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PROMINENT WOMAN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

SWEET CASE TO BE RETRIED IN JANUARY

SWEET JURY DISAGREES NEW TRIAL IN JANUARY

Eight Defendants Out On $5,000 Bail Given By Detroit Colored Citczens Darrow Will Urge Bail For Remaining Three Defendants On Dec. 2nd.

New York, Nov. 28—Walter White, Assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, returned this morning from Detroit where he had been throughout the trial of Dr. Ossian H. Sweet and ten other Negroes, charged with murder for defending Dr. Sweet's home from a mob on Sept. 9.

Mr. White's report of the present status of the Sweet case, which has commanded nation-wide attention, is as follows:

After 46 hours of violent argument, which could be heard sometimes by persons outside the jury room, the jury disagreed. It was rumered that five jurors had stood for acquittal and seven for acquittal of 8 defendants and conviction of second degree murder for 3 of the defendants. The jury was dismissed at 1:31 p. m. on Friday, Nov. 27, and shortly thereafter Mr. Darrow filed a motion for a new trial and made a second motion that all eleven defendants be admitted to bail. New trial has been agreed upon for the first week in Jan. Eight of the defendants were at once admitted to bail in the sum of $5,000 each which was furnished by Colored Citizens of Detroit, but opposition from the prosecutor in the case of the remaining three, led Judge Frank Murphy to set Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, for argument. Mr. White will return to Detroit in time for the argument for bail for these three defendants who will be held until then. Dr. Ossian Sweet, Henry Sweet and Leonard Morris.

Contrary to published reports in the daily press, Mr. Darrow has not yet asked for seperate trials for each of the 11 defendants but he announced that he probably would do so.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced in connection with the news of the disagreement and the motion for a new trial that it would fight the case while there was any court in the land to appeal to until the 11 Colored people were acquitted.

Mr. White stated that the expense of the trial to date had been about $20,000, the transcript of testimony alone costing $2081.60.

"One of the most impressive sights I have ever seen," declared Mr. White "was the way in which the colored people of Detroit flocked to the trial. At half after midnight on Thanksgiving morning, when the jury was still arguing and sent out for instructions, the court room was packed. At 2:10 in the morning, when the jury was sent to bed, bailiffs had to make way through the crowd for the jurymen. All Thanksgiving day colored people remained waiting and watching, many of them going without Thanksgiving Dinner in order to be on hand.

"I want to pay a tribute to the magnificent way in which Judge Murphy conducted the trial. He did his utmost to exclude the issue of race prejudice and his final charge to the jury was a masterpiece of schorlarly learning and judicial impartiality.

"The case has largely changed public sentiment in Detroit. The better class opinion is with the defendants, although the Klan is of course more bitter than ever. But the N. A. A. C. P. will continue to fight the case and both Messrs. Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays will continue to lead the defense until a conclusion has been reached."

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WORLD'S FELLOWSHIP CHILDREN HOLD RUMMAGE SALE

Readers of The Advocate are invited to visit the Rummage Sale, 230½ 3rd St., Saturday (today), Dec. 5th and help the children in their noble work for world peace, by purchasing your Saturday and other days' needs. The children, representing a "Garden of Children", a human garden, which is a link in a long chain of "Human Gardens" organized in every country in the world, are seling their handicraft, also market produce etc., to raise funds to help other children in India, Syria, Egypt or wherever the need is greateest. The organization hopes to avoid much of the racial prejudices experienced by older people, by beginning early in life to know one another.

Don't forget the place, the time and the CAUSE.

FIRST A. M. E. ZION CHURCH
Rev. John F. Moreland, pastor.

Last Sunday the pastor spoke at both services, before large audiences.

The subject of the morning service was, "Wait on the Lord"; while the evening subject was, "Unrecorded Influences that bring men to Christ".

The Thanksgiving service was well attended and a remarkable success. The church is taking on new life and bids fair to take its place among other religious organizations.

The Bazaar given by the Gleaners Art Club on Tuesday and Wednesday was a big success. Offcal reports have not been made but to say it was a great success is mild. We thank the many friends for their loyal support.

We wish our churches, lodges, the Y. W. C. and other social organizations including womens clubs and those purely for pleasure to know the Advocate welcomes your news, but in return for the free space we give to you, is it not only just and fair that we have your job printing?

