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Century of Progress

(By LOUIS G. GREGORY)

Chicago, Ill., June 14—The people of this second American city and what is in many ways one of the world's greatest cities, are at present proving a faith, vision and courage that are wondrous and admirable. They feel that it is due their great municipal corporation to fittingly celebrate the century anniversary of its birth. For this purpose they have arranged the second world's fair within the past forty years. This bears the name of Century of Progress Exposition. It seems on the face of things not their fault, but rather their misfortune, that its date should coincide with such difficult times. Even in times of prosperity such large undertakings rarely defray their expenses. Therefore this attempt in the face of such a dearth of means is worthy of all eulogy and admiration. It is a pleasant surprise to find so good a beginning. The interest and attendance to date have been very satisfactory. What in brief compass can be said of so big an undertaking? It seems by long odds the greatest effort of its kind ever made. This is due as much to the evolution of civilization as to the virtues of its sponsors. In rear and volume it is immense. Should you enter Chicago by the Michigan Central Railroad from the direction of Detroit, be sure to sit on the right side of the train. There you will observe a marvelous ensemble of color and form stretching for six miles along the lake front. You will thus gain the first and a lasting idea of its magnificence. This will depend with an exploration of the grounds with all their wonders. Ringing rosters' Circus is advertised as the greatest show on earth. In comparison with this it would hardly be a nickel movie. This exposition is a circus, a university, an institute of technology, an art gallery, an industrial exposition, a factory, a field, a garden, a church, an amusement park, a museum of natural history and a city of considerable size all in one. Should you add Harvard

University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tuskegee Institute, some great industrial plant and Coney Island together and multiply that sum by perhaps two or three, you may form some idea of its dimensions. Or if your childish dream of fairy-land with its elves, sylphs and gnomes could be multiplied by a hundred thousand, perhaps you could picture in your mind's eye this great fair-land of American life: Yet these are but the hasty impressions of a traveler which in the absence of scientific measurements may be exaggerated. Yet they may be at least useful in conveying the impression of vastness in enterprise.

Diversity in Colors
The many hundreds of buildings in color and form are as varied as the chromes, tints and shades of nature, yet containing the spirit of unity and harmony within. The attendants, guards and workmen are as polite and deferential as Frenchmen and many of them seem already as busy as bees. Their leader and president of the exposition is Mr. Rufus Hawes, one of the two brothers of the more famous General Charles Hawes, banker, former Vice-president and former Ambassador. The latter is named as one of the founders and is doubtless the power behind the throne. The Dawes brothers all have the reputation for breadth and progressiveness and freedom from racial prejudice. The general himself, like Gen. Grant and swears like a pirate, when riled. But for all that he is a jolly good fellow. The colored and others who are his neighbors in Evanston appear to think him adorable. He gives people a square deal and lives above the littleness of prejudice. The plea of the colored people that all visitors to the great fair should be courteously treated appears to have won results. As far as observation goes we can see no signs of discrimination because of color in service.

Moral and Educational Values
In this big show may be found almost every helpful and elevating influence and ideal. It is on a much higher plane than that of forty years ago. Those who look for cleanliness will find it. Here stands the great Hall of Science, where both industrial and scientific organizations unfold their treasures of research, relief and education. Here too, is the Hall of the Social Sciences with its story of man's rise, the totem pole, Maya Temple,

Indian villages and other wonders. Here may also be seen the Havilland Oil Giant Thermometer, the Atlantic and Pacific Carnival with its beautiful music and human-like marionettes. Various foreign nations such as China, Italy, Great Britain, Norway, Morocco, and Denmark have their buildings, as has also the American government, with its various administrative departments and the courts and displays of states. The Food and Agricultural Building, the Hall of Religion and General Motors Building, in the last of which the sight-seer can see the crude raw materials entering the factory, can trace it all its way until it becomes a motor car in which he may ride away; these and altogether about fifty other free shows when once one is within the gates, seem far cleverer and more wonderful than chapters from the Arabian Nights. It is hard to imagine a better investment for fifty cents! For amusements one may hobnob with animals that lived on earth millions of years ago, view them as alive and full of action and hear the stalling din of the bellows and hoarsely there reproductions of Belgium and other foreign lands, the Midway and its bizarre attractions and the towering sky-ride.

