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Some of the Gentlemanly Bombers, Who Have Been Engaged in Blowing Up Wet Wash Laundries and Destroying Other Property; Beating Up Or Murdering Any One, Who Opposed Their Onward March in Connection With the Labor Troubles Or Strikes in This City, Have Been Arrested, Indicted and Are Now Resting Up in the Cook County Jail

AT THIS WRITING, HOWEVER, THE POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE FAILED TO TURN OR SHOW UP ANY ONE WHO HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THE PLEASANT PAST-TIME OF BOMBING THE HOMES OF COLORED PEOPLE RESIDING ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

IN THE ARREST AND RUNNING DOWN OF THE BOMBERS, THE BROAD AX HAS SCORED, SO FAR, THE GREATEST VICTORY SCORED BY ANY OF THE GREATEST NEWSPAPERS IN CHICAGO.

LET MAYOR WILLIAM HALE THOMPSON SEND FOR L. M. SMITH, WHO IS IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS AT THIRTY-NINTH AND COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE, WHO IS ONE OF THE MOVING SPIRITS OF THE HYDE PARK AND KENWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND LOCK HIM UP IN THE COOK COUNTY JAIL HOUSE, UNTIL HE IS WILLING TO STATE EVERYTHING HE KNOWS; IF HE KNOWS ANY THING; IN RELATION TO ATTEMPTING TO BOMB THE HOMES OF DECENT AND LAW-ABIDING COLORED PEOPLE RESIDING IN THE KENWOOD AND HYDE PARK DISTRICT.

It is Reported That Hon. Edward J. Brundage, Attorney-General of Illinois, May in the Near Future Swear In a Special Grand Jury for Cook County and Select a Special State's Attorney and Make a Thorough Investigation into the Bombing of the Homes of Colored People on the South Side.

Hon. Medill McCormick, United States Senator from Illinois, Will on Monday Evening May 30, Deliver a Great Oration at Trinity M. E. Church, 30th Street and Prairie Avenue, on His Anti-Lynching Bill and Peonage in the Southern States.

Judge George Kersten, Judge Kichham Scanlan, Hon. Charles S. Deneen, Rev. W. S. Braddan, Will Be Among the Other Speakers. Mrs. J. A. Weathers, Will Sing "Folk Lore" Songs, Mrs. Blanche Gilmer Will Introduce Hon. Warren B. Douglas, Who Will Preside.

Saturday, April 30, our first burning article appeared in these columns against the bombings of the homes of law abiding and highly respectable colored people residing in the Second Ward on the South Side, and in one month's time our articles on that all-important subject, which is still uppermost in the minds of the vast majority of the people residing in all parts of this city, have been read by millions of people living in all parts of the world.

Little did we dream at that time that in such a short length of time that we would be able almost single handed and alone with a thousand evil or dark forces plotting or working against us in an effort to steal some passing honor and glory which never did and never will belong to them, to shake or wake up every member in the City Council to such an extent that each and every member was in favor of voting to set aside twenty-five thousand dollars to be expended in hunting down the bombers. At the same time we requested Mayor William Hale Thompson to instruct or order his chief of police to send his best men out after the bombers and bring them to the bars of justice without further delay that the bombings of the homes of honest and peaceful white or colored people must come to an end in the great City of Chicago, which has within the past four or five years become the most lawless or criminal city in the civilized world.

Recent events seem to plainly indicate that Mayor Thompson and his head officials held a council of war and that they decided to accept our advice along that line, for they started on the war path after the bombers and so far the result has been that eight or nine of the bombers have been arrested, landed in the Cook County Jail, indicted by the grand jury and at the present time they have been unable to furnish bonds running up to forty-five thousand dollars. Some of the gentlemen rank among the head officials of the various labor unions and the confessions which some of them have made pertaining to the diabolical part which they played in bombing the wet wash laundries, slugging their engineers and the stationery engineers during

the steamfitters' and the engineers' strike was horrifying and revolting in the extreme.

According to the confessions they were ready and willing to slug or murder anyone for ten, fifteen or fifty dollars and burn the houses dealing bombs at the building occupied by the various laundries in connection with the engineers' strike and bomb the homes of any citizen for fifty dollars on up to three hundred dollars. It all depending upon the amount of dynamite used on the job.

With the arrest of these gentlemen the chief of police claims that the bombing situation has already been cleared up in this city. That may be true as far as the white citizens are concerned, but up to the present time no outward move has been made to arrest the gentlemen who have been engaged in the pleasant pastime of bombing the homes of law abiding colored people residing on the South Side.

It may be possible that the high chief of police utterly failed to figure on that class of his fellow citizens.

