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# GIRL IS SAVED FROM GALLOWS

## DEMOCRATS REPORT TO USUAL TACTICS

Raising Stereotyped Cry of "Negro Domination" and Racial Equality to Stem Rising Tide of Republican Success.

## METHODS OF COXITES ADMISSION OF DEFEAT

Betray Desperate Straits to Which Leaders of the Donkey Party Are Driven Thus Early in the Game—See Their Finish.

(Special to The Monitor, by Phil H. Brown)

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 21.—The for-bearing public is holding its nose and reaching for its gas mask, because democratic burrowing carnivore, conforming to the predisposition of its counterpart in natural history, is driven to desperation and is beginning to emit noxious odors. One of the un-falling signs of democratic desperation is when the cry goes up of "Negro domination." The whipped Hun cried "kamerad," but the cornered democrat and the skunk, alike in many things, perfume the air with noxious gasses and filth from nether sources.

Witness the effort that is being made by the authorities in the democratic party and prated by Candidate Cox in reference to the miserable bugbear of social equality and Negro domination. Observe the effort to pillory white men who have been even just to the Negro. Watch the wanton propaganda to array the workmen of the races against each other, all over the signature of the democratic state executive committee of Ohio. The deft and glib manner in which that committee refers to our prominent women as "Negresses" is not only an insult to colored American citizenship, but a slap in the face of all American citizenship. An under-hand effort of the reds could be more directly contrary to the spirit of American institutions. Berkman and Goldman were deported for crimes such as the democratic committee are committing in sheer desperation of desire, to prolong their rule of ruin, extravagance and racial injustice.

### But It Is All Right

One of the best evidences of the prevailing fact that the democrats are whipped is the publication of the miserable circular by the Ohio executive committee of that party trying to stir up racial hatred. There never was a time when the democrats were whipped that they did not resort to the cry of "Negro domination." And as a simple suggestion of democratic consistency, while the Cox committee in Ohio is screaming against Negro domination and low-grading Negro womanhood, their candidate for senator in the neighboring state of Indiana is falling on his knees begging for Negro votes on the ground that he used to "sing hush" with them.

But it is all right; the signs are right. The democrats are running true to form. Their cry is the squeal of the coward, driven to the corner. Withal, the disgraceful reference over its signature against the race will solidify the colored people and nauseate the justice-loving people.

### Bubble of Negro Domination

An appeal for simple justice cannot be constructed as a desire to dominate. The Negro in this country has never felt any such desire. He holds out for an equal opportunity, such as the constitution has granted him and the democrats have denied him. He asks only that the modus vivendi accorded to all American citizens be given to him. But this is the insult that the democratic executive committee of Ohio offers to the intelligence of the entire American electorate.

"Objoans should remember that the time has come when we must handle this problem in somewhat the same way as the south is handling it, and in such a way bring greater contentment to both whites and Negroes. We should remember what history tells us of the dark days when Negroes controlled the government in the south, the enormous expenditures and debts incurred, the indignities heaped upon white women and children, the vicious attempt of the South Carolina Negro

legislature to give every Negro forty acres of land and a mule.

"Men and women of Ohio! Rally to the ballot box and give such a verdict as will forever rid Ohio of this menace to yourselves and your children."

This pronouncement will be repudiated by every well-meaning citizen in the United States, it matters not whether he is white or black, woman or man, Jew or gentile.

## WEST AFRICANS GETTING RICH FROM COCOA BOOM

More Than Two Hundred Own Automobiles and Some Occupy \$50,000 Homes.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—With a big cocoa boom on, untold wealth is being won by the natives of the Gold Coast, West Africa. More than 200 of them now run their own automobiles. European style houses, costing in some instances \$50,000, have been built by the most prosperous. During the war astute Negroes bought cocoa at \$50 a ton and after the armistice sold at \$200. Even native women are bitten with the "get-rich-quick" craze, several having set up as brokers.

## POLICE EXPOSE A FAKE ASSAULT STORY

White Man Claimed His Wife Had Been Assaulted and Cut by Yellow Negro—Wife Admits Husband Stabbed Her Three Times After Quarrel Over Work.

## SAMPLE OF LIES WHICH USUALLY CAUSE LYNCHINGS

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 21.—Here is a story told by Charles Evans to the police:

"I and my wife were lying in bed. A yellow Negro entered, attacked me, knocking me unconscious, and stole a sum of money variously estimated at from \$75 to \$150. While I was unconscious, he attempted to assault my wife, and in the struggle stabbed her three times with a knife. When I recovered both of them had gone."

Such a report to local police was enough to start rumors of a posse, and a lynching of the guilty man when apprehended. It is the kind of occurrence that usually precedes mob violence in this section.

Meantime the wife had been carried to the Rex hospital suffering with severe gashes in her head and body, from which blood flowed profusely. Her clothing was disarranged. This is her story:

"My husband and I were lying on the bed in our room. We had quarreled on account of his idleness and heavy drinking when out of work. Without warning he reached for a dirk stabbed me in the head and in the neck and a third time in the back. I rushed out of the house and called for help."

