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No man is worthy his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life, in a great cause.

—Theodore Roosevelt

THAT MASSIE MESS

"Our investigation embraced a careful examination of the alibi of the accused, and we failed to discover any important circumstances disproving in any manner any portion of the statement which they (the defendants) made immediately upon their arrest."

"The testimony of Mrs. Massie at the trial of the accused . . . of necessity give rise to grave doubt as to the accuracy of any statements with reference to the accused."

Quotations are from the Pinkerton Detective Agency regarding the nasty Massie mess which resulted in the murder of Joseph Kakahawai, in Honolulu by Lieutenant Massie, and Mrs. Fortescue and two enlisted navy men and the incarceration of three other natives, charged with having assaulted Mrs. Massie; the freeing of the service men, Massie and his mother in law of the crime and their return to the United States.

According to this investigation by the famous detective agency the result of which the three other natives who escaped lynching, have been freed and the Massies shown up in a pretty mess.

Let us say here however, that there were many of us who never believed Mrs. Massie's story from the first and the evidence and reports produced by Pinkerton only helps to strengthen our belief that these poor natives were implicated in order to cover up some otherwise embarrassing situation in which Mrs. Massie found herself.

The report further pointed out that at the time the complaining witness alleged she was assaulted she was wearing a green evening gown of fragile material and evening slippers. Yet a careful examination of this dress and other articles of apparel worn by her failed to show any evidence of an attack, such as she described, the garments being in perfect condition, neither rumpled nor torn.

But white American womanhood must be protected at any cost!

THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS

The lives of the nine Scottsboro boys are still in jeopardy. The fact they are alive today is due mainly to the indefatigable efforts of the International Labor Defense, to see that justice is done in their case. But there is a price on justice here in America, and adequate legal defense, no matter how innocent an accused person may be, costs money.

The New York Amsterdam News has followed the activities of the International Labor Defense, not only in the Scottsboro case, but in the Orphan Jones case in Maryland, the Anzelo Herndon case in Georgia and cases involving Alabama share croppers and others, and has reached the conclusion the time has come for the Negro Press as a whole to get behind this organization and help it raise funds, which are urgently needed. The Amsterdam News is proud that it has already cooperated with this and other organizations affiliated with the International Labor Defense in their fund raising activities, to free the Scottsboro boys and we intend to continue to do so until they are freed. The Ruby Bates letter removed all doubt as to their innocence, so why shouldn't these nine victims of oppression in the South be freed.

The International Labor Defense is a non-partisan organization—any one may join it, no matter what his (or her) political affiliation may be—but it is not necessary to be a member to cooperate with it in this important work. What is necessary is a belief in the fundamental rights of the Negro and all other minority groups to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Scottsboro case is a symbol of

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the violation of these rights. Therefore I plead with you to take advantage of this opportunity to help in this worthy cause before it is too late.

Negro and white workers; intellectuals and professionals, must heed the call! Raise your voices in protest and send letters and telegrams to Governor B. M. Miller, Montgomery, Alabama demanding the release and safeguard of the Scottsboro Boys! Rush funds to Scottsboro New Trial Emergency Fund, International Labor Defense, 50 East 11th Street, New York City, N. Y.

The above was copied from a letter to The Advocate from the editor of The Amsterdam News, New York. We pass this on to our readers and urge them to send what they can to the defense of the Scottsboro Boys. The Advocate is also glad that it has from the very first, raised its voice in protest against the wholesale killing of these lads whom we believe to be innocent of the crime charged. It did not take Ruby Bates letter to convince us either.

HELPING THROUGH CHURCH

The Advocate is proud of the work being done through the woman's missionary society of the church and the Zion church, assisted by The Advocate and others, in helping to relieve the depression through the church. After all, isn't it the mission of the church to aid people to help those who are in need?

We hope that the next step taken by our churches will be to invite the residents of Shanty town to our churches some Sunday night and at the close of the services serve them some sandwiches and coffee and spend a social hour with them in the social rooms of the churches. Wouldn't that be a fine way also to spread cheer and good will?

Who'll be the first?

PAY UP!

We wish again to call the attention of our subscribers to the fact that we must insist that they pay up their subscriptions. We simply cannot carry them any longer. There are not one hundred paid up subscribers on our books. In fact the most of them are delinquent. We have done our best to give a good paper—a paper that all can feel proud of; we have complained less than most papers that come to our exchange desk about the depression; we have sacrificed so that you can have your papers each week; we have stayed up nights working while you slept and rested so that you could have your paper each week, but there is a limit to everything. We are only human and we cannot exercise superhuman powers in order to raise money to pay for equipment, stock, etc., so that you can have your paper. Those who are more than a year behind, if you would just come in or call us and pay a part of the amount due, it would go a long way toward helping us carry the financial burden. It seems to us that you might leave off something the first of this month and pay up for your paper. Cannot you make a little sacrifice for us since we are sacrificing so much for you?