It remains to be seen just what the juries, the state's attorney and the courts will finally do with the bombers who have so far been arrested. And if they easily regain their freedom through some hook or crook or through some slight flaw in the indictments then those to blame for their escaping severe punishment for their past bloody misdeeds, should be hung up to some of the lamp posts in this city by their necks for a short time.

In the meantime let Mayor William Hale Thompson, as the high chief executive of this city, send for L. M. Smith, who is in the real estate business at 39th street and Cottage Grove avenue, who is one of the most bitter Negro hater in this city, and if Mr. Smith knows anything in relation to attempting to prevent colored people from moving into the Kenwood or the Hyde Park districts, or if he has ever heard anything about bombing the homes of colored people, or has ever expressed the fond hope that they should be driven out of their homes in that district some way or other, and if Mr. Smith re-

fuses to freely answer all of these questions, then Mayor Thompson should order him to be locked up in the Cook County Jail house until he tells everything that he knows, that is if he knows anything in connection with the bombings of the homes of white and colored people residing on the South Side.

As the bombing wave continues to sweep over this fair city, it is reported that in the near future that Hon. Edward J. Brundage, attorney general of Illinois, will soon start the ball rolling against it, and that he will select a special grand jury and appoint a special state's attorney who will leave no stone unturned in diving to the bottom of the bombing of the homes of the citizens of Chicago.

This coming Monday evening, May 30, a great meeting will be held at Trinity Church, 30th and Prairie avenue in the interest of the Independent non-partisan judges. Hon. Medill McCormick, United States senator from Illinois, will be the leading orator of the evening. He will very plainly talk on his Anti-Lynching Bill which is now pending in the United States Senate and on the most damnable peonage system in the Southern states. Hon. George Kersten, Hon. Kichham Scanlan, Hon. Charles S. Deneen and Rev. W. S. Braddan will be the leading speakers. Mrs. J. A. Weathers will sweetly sing some folk-lore songs after a few short remarks by Mrs. Blanche Gilmer. She will introduce Hon. Warren B. Douglas, who will preside over the great meeting.

It was planned to hold the meeting at the Eighth Regiment Armory and Rev. Braddan had paid down one hundred and fifty dollars to secure it for that date, but for some cause or other the high city and state officials have become alarmed over the revolt of the colored people in the Second Ward, for the main reason that no outward attempt has been made to stop the bombings of their

homes, and the check for one hundred and fifty dollars was returned to Rev. Braddan with the statement that some of the soldiers might want to drill in it on Monday evening, May 30.

"BIRTH OF A NATION" FILM STOPPED IN BOSTON.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth avenue, New York, today published a statement giving in detail the events leading up to the prevention by Mayor Peters, of Boston, of the showing of David W. Griffith's film, "The Birth of a Nation."

On May 16, the day on which the picture was to have been shown, Mayor Peters suspended the license of the Shubert theater, acting upon the recommendation of the Board of Censors which had received protests from the Boston branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Butler R. Wilson, secretary of the Boston branch, N. A. A. C. P., acted as attorney for the protesters against the film, among whom was a colored post of the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, the Colored Veterans of All Wars, the National Colored Pythian organization, the National Equal Rights league, William H. Lewis, Rev. M. A. M. Shaw of the Twelfth Baptist church, Rev. Walter D. McLean and others.

The protest submitted to the mayor of Boston by Mr. Wilson for the N. A. A. C. P. asked that the showing of the "Birth of a Nation" be prevented.

1. Because it is a malicious misrepresentation of the colored people, depicting them as moral perverts.

2. Because it glorifies the most abominable crime of the lynching of men, women and children by irresponsible mobs.

3. Because it arouses sharp race antagonisms that embitter citizens against each other.

4. Because it tends to a breach of the public peace.

As a consequence of the protest a hearing was held on the very day on which the film was to be shown.



HON. MEDILL McCORMICK

United States Senator from Illinois; Who Will Deliver His Master Oration Monday Evening May 30, at Trinity Church, 30th Street and Prairie Avenue, on His Anti-Lynching Bill, and Against the Beastelizing or Brutalizing Peonage System in the South.

CHARLES E. STUMP, TRAVELING CORRESPONDENT FOR THE BROAD AX, AFTER VISITING LOUISVILLE, KY., RECENTLY—HE BEAT IT TO WASHINGTON, D. C.; NEW YORK CITY, AND HE IS NOW ON HIS WAY TO OKLAHOMA AND THE FAR SOUTH-WEST.

Louisville, Kentucky.—When the disease germs attack you, the fellow must keep at it all the time or they will just send you right on to your long eternal home. As I take up my pen to say a few words to you this week, I am reminded that Bishop G. W. Clinton is no more, and in his death we have lost one more great man. The large and the small, the great and the ungreat one by one must leave this world. In these deaths we are reminded that the line is never drawn by our heavenly father, but He handles us all alike.