FUNERAL NOTICE.

Thomas—In this city December 2, Louise Thomas, wife of Oliver S. Thomas. Remains can be viewed Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5th and 6th at Miller & Tracey Parlors, Washington Street, between 20th and 21st. Funeral services will be conducted from First A. M. E. Zion church Monday, Dec. 7th at 2. p. m. Friends are invted to attend.

MRS. MULLEN ENTERTAINS

For the pleasure of Mrs. R. B. Whitlow, prominent matron of Los Angeles, Cal., and her niece, Mrs. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mullen entertained at a delightful reception at their home, 318 E. 41st St., Monday evening November 30th. A large number of guests were bidden to meet the honord ones.

The attractive rooms were made more so by the lavish use of Christmas bells and streamers of crepe paper, lending somewhat of a Yuletide atmosphere to the occasion.

More than half an hundred guests called during the appointed hours.

Music was furnished by the Turner Orchestra throughout the entire evening, and dancing was enjoyed by a few of the guests.

Delicious ices, cakes, candies and nuts were served by the hostess, assisted by several charming matrons, including Mesdames H. C. Baker, Sarah Scott and Cora Bunch.

During the evening, Mrs. Dolly Paries delighted all with several vocal solos, as did the hostess.

All report a very pleasant time and the guests of honor, Mesdames Whitlow and Moody express special appreciation of the lovely affair.

Send your friend the Advocate, for a year, as a Christmas gift.

LOCAL and FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

K. of P. SMOKER

On Friday evening, Nov. 27th at the Stag Club, members of Syracuse Lodge, K. of P. pulled off one of the biggest and best smokers that has ever been held in Portland by any fraternal body. Lee Anderson played the part of Master of Ceremonies to a King's taste. Music wasfurnished by the Brown Strollers Orchestra. Something doing al the time; but the sensation of the meeting was a Ladyimpersonator who vowed to make it hot for Garner Grayson. Money matters, I suppose. Grayson, at first, was shocked and visibly excited, but soon saw the joke.

Addresses were made by several of the members and a number of the visitors. Refreshments topped the evening.

MORGAN SAYS, NO PLACE LIKE HOME

"Havn't the time to write a letter but will say this much: that we are all anxious to return to the coast again. New York is quite a city, but just like any other city only more of it."

Thus writes Edward C. Morgan, musican on the S. S. H. F. Alexander to the Advocate Tuesday. "Eddie" is a Portlander and we are always glad to hear from him. Come on home Eddie, in time for Xmas.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their beautiful expressions of sympathy and for their many deeds of kindness during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, B. J. Fuller. Especially are we greatful to Enterprise Lodge of Masons for its splendid service.

And to each and every one we again express our appreciation.

Signed:
Mrs B. J. Fuller and daughters.

SPEND THANKSGIVING IN TACOMA

Attorney and Mrs. E. J. Minor motored to Tacoma on Thanksgiving morning and spent the week end as the guests of relatives and friends. They were royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson during their stay. They returned Sunday.

MRS. WHITLOW HONORED

Honoring Mrs. R. B. Whitlow and her niece, Mrs. Moody who spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with relatives and friends, Mrs. J. C. Baker and her mother, Mrs. Mary Turner entertained at a beautifuly appointed dinner Sun., last at their residence, 1385 Grand Ave., North. Sharing honors with the guests were seven others, including relatives and friends of Mrs. Whitlow.

LOS ANGELES MATRON VISITS

Mrs. R. B. Whitlow of Los Angeles, Cal., a sister of Mr. Ben Brown spent the Thanksgiving holidays as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, 360 Stanton St. She was accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Moody. Both left for their return trip home early Tuesday.

PASTOR BUILDS NEW HOME

Rev. E. C. Dyer, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist church, has demonstrated the fact that he can do something besides preach the gospel. The Reverend has purchased a site and erected thereon a neat cottage, doing the greater part of the work himself. The home is located on 72nd Stret.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jamison were hosts at a delicious dinner, Monday at 6 p. m. at their lovely home, 1190 Holgate St., honoring Mrs. Whitlow.