The Deeper Shades
Of special interest to colored people is the display of the Negro Republic of Santo Domingo, which graces this great exposition with a memorial bridge in honor of the great discoverer of America, Christopher Columbus. There is also in the entertainment section the Old Plantation Show in which fifty colored entertainers, carefully selected, with a brass band, comedians, singers and dancers both have and give a gay and festive time. But the special interest in this direction is found in the Interior Department of the Government's exhibit where that national institution, Howard University,

is a unique display. It is a small movie which reveals big things, in the past, present and future. The beginning, growth and expansion through the building program which began in 1923, descriptions of the eleven departments with students in different fields of concentration and research; the athletic field, library, campus, boys' glee club, girls' glee club, cuts of the great founder, Gen. O. O. Howard and the present executive, Dr. M. W. Johnson, and a vision of the future so that it will become the truly national university of all America. Be sure to see what inspires so much hope.

Quite Worth While
It is a fine investment in education to see this big show. It is almost the equivalent of a trip abroad combined with a visit to many American cities. There is much to eat, from 'Hot Dogs' which only a prize-fighter or an ostrich can digest to a course dinner, all politely served at low cost. This is in part due to the laws of Illinois which forbid discrimination in public places and partly to the vigilance of the local race people, who led by the Chicago Defender, have waged a stirring battle for equal rights.

The American's way of turning everything he can into a joke sometimes fills the foreigner with some amazement. An Englishman said: "And those Americans asked me if I would have a hot doggie. But I told them that under no circumstances would I eat a doggie, hot or cold!" If you reach Chicago now you will have a warm reception in more ways than one. It is a perfect inferno of heat, the hottest June since official records have been kept. But of course the heat, the sun, the dust, the fumes, have been swaying long, one used to a tradition of its being hot in his town that the chickens had to be fed on cracked ice to prevent them from laying hard-boiled eggs. At any rate we

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NO use to procrastinate any longer! We might just as well face it now. Curtains must be taken down and laundered, dusty rugs beaten; woodwork freshened with new paint, floors waxed, and winter clothes put away in moth preventives. It is a long, tedious job, but there is a great deal of satisfaction at the end, when you know that every nook is spotless.

During all this hustle, the family usually does not receive proper meals. We have no time to fuss, and so we give them a cold and hurried dinner and probably a meager "on-the-run" lunch. As the result, the whole family suffers in silent indignation,—martyrs to spring cleaning.

Here is the answer to this problem: Many nourishing foods may be prepared in a hurry and still be almost festive dishes. Below you will find some time-saving recipes. Husband and children will think you are little less than a magician to be able to clean house and still give them such appetizing meals. House-cleaning will no longer be regarded as the family's spring bogey.

Your modern gas refrigerator and gas range will prove to be especially helpful during this period. Your refrigerator for storing left-overs and your range for speedy and accurate cooking.

mashed potatoes. Dip in beaten egg, and then in fine bread crumbs. Fry until golden brown in hot fat. The number of hard-boiled eggs to be used will, of course, be determined by the quantity of left-over potatoes you have.

Cheese Straws
1 cup grated American cheese
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
few grains cayenne pepper
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 egg
2 tablespoons milk
Mix first six ingredients; add beaten egg; mix well; add milk enough to make stiff dough. Roll out 1/4 inch thick, on floured board; cut into thin strips 5 inches long, 1/4 inch wide. Bake in hot oven at 450° F., 15 minutes.

Shrimp Wiggle
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup milk
1 cup shrimps, fresh or canned
1 cup cooked peas, fresh or canned
Melt butter; add flour, salt, paprika and pepper. Mix well. Add the diluted milk slowly and bring to the boiling point, stirring constantly. Add shrimps and peas. Heat thoroughly and serve on thin slices of buttered toast. Serves 6.