The dirk penetrated the woman's lung and she may die. Evans, evidently, attempted to commit suicide, but at the last moment lacked the nerve. The bullet entered his left shoulder.

## WOMAN DIES AT AGE OF 115 YEARS

(By Associated Negro Press) GREENVILLE, S. C., Oct. 21.—Mrs. Harriet Alexander, of Seneca, died at her home recently at the age of 115 years. Mrs. Alexander, in her early days served during the confederacy as a slave and in her last moments remembered those days.

## SENTENCE COMMUTED

ATLANTA, GA., Oct. 21.—Ulysses Goolsby, who has been sentenced three times to hang in Early county for the murder of H. J. Villipigue, has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Dorsey.

## SUPREME COURT

### SUSTAINS VERDICT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21.—Conviction of Frank Moore and five other Negroes, who were sentenced to death for participation in a race riot in Phillips county, Ark., last October, will stand as a result of the refusal of the supreme court to review their cases.

## PROPOSED LEAGUE OF NATIONS PARTISAN AND UNDEMOCRATIC

Places Power Permanently in the Hands of Five Great Nations, Great Britain, the United States, France, Japan and Italy, Who Dominate and Control Both Council and Assembly and Effectively Eliminates Smaller and Less Powerful Nations.

## ACCEPTANCE BY UNITED STATES WOULD INVITE DIVIDED ALLEGIANCE BY COSMOPOLITAN CITIZENSHIP

By Ailey W. Lewis, LL. B.

WHATEVER else the League of Nations is, or ought to be, it ought to be non-partisan, non-sectarian and beyond the control of any one nation or group of nations.

Fortunately, the league as presented does not appear to be within the control of any religious denomination, or to have adopted the creed of any specific faith. But, unfortunately for the American people, the League of Nations is partisan and political. This should not be true because the matters contemplated by the framers of the league covenant cannot be included within the scope of the powers of any political party. The agreements of the league require an abandonment of the historical and traditional policy of the United States to stand aloof and disconnected from the controversies and policies of Europe. The partisan transition of the long-established and successful policy of the freest government in the world, and the partisan creation of a new policy which shall be interwoven with the politics of Europe will not tend to the unifying of our cosmopolitan citizenship, but will tend to divide it into partisan camps as numerous as the nationalities of which our republic is composed. Such a change would make our citizens the partisans of other nations as well as of our own. Whether in war or in peace an American citizen ought not to be a partisan of any nation save his own. It is the sense of a well-established philosophy that no man can serve two masters. But the league not only contemplates an alliance of the member nations, but, by the democratic party, is made to include the peace achieved by American citizens regardless of their political affiliations. But aside from the political aspect of the league, it must be contended that it is within the control of a little group of great nations, namely the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy. These five nations are permanent members of the council and members of the assembly. Unless they concur in the council or in the assembly no decision can be reached. It takes a unanimous vote in the council and a three-fourths vote in the assembly to render a decision, but the three-fourths vote of the as-

sembly must include the votes of the members of the council.

For example: If Great Britain in the council should not agree with the other members of the council, the council could render no decision. No one will presume that Great Britain would vote any differently in the assembly. If Great Britain in the assembly should not agree with the three-fourths vote of the assembly, the assembly could render no decision.

There is no remedy for this power and control as the league now stands.

But these five great nations are not the only members of the council; there are four others with like powers. These other four are not permanent members, but are selected by the assembly from time to time in its discretion. If any one of these four selected members of the council should disagree with the other members of the council and prevent a decision, such dissenting nation might be removed, it being a temporary member selected from time to time at the discretion of the assembly. Selection, rejection or recall of a member of the council would require a decision of the assembly. A decision of the assembly in such a matter is not known to be any different from the decision in other matters. Hence in the assembly decision or rejection or recall of the disputant temporary member could not participate either by virtue of membership in the council or in the assembly.

The re-election of a temporary member cannot be consummated by decision of the assembly unless the member nations of the council concur in such decision.

So from whatever angle we scan the situation we find the power of five named nations permanent and controlling both the council and the assembly.

I do not believe that this singular control by the five great nations will be considered by the American people as democratic.

### ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Friday, October 22, is your last chance to register. Be sure of your registration if you want to vote.

## FLORIDA OFFICIALS ORDER PROTECTION OF REPUBLICAN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 21.—Columbia county commissioners have passed resolutions condemning the action of persons who recently took B. J. Jones, (colored) chairman of the Columbia County Republican club, from bed, tied a noose about his neck and drove him out of town in his night clothes in an automobile, later releasing him.

The commissioners demanded that the grand jury investigate and order the protection of Jones by the sheriff.

## QUESTION RIGHT TO INVADE HAYTI

The Program of Extermination Which Has Been Practiced During the Wilson Administration to be Attacked in Congress.