Some people such firm believers in luck that they would rather look for a four-leaf clover then hustle for a job

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ARROW TIPS

Of the anthracite coal strike that is freezing the coast, may we quote the following by an English bishop:

"The modern interpretation of the old text, "the earth is the Lords," is "the earth is the landlords and you mustn't interfere with it."

Of the recent Community Chest drive:-

The social worker stopped at Mrs. Jones' door and smiled persuasively. "I am asking for contributions for the Inebriates' Home. Would you care to give anything? "With great pleasure," said Mrs. Jones, "Call back about eleven o'clock this evening and I'll give you my husband"

In a Portland case a man could not make his usual full monthly payment on his house because said he, "I did not put in full time at the shop this month and on top of that, a day's pay was kept out for the Community Chest. My wife was visited three times at the house and sneered at as 'too poor' and because I did not want my children humiliated at school, I had to go in further by giving the three of them something. If my job gives out, will the Community Chest get another one for me?"

Of the plan to give to President Coolidge, the authority to "revamp" our government machinery by giving him authority to abolish all existing departments and create new ones, looks suspiciously like forsaking our republican form of government and creating a dictatorship. Do you really suppose the power behind the Coolidge throne is foolish enough to go that far? It would be little short of piracy and really, girls and boys, I don't think the pirate's costume would be becoming to Coolidge, do you? Imagine the Coolidge nose under a pirate's headdress! Cannot be done, better stick to common every day republican fashions.

Of Secretary Mellon's plan to cut down the income taxes of the rich only, gaze upon these figures:

Mellon's income is $4,158,750. In 1921 when he was sworn in as Secretary of the Treasury, his income tax was $2,636,697.50. Now if Congress adopts his plan, hs tax on March 4th will be $1028.182 Isn't that sufficient reason for wanting an amendment to the income tax law? Worthwhile isn't it? But don't forget that you and I must dig upA just the same,- that is,- if you have an income—I haven't.

Of the "insurrection" of the students ata the College of the City of New York against military compulsory trainng. Our own boys at Howard University started the ball rolling last year and it is with greatest joy that we record the action of the New York students in voting against military training. Next week, I shall offer quotations from the manual of military training which will demonstrate the "civilized" methods employed in teaching our boys the manly art of "defense of country".

Of compulsory military training at our University of Oregon. Do you know that every mother's son who attends must take at least two years of military training? Yep, order of the Board of Regents. It isn't according to state law or anything else. My taxes and yours are spent to teach those boys how to kill other mothers' boys. How do you like that? We mothers attend club meetings and such things and adopt resolutions for peace, disarmament, no more war, while all the time, our tax money is being used to promote war. What can we do about?

Again of the Community Chest. why does it cost $42,000 to finance the campaign and support its administration during the year? Why do we have to hire some one from outside the state to boss the job? I always had a rather good opinion of the executive ability of our Oregon stock of brains, but it begins to look as if we are a mediocre lot after all. I wish Mr. Herdman would publish the "table of contents" of the expense book of the aforesaid Community Chest.

Of th lady editor of The Advocate, the following 'poem' is recommended for her consideration:

"I wisht I was a little rock
A-settin' on the hill.
Adoin' nothin' all day long
But just a settin' still.
I wouldn't sat, I wouldn't drink,
I wouldn't even wash
But set an' set, a thousand years
An' rest myself, by gosh!"

Note - That's me, Kits Reid.- "Lady Editor"

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Principals in the Latest Local Tragedy

At top, O. S. Thomas and Frankie; Bottom, Mrs. Louise Thomas who Centre The Thomas' Tavern, and at was shot to death by 9-yr old Frankie

(Cut courtesy Oregon Daily Journal)

MRS. LOUISE THOMAS WIDELY KNOWN AND DEARLY LOVED FOR HER DEVOTED SERVICE TO RACIAL UPLIFT.

Found Murdered By Her Husband Wednesday Evening At Their Home On Foster Road.

NINE YEAR OLD SON CONFESSES TO CRIME.

Never before in the history of the local colored people has there been greater concern and excitement or deeper sorrow over the death of any of its members than that manifested over the tragic end of Mrs. Louise Thomas, beloved wife of Oliver S. Thomas.

This story has its setting several years back when at intervals of weeks and months at a time, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas acted the part of "the good fairy" to little Frankie, who years before had been made the victim of the separation of his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alford. Later his mother died in a local hospital and his father went to Chicago.