After April 1, 1933, all those who are in arrears with their accounts with us who do not pay up, or partially pay or make some arrangements to pay in the future, will be stricken from our books and their accounts turned over to a collecting agency. We are compelled to take this step. It is not because we want to, by any means, but we have appealed and appealed until we cannot appeal any longer and a good many have shown by their attitude of silence that they do not appreciate the paper, nor do they particularly care whether it lives or dies. We have taken into consideration the unemployment situation, and we realize how hard pressed some are for money, but we are not asking for a whole lot, simply a partial payment will suffice. And we make this further offer: To all those who will come in between the first and fifth of April and pay a year's subscription, we will forgive your past indebtedness for subscription.

Now don't you think that is fair? We shall see if you do by the way you respond.

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

(By E. D. Cannady)
March the 4th, marked a new epoch in our political history. It reminds us to be seen just how far and how much the "Forgotten Man" will be remem-

bered by President Roosevelt who is now the occupant of the White House at Washington. He will need the sympathetic cooperation of the people irrespective of party to make good his promises. The announcement of the new administration will not interfere with the Post Offices until the terms of the present Postmasters expire—A sane decision but will disturb the peaceful rest of Democratic pie seekers. If the president will broaden this policy to cover all appointive jobs, he no doubt would be given a higher rating by those who are concerned in the science of good government. Let us hope that our president may make a complete fulfillment of all promises and that his life and health may be preserved to give his best unreservedly to the cause of mankind.

CERMACK'S DEATH

The death of Anton Cermack, mayor of Chicago, is a sad end to a life which gave promise of great usefulness. Chicago has many entanglements, financial and others, with which the late Mayor was grappling. He made a courageous fight for life, but the bullet of the assassin, which was intended for another, took its toll. All that medical science and skill could offer was given. He wished to live; there was so much for him to do; but neither the skill of the doctors nor his own courageous fight to live, could avail.

"WHY EDUCATION FOR THE NEGRO YOUTH OF TODAY?"

(By Ivan Cannady)

A good education is an essential thing in the life of the Negro youth today. Without it, he is lost, so to speak. A few decades ago, prospective employers asked this question, "Have you a high school education?" Today, they ask, "Have you a college education?" This shows that with the progress of time, the demand for more educated minds has increased. With sufficient education, the Negro youth of today secures for himself a ticket into a more useful life. There are many desirable fields which are now some which will be open to Negroes but only an education will admit us. During this great economic depression, some of us have to accept whatever employment we can find. We must not frown upon the work of the mental, because it is just as honorable as that of an executive, but is it not true that most every man has an ambition to do something big in life; to be a servant to his race. After the depression is over—O, yes, it will end—there will be more and greater opportunities to fame and fortune for the Negro. Those who are prepared are going to be the ones to merit by their sacrifices and hard work.

Negro youths have quit school before they have received only a normal education, just to accept some blind alley job, such as racking balls in a pool hall. These hold no future. The thing to do now is to prepare ourselves for our life work. Some of these young men quit school because they have to support their families; others, because they want to make a little extra money to throw away, and still others quit, because they are just too lazy to do the work and because they have no ambition toward higher knowledge.

We must realize the importance of education. An educated Negro not only commands the respect of himself, but also, that of others. Without education, the Negro race will always be the under-dog, the down-trodden, jim-crowed race. Music, art, drama, medicine and other great professions, all invite us, the Negro youth of today, "Prepare now!"

WANTS TO BE LOVED

Everybody wants to be loved. It is the most potent thing in the world, for people would rather have love than money. The lack of love, that is negligence or indifference, has a psychological effect on every individual and retards the normal functions of the body. On the other hand, too much emotion has an over-stimulating effect, and also, disturbs the normal functions of the body.

The mind and heart must cooperate and work together to keep a balance, because we can only attract love to us by radiating it from within. We must be kind and thoughtful of others less fortunate than ourselves and balance the thinking with actual deeds, then love will pour down like rain.

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ZION A. M. E. CHURCH NEWS
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Sunday proved to be another day of blessings at the First A. M. E. Zion Church. The morning was a lovely one with the sun shining through the church windows upon a full house. The pastor preached from the subject, "Under the Cross". It was a brief, soul-stirring sermon and many were audible in their approval of it. At the close of the services, Mr. G. Kanamu was baptized and received into the church. The singing of the old hymns was a feast all by itself. Among visitors at the church were Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Binford. Rev. Binford responded to an invitation from the pastor to say a few words. Mother West also said she was happy to be back in her pew after an absence of some time owing to illness. The pastor reported donations still coming in. Food, clothing, money and other necessities to carry on the relief work which the church is doing. A food shewer on the pastor and wife last week was a success. The Trustee Board has announced another big turkey dinner to be given at the church on Thursday night, March 30th. Everybody is asked to support it. Price only 35 cents. Come early and eat well. The pastor announced that the bishop, Rev. J. W. Martin of Los Angeles will fill the pulpit on Easter Sunday and the public is invited to hear this noted divine.

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