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Only a Dream!

Being human it is a habit of mine to dream. Through years of practice it has also become a habit to sort of subconsciously reach over and jot down notes on a pad that is conveniently placed for such purposes. On arising in the morning I elaborate on these notes and file the suggestions or ideas away for future reference.

For this particular digest I shall make use of the notes written only last night. I thought I was in a southern city. Passing the store of a certain merchant I saw some rather uncomplimentary signs. Curious to know why the merchant would so brazenly insult a portion of the citizens I entered the store and engaged the merchant in conversation.

He explained that his trade from the colored population was so small that it made no difference whether he opened to them or not and that by openly discouraging their trade he gained increased patronage and prestige from the majority of his white customers.

In that particular community there were but three stores handling the same line of merchandise. We sat down and analyzed the situation. Half of the population in the community was colored. Theoretically, then, the merchant should be receiving the trade of one-third of the colored population. He explained that all the three stores combined did not receive one-third of the colored trade as most of them bought this particular commodity through the mail-order houses.

By further analyzing the circumstances the merchant agreed that if he could secure one-third of the colored trade that he could add hundreds of thousands of dollars to his annual sales and to secure this business he would willingly make concessions.

The merchant explained that he would be forced to recognize the social sentiment of his white customers but that he would willingly try an experiment to increase his profits and to bring prosperity to the community by retaining the purchasing capital therein.

This resulted in the remodeling of his establishment. To attract the colored trade he built commodious quarters with all the comforts and luxuries that he previously maintained purely for his white trade. He manned this section with colored clerks. Large advertisements were placed in the colored newspapers and personal colored solicitors appeared in the colored community; in a short while colored patronage equalled that of the whites.

True, all this smacks of Jim-crowism. But this was in a southern town, where before, little attention or thought was given to the colored trade which resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars being sent elsewhere, all of this was changed. Prosperity was brought to the community in which the colored people shared proportionately.

Throat Slashed Patient Lives

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Oct. 7—Physicians at the General hospital believe that George Holman whose throat was cut from ear to ear Wednesday night, will live.

Holman, who is a cook was enroute home Wednesday night when he was set upon by two bandits. They left him on the sidewalk with his throat cut for dead, but such was not the case. Summoning all of his reserve strength the injured man walked home and the physician was called. After first aid was given he was rushed to the hospital.

WELL KNOWN EDUCATOR DEAD

Houston, Texas, — Isalah M. Terrel, 72, one of the educators in Texas, passed away here September 23, Mr. Terrel had been sick for only a short

DICKERSON URGED TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

'FRAME-UP' LAID TO BIG REWARD

COLORED MAN BELIEVED TO BE INNOCENT

New York, Oct. 15—Labelling the arrest of Willie Peterson, Negro miner held in Montgomery, Ala., in connection with the murdering of two society girls as a "blatant frame-up," a part of the increasing terrorism policy against Negroes in the south as they grow restless under unemployment and oppression, the International Labor Defense today called upon workers' organizations to send wires of protest to Gov. H. M. Miller.

"The campaign against Peterson is being intensified in the Southern Press," the I. L. D. declared in its statement. "I have learned that Peterson is a world war veteran, a miner who has been unemployed for the past year. For nearly a year he has been trying to get into a government hospital for tubercular treatment."

"Since his arrest Peterson has been held incommunicado. Grueling quizzes by police have broken down his white allies. Sentiment among Negro and white workers has lined up solidly behind him, since they believe he is a victim of police frame-up and mobster degree. Nell Williams, who claims she identified Peterson as the slayer of her sister Augusta and Jennie Wood on August 4th on a lonely mountain road, will collect \$300 reward if she succeeds in establishing an identification."

FEEBLE MINDED MAN HELD IN CITY BASTILE

Silverton, Ore., Oct. 14—A feeble-minded colored man was apprehended on the south Third Street early Saturday morning and lodged in one of the cells of the city jail to await disposition. When the State authorities were notified they disclaimed all responsibility for the itinerant but agreed to take him off the hands of the local police. C. E. Higginbotham night officer, while on his regular rounds, took the man into custody.

EYE-WITNESS DESCRIBES "ROMAN HOLIDAY" IN CLEVELAND

"Let's rush the door and drag the niggers out," cried members of the mob assembled around the newly-purchased home of Arthur A. Lee, World War veteran and postal employee, in Minneapolis, Minn. Chatwood Hall calls it "A Roman Holiday in Minneapolis" in his eyewitness description appearing in the October issue of the Crisis magazine of the mob as it was about to burn, murder and destroy because "niggers had moved into a white neighborhood."

Though his appeals to the Mayor for police protection were unheeded, Mr. Lee was prepared at the risk of his life for the mob's rush. Together with other world war veterans armed with guns and rifles, he waited inside the house, its windows all broken by the mob's bricks and firecrackers.