NOTE: An ideal way to use a cup of left-over peas.

Toasted Coconut Squares
(For in-between meals or as a dessert)
1 loaf white bread
1-1/3 cups sweetened condensed milk
1 can shredded coconut
Cut bread into 2-inch squares, 1/4 inch thick. Dip each square in milk and drain slightly. Then dip in coconut, covering all sides well. Bake in moderate oven (325° F.) 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes 3 1/2 dozen squares.

Pecan Pie
1 cup of Karo syrup
3 whole eggs
3/4 cup of sugar
1/2 cup of butter
Flavor with vanilla. Bake in pastry shells. Place pecans on top.
NOTE: Pastry shells may be purchased at any reliable bakery, if you do not have time to bake them yourself.

NOTE: Use outside leaves of lettuce. 2 cups beef broth may be substituted for bouillon cubes and water.

Surprise Potatoes
Cut hard-boiled eggs in thin slices, lengthwise. Insert them in left-over shall soon be enroute to New Hampshire, if God be pleased.
"The girl stood on the burning deck But for her fate you need not grieve! Unlike her more phlegmatic brother She had the common sense to leave!"
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By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

FRIENDS TO THE RESCUE!

LAST MOMENT PRISON THOUGHTS
This is my last newspaper feature to be written in prison. Tomorrow (Monday) I shall pack up my books, my manuscripts, my files, and my small collection of personal belongings, including about four thousand letters, and ship them to my new address in Chicago—3507 South Parkway, and in a few days I too will be shipped away, most probably by bus, because the bus goes right by the door of the building in which I shall be located—the Supreme Liberty Life Building.

In the past three years I have been compelled by force of circumstances to write all of my features on a Sunday. After today this will all be changed. Hereafter, Sunday will be my day of rest. I can get up as early as I please, or sleep as late as I please next morning. (By the time this is printed it will be last Sunday morning.) Eat when I get ready—and what and where I want. Oh, boy, what a dream that'll be!

If I feel like going to a church I can do so. If I prefer going to a show I can do that too. Or, if I want to take a nice long walk, I can do so without causing several hundred guards to work overtime in an effort to shorten my journey. And if I want to—but why continue? You know I'll want to—and maybe I will.

Others seem to be just as happy as I am in the thoughts of my freedom. More congratulations arrived from: William C. Handy, the famous "Blues" composer, of New York; Dr. Algernon B. Jackson, of Howard University, and ANP writer Washington, D. C. Joseph P. Whalen, sales manager of the Southern Products Co., New York; P. B. Young, editor of the Norfolk Journal & Guide; Charles W. Terry, Jr., an ex-war-veteran who has been confined in the Koch Hospital, Koch, Missouri, for over five years; Mrs. Mayne Osby Brown, former city editor of the Louisville Leader, now a happy housewife of New Orleans; A. L. Batchelor, editor of the Rochesterian Digest, San Jose, Calif.; Henry Greger, Washington, Cuthbert, Georgia; W. M. Hull, vice-president, Tyson & Co., Paris, Tenn.; F. Greger, Jr., of the Dittol, Inc., Chicago; and the sweet congratulatory letter from "Mother."

One of my readers came to the prison in person to shower her congratulations upon me—and what a shower! This lady, Mrs. Mary Green Hayes, of Jackson, drew for me quite a word picture on the changes made during the past seventeen years since I have been away from Chicago. Also, the changes in customs and habits of people—particularly the female sex. Frankly, I don't know whether to become alarmed or whether I should welcome the change in habits. Maybe that depends altogether upon the individual! We'll see! I do hope that if my recent visitor happens to be in Chicago that she'll look me up and favor me with another lecture. I really believe I'd love it.

