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SECTION ONE

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BIRTH OF NATION BARRED FROM PORTLAND

Digesting . . .
The News
(BY CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL)

Two seasons ago when this column was in a state of embryo, I was able to extend appropriate greetings through personal communications. A year ago, after this column had extended itself throughout the country through the medium of eight or ten different publications, but very few personal greetings could be mailed out.

Now, after nearly two years of columning, in which time "Digesting the News" has appeared in over sixty publications in every part of America, over forty of whom use it regularly as a weekly feature, my list of friends acquaintances and admirers has grown to such proportions that it is impossible to use even a selective system in sending out personal greetings and tokens of good-will and I must content myself with extending the most sincere greetings and good wishes through this column.

In making this announcement, I can truly say that I have found "Peace on Earth and Good Will toward Men." Though physically handicapped I have learned to enjoy to the fullest the freedom that can only be brought through a correct mental attitude and perspective of life and when you have arrived at this mental stage you are at peace with the world and all therein.

Riches, not gold, but in the happiness that follows an earned and deserved respect, have been generously bestowed upon me. When one has reached the depths of life there are some things that gold will not buy and I am proud to state that through this column many of the otherwise unattainable possessions are mine.

Hardly a week passes but what I find in some publication, in some part of the country, some tribute to this column. Sometimes the tribute comes through a direct reference. Sometimes through a conspicuous position or extra mechanical make-up in a publication. And at other times through the comments of other writers.

In personal communications, I am very fortunate in the contact I have made, most of which has been entirely unsolicited. My mail is constantly bringing me messages from state and government officials, members of congress, legislature and state senators, business corporations, news bureaus, and individuals of every walk in life and a great many strictly personal communications which make life more interesting and anticipation a pleasure.

So many editors and publishers have extended their whole-hearted support and practical co-operation that it is almost impossible to refer to them individually and not only the publishers that use this column but a great many others as well, have and are constantly assisting me through other channels.

So, again, to all, readers, friends and acquaintances, I extend the sincerest Holiday Greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

REVEREND HILL'S FATHER DIES

News of the passing of his father, Rev. D. G. Hill, Sr., was received by Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr. of Portland a few days ago. The end came at his home in Maryland on Saturday, Dec. 19th from natural causes. Rev. Hill had been failing for sometime and the end was not wholly unexpected. Last year Rev. Hill went east to visit his father's bedside.

He is survived by four sons, two of whom are ministers, and by his widow and five daughters. For 12 years he was pastor of the African Methodist church at Knoxville and held important pastorates in Maryland and in the District of Columbia.

He was educated by the Quakers of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and received his degree in arts and the ministry at Lincoln University, Lincoln, Pa. His birthplace was near Hargerstown, Md.

EDITOR TO ADDRESS YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The Editor of The Advocate has accepted an invitation to address a group of young people at the First Presbyterian church on next Monday afternoon. They are holding a conference on interracial matters and wish her to lead the discussion.

AN ADVOCATE SUPPORTER
Randolph Baldwin, well known railroad man and supporter of The Advocate paid two year's subscription to The Advocate Saturday.

RESCUES TOTS FROM FIRE

May Get \$10,000 For Lynching

AFRICAN RULER CHANGES GOV'T

On July 16, 1931, the Emperor Haile Selassie, "Conquering Lion of Judah," of his own free will stepped from the ranks of the few remaining absolute monarchs in the world and granted a constitution to his subjects. The emperor made the announcement from his throne at a brilliant ceremony in the palace. He declared that he had decided to establish a two chamber parliament with responsible ministers to carry out his decisions. He stated that he would rule Abyssinia in conformity with the constitution which he proposed to establish, but that "in order to prevent future disputes, the crown would be secured to the present dynasty."

"For many years," the emperor said, "Abyssinians have been isolated from the world so that it was necessary for the emperor to govern like a father. But now such progress has been made as to enable them to take up some share of the task we have performed alone. It is in this spirit that we have decided to institute a legislative body of two chambers, the members of which will be designated by provinces, subject to our consent."

This is quoted from "World Progress," The Standard Quarterly Review, published by the Standard Education Society.

BIGGEST WREATH IN WORLD

The Pope has decorated the walls of the Electric Building, its home offices, with what are said to be the two largest holly wreaths ever constructed. Each wreath contains 92 pounds of holly, 28 pounds of red holly berries and with the framework, weighs over 200 pounds. Each wreath is 18 feet in diameter, or nearly 58 feet in circumference, and is illuminated by hundreds of colored electric lights. In addition to the giant wreaths, the company has decorated the building with several hundred feet of illuminated cedar festoons. The entire decorative scheme is the Pope's part in the annual Christmas Festival of Lights.

