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## The Chicago Tribune Wednesday, May 4, Reproduced the Major Portion of Our Burning and Far Reaching Article on the Bombing of the Homes of Decent and Law Abiding Colored People Residing in the Second Ward or on the South Side and It Has Been Read by More Than Three Million People in All Parts of the Civilized World

AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL; A DELEGATION OF PROMINENT, TAX-PAYING, COLORED MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD INVADE THE CITY COUNCIL ROOMS AND URGE ALDERMAN LOUIS B. ANDERSON TO TAKE A BOLD STAND IN FAVOR OF SECURING THE PASSAGE OF A MEASURE OR ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SEVENTY-FIVE TO ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS; THE MONEY TO BE EXPENDED IN DETECTING OR RUNNING DOWN THE HIGH CLASS GENTLEMEN BOMBERS IN CHICAGO.

THE LOWER HOUSE, OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ILLINOIS, HAS PASSED HOUSE BILL NO. 508, WHICH PROVIDES A PENALTY FOR THOSE DETECTED IN DESTROYING THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS WITH A BOMB.

THE THOMPSON JUDICIAL TICKET WAS BROUGHT FORTH TO THE LIGHT OF DAY ON TUESDAY, AND FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, THERE WILL BE KNOCKING DOWN AND DRAGGING OUT BETWEEN THE HIGH PRIESTS OF THE CONTENTING FACTIONS FROM NOW UNTIL THE JUDICIAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

Many short sighted colored people residing in this city who claim that they are all wise and know everything stand around of the street corners from morning until night and then when the evening shades prevail this same class of colored people will assemble in their hanging out places, in their gambling dens, pool rooms and in other places where they can do a whole lot of loud talking and cussing, and every last one of them will contend that the white people in general and the white newspaper men or editors or writers will never permit themselves to read a Little "Nigger" newspaper, for in the first place there is never anything in them worth reading and in the second place no "Nigger" editor will ever have sense enough to write a decent or readable article or editorial. All of the foregoing might have been true in the years that have passed and gone, but that is not true at the present time.

For everything plainly indicates that nothing is farther from the truth than their contentions in that respect, for on last Saturday our burning and far-reaching article appeared in the homes of decent and law abiding colored people residing on the South Side, and on Wednesday morning the Chicago Tribune reproduced the major portion of it in its columns which was a great surprise to us and it simply proved that white editors or white newspaper writers will read and pay some attention to news matter or editorials which they may happen to stumble across in colored newspapers, and it is safe to say that our article has been read by more than three million people residing in all parts of the civilized world.

It will be recalled that the Chicago Tribune heartily joined hands with us in our great and memorable fight against United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman in 1906, while on the other hand the vast majority of the big leaders of the colored race in this city severely condemned us for waging our long to be remembered fight against Senator Tillman, and if the Chicago Tribune can assist us in any way to stop the bombing of the homes of highly respectable tax-paying colored people we shall as long as time lasts be thankful or grateful to it for it is beyond the least doubt the greatest and the most powerful newspaper in the wide world.

At the next regular meeting of the City Council, a delegation of prominent tax-paying colored men and women should break into it and the best talker among the delegation should be selected to deliver the speech of his life in setting forth the number of times the homes of highly decent colored people residing in the Second Ward and on the South Side have been bombed within the last five years; that the colored people pay taxes on three or four million dollars worth of property in Chicago; that they assist through direct or indirect taxation to pay the salary of every public official residing in this city or Cook County; that at least they are entitled to the same protection under the laws governing this city which are freely thrown around the ignorant hordes which flock to this city from the old world.

The head orator of the delegation should urge Alderman Louis B. Anderson, who is seemingly able to rush all of Mayor Thompson's measures through the City Council, to get busy and listen for a few moments to the humble pleadings of the members of his own race for protection under the laws of this fair city and who desire to be rescued from the hands of the blood-thirsty bombers; at the same time let the members of the delegation implore him as the head or boss leader of the City Council to boldly stand up before the white fathers and urge them to assist him in securing the passage of an ordinance setting aside seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars, the money to be expended in detecting or running down the first class gentlemen bombers who have been for some time lord it over all the citizens of the great city of Chicago.

