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## PROPER ORGANIZATION GUARANTEES JUSTICE

## VESTRIS HERO WOULD REMAIN IN THE STATES

### WRITER PLEADS FOR JUSTICE

### URGES FREEDOM OF MEN LONG IN PRISON

#### The Color of Justice

By Robert Whitaker

La Crescenta, Cal., Nov. 13, 1928. Black Americans have so much to do to get justice for themselves that they may well be pardoned if they are not as active as they might be in the case of white Americans who are made the victims, not of racial prejudice, but of class-war.

Yet now that the national election is over, and the right hand of Wall Street has won against the left, it is an appropriate time to ask the Negroes of the Pacific Coast to give heed to the efforts which are being made, both in the State of Washington and the State of California, to rescue from their long and unjust imprisonment certain men who are in jail for espousing the cause of working people, which cause concerns the black man as well as the white man everywhere.

Recently, I visited at San Quentin Prison, on the edge of San Francisco Bay, Thomas J. Mooney, the far-famed victim of the Preparedness Day frame-up of 1916. There is no need to speak of it otherwise today. Even so respectable and conservative a journal as *The Des Moines Register*, the leading daily of Iowa, says in a recent issue:

"There is no longer and doubt of Mooney's innocence. The judge, the jury, and the prosecutor have all joined in petitioning for his pardon. One of the strangest things in the world is the continued imprisonment of Mooney when it is known that he is innocent."

I do not think the matter "one of the strangest things in the world," in view of the vast amount of altogether outrageous injustices which the world continues to accept as a steady diet. But let that be as it may, what I have in mind here is to call attention to the fact that Mooney is not alone involved in this particular injustice.

A few days after talking with Mr. Mooney at San Quentin, I talked with Warren K. Billings, at Folkson, a fellow victim with Mooney of the frame-up. These men have been in jail 12 years now for a crime with which they had no more to do than had any reader of this paper.

In Walla Walla, Wash., eight men have been in jail for almost as long a period under circumstances hardly less disgraceful to our country, and to all decent people in it, whether white or black. These men were of a group of social agitators, seeking a better working world for all their fellows of every race, who were set upon by uniformed hoodlums at the instance of a big lumber concern—and who, in defense of themselves and their property, killed four of the attacking party, which, as to law, they had a perfect right to do. One of the company was murdered al-

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### "ARROW TIPS" By Kits Reid

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kits Reid's views, but whether we do or not, her opinions are sane and logical and well worth reading. It is your privilege as well as ours to disagree with Kits and she invites your opinion upon subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

Well, I see that there are other taxpayers besides Kits Reid who think that George Baker has no right to spend taxpayers' money on vacation jaunts. That act of the City Commissioners illustrates more clearly than anything else could, that contemptuous attitude of the Commissioner members toward the common people. But we deserve it. Any electorate that could return Mann to office deserves all that he is scheduled to get. He had his fences pretty well fixed up, and belonging, as he does, to most of the largest fraternal organizations in the city, of course his re-election was a foregone conclusion. I said quite a while ago in this column that fraternal organizations were a distinct menace to this country's ideals. Mann's re-election proves it.

The nation—no, I mean the Republican organization—that controls this country's foreign policy—has started off doing the same thing nationally that the Portland Commission did locally. They are giving Hoover a joy-ride at national expense. Mr. Hoover is still a private citizen and now that Bulgaria has asked for America's intervention, he will need to look no further for any cause for war. There we have it. Why does not Bulgaria appeal to the League of Nations? Isn't that what the League is for? U.S. pacifists must get on the job again if we would keep the young men of this nation at home doing useful construction, instead of sending them overseas again to fight other political wars.

Candidates for the position of Judge of the Court of Domestic Relations are very busy. Well, it's a \$4000 a year job. This fat sum of money—but, my oh, my—the grief in it! I wouldn't take it at \$10,000. Of course, the unlucky person must be a lawyer, and as neither I nor Will Rogers or some other people infinitely better fitted for the job than any one mentioned so far are lawyers, a really suitable person isn't eligible. The law should be changed. As I have observed it, the law should either be abolished altogether or it should be strengthened so that children's cases and divorce cases and all which has to do with family affairs, should go to that court. It should be made a real court, with appeal only to the Supreme Court. I don't know much about legal procedure, but it seems to me that we have been fooling with that court long enough. Either abolish it altogether and hold only the parents responsible, or make it a court that has less irresponsibility—if there is such a possibility.