AIRCRAFT REGISTRATIONS

Thirty airplane have been licensed in Oregon by the secretary of state since the first of the year, a decrease under 1929 when 63 ships were registered and under the 1930 list of 40 aircraft. This decrease in state registrations has been due to a proportionate increase in registrations under the federal Department of Commerce, as airplanes licensed by the government are not required to purchase a state license. Those used in interstate commerce are required to obtain federal licenses, thus a larger number of aircraft registered with the Department of Commerce.

The total number of airplanes on the state records for the years preceding those given above are: 1925, 15; 1926, 15; 1927, 16; 1928, 53.

OPPORTUNITY FOR JANUARY HAS AN ATTRACTIVE COVER

Norman P. Kastler contributes a striking article—The Church and the Color Line. Some Aspects of the Negro Community is ably discussed by Ira De A. Reid. E. A. Carter, the editor, writes of William G. Holly, young Negro factory superintendent, in The Strength of Spirit. There is an odd short, story by Artee Fleming, a lawyer of Akron. And poetry by Sterling A. Brown and others. The Book Section carries reviews by Newey Jones, George Schuyler and Joanna Colcord.

ASK FOR BREAD GET WATER FROM HOSE

Stockton, Calif., Dec. 26—If you are starving in Stockton and demand bread, you get a big dose of cold water. This is what happened to workers who marched to the city relief agency for food for families on the brink of starvation. The fire department was lined up, hose in hand waiting for them. The I. L. D. is demanding the release of five workers who are now arrested.

PROTESTED WAR 7 FACE JAIL

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26—Because they demonstrated against war, seven workers are standing trial in Seattle now for "unlawful assemblage." City police broke up the demonstration last November 21 with night sticks. The International Labor Defense is handling the defense on the ground of "free assemblage, free speech for workers."

LEAGUE ON WATCHOUT

New York, December 14—T. Arnold Hill, Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the National Urban League announces that the rumor which has gained wide circulation among Negroes that the John W. Van Meter Company of New York and of Philadelphia was about to discharge its Negro employes, is absolutely without foundation. The National Urban League is making a vigorous and continuous fight to offset the tendency to distrust the rumors which workers which has been disclosed in many sections of the country.

In a letter from Grover A. Whalen, former Police Commissioner of the City of New York to Mr. Hill, he had the following to say: "Please do not give any thought to the rumors which you mention in your letter of recent date. The colored members of our staff are highly efficient and trustworthy."

WINTER TERM STARTS

The winter term of the Portland Center of the University of Oregon will open Monday, January 4. Classes will continue meeting in Lincoln high school and the Central library. During the fall term 1931 adults were enrolled in the hundred or more courses offered during the late afternoons and evenings.

Classes will be given in anthropology, architecture, art, bacteriology, business English, business law, advertising, investments, the radio, education, written English and literature, cartography, and map reading, Scandinavian, history, journalism, music, health education, nutrition, philosophy, physical education, public speaking and sociology.

INJURED WHEN STREET LIGHT FALLS ON SHOULDER

Randolph Baldwin, of 227 Halsey street, met with painful accident on Saturday, Dec. 26th while waiting for the "Go" signal on the corner of Fifth & Washington streets. A defective light fell and struck him, injuring his shoulder. Mr. Baldwin, who is a railroad employe, was treated at the emergency hospital before being taken to his home. He is convalescing rapidly and plans to be back at his post of duty soon.

JAPAN LEAVES THE GOLD STANDARD

Japan has now followed Great Britain's lead in deserting the gold standard of coinage. There is simply not enough gold to keep the international commercial machine running. What gold there is, is largely controlled by two countries—the United States and France. The solution of this situation will probably come through rehabilitation of silver. It should be restored to a fair value, in relation to gold. If world trade is to be stabilized.

RISKS HER LIFE TO SAVE LAD

MRS. HENDERSON RUSHES INTO BURNING HOUSE, CARRIES SICK CHILD OUT

Mrs. Mable Henderson, of 86 E. 61st street is receiving the praise of all Portlanders for her heroism in a fire on December 22nd which badly damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crane, 104 E. 61st street.

Little Ralph Crane 8, owes his life to Mrs. Henderson who rushed into the burning house filled with stifling smoke and brought him out to safety. While Mr. and Mrs. Crane were away from home on Tuesday, sparks from a vapor lamp used in the treatment of little Ralph, ignited and set fire to a davenport in the living room where Ralph and his little sister, Mary were sleeping. Almost instantly the bedding was aflame and spread into other parts of the house. Mary tried to get her little brother out but could not as he was terror stricken and refused to move. She then ran over to the Henderson home, three doors away and summoned Mrs. Henderson who threw a coat over her head and defied flames and smoke and rescued the youngster.

