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Jess Willard Wants to Fight Colored Man Graduates With Honor From Commerce High

JESS WILLARD WANTS TO
FIGHT COLORED MAN

Former Heavyweight Champion Who
Said He Would Never Fight An-
other Negro, Evidently Fearing to
Lose His Title, Changes Mind.

CHALLENGES POLICEMAN
WHO POLITELY DECLINES

Warrant Sworn Out for Pugilist's
Arrest for Disturbing the Peace—
Logan, the Challenger, Not Anxious
to Enter Fistic Arena—Prefers to
Walk His Beat.

(Special to The Monitor.)

LAWRENCE, Kas., March 23.—Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, has evidently changed his mind. After he won the championship he discreetly declined to meet a black opponent. Jess vowed that he would never fight a Negro. But last week Jess was driving a touring car and attempted to pass Fred Logan, a policeman, who was driving a wagon along a narrow road. The road at this point was too narrow for Logan to turn out of the way and give Jess room to pass. The ex-champion became abusive, called Logan names and challenged him to fight. Strange as it may seem, Logan, although a policeman, having no ambition to enter the fistic arena, but quite contented to follow the humdrum life of an ordinary policeman and walk his beat, politely declined Jess' challenge. Being a peace officer, Logan swore out a warrant for the arrest of Jess Willard for disturbing the peace. After Jess explains it to the judge, if Jess is still hankering for a fight with a colored man, it has been suggested that perhaps Jack Johnson or Jack Tholmer or some other artist of the fists will cheerfully accommodate him.

DR. BUNDY RELEASED FROM PENITENTIARY

Well Known Dentist Who Was Con-
victed in Connection With East St.
Louis Riots for Defending Race
Out on Bail.

CASE IS TO BE RE-
NEWED BY COURT

CHICAGO, March 23.—Dr. Leroy N. Bundy, who was convicted of murder because of the East St. Louis riots, has been granted bail and released from the Illinois state penitentiary. Writ of supersedeas was granted by Judge Orrin N. Carter of the supreme court who passed on the case at the request of Judge Duncan who had jurisdiction, but who asked Judge Carter to hear the case owing to the fact that the majority of the sureties lived in Chicago. Judge Carter decided that there was serious and prejudicial error in the record of the crime for which Dr. Bundy was convicted, and decided that he be granted bail to the sum of \$25,000. The entire supreme court of the state of Illinois will hear the case in April and pass on it in June.

No case before the public has ever interested the people more than that of Dr. Bundy who was convicted because of the St. Louis riots, of murder in the first degree and sentenced to the penitentiary at Chester, Ill., for the rest of his natural life. Dr. Bundy was convicted March, 1919, and has been in the penitentiary for about a year.

The great legal victory which results in Dr. Bundy's release is the result of the brilliant, unceasing battle waged by his counsel, Houston and Calloway of Kansas City. These two able barristers have emerged successfully and have won a great legal battle for the race. This case has had practically the entire time of Mr. W. C. Houston since the trial of Dr. Bundy began.

Mrs. Bundy and a group of friends left for Chester to welcome Dr. Bundy when he emerged from prison.

Leonard, the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Britt is ill.

TO KEEP RUM FROM AFRICA.

London, England.—The state department has made public a treaty signed by England, the United States, Japan, France, Belgium, Canada, South Africa and India, by which all "distilled liquors," "absinthe" and other distilled liquors containing oils and chemicals injurious to the health are prohibited importation into Africa. Egypt, Algiers, Tunis, Morocco, Lybia and South Africa will continue wet. Light liquors will be subject to a duty of \$3.75 per gallon.

GEORGIA VILLAGE FIRST TO ERECT MONUMENT

Patriotic People Unveil Memorial to
Soldiers Who Paid Supreme Sacrifice
so That Democracy Ultimately
Might Prevail Throughout the
Whole Civilized World.

WILL THE UNITED STATES
REMAIN INDIFFERENT?

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., March 23.—Credit for erecting the first memorial monument in this section, and perhaps in all the land, to soldiers who lost their lives in service during the world war, is believed to belong to the colored people of Baldwin county.