In the meantime, Hon. Edward H. Wright, Republican Committeeman of the Second Ward; Hon. Oscar DePriest, former Alderman of the Second Ward; Hon. Louis B. Anderson, the present Alderman of that Ward; Hon. James A. Scott, Assistant State's Attorney of Cook County and a close friend of Hon. Oscar DePriest, and Hon. Robert R. Jackson, valuable member of the City Council from the Second Ward, should without further delay call on Mayor Thompson and manfully urge him to take some action in the important matter or the grave situation which now confronts the colored people residing in this city in relation to the repeated bombings of their homes and not force



HON. EDWARD H. WRIGHT

Republican committeeman of the Second Ward, warm friend and strong supporter of Mayor William Hale Thompson, and as such, it is the solemn duty of Mr. Wright to humbly request the chief executive of this great city to assume a bold stand and come out in the open and put forth a determined effort to prevent the bombing of the homes of the colored people residing in the Second Ward or on south side.

The colored people to take the law into their own hands in order to protect their wives, their beautiful little children, even the sucking or the hisping little babe at its mother's breast and their property from being blown into eternity or from being destroyed at the hands of the bombers.

In conclusion it is well to remember that if the colored people in this city should really become wrought up along this line they will stand up as one man and rush forth and exclaim, unchain the bloody dogs of war, for vengeance is mine sayeth the gods and we will be repaid life for life and death for death.

The middle of this week the lower house of the legislature of this state passed house bill 508, which provides for penalty of from one to twenty-five years for destroying property or injuring any person with a bomb. It does seem to us that this new law should make it possible for those who may become injured by the explosion of bombs hurled at their homes should receive some real money from the city, county or state for their injuries and for the damage done to their property.

- Frank D. Ayers, assistant attorney, school board.
- Henry T. Chace, Jr., assistant state's attorney.
- Jacob Ringer, assistant corporation counsel.
- Thomas J. Peden, assistant state's attorney.
- George A. Curran, assistant corporation counsel.
- William W. Smith, assistant corporation counsel.
- Henry Utpatel, master in chancery, appointed by Robert E. Crowe.
- Bernard P. Baras, Municipal judge.
- Eugene H. Dupece, assistant corporation counsel.
- James V. O'Donnell, master in chancery.
- Edward S. Day, assistant state's attorney.
- James W. Breen, assistant corporation counsel.
- William C. Hartway, former county commissioner.

Superior Court.  
Judge Theodore Breslano.

DELEGATION OF PROMINENT PREACHERS CALLED ON MAYOR THOMPSON FRIDAY NOON.

Promptly at 12 o'clock Friday, a delegation of the leading colored ministers in this city and several colored business men called on Mayor Thompson at the City Hall to consult with him in relation to the bombings of the homes of colored people residing on the South Side.

in the near future make another appointment with him.

### BLACK SWAN RECORDS ARE NOW BEING PRODUCED IN NEW YORK CITY

Special to The Broad Ax, by Norman L. McGhee, Washington, D. C.

New York City, May 6.—News of the completion of the first list of BLACK SWAN RECORDS which are now ready for delivery, having been manufactured by the PACE PHONOGRAPH CORPORATION, 257 West 138th Street, New York City, of which Harry H. Pace is President, the first enterprise of its kind to be started by a colored corporation, will be received with great interest and enthusiasm by colored people all over the United States. Especially are they elated over this accomplishment on the part of this company since sometime ago when the announcement was made that a Negro Company had been formed to manufacture phonograph records of selections by Negro artists a great uproar was caused among white phonograph record companies who resented the idea of having a Negro company enter what they felt was an exclusive field.

The first list of BLACK SWAN RECORDS includes two selections by Miss Revella Hughes, Soprano,—"AT DAWNING," and "THANK GOD FOR A GARDEN," both of which are pleasingly rendered with Piano, Violin and Cello accompaniment; two selections by Carroll Clark, Baritone,—"FOR ALL ETERNITY" and "DEAR LITTLE BOY OF MINE," with Viola obligato by J. Cordy Williams; also two selections by Little Katie Crippen,—"BLIND MAN BLUES," and "PLAY 'EM FOR MAMMA, SING 'EM FOR ME," accompanied by Henderson's Novelty Orchestra.

### MRS. FLORENCE C. VARNER HAS BEEN GRANTED A NEW TRIAL BY JUDGE JAMES E. BOYD IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AT GREENSBORO, N. C. SHE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF SUS-TAINING IMPROPER RELATIONS WITH COL. R. BAXTER McCARARY, THE WEALTHIEST COLORED MAN IN THAT STATE.

It will be recalled that in February Col. H. V. Varner, a newspaper man and theater owner of Lexington, N. C., came to a showdown in the United States District Court, at Greensboro that state, in his suit against his wife, Mrs. Florence Varner, who after a long drawn out fight, was found guilty of being too familiar with a colored man, Col. R. Baxter McCarary, who is supposed to be very wealthy.