## DEMOCRATS AMONG CRITICS OF POLICY

Belief Current at National Capital That True Story of Brutality on Islands Will be Elicited by Impending Investigation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21.—A congressional investigation of the administration's course in Hayti is regarded as inevitable immediately after the session opens in December, following the disclosures made by Brig.-Gen. Barnett, former commandant of the Marine Corps, that approximately one out of every four hundred inhabitants has been exterminated in order to bring about peace. That such a program could be carried out by an American administration which was holding aloft the banner of the rights of lesser peoples on a larger world stage is regarded as incredible.

Details of what has happened in Hayti, it is believed, are only commencing to be revealed. Returning marines tell stories of the unerring marksmanship which pacified the island and of the high-handed manner in which the program was carried out. Stories of uncounted wounded natives who crawled into the brush, where they probably died, are features of these narratives.

It is not only the details of manner in which the island was "pacified" that is awakening attention, but the authority of lack of it which justified American intervention will be investigated. Critics of the administration's course, and they are found among democrats as well as among republicans, say the issue dwells on the point which Senator Harding has been making relative to alleged usurpations of presidential authority.

The investigation which is being discussed is expected to deal with such questions as the president's habit of dealing with foreign countries through personal representatives rather than through ambassadors and regularly confirmed representatives, the private war which the president conducted in Mexico on at least two occasions, the nullification of the merchant marine law by presidential fiat, and many other instances.

Those who are urging the necessity of the investigation say that after the election it cannot be charged with having political purpose and that it will have the salutary effect of restraining the tendency of executives to act or their own initiative rather than through the regular machinery of the constitution.

The report of James I. McIlhenny who has had charge of the finances of the island, is also looked forward to with keen interest. It has been said that certain banking interests are harging the islanders for caring for their funds upon which they derive an interest charge after having obtained them.

Mr. McIlhenny will report to the state department. It is expected the public interest in the Haitian affair developed by the partial disclosures already made will compel the publication of a full report from the government's financial representative rather than an excerpt, as was done in the case of the report of General Barnett

## PRESIDENT COMMUTES HANGING OF WOMAN

Josephine Berry Escapes Gallows by Action on Eve of Date Set as Court Grants Delay—Executive Clemency From Woodrow Wilson Appreciated.

(Special to The Monitor by Walter J. Singleton)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21.—President Wilson October 14 commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Josephine Berry, the colored woman who was to be hanged at the district jail for the murder of Ada King, another colored woman, more than a year ago.

Considerable interest has been taken in this case, not only from the conditions surrounding the murder, but also because of the fact that the hanging of the condemned woman would have been the first hanging of a woman since the execution of Mrs. Surrat, more than fifty years ago.

Heavy pressure in the form of petitions, was brought to bear on the president of the United States by numerous organizations and leading citizens of both races. Among the organizations acting as petitioners were the Oldest Inhabitants' Association (Colored), the Crispus Attucks Relief Association, the Young Men's Protective League of the District of Columbia, and the Baptist Ministerial Association.

A delegation of more than seventy colored church men and women presented a petition and made a personal appeal to the president through Secretary Tumulty.

A delegation of women planned to call from a number of local organizations at the White House with similar petition, but canceled their visit when they learned of the president's action. Before announcement was made at the White House that the president had commuted the sentence Chief Justice McCooy, in the district supreme court, had postponed her execution until November 19 at the request of United States Attorney Laskey.

Mr. Laskey told the court that the department of justice had requested the delay in order to afford further time to consider an application for clemency.

Too much credit cannot be given Counselor Harry L. Tigner, her attorney who not only gave his services, but sent out thousands of circulars (at his own expense) all over the country, asking friends and organizations to petition the president for executive clemency in behalf of this unfortunate woman.

It is highly gratifying to see this act of well merited clemency avert what might have been a rigorous enforcement of the letter of the law, without regard for the spirit of justice, as would have been the case had the death sentence been carried out. A movement on the part of so many petitioners carried a force which could not be disregarded, particularly when the petitioners included the prosecutor who secured conviction and the judge who passed sentence. The crime was, indeed, murder, but the state must, as it has in this case, recognize when the community has been wanting in its obligations, as in the case of this unfortunate girl—without father or mother; reared amid poverty, squalor, vice and ignorance; and without friends from childhood upwards; so that womanhood found her hardened and embittered, unable to read and write, and with no well-balanced ideas of right and wrong.

## NATIONAL RESERVE ASSOCIATION

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 21.—Application for a charter for the Colored National Reserve association was filed at the county court clerk's office. The association is capitalized at \$10,000, and has been organized for the purpose of "printing," publishing and developing and protecting the rights of the colored race." The incorporators are all local people. They are W. R. Abraham, Addie Dillard, J. M. Ragland, R. W. Cannon, Alfred Hunter, A. B. Lee, M. H. McCutcheon, A. E. Reed, W. M. Dent and Emma Cannon.