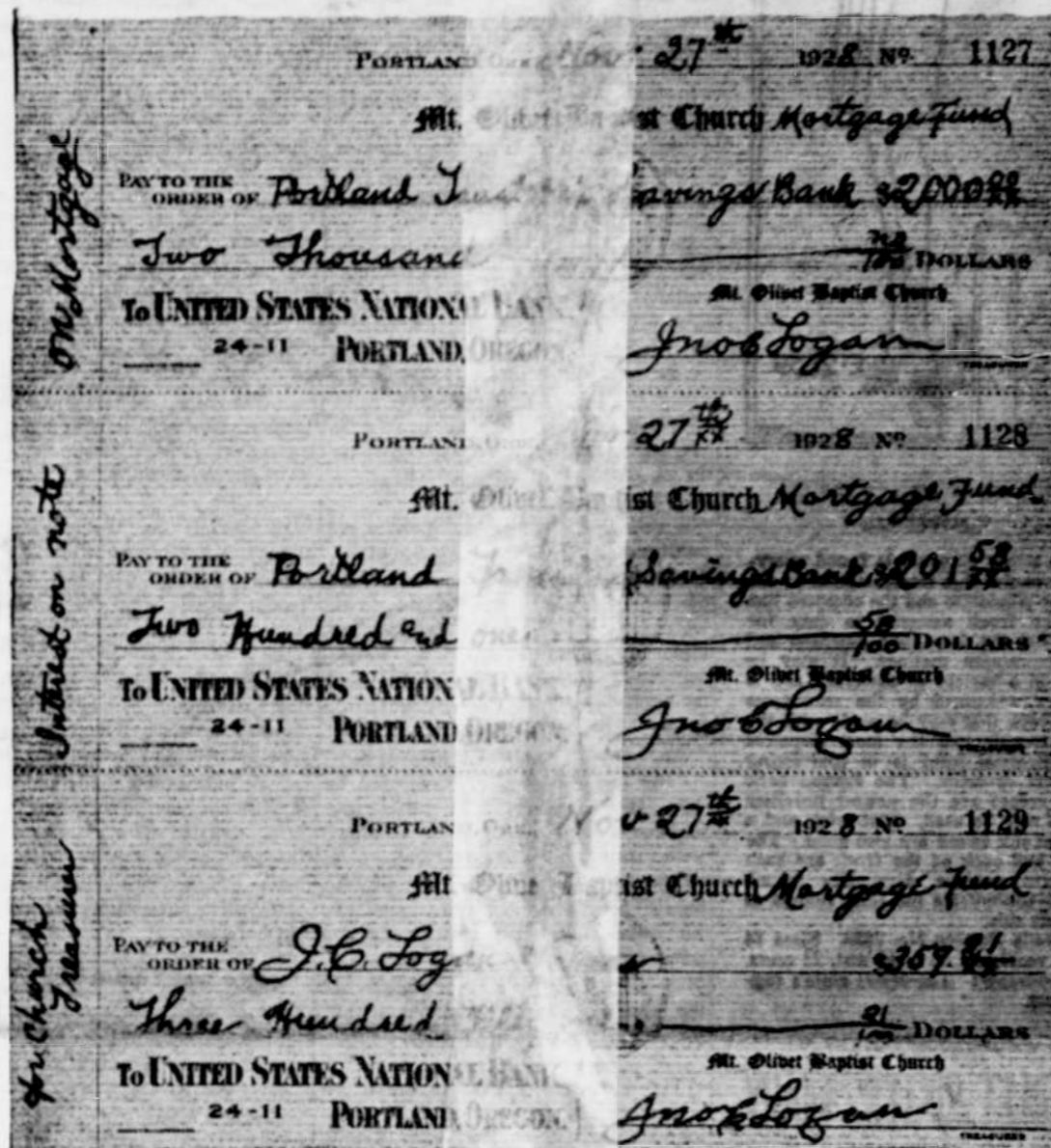
I see the women are getting busy on legislative matters again. The really big lesson for the women to learn is the one of delegated power. When will they learn that no delegate has the moral or legal right to vote as she pleases on the endorsement of any

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We wish to make public the fact that the operating expenses of the entire drive were only \$61.25—put at rest rumors that we spent a great deal of money putting the drive over.

We wish, again, to thank all who assisted us and express our special gratitude to *The Advocate* for its kindly interest and fine publicity.