The fire department was summoned and succeeded in extinguishing the flames but not until they had completely destroyed the living room and its furnishings and damaged other portions of the house to the approximate extent of \$1,000.

The Crane family which consists of Mr. and Mrs. Crane and their seven children are staying with Mrs. Crane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warren, of 843 E. 13th street North while their home is being repaired.

In speaking of the occurrence, Mrs. Henderson modestly insists that she hadn't done anything more than any one else would have done under the same circumstances. "If I hadn't done it, some one else would," she concluded. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are among Portland's most honored and respected citizens. Mrs. Henderson is a talented singer and has been heard more than once over the radio. She was recently presented in a song recital at the Williams Avenue Branch Y. W. C. A.

FINED ON APPEAL

Max Adams, according to the latest press, arrested on Dec. 31, N. 13th street, where deputy sheriffs and state police found liquor, Tuesday was fined \$25 by Circuit Judge Lusk on her appeal from district court, where she had been fined \$75 by Judge Mears. She was charged with possession of liquor.

Include THE ADVOCATE in the New Year's budget

SAY HE HAD NO LICENSE

According to the daily press, Arthur Trott, colored, herb doctor, of 268 Gilsen street, was arrested by officials recently on a charge of practicing medicine without a license. His bail was set at \$750. He is alleged to have prescribed drugs for the use of a medical student, Ed Thostenberg.

Results of Non-Partizan Confab

(Continued from last week)
The Negro race has no deep-seated divisive political conviction. All Negroes have the same political creed, the foremost of which is the right to vote under the Constitution and the law. Party label is but a badge of convenience and expediency. The man with the toothache concentrates attention on the aching organ to the neglect of other equally important members of the body. With the Negro questions of tariff and revenue, internal policies and foreign relations must await the settlement of human rights.

The Negro in The North
We urge Negroes in the North to vote for men, measures and movements, which they deem best calculated to advance the welfare of the race, regardless of party label. Especially do we advise that they question all candidates, of whatever party, bidding for their suffrage to declare how they stand and will vote on matters effecting racial advantage and advancement.

Political Units
Negroes in the North are concentrated in large cities and are segregated

BRANCHES PRESS USE OF ANTI-LYNCH LAW

URGE PAYMENT OF MONEY TO FAMILIES OF VICTIMS

Three Alleged Lynchers Arrested, Special Grand Jury Called, Nutter Sees The Governor

New York, N. Y., Dec. 28—Vigorous action for the prosecution and punishment of the lynchers of two colored men in Greenbrier County, West Va., is promised in a letter to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from Governor Wm G. Conley. In the meantime, West Virginia Branches of the Association are pressing the enforcement of the State anti-lynching law, which provides for a payment of \$500 to the family of each lynching mob victim, and a special grand jury has been called to deal with the case of three alleged lynchers who have confessed their participation in the crime.

In his letter to the N. A. A. C. P., Governor Conley states that as soon as he has heard of the lynching he had instructed State Police to make a thorough investigation to bring the guilty parties to justice.

T. G. Nutter, president of the Charleston N. A. A. C. P. writes that in a personal interview "the Governor was very severe in his condemnation of the lynching and stated that he would leave no stone unturned in prosecuting every participant in the crime no matter who he might be."

The arrested men are three brothers, Earl, Pete and Jack Legg, in whose automobile were found shells similar to some found at the scene of the lynching. Drunken Policeman Cause of Trouble According to accounts of the trouble which brought about the lynching, sent to the N. A. A. C. P. from a member in MarFrance, W. Va., a drunken policeman and a white bootlegger were the cause of the initial disturbance. The report states that the police officer accompanied by the bootlegger, caused a fight at a dance in Leslie, W. Va. Following the fight there was shooting and the officer, Joe Myles, was killed, and the bootlegger wounded dying two days later. It is said two pints of liquor were found on the body of the policeman. The report states that the shooting, with which the two lynched colored men were charged, was actually done by a white man.

Many Groups Protest Exhibit

L.I.D. SET TO BLOCK TERROR IN KY. STRIKE

MASS WORKERS TO DEFEND "PRISONERS"

"THUGS" MADE SWORN OFFICERS TO UPHOLD LAWLESS

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 25—"We are sending greater forces into the Kentucky coal war area and mobilizing more miners for the defense work in preparation for the general mine strike to be called January 1. News from Kentucky indicates that the reign of terror against both Negro and white workers will be sharpened by coal-company-controlled officials.