"Fortunate for the mob that they did not rush the door," says the author. "Doubtless they would have entered through sheer force of numbers; but their entry would have been over the dead bodies of a great many of their members."

ATLANTA GETS NOTED ARTIST

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 14—Hale Woodruff, noted Negro artist, who has just returned from four years' study in France, has been appointed to the faculty of the Atlanta University Laboratory School, according to an announcement by Pres. John Hope. Mr. Woodruff will have charge of the Art Department of the Laboratory School, a department which will be open to students of Morehouse College, Spelman College, Morris Brown University, Clark University, and Atlanta University.

time and his passing came as a shock to his many friends and former pupils throughout the country.

GANDHI DEMANDS FREEDOM

NEGRO MEN FIND FIELD IN DIPLOMATIC RANKS

WASHINGTON, D. C. Oct. 14—Seven colored men now comprise the total list of those who are engaged in the foreign service of the United States, injury at the State Department here revealed this week. Of this number, one, Charles E. Mitchell, is an accredited minister, four are career men, with the rank of vice consul. A career man is one who does not hold office at the will of any political party.

These seven are scattered in all parts of the globe as the accredited envoys of the government. By rank, the highest position held by a colored man is that of Minister of Liberia, held by Mr. Mitchell, whose home is in West Virginia. Mr. Mitchell is now in Liberia, but has not presented his credentials to the Liberian government, having been instructed not to by his government until the situation with respect to slavery is settled by the present Barclay government.

The oldest foreign officer in point of service is James G. Carter now consul at Baliswick, Georgia, was formerly consul at Tamatave, Madagascar. Next in service is William H. Hunt, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., consul and secretary to the legation at Monrovia, Liberia. Mr. Hunt was formerly consul at St. Etienne, France. William J. Verby of Memphis, Tenn., is now consul at Nantes, France.

Prior to this assignment he was consul at Dakar, West Africa. The only other consul of the seven is Clifton R. Wharton of Baltimore, who is now stationed at Las Palmas in the Canary Islands. Mr. Wharton was formerly at Monrovia. These four just mentioned are career men.

LANE COUNTY HAS FIRST COLORED NATIVE BORN

Eugene, October 13—The stork arrived this week with the first colored baby ever known to be born in Lane County.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Weston, have named the baby Eugene Lane Weston. He was the first Negro baby registered in county records here.

PORTLAND MERCHANTS INSPIRE CONFIDENCE FOR BETTER DAYS

SLOGAN "BUY SOMETHING TODAY" FEATURED ADVERTISING OF 21 LOCAL FIRMS

Convinced that the economic depression is due to a state of mind, rather than to any glaring weakness in the nation's economic structure, 21 Portland merchants united October 1, to launch a campaign to loosen the purse strings of Portlanders, and to start the flow of money which is needed to bring prosperity back. The originator of the idea for the campaign is John H. Hartog, sales manager of the Portland Gas & Coke company, who arranged with his company to place the nine large show windows of the Public Service Bldg., at the disposal of the 21 Portland merchants.

A great variety of merchandise, the wares of the 21 merchants was on display. Emblazoned in every window the slogan, "Buy something today—any place."

The merchants agreed not to stress their own wares so much as to emphasize the importance of keeping money in circulation. The displays remained in the windows for a week. Mr. Hartog made the preliminary arrangements for the campaign through the Portland Rotary Club.

conduct Mr. and Mrs. David B. EFA Mr. and Mrs. David Bradley have purchased a lovely acreage near to Portland. They formerly operated a ranch near Oregon City. At present they are domiciled at 1020 E. 27 St. N.

Three Poets Fight For Scotsboro Victims



Three famous poets have joined the national committee for the defense of political prisoners co-operating with the International Labor Defense in the struggle to free the Scotsboro boys who were framed in Alabama and sentenced to the electric chair.

(Above) Langston Hughes, outstanding American poet and novelist who has recently completed a play on the Scotsboro frame-up. (Center) Edna St. Vincent Millay, America's foremost woman poet and author of "The Harp Weaver". "A Few Figs From Thistles", etc. (Right) Claude McKay, well known poet and novelist who is at present in South Africa.

ALL WILL HONOR WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. Oct. 14—Americans of all races will join hands in what has been termed the most far-reaching and elaborate celebration of a birthday of any of America's immigrants, when the two hundredth birthday of George Washington is observed in 1932.

According to the announcement made by the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, with headquarters here, the observance will have its beginning on February 22, 1932 and extend through Thanksgiving day, covering approximately nine months. Schools, churches, organizations of various sorts will join hands in making this observance truly nation-wide and programs and pamphlets have been published which will give an unprecedented insight into the life of the Father of the Country.

