H. Hayward, agency director of Atlanta Life Insurance company, in a letter to the field force of his company last week, said: "Recently, while enroute from Atlanta to a certain city, a dining car waiter told me that his road now has several colored men who now are serving as stewards, thereby making the entire personnel of these

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Last Weeks Two Best Editorials

BILBO ABUSE MOST VIOLENT OF SPASMS

The Tribune has always remained aloof from the practice of "playing politics." We have always enjoyed the belief that the city of Washington and its citizens should have a voice in the national government, but until such a time as this voice is given us, we should refrain from any activity which is not, primarily, racial and secondarily, local.

But when a man in whose hands has been placed the reins of national guidance, so wantonly disregards the rights of America's millions of colored citizens as did the senior senator from Mississippi recently, it becomes time for every organ capable of speaking—policy not withstanding—to belch forth in protest.

"NEGROES AND THE LAW"

We trust the public will not forget the book, "Negroes and the Law," by Fitzhugh Styles, Florida born and a Howard graduate (college and law), who is a member of the Philadelphia bar. The book has fifteen chapters, and contains a wealth of information on the Negro and legal history. Some outstanding lawyers, like Charles H. Houston of the NAACP, former Judge Jas. A. Cobb, and Robert L. Vann are contributors to the work. Biographies of twenty-one outstanding lawyers, living and dead, are recorded. E. Washington Rhodes, former president of the National Bar Association, former Assistant U. S. Attorney, and editor of the Philadelphia Tribune, writes the foreword. The book is published by the Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus avenue, Boston, Mass., and is distributed by the Langston Sales Company, 2200 W. Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. It should be a point of pride for Negroes to have a work of this kind in their libraries.

"SOCIAL RIGHTS"

The Very Rev. Francis A. Walsh makes an eloquent plea for tolerance and social justice in the current Interracial Review of New York, in an article entitled "Society: Horizontal or Vertical." Continuing the growing Catholic demand that Negroes be treated as human beings, and be granted privileges enjoyed by other citizens, the Rev. Mr. Walsh says: "It is the normal and natural thing that people who understand one another's type of mind and cultural degree, should be drawn together. I believe that we have here an issue of importance in interracial relations. The social equality which is sometimes talked about is a very confusing thing. Surely the Negro has the right to social equality if this means equality under the law to all those rights which come to him as a human being and a member of civil society. To deny him these is to make him a victim of force and injustice. In a similar way it is wrong to deny to him or to any other group the right to any of those forms of organization which in modern times are necessary for the welfare of industrial workers—the remnants of the fears and misunderstandings of bygone days still present certain obstacles to the normal acceptance of the Negro according to his relative position in the horizontal strata of culture. His social advance and recognition will make rapid progress when the social philosophy of central levels is better understood."

PROCLAIM SECOND NATIONAL INS. WEEK

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he boasts of this passion for persecution would be amusing if it were not quite so alarming in other respects. If a Southern senator chooses to make of himself, that is his business, and we would remain indifferent to the effort no matter how completely he seemed to accomplish his purpose. But the responsibility of perpetuating what little there is of true democracy in America is distinctly our—even if it means stamping out senators who prefer to be monkeys than men.

But when a man in whose hands has been placed the reins of national guidance, so wantonly disregards the rights of America's millions of colored citizens as did the senior senator from Mississippi recently, it becomes time for every organ capable of speaking—policy not withstanding—to belch forth in protest.

Were it not for the serious implications of worse things to come, the Bilbo viciousness could be passed off as self-destructive in its acquaintance of the public with the calibre of the Mississippi. But there is more to the thing than just this.

There is the positive demonstration, for instance, of the fact that if this land of "democracy" is ever threatened with fascism—which it surely is—the gravest danger will come from the legislators with the intellects of the gibbons.

Fascism impoverishes the poor, makes richer the rich; it advocates the elimination of racial minorities; it denies the masses of these minorities the right to participate in the governmental affairs of the majority. Bilbo stands for all these illment ends. With Connally and Ellender he would repeal the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution.

The recklessness with which

Hillside School Raising Funds For High School Band

Special effort is being made by the faculty and students of Hillside School to raise money in order that musical instruments might be purchased for a high school band. For several years, a number of talented children have been denied this type of musical training due to the fact that there were no instruments available. It is felt that a band will add greatly to the work that is already being done along lines of extra-curricular activities.

The principals and teachers of each elementary school have been asked to make a contribution as well as all patrons of the school. A complete list of donors will be published after the campaign closes. Several white friends of the school have already responded very generously to the letters which have been sent to them.

A number of entertainments will be given at the school in the near future and the proceeds will be added to the Band Fund. The public is cordially invited to attend the "Amateur Hour" which will feature the best dancing talent of the school. The date will be announced later. Mrs. G. A. Wislaw is the sponsor of this entertainment. She is also Treasurer of the Special Band Fund. Anyone who wishes to make a donation make your checks payable to her. Any contribution will be greatly received by the principal and faculty as well as the boys and girls for called on executives, agency officers, clerical forces and field forces of Negro insurance companies of America to strive to produce \$30,000,000 in new business during that week.

SUSPEND DEPUTY FOR SLAYING IN RAID

MEMPHIS, Feb. 23—(ANP)—For slaying Jeff Buffett, operator of a still, in a raid Sunday John Friddle, white, veteran deputy sheriff, was suspended Tuesday by Sheriff Joyner.

Deputies Friddle and Powell raided the still and Buffett started running across a field to where equipment was being loaded on a truck. Friddle said he fired toward Buffett "to frighten him" but one of the bullets struck his heart and he died within a few minutes.

The slain man was well known to the sheriff's staff, having been a county jail trustee while serving time in a liquor case less than a year ago. Sheriff Joyner said he wanted to "investigate thoroughly."

COLUMBUS NAACP OPENS PERMANENT OFFICE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 23—(ANP)—The address for the new offices of the Columbus NAACP is located at 1026 East Long st. Offices of the local branch advise that arrangements have been made for formal opening on Saturday and Sunday and that decorations are well under way. This is the first time that Columbus had the opportunity of affording her citizens the members of the NAACP, and its officers the facilities of a permanent office. Exhibits of the Branch activities will be on display. whom this musical training will be made possible.