This was the word sent today to eastern Kentucky officials as well as to members of the National Miners Union in the strike zone. Over 75 new thugs have been sworn in by Sheriff John H. Blair, the I. L. D. has learned. This is the sheriff who became notorious last spring and summer for the arrests, kidnappings, and dynamite jobs of his deputies. His rule in Harlan and Bell counties was exposed by Theodore Dreiser and the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners and has been called "lawless" by even Governor Flem D. Sampson's hand-picked investigators.

Of the 18,000 Kentucky miners involved in the strike, 3000 will be Negroes. Negro miners will have joint leadership in defense work of the I. L. D., as well as in the union. At Tinsley, Ky., for instance, a Negro is head of a union local. At all mass meetings being held throughout the area in preparation for the calling of the strike, preparations are being made for I. L. D. defense work.

JUSTIFY LIQUOR RAIDS TO DISARM NEGRO HOMES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 24—So great is the fear here of rising resentment among absolutely destitute Negro workers that police are systematically raiding homes in the Negro sections of the city for guns. This is done under the pretext of searching for liquor. Negroes found with weapons in their homes are fined \$100, the I. L. D. is reported, and are often forced to labor on chain gangs on the road.

NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION

Salem, Oregon, Dec. 17—Ninety thousand tourist automobiles have been registered in Oregon during the eleven months of 1931, which, averaging three persons to a car, have brought 270,000 visitors to the state, show records in the Department of State at Salem, where tourist registrations are maintained both for the protection of the state and the out-of-state motorist.

"The number of visiting cars registered this year slightly exceeds figures compiled in 1930, but whether this is due to a larger number of tourists actually entering the state or whether the knowledge is becoming wider spread that registration for a visitor's permit is an assistance to the tourist himself is a matter of conjecture," says Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

"From January 1 to November 30, 1930, 90,173 visiting motor vehicles were listed, while during 1931, 99,839 out-of-state cars called at branch stations throughout the state to register their cars and obtain information about the state, its motor vehicle laws, its scenic attractions, and its possibilities as a home for the visitor. The registrars try to be helpful in every way to the tourist by supply service and data."

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MISSILE HOLDS MAN AS THIEF (Reprinted from the Journal Dec. 23) Because he guessed wrong as to the calibre of a bullet embedded in his arm, Barney Douglas, Negro, was late Tuesday identified as the "chicken thief" at whom Hugh H. Diersch, 325 West Trenton street, had fired a shot in the early morning.

Douglas applied Tuesday at the Veterans hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound in his arm, which he said had been accidentally inflicted while he was cleaning his 32-caliber revolver. The bullet was removed from Douglas' arm and was given to Detectives Harry Goltz and Robinson. They passed it on to Robert Craddock, ballistic expert in the police bureau. Craddock immediately identified the bullet as one having been fired from a .38 calibre gun, and when he compared Diersch's revolver and the markings on the bullet, he said that undoubtedly the missile had been fired from the Diersch weapon. The bullet had entered Douglas' left elbow and lodged in the biceps. Police guard has been set over Douglas at the hospital.

MAXWELL WITH-DRAWS LICENSE APPLICATION

SECRETARY CENSOR BOARD ALONE FOR SUPPRESSION

PRESIDENT OF REED COLLEGE, SEC. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS PRES. N. A. A. C. P. AND THE ADVOCATE ACTIVE AGAINST EXHIBITION

MAYOR SAYS TIME FOR PEACE

Just a few days before Christmas—to be exact it was on the day before Christmas—news went out that the Motion Picture Censor Bd. had unanimously passed the "Birth of a Nation" photo film, and that it would start showing at the old Heilig theater on Christmas day.

The news came as both a surprise and shock to the colored population and others in Portland. A surprise because on four previous occasions in recent years (the last, six months ago) the film had been barred on the ground that it was inimical to the peace and happiness between the races in the community. The City Council had voted it down several times—why would it come up again?

The answer was clear when it was learned that the American Legion was to sponsor it and would get a percentage of the proceeds for their charity work and to help stage the Legion Convention in Portland next year.

The Motion Picture Censor Board passed the question of granting the permit to exhibit, on to the City Council. This body, in the absence of the Mayor, voted a tie on Wednesday, December 23.

Mrs. Elmer B. Colwell voiced her protest against the "vicious" picture upon the floor of the Council chamber just as she had done before the Censor Board at its meeting the day before.

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Edgar Stern Awarded Signal Civic Honor Because Of Service To The University

New Orleans, La., Dec. 27—In recognition of notable interracial service in connection with the establishment of Dillard University, Edgar B. Stern, New Orleans business man and president of the University's board of trustees, was accorded today the city's highest civic honor, the award of the loving cup annually conferred by the Times-Picayune for distinguished service to the community.

Mr. Stern was the leader of the movement to merge Straight College, New Orleans University and the hospital into a single great institution of University grade, named for Dr. J. H. Dillard.

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