I am sure that you will remember Bishop Clinton, for he was one of the real men of our race. He was a man who believed in his people and spent his life for them. He was the senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, and indeed a loving and devoted husband. I have had the pleasure of being in his home and I am very well acquainted with his widow, Mrs. Marie Louise Clay-Clinton, the mocking bird of our race and country.

When I took my pen in hand to write to you last week, or the week before, for I did not write last week, I had been wrestling with the germs, and they were about to get the better of me. I have been ordered by the doctor to go to bed and remain there. This I must do, and my friends have urged me to listen to the doctors.

I had the pleasure of leaving New York in company with that great educator, Dr. Robert R. Moton. He is doing a great work for our people, although here and there you will find some fellow who will try to say things which are not in keeping with Sunday school ethics about the man who is rendering service. A few weeks ago Dr. Moton made a tour through North Carolina and he said some real helpful things about us and for us. He pleaded our cause in places where we could not get ourselves and it is necessary for us to get from time to time. Well he was there and he had the say. He told the Lord about us, and then he told the young white man about his shortcomings, about his uprisings and down goings. He told him of his meanness and then of his goodness, and the fellow overlooked all he said about the meanness of the white man, about his shortcomings, and tried to fly into him for the good things.

If you would tell a man about his mean things, then you must find some good things in him and tell him about them also. Make them even just like we would like to have them made for us. Time is not going to tell you all. Dr. Moton is doing good things at Tuskegee Institute, and I am real proud of him.

I made it into Washington, and you know I saw a few things there. You were not there, but the Virginia Baptist State Convention met in Washington, and I went down to see what they were going to do and how they were going to do the things. I saw the people place on the table about \$30,000 out of their own pockets and from our own people. That's going some, and that is saying to the world that we are doing things for ourselves. The convention was presided over by the Rev. Dr. T. J. King, of Richmond, Va., a great leader of men, and a man of rare ability.

The people were there in large numbers and there were some speeches made, believe me, honey. I talked with them all. I met that great educational leader of my race, Dr. R. C. Woods, president of the Virginia Theological Seminary and College, the institution which is doing so much for us, and about which I am going to talk in another letter.

Dr. Woods is an advanced thinker, and a man of real standing. I wish you could just see and hear one of his speeches.

The National Race Congress of America has held its annual session, and they outlined a great program for the advancement of our people. I am real proud of the work Dr. W. H. Jernagin is doing. He is just a leader of men.

I am sure that you have heard of the appointment of Hon. P. W. Howard. He has gotten hold of one of the good plums to be given out by President Warren G. Harding. He is now in the Department of Justice, holding an important post therein. We congratulate him on his success in this line. I could just tell you all and all about Washington, and about the big position which is now being held by Hon. Phil. Brown, the newspaper man, but this will not do, and I have so many other things to call attention to this week.

Dr. Walter H. Brooks toted me around a little in his car and I enjoyed the ride, and I enjoyed all that I saw in Washington, D. C. I did not get to go to see President Harding, but had to just wish him well and hope to go to see him the next time I go to Washington. Of course, I said so many things about him and for him before the election, until I am now watching to see what he is going to do for the nation. What he is going to do for those who united and placed him in the White House. He can make a place for his party and himself if he will, and I hope that he will. Let us watch for developments.

From Washington I made it to Clarkburg, W. Va., and this trip I shall never forget. It was a real fine ride, and I was delighted to have the pleasure of meeting so many strong people there in that town. I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Johnson. Mr. Johnson is the man who knows how to do things. He is the plumber of the town and a real busy man at that. He has a wife and two daughters and one son.

I had the pleasure of spending two or three days in the town and met many people there, but time will not permit to discuss all I met. They have a lovely school there. Prof. E. B. Saunders is principal of the Kelly Miller school. They are now fitting up for a real up-to-date high school in the town. We will all be proud of this. The faculty of the school is made up from graduates from Howard University, Fisk University, The West Virginia College, Institute, Wilberforce University, Knoxville College, Ohio State University, and other schools. They are well trained and fitted for their work. I had the pleasure of meeting the president of the Board of Education. He is a man among men, and a man who is not afraid to mingle with the people. I saw him at a lecture delivered by one of our men, and I was proud to see how well he remained through the lecture. I join with the people in congratulating the board on doing the fair and the right thing for the people. We need such men in position.

I have made it from there to Institute, West Virginia, where is located the state school, Prof. John W. Davis, president, and Prof. Carter Woodson, dean. This is a great team and they have some teachers there, believe me, honey. I just felt educated when President Davis extended me his hand, and made me welcome to his home. I was his guest while there and his wife who is the daughter of Hon. H. A. Rucker, of Atlanta, Ga., and she is well educated.

From there I made it to Frankfort, Ky., where I spent one night, the guest of Miss Martha E. Williams, and visited the Capital City

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