One of the most interesting facts brought to light in collecting material for the celebration of George Washington, while in a slave-holder himself in the state of Virginia, strongly disapproved of slavery. This side-light on his life is revealed in the following letter from him to General Lafayette.

"The scheme, my dear Marquis, which you propose as a precedent to encourage the emancipation of black people of this country from that state of bondage in which they are held, is a striking evidence of the benevolence of your heart. I shall be happy to do in so laudable a work; but will defer going into a detail of the business till I have had the pleasure of seeing you."

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WORLD WIDE INTEREST IN LITTLE BROWN MAN

FREEDOM FOR INDIA FIRST BEFORE HE WILL CALL OFF BOYCOTT ON ENGLISH GOODS, HIS ANSWER IN ENGLISH TO DISTRICTS IMPOVERISHED BY IT—IF FREEDOM IS GIVEN THEM WILL BRAB OUT ALL GOODS BUT BRITISH

Citheroe, Lancashire, Eng., Sept. 27—Lancashire pressed its appeal to Mahatma Gandhi today for an arrangement which would lift the Indian boycott on English cotton goods and rescue its sinking industry.

But the Mahatma offered only a straw. He offered it in these words: "If Great Britain grants India her freedom and makes her an equal partner in the British family of nations, then I should be willing to advocate a prohibitive tariff on all foreign imports except those of Great Britain, of which India would take the amount needed beyond her own productive capacity, such things as prices, shipping, etc., being equitable."

Their attempt while Gandhi was here, it was revealed today, was to show him the poverty of the area, brought about largely, they claim, through the Indian boycott, and then seek an agreement for the exportation to India of 40 per cent of the Indian cloth needs, according to specific requirements.

Gandhi's answer, in effect, was that he was unable to effect such a bargain unless he was in a place of power comparable to that now held by the viceroy—an attainment obviously not possible without a process in the movement for independence.

ORPHANS SING FOR OREGONIANS

Medford, Ore., Oct. 14—The sixteen Negro singers, between the ages of 7 and 18 years, from the Elko orphan home in Alabama, entertained with a program at the senior high school this afternoon. The program sponsored by the Medford High school band was a great success.

The boys and girls, under the leadership of F. H. Bowers, make a tour to one or more states each year. They have just completed a trip through California.

HOOVER COMMITTEEMAN GIVES ADVISE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Washington, D. C. Oct. 14—President Hoover's Organization on Unemployment Relief will only cooperate with local organizations in the various states on relieving distress and suffering among the people during the coming winter. The President's Organization will assist states when called upon to raise money, to administer relief or provide jobs. The idea is to mobilize the entire country for relief through organizations already in existence.

It is evident that the Negroes in many communities have no organizational touch with existing relief agencies; in some communities welfare agencies give relief without racial discrimination; with respect to Negroes the same national relief organizations in different communities varies with its practice with different Negroes, etc. Because of the different approaches to this subject, it is highly necessary that Negroes bestir themselves so that any and all cases of relief needed among Negroes shall be forcefully brought to the attention of local relief administering agencies.

I am suggesting that this time for the immediate consideration of public spirited citizens of the Negro race in any and all communities where there may be need for relief among Negroes during this winter the following:

1. That public spirited Negroes connect themselves with local bod-

FRIENDS THINK HIM SUITED FOR THE JOB

STANDS HIGH IN LEGAL AND PLITICAL CIRCLES

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 14—Friends of Earl B. Dickerson are prevailing upon him to become a candidate for Congress, and urge him to seek the nomination as a candidate of the Democratic party in the April primary election. As a means of securing his entry into the congressional race, a petition is being circulated in his behalf, which pledges the active support of its signers. It is believed by many of his friends that Mr. Dickerson can secure the support of the regular Democratic Ward organizations in the district, and of the Democratic nominating committee if he will make himself available as a candidate. Many citizens believe that Mr. Dickerson's qualifications as a representative public spirited citizen and successful lawyer, make him the logical choice of the Democratic party for Congressional candidate from the First District, and they want him to be the race in the belief that he is the most able candidate from those among whom the citizens will have an opportunity to choose at the coming election.

DOCTOR GETS POST IN AFRICAN MISSION WORK

Boston, Oct. 16—To Dr. Aaron M. McMillan of Omaha, Nebraska, serving under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, belongs the distinction of a mission station wholly manned by American Negroes, namely, Rev. H. C. McDowell of Epes, Alabama and Samuel B. Coles of Tilden, Alabama. The Mission has been looking for a long time for a doctor.

Klamath Falls, Ore. Belle Henricu colored women, Anna Belle Henricu, 302 South 11th, and Nellie B. Leslie, 1420 Elm, were arrested by city police Thursday night on charges of soliciting and lodged in the city jail. E. White was also arrested at 1420 Elm and booked on an open charge.