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THE BUNDY TRIAL

DR. LEROY BUNDY has been convicted and given life imprisonment for what is said to have been his part in the East St. Louis riot. Those who have followed the case closely know that he has not received a fair trial and that the evidence presented by the prosecution was merely police evidence. We regret deeply this conviction and hope that the matter will not be dropped until the highest court in the land passes upon the evidence and frees Dr. Bundy.

The Bundy case, however, has afforded a lesson which must not be overlooked. When weighed and carefully considered it is no more nor less than notice to the Negro that any effort upon his part to resent prejudice or prepare to defend his life when endangered, is considered wrong. In other words, the verdict practically says: "This is a white man's country and what the white man does is law, whether it be right or wrong. When you resent the white man's treatment and dare to raise your hand against him in defense of your life and property, you are a criminal and shall be punished with imprisonment and death."

This is apparently the lesson the verdict in the Bundy trial would teach, but it is one that the race will refuse to learn. Self-defense is an instinct of human nature that cannot be ignored.

Dr. Bundy did no wrong in urging his people to arm themselves for their protection when the authorities failed to grant them protection.

COLORED WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

In a recent editorial in the New York Post discusses at length labor department's study, "A New Day for the Colored Woman Worker," and deplores the fact that the colored woman has left domestic work for other fields. It compares the ten and twelve dollar a week domestic job, including board and room, with the much harder employment bringing from ten to fifteen per week, and considers the former much to be preferred.

There is no doubting the fact that the Post presents an able argument and a profound study. The entrance of the colored woman into the industrial field is new and many have taken advantage of it. When we consider the true fact, as the Post declares, that she has accepted the very lowest type of industrial employment, we are more than ready to agree that she is better off as a domestic than as an industrial worker. On the other hand we are aware of the fact that our colored women look upon "menial positions" much in the same light as white women. We might counter and ask the Post this question: "Why do not the hundreds and thousands of white women who work in department stores and factories for from eight to fifteen dollars a week, forsake this work for the domestic field, which certainly does afford, all considered, better wages, cleaner work and better treatment? We imagine that the Post would find here a problem as great as that which it has found among colored women, and find it as hard to answer."

HOWARD'S NEW COURSE

ONLY a few days ago did the trustees of Howard university decide to institute a course of finance and banking. It has not created much stir among the race; in fact, we have not found one Negro paper that has mentioned the fact. Yet it is of more than passing notice. For more than fifty years there have been schools and colleges of all kinds and sorts springing up over the country for the benefit of the Negro youth, but not one of them has ever attempted to take up the study of commerce and banking.

It goes without saying that such a course is needed. The wealth of the Negro in America demanded trained men to handle its finance years ago, but few of our boys and girls ever took the opportunity to prepare themselves. The fault, however, does not lie with them. The fault lies with the men and women who are supposed to be the leaders of the race. They have been short-sighted and thought only of the present and nothing of the future. They have seemed to feel and believe that time is stationary and that the thing of greatest moment is agitation and arraignment of present conditions. This is their gravest shortcoming. Opportunities always come

Obvious Observations

WELL, there's one thing that can make us feel a little better. We won't have to grease the coal man's mitt much longer.

European nations claim that colonies under their control don't know how to govern themselves, but it looks as though a good many are going to show said nations that if they don't know how to govern themselves they sure can make things uncomfortable for others.

It now transpires that more nations than Japan are interested in the racial question before the peace conference.

Look at the number of the month and year on your wrapper and see if your subscription is up. If it is, shell out.

Why is it that Omaha dailies are always ready to hand the Negro a bunch and then shut up as tight as a New Jersey claim when they find they printed lies?

Funny how one moment the white man says the Negro officers and soldiers are the darest men in the world and the next moment they say they are incompetent. Some screws must be loose somewhere.

Don't forget to read the editorial on thinking black.

Brazil says she wants Negroes. Mexico says she wants Negroes. Liberia says she wants Negroes—everybody seems to want them except the U. S. A.

Thanking you for your most efficient and delectable interest, we will now pause, cover up the type factory and lay aside the paper, and start hunting the old fishing lines and tackle. We have a strange sort of fever.

I AM A NEGRO!

I AM a Negro and the proudest of the proud. Out of the web and woof of the world's fatal fiction, faith has stolen the threads of truth and woven a garment for my race that shall outshine the stars. They were my own brothers of blood who welcomed the first sun and their swarthy hands laid the foundations for this human eternity. I love them for the memories they have left me, for the passions they have hidden in my heart and for the pride they wound about my soul. Our race is a race that can never fail. I might have overlooked the past had I not been puzzled by the present. Today we are strangers in a strange land, yet aside the glare of hate the torch which they passed onward to me refuses to dim. We are lost in the jungle of the tooth and claw, but in the face of tooth and claw we have wrought wonders that make puerile the dreams of Alladin's lamp. I am so lost in wonder that my dumb lips refuse to raise the song. But others shall and to their thunderous chorus I will add my feeble strain: "I am proud, proud to be a Negro!"

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THE LAUGHING DUMPLING

Part III.

SHE first took the magic paddle and slipped it under her girdle, and then she went down to the river. No one saw her, and the boat was there. She got into it and pushed off, and, as she could row very well, she was soon far away from the shore.

But the river was very wide and she had not rowed more than one-fourth of the way across when the one, all of them, came back to the house.

They found that their cook was gone, and the magic paddle, too. They ran down to the river at once, and saw the old woman rowing away very fast.

Perhaps they could not swim; at all events, they had no boat, and they thought the only way to catch the funny old woman would be to drink up all the water of the river before she got to the other bank. So they knelt down and began to drink so fast that before the old woman had got half way over the water had become quite low.

But the old woman kept rowing until the water had got so shallow that the oni stopped drinking and began to wade across. Then she dropped her oar and took the magic paddle from the girdle and shook it at the oni, and made such funny faces that the oni all burst out laughing.

But the moment they laughed all the water came up that they had drunk, and so the river became full again. The oni could not cross, and the funny old woman got safely over to the other side, and ran up the road as fast as she could. She ran breathlessly by the three Jizo laughing a greeting as she ran. Finally she came to the hole, and clambering up the sides she at last left the strange country behind and came to the light of day. Still she ran and she never stopped running until she found herself at home again.

"Te-he-he," she laughed for joy, and all out of breath subsided on the floor and rested.

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