The verdict of the jury stripped Mrs. Varner of all of her interest in her husband's property and after many long arguments on the part of her attorneys, Judge James E. Boyd of the United States Court of that district has granted Mrs. Varner a new trial and he will give her another chance to prove that she was never mixed up in any love affair with any colored man.

Twelve Million Colored People in the United States, and in that number there is hid away a wonderful amount of musical ability. The race is naturally musical, but it has never been given a fair chance. We propose to spare no expense in the search for and developing of the best singers and musicians among this Black Twelve Million. We want you to examine these records; note their fine appearance and quality. You will see that you will have no occasion to apologize for their appearance. You will note the clean, clear, cut distinct recording, and you will have no occasion to apologize for the voices of the recording. The Colored People of the United States are at the point where they will buy any article manufactured by Negroes provided it has merit and quality. BLACK SWAN RECORDS have both."

Washington, D. C., May 6.—Reports as to the plans of the various chapters of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, located throughout the United States, for the conduct of the Second Annual "Go to High School, Go to College" drive to be held during the week of May 9th to 15th, 1921, are most gratifying to the Graduate Commission, under whose auspices the campaign is being waged, and the General Officers of the Fraternity.

Already arrangements have been made in the various cities for local members of the Fraternity to visit the various graded schools, high schools, colleges, and churches to present the "gospel of preparation" to the youths of the Nation. The "Go to High School, Go to College" movement is especially designed to show the need for thorough preparation for life's tasks, and to induce the youths of the race through sympathetic encouragement, to continue their education.

### SOUTHERN COURT REFUSES TO BREAK FAMOUS BOSS WILL; NEGROES GET \$100,000 ESTATE

Where the Color Line Ends

While it sometimes happens that the Negro in the South fails to fare as well as the white man in criminal court, the record will show that in civil court the colored litigant always gets all that is coming to him and sometimes a little more. That this is true was again impressively demonstrated in Union county a few days ago, when the jury refused to break the will of Maggie Ross. Miss Ross was a maiden lady. She lived alone. For many years her most faithful friends and servants were Negroes who lived on her place. When she died Miss Ross left a well leaving her entire estate of a hundred thousand dollars to these Negroes.

Relative of the deceased took the matter to court on the ground that it was "an unnatural will," and with the assistance of the ablest counsel in North Carolina fought it on every technical ground possible under the

laws of the State. But the jury, composed entirely of white men, brought in a verdict in favor of the Negroes on every issue submitted, and this in spite of much feeling and prejudice existing in the community.

In its story of the trial the Monroe Journal tells how the bulk of the estate, real and personal, goes to Mittie Bell Houston, Robert B. Ross, her father, and Florence Tucker Houston, her daughter, while the old Ross home place, of 800 acres, falls to the possession of Bob Ross and Mittie Bell Houston jointly. All these are colored. The will was made in 1917 and immediately it was filed it was contested by relatives, the number of which finally grew to 109. Maggie Ross, the last survivor of the family, was unmarried and there were no surviving brothers or sisters or children of the same, and no first cousin, so, all of the 109 were second or third cousins. The lawyers attacked the sanity of the maker of the will and it was designated as "an unnatural will," but it was established to the satisfaction of the jury that the devisor wanted the family of Negroes rewarded for faithful and loyal services when she had been otherwise left alone in life, and the jury decided that her wishes, natural or unnatural, should be carried out as she had requested. The Charlotte Observer thinks that no greater temptation had ever been placed before a jury to break a will, but it made bold to establish justice for Negroes and write a triumph for the law.

### CARD OF THANKS.

The family of Mrs. Mamie Meredith Odom who passed away April 24 take this opportunity of thanking the hosts of friends who in so many ways made her suffering less intense and also to friends who sent the beautiful flowers at her passing.

Signed:  
Mr. Edward Odom, Husband,  
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Meredith,  
Father and Mother,  
Laura A. Smith, Daughter,  
Lottie Meredith Cooper, Sister,  
Carrie Meredith, Sister,  
3733 Forest Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
May 5, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barcos, 3511 Federal street, conduct a neat, well stocked little grocery store at that number and they have worked up quite a good trade. They are both warm supporters of this paper.

Mr. Cary B. Lewis, proprietor of the Idlewild Hotel, left last evening for Louisville, Ky., where he will spend several days in fixing up the graves of his parents.

Mrs. Martha B. Anderson conducted a grand musical at St. Mary's Church, 5251 E. Dearborn street, Monday evening. She was assisted by Miss Nannie Huggins.