A few years ago, to be exact, two and one half years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas legally adopted Frankie.

Many a child no doubt would have envied the lad his good luck, for the Thomases having no children of their own, yet with a desire for children, gave to Frankie all the attention and devotion which would have gone to their own offspring. Mr. Thomas was a 'proud father' to little Frankie and when told by friends who were bold enough to approach him on the subject that the youngster would never amount to anything, he simply smiled and told them to "wait and he would prove he could". The writer witnessed one of the most pathetic pictures of a lifetime, when on Thursday morning while the child was being questioned in the Court of Domestic Relations by Judge Hewitt, Mr. Thomas leaned forward and in a voice husky with emotion, asked: "How soon do you think I can have my boy back?" The judge and others present had to turn their faces away to hide the unbidden tears.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas brought the boy up in Sunday school and on the occasions of Christmas and Childrens' Day, he would lisp his little speech just as well as the other kiddies, and Mr. Thomas would swell with pride. Just as any proud and doting father.

A little more than a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas purchased a piece of property in the country and moved out, taking Frankie with them. Near the home they entered him in day and Sunday school. Lately Frankie ran away from home, although only nine years of age, he managed to turn up sooner or later at home, looking none the worse for his experiences. His foster parents would forgive and take him back; even when he stole a large sum of money from Mr. Thomas and invested in a bicycle and "seeing the movies", his father forgave again.

The "good Fairy mother" which in reality was Mrs. Thomas, is no more for the little orphan she tried so hard to rear uprightly, shot her to death at the family home, Wednesday about 6 p. m. while alone in the house with her, because, he says, she scolded him for lying about a pot of beans which were cooking on the kitchen range downstairs, where she had sent Frankie to see after them. There isn't much to tell, except that traces of blood found by the husband and officers summoned to the scene of the tragedy, showed that Mrs. Thomas had vainly struggled to reach the telephone to sumon aid, for the lad had fled to town in terror after giving his mother "two drinks of water".

Frankie remained out all night and was found asleep in the back yard of their home in his little play house next morning by his father. Later in the Sheriff's office, the youngster, tearful at intervals told how he had sneaked the gun from the dresser drawer in his mother's bedroom and fired the fatal shot in order to ward off an impending scolding.

It will be hard to fill the unique place held in the community by Mrs. Thomas who with her husband moved to Portland 18 years ago and immediately entered into the community life of the people. Mrs. Thomas was prominent in church, fraternal, club and social life. She has held the Vice Presidency of the State Federation of Colord Women's Clubs and was at the time of her death, the Chr. of the Ex. Board of that organization. She held the chair for two years of Dt. Ruler of Dahlia Temple, No. 202, I. B. P. O. D. E. of W.; she was head of the Household of Ruth and past W. Matron of the Court of Calanthe; she was active in the local N. A. C. P. and was an officer in Zion A. M. E. Church. Upon more than one occasion, the Governors of the State apointed her as a representativ to important gatherings of Colored people in other states, to represent her race in Oregon. Mrs. Thomas was a woman of unusual ability, educated and cultured. She had remarkable executive ability which accounted in a large measure for the many responsible offices she held. But best of all, she was a devoted wife and companion and an excellent Christian.

She had a host of friends who will sadly miss her happy and sunny presence, for Mrs. Thomas wore always a smile for every one. Her going leaves an aching void in the heart of the whole community.

Funeral services will be held Mon-Day, Dec. 7th from Zion Church, 417 Williams Ave., at 2 p. m. Rev. J. F. Moreland, pastor of the church will officiate and The Household of Ruth, G. U. O. of O. F.; Mt. Hood Chapter, O. E. S.; Court of Calanthe and Dahlia Temple will have charge of the program, the deceased being a member in good standing in all of them.

The remains can be viewed at the parlors of Miller & Tracey, Washington Street between 20th and 21st Sts., Saturday (today) and Sunday (tomorrow).

Mrs. Ed Conway sponsored an early breakfast Tuesday morning for the pleasure of Mesdames R. B. Whitlow and Moody, who left later in the forenoon of the same day on their return trip home.

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LEE ANDERSON, Sec'y.
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