On January 1, in the small village known as Harrisburg, populated entirely by colored people, and located just three miles south of Milledgeville, there was a monument unveiled to the memory of the colored soldiers who died in the late war.

There were three soldiers from this particular village who were either killed or died while in service, and their neighbors and friends quickly organized and erected this monument in their honor and placed it in the heart of their little village.

Village Responded in Drives.
The colored citizens of this village had already won distinction for patriotic devotion and service to their country by liberally responding to the calls made in the Liberty loan and Red Cross and war work drives.

The shaft was locally designed and is entirely paid for, in fact, oversubscribed to, altogether by the colored people.

It has on it the following inscriptions:

In Memory of the Colored Soldiers
of the World War.

Augustus Austin, Killed in Battle in
France, September 29, 1918.

Willie Warren, Died in Hospital in
North Carolina, 1918.

Alex Treat, Died at Camp Gordon,
1918.

PULLS OFF A SERIOUS
STUNT BECOMING COMMON

Accuses Colored Man of Grave Crime,
But Compelled to Admit He Deliberately
Framed Alleged Holdup—
Omaha Has Been Cursed by Similar
Framings and Lies, Only the Guilty
Ones Did Not Confess.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 23.—William M. Byers, 22 years old, station master at Lemoine for the last three years, who startled the community recently by a story of having been bound and gagged by Negroes, who tortured him with a razor to induce him to tell where the money of the office was kept, confessed to Pennsylvania railroad officers that he had staged the holdup in order to appear as a hero in the eyes of his sweetheart.

It was recalled that Byers had figured in a similar "holdup" several years ago at Higsfire. Railroad officers took a Negro who had been in jail a month to the Pennsylvania station offices and called Byers. He immediately said this man was one of those who had held him up. He was then charged with faking the entire story. He admitted this, saying he had gagged and tied himself after scratching his hands and his face. The railroad will retain him in his present place, because he has violated no rule of the company.

WEST INDIAN FEDERATION OR ANNEXATION TO CANADA, WHICH?

Strong Sentiment Prevalent Throughout Scattered Island Possessions
of Great Britain for Union With Canada—Believed Uni-
versal Suffrage Plebiscite Would Render Such Decision.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING
ISLAND EMPIRE AT AMERICA'S DOOR

Large and Upstanding Population of Color, Ten to One in Every
Colony and Hundreds to One in Others, Will Undoubtedly,
Have Important Influence on American Kindred—Talking
Little, Thinking Much.

(Special to The Monitor)

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 20.—The West Indies are much in the public eye these days. The reason for it primarily is the suggestion that has been seriously advanced in certain diplomatic, or undiplomatic, quarters that Great Britain turn them over to the United States in payment for the war debt. This has led to the realization that these islands, numbering hundreds, a fact unknown and unguessed by even the geographically well informed, with its enormous population of color lies at the very door of the United States and may have a tremendous influence upon their kindred in the States, as sympathy between these two sections becomes more keen because of commercial intercourse and knowledge, evidence of which already appears. It is not, however, generally known that there is political unrest growing here that may lead to far-reaching results. The larger numerical group is thinking hard, but saying little. Here is the way a recent writer regards, with much accuracy and little of error, the situation among the island population:

Federation of all the British West Indies into one dominion has often been discussed, and it is again to the fore as a substitution for annexation to Canada. To an outsider it seems eminently sensible. It seems absurd that a group of forty scattered islands and territories, with an aggregate population of about that of Ontario, and an aggregate area far less than that, should require eight distinct sets of official machinery to look after their needs.

Instead of being hailed with fervor it is denounced as impracticable, and not in the interests of the development of the individual islands.

What concern is it of lime-juice-growing Dominica, it is asked, that sugar-growing St. Kitts should flourish? And so on? Antigua, St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla, Montserrat and Dominica at present form one colony, known as the Leeward Islands. Among them they have a population of only 150,000, and an area of 600 square miles, yet a retired crown of ficial argued very lengthily in the papers the other day that their interests would be better served by splitting them up into several colonies than by even continuing the present grouping!