Before I close I must thank the following papers and writers for their favorable comments on my "coming out" party: Gary American; Twin-City Herald; Chicago Review; Oklahoma Black Dispatch; Philadelphia Tribune; Washington Tribune; Carolina Times; Tampa Mail; the gossip column of Earl J. Morris, in his "State Street, Chicago" column in the Pittsburgh Courier; and to Gertrude Schalk for her comment in her "Social Comments" column in the Boston Chronicle. I almost forgot to thank the Bronzeman for quoting me twice in their "Excerpts from the Negro Press" page in their June issue. Merely wish to acknowledge three June magazines in addition to the Bronzeman; the Modern Thinker; Writer's Digest, and Opportunity.

BOOK REVIEW

(Reviewed by Clifford Mitchell)

"BLACK BAGDAD"

By John H. Graige
(Minton, Balch & Co., 2 W. 45th St., New York)

Printed on the jacket of "Black Bagdad" in this statement: "The Arabian Nights Adventures of a Marine Captain in Haiti," no more fitting description of the book's contents can be so briefly given.

White readers will really enjoy the book as it is filled with hair-raising exploits and adventures of a white American Marine in a land populated, so the book infers, by descendants of savages, many of whom still carry on in their mysterious, tribal, superstitious, and savage manner.

Negro readers, especially those who are overly-sensitive in not seeing the "N" in Negro capitalized, or those who resent inferences that the black race in general, is vastly inferior, incapable of perpetuating their own self-government; with no or little regard to clean morals and high character, will not become so enthused in reading "Black Bagdad" even though it is a highly entertaining narrative.

Some readers might even think that "Black Bagdad" is an excellent bit of propaganda defense of the American Occupation in Haiti, and a super-master-defense of the superiority of the white American Marine. Withal, "Black Bagdad" adds to my knowledge of some Haitian conditions.

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PRISONS and PRISONERS

By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

One more week—one more column—and my days as an "inside" writer will be over, but even as these days are growing less and less there comes a very sentimental feeling stealing around my heart in having to leave so many good friends—real friends—behind.

Perhaps, because I have made exceptional use of my spare time during these past four years, I am in a better position than the average inmate, to appreciate the real meaning of friendships in prison, and to know the happiness that comes with such acquaintances.

Whatever I have been able to achieve during these past four years, of course, primarily, thanks are due to Warden Jackson, and his co-operating officers, for the privileges they have extended and the encouragement given to all prisoners who sincerely desired to build anew.

But it is the inmates of Jackson Prison that I am peculiarly indebted for their everyday working co-operation during these past four years. I am frank to confess that without their co-operation my efforts would have been considerably retarded and the "going" made more difficult.

A few years ago I was impressed by a fine lines written by Howard R. Ellis, which went something like this: "It is on our failures that we base a new and different and better success."

Many times in life I had failed and so I challenged, mentally, the above thought, and thoroughly analyzed my failures. In times, a new outlook on life, and new plans came into being and I attempted their fulfillment. I found myself considerably handicapped. My friends and relatives had become disgusted with me and had completely forsaken me—perhaps with a

great deal of justification too—and I was without means to further the new plans which I had evolved and hoped to put into execution.

And so I had no one to turn to for help except my acquaintances right here in Jackson Prison and as I look back over the past four years and mentally review the assistance and co-operation received from my fellow inmates a lump comes into my throat when I think that I shall shortly say good-bye to them.

As the years rolled by my efforts came to the attention of others throughout the country, I steadily began to regain the love and respect of all my former friends and relatives until today I find myself enjoying the goodwill and best wishes of every person I ever knew, plus the friendships and offers of help that have reached me from total strangers and from nearly every state in the Union.

If any feeling of enjoyment actually exists in preparing to soon leave my friends in these two prisons it is the fact that my prison friends seem almost happier than I do myself in the prospect of my early freedom.

It has been my pleasure to enjoy the good-will and acquaintance of prisoners of every conceivable type during the past four years and if in the free world I can find as much real companionship and human and brotherly love as I have in here then I shall be greatly pleased—but, indeed, much surprised, for I do not think there exists such an understanding among men as there is to be found in prison between men who have been classed as "down and out" but who are doing everything within their power in a sincere effort to build themselves up again.

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