We desire also to make public the fact that during the first year's pastorate of Dr. J. L. Caston, our books show that we have paid on our mortgage \$3222.78, as follows: On principal, \$2486.52, and on the interest, \$736.26. We will make public next week other features of Dr. Caston's work, such as may have been unnoticed or unknown.

Sincerely yours,  
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**NEGRO IS WILLED \$15,000 BY GAMBLER**

New York, Nov. 26.—The will of Arnold Rothstein, the N. Y. gambler who was slain recently, will probably be contested by his parents and his two brothers. Among the beneficiaries of the will is Thomas Farley, colored attendant of Rothstein, who was willed \$15,000 in cash.

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### RULING OF HIGH COURT HITS K-K-K

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—The Supreme Court recently dealt a blow to the Ku Klux Klan by holding constitutional a N. Y. State law requiring the Klan and other similar organizations to file with their Secretary of State their oath, by-laws and roster of membership.

Justice Vanderventer, in reading the opinion, quoted from opinions delivered in New York State courts bitterly denouncing the Klan.

The case was decided on an appeal brought by George W. Bryant, alleged to be a member of the Klan in Buffalo, who had been arrested for non-compliance with the law.

After Bryant was arrested, he sought out a writ of habeas corpus in Erie County, but lost in this effort and in the State Appeals Court.

The Walker law, Bryant alleged, violated the fourteenth amendment to the constitution by depriving him of "state, liberty or property, without due process of law."

The New York law excepts the K. C. A. F. & A. M., labor unions and some other organizations on the ground that no complaints have been made about them for misconduct.

### STUDY OF RACE FEELING AMONG UNIVERSITY BODY

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Two groups of university students, one in West Virginia and the other in North Dakota, have been made the basis for a study of race feeling toward minority groups in America, by James M. Reinhardt, published in the Survey for November 15th, nished 28 students for the test and Morris Harvey College in West Virginia, 24.

"This study is too limited to allow any broad conclusions," writes Mr. Reinhardt. "It does indicate, however that the prejudices against the Negro are stronger among the rising generation in North Dakota than in West Virginia."

The feeling against the Negro among West Virginia students is shown to be less strong than against Japanese, Hindu, Chinese and Turk as neighbor and as citizen, and the Negro is preferred to the Turk and placed on an equality with Hindu and Chinese as business associate.

The North Dakota students prefer the Negro to Japanese and Turk as citizen and to Chinese and Turk as neighbor. Both groups entirely exclude the Negro from family relations and 21 out of 28 North Dakotans would exclude him from business association.

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### LIONEL LICORISH AT N.Y. THEATRE

### APPEARS FIVE TIMES A DAY TO CROWDS

### SEA HERO, VISITS N. A. A. C. P. OFFICE

New York, Nov. 28.—Lionel Licorish, Negro quartermaster of SS. Vestris, who heroically saved 29 passengers of the ship when the vessel sank and kept a lifeboat afloat for 14 hours until all were rescued by the SS. American Stepper, paid a visit to the offices of the N. A. A. C. P., 60 Fifth Ave., recently.

Mr. Licorish, a small, neatly dressed alert man, quiet and unassuming, was introduced to the members of the association and *The Crisis Magazine*. He wishes to be paid off at the port of New York and remain here, and the N. A. A. C. P. assured him that all assistance in its power would be accorded him.

At present, the little colored hero is making 11 appearances a day at four of the largest vaudeville houses in the city, where he is a huge drawing card. On his first appearance, at the Palace on Broadway, he walked coolly on the stage before a packed house and saluted the audience. The crowd arose en masse and yelled and applauded for ten minutes. He is the sensation in New York and already, by his vaudeville appearances, and publication of his photo, has become so well known that in the huge crowds of New York he is recognized and pointed out.

Lionel Licorish was born in St. Lucy Parish, near Half Moon Full, Bahamas, British West Indies, 23 years ago, on November 7. He received his schooling in his birthplace and became one of the finest long distance swimmers in that neighborhood.

"I can easily swim from three to

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### WORLD UNITY CALLS FOR NEGRO WRITER'S LITERARY WORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Horace Holley, Managing Editor of World Unity Magazine, 4 East 12th Street, New York City, informs the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that his magazine is about to inaugurate a new department called, "Youth and The Modern World."

In this department articles will be published by college students and others representing various races and nationalities. Mr. Holley writes the N. A. A. C. P.: "We are exceedingly anxious to include in this department the articles representative of the best thought of young colored people."

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