Too Many Foreigners.

Southern-going steamers try to compose their crews from natives of all the islands, so as to avoid a general temporary desertion when the ship calls at any one which might be the home port of the crew. Barbadians are the best sailors and frequently become petty officers. You will hear the Barbadian boatswain respectfully protest to the second mate, when three or four men have been picked up from St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Trinidad and so on: "Don't you think, sir, we are getting too many foreigners on board?"

The Far-Flung Battle Line.

The British West Indies are about as great a treasure as a church collection plate scattered over a ten-acre lot.

Trinidad is 1,800 miles east of Honduras, and Grand Bahama is 2,200 miles northwest of British Guiana. Between these four stretch leagues and leagues of sea and scores and scores of islands, owned by the French, Dutch, Americans, black republics and Cuba.

There are eight different colonies in the British West Indies.

These eight West Indian colonies are:

The Bahamas—twenty of them.
Barbadoes.
British Honduras.
Jamaica.
Trinidad.
Windward Islands—three.
Leeward Islands—six in number.

Virgin Islands—also numbering six. The colonies include forty islands big enough to have names, and probably 400 more or less anonymous rocks and rocklets.

If we added the Bermudas—and there is no more reason for not doing so than there is for doing it—we would pick up another island for every day in the year. There are 365 in the Bermuda group, but you can walk from one end of Bermuda to the other by daylight and across it in half an hour.

Union With Canada Opposed by Office-Holders.

The people who do the talking in the West Indies don't want annexation to Canada. You can hardly expect eight governors or administrators, or lord-lieutenants, or whatever they may be, to throw up their eight cocked hats at the prospect of losing their eight jobs.

Much less can you expect their deputies and assistants and secretaries and commissioners and butlers and footmen to be thrilled at the prospect. And these are to some extent the people who do the talking and for the West Indies.

The Masses Favor It.

The colored population, which is ten to one in every colony, and hundreds to one in some, doesn't do much talking for publication. Judged by its insistent persuasion of every visitor to "take me back to Canada to work for you" a universal suffrage plebiscite of the islands would carry annexation with a clean sweep. But there is no chance of a universal suffrage plebiscite. Most of the islands are crown colonies. Only a few have representative government. And the white minority, fortunately for the islands and islanders, rule.

The black population of the British West Indies look to Canada and America as a paradise of easy money. They are working for wages which are often cruelly low, wages which have not risen in proportion to the increase in the cost of living, wages which offer them no hope of advancement for themselves or their offspring.

VIRGIN ISLANDS TO LOSE OLD STATUS TO AMERICANIZATION

Washington, D. C., March 23.—Measures to Americanize the Virgin Islands were agreed by the joint congressional commission which recently visited the former Danish possessions. Legislation to establish the American citizenship of the islanders is proposed. The commission also decided to establish American banking interests in the islands to supplant the Danish bank.

FRENCH WEST INDIES
ARE NOT FOR SALE

Paris, March 23.—In reply to a letter from United States Senator Berger intimating that France was to cede the Island of Martinique and Guadeloupe to the United States, Premier Millerand has declared that France has never contemplated ceding the islands to any country for any reason whatever.

VIRGINIA BANKERS FORM ASSOCIATION

Descendants of Slaves Rapidly Becoming Masters of Finance—Far Cry From the Auction Block to Bank Presidents—Such Wonderful Advance Has Been Made.

CONFIDENCE IN RACE
STEADILY GROWING

NORFOLK, Va., March 23.—Monday March 1, a large number of the representatives of the banking business among colored people in the state of Virginia met at the bank building of the Tidewater Bank and Trust Company in Norfolk, and proceeded to organize the "Negro Bankers' Association of Virginia," with the following officers:

President, W. M. Rich, cashier Brown Savings bank, Norfolk; first vice president, Mr. Bullock, Mutual Savings bank, Portsmouth; second vice president, F. K. Campbell, Continental Savings bank, Dendron; Secretary, T. David Parham, Crown Savings bank, Newport News; treasurer, Jesse S. Jones, Tidewater Bank and Trust company, Norfolk; executive committee, Levi C. Brown, W. H. C. Brown, T. C. Ervin, Dr. J. A. Strong, M. R. Jackson.

The Tidewater Bank and Trust company of Norfolk, has a splendidly appointed building, and is deservedly getting the support of the people generally.

The Brown Savings bank of Norfolk, has outgrown its present quarters and has bought a site on the corner of Church and Queen streets, where it contemplates erecting a modern and up-to-date bank building, with all the latest appliances for such a business.

FOR NEW EPOCH IN RACE RELATIONS

Governor of Georgia and Mayor of Atlanta to Address National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

New York, March 23.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today announced that its eleventh annual conference would be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from May 10 to June 2, and that Hugh M. Dorsey, governor of Georgia, and James L. Key, mayor of Atlanta, would speak at the meetings. Governor Edwin P. Morrow of Kentucky has also been invited to address the conference.

This is the first time that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has held its conference in the south, according to the announcement at the headquarters, 70 Fifth avenue, Atlanta, having been selected, it was stated, upon invitation extended by Governor Dorsey, Mayor Key, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Atlanta churches.

"It is hoped," the statement continues, "that this conference may contribute to more cordial co-operation between white and colored people in all that makes for a better America, to a better understanding among white people of the aspirations of Negro citizens and to clearing the way for elimination of the causes of race friction."

"The fact that the governor of Georgia and mayor of Atlanta have signified their willingness to take part in the conference is a good omen for increasing co-operation between white men and colored men in solving race problems."

MAKES SPLENDID RECORD
AT COMMERCIAL HIGH

John Dillard Crawford, First Colored Boy to Finish Course, Graduates With High Honors—Popular With Teachers and Students—Held Several Important Offices.

OMAHA BEE DECLINES TO PUBLISH PICTURE

TO John Dillard Crawford, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Crawford, falls the distinction of being the first colored boy to graduate from the Commercial High school. Several girls have graduated, but Dillard is the first boy. He receives his diploma and military certificate as a commissioned officer of cadets Thursday night at the graduating exercises held in the auditorium of Central High. No student who has attended Commercial High has been more popular with instructors and pupils or more active in school affairs than Dillard Crawford, who graduates with high honors.

He was first lieutenant in the cadet battalion and commander of the



band, secretary of the commissioned officers' club, secretary and treasurer of the Webster debating society, and member of the debating team, member of the nominating committee of the "H-I-Y" club and business manager of his class.

Last year Mr. Crawford was presented with a beautiful gold medal by the commissioned officers of the High School of Commerce for winning a "spell down" at the Central High school in a competitive drill and contest between the cadets of both schools. Ranking high in scholarship he is a young man of most pleasing personality and gentlemanly demeanor.

He is a communicant and for years has been an altar boy at the church of St. Philip the Deacon.

Mr. Crawford's picture did not appear in Sunday's Bee with the other members of his class. It was the only picture omitted. Thinking it an oversight or an accident, Mrs. Crawford called up The Bee and asked why the picture was left out. The reply was in substance this: "It was left out because colored people's pictures don't look well among a group of white people."

Young Crawford's classmates are quite indignant over the matter and have requested those of their parents who take The Bee to discontinue it.

The World-Herald published Mr. Crawford's picture with the rest of his class.

ALABAMA FAVORABLE TO LEONARD WOOD

Popular Sentiment Strong for General in Sections of the South.

Birmingham, Ala., March 24.—The opinion has been expressed here by those competent to know, that Leonard Wood has the swing of popular sentiment both among the masses and those who will have the voting power at the national republican convention in Chicago. Recently the Birmingham Reporter, a newspaper that has the respect of all classes, carried an editorial favorable to Leonard Wood. Oscar W. Adams is the editor of the Birmingham Reporter, and has been very active in his community in working out the problems of adjustment.

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