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DETROIT DISGRACED

DETROIT, Michigan, has been for years considered one of the fairest and most broad-minded of cities in its treatment of its colored citizens. This was especially true in the matter of residence. Respectable citizens of color owned and occupied homes in almost every section of Detroit and do yet. The moving of a colored family into a neighborhood met with no opposition. But this is changed now, showing the virus and prevalence of the residential segregation germ which has been generated at the National capitol, and how an evil example spreads.

Recently Detroit has been disgraced by near riots because colored citizens, of culture, wealth and refinement, moved into property owned by them in certain neighborhoods. One was the case of Dr. Turner. He and his plucky little wife refuse to sell or move. And they are absolutely right. The other is the case of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bristol. Prominent race citizens of Detroit came to their assistance when their home was attacked. They, too, stand upon their constitutional rights. When cities like Detroit, Mich., face this mob spirit in the matter of residential rights what can be expected of less favorable communities? It shows the serious situation facing respectable colored citizens everywhere when the question of home ownership arises. Detroit's disgrace is these recent hoodlum outbreaks sounds the note of warning to the race everywhere to be prepared to fight to the last ditch for the right to ownership and occupancy of property. Fortunately colored Detroiters are not cowards. They believe and will act upon the principle that every man's home is his castle.

IS IT NOT A MISTAKE?

DAN Desdunes, our famous handmaster, is a gentleman for whom we have the highest esteem, and it is for this reason that we regret most keenly his acceptance of an engagement to play for the Ku Klux Klan. He is quoted by the Daily News as saying that he would gladly have played for that outlaw organization on July 4, had not an engagement at Macedonia prevented his doing so, and that he promised to play for them later. The World-Herald quotes him, in explanation of his acceptance of an engagement for July 28, as saying that "It's business with me. My hand will play for anyone or any organization which hires it." That, of course, is one way to look at it; but when one considers the whole genius and spirit of the Klan we cannot see how Mr. Desdunes or any other self-respecting colored American can justify any official association whatsoever from any point of view with that damnable organization, whose fundamental philosophy, try to lie out of it as they will, is the repression and suppression of the Negro whom they consider, inherently inferior to the most degraded Nordic and non-assimilable into American civilization. Could they carry out their plans, successfully, no Negro, however clean, competent and capable he might be could ever rise to any position of honor or trust within the nation of which he is a citizen.

The Klan has a program, and that program vitally affects the American Negro's rights of citizenship and advancement. There is some sinister motive back of the engagement of Desdunes' hand and that

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The third annual one night carnival given under the auspices of the Garden club Saturday evening, July 18 at the Y. W. C. A., Twenty-second and Grant streets, was both a social and financial success. The beautiful prize, bridge lamp, was won by Mrs. Aaron Bowler, who held the admission ticket with the lucky number.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of C. E. Allen, deceased. All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 24th day of July, 1925, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 24th day of July, 1925, at 9 o'clock a. m. to contest said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Mildred Clark and Louis A. Garland or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

BRYCE CRAWFORD,
County Judge.

IS MIXING BUT NOT MELTING POT

Shanghai, China, Is Most Cosmopolitan City in the World.

Washington.—"Activities of Chinese agitators in Shanghai, which is, with the possible exception of Cairo, the most cosmopolitan city in the world, direct attention to the picturesque setting of this exotic hybrid of East and West," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Approaching the city from Woosung, its port on the Yangtze river, the villages, graveyards and anchored ships of all kinds become more numerous as one nears the wharves. The hum and roar of factories and cotton mills bellow the real atmosphere of this metropolis of central China. It is not until the heavy, half-sickening smell of bean-oil, incense, opium smoke and of human beings penetrates the nostrils that the true Asiatic flavor of the city is revealed.

"Although the quaint Kiangsu junks are rapidly disappearing, the cargo junks, sampans, and speedy slipper boats still vie with the motor launches of huge steel and wooden vessels from every port on the globe.

"Shanghai, like Venice, is a city built largely upon piles sunk far into the soft black sand and saturated clay upon which the city rests along the banks of the Hwang-pu river. Huge reinforced concrete rafts are buried in this clay, and the foundations of the buildings are laid on them.

"The foreign settlements are delightfully modern, with plenty of space, light and air, and are as clean and orderly as occidental cities. The French maintain their own concession under a government separate from that of the other 20 powers, with their own language and the 'rules,' 'quais' and other signs typical of the homeland.

"The Old and New Shanghais. In striking contrast is the old Shanghai, where most of the Chinese live. Going through the gates of the native city one passes into another century. Old temples, cramped courtyards, where flowering peonies and chrysanthemums can be glimpsed in passing, and an endless succession of narrow streets, hung with rococo banners of Chinese characters, and filthy and reeking with a thousand odors, differentiate it at once from its smaller modern cousins but a short distance away.

"A tea-house set in the middle of a stagnant pond is one of the breathing places of the old city, where sellers of jade and cheap jewelry, letter writers, fortune tellers, cobblers, menders, peddlers, jugglers and others of Shanghai's polyglot population gather ever teacups or chatter endlessly in high pitched voices. The Chinese theater is another native oddity. The want of scenery, the din of the orchestra and the piercing intonations and gaudy costumes of the actors furnish a spectacle, which, while not always pleasing to Western tastes, is always colorful and unusual.

"Shanghai's sobriquet, 'The Paris of the East,' refers more to the gaiety of its social life than to any external resemblance to the French capital. It is not nearly so picturesque as Hongkong, or that queen of Oriental beauty, Poochow. Shanghai cannot set out a thousand lanterns on a dozen hills 1,800 feet up into the night, as Hongkong can, but her more intimate house and garden decorations are famous. There are lanterns everywhere, certain types are used as shop signs, and with their non-sputtering cold tallow candles they shed a perfect light.

"Bubbling Well road is the Riverside drive, the Champs Elysees, or the Ring-strasse, of the foreign settlements. Along this winding modern thoroughfare a panorama of the city's life passes in review. Once the resort of closed broughams and fine cars of foreign dignitaries, it now rattles with anything that can go on wheels, and the rickshaws and wheelbarrows of the natives, darting in and out among the carriages, taxis and limousines, furnish a gay and motley spectacle all day long.

"Foreign Quarters Attract Chinese. Although the 'settlements' were first laid out for foreigners alone, the Chinese have come over to them in great numbers to enjoy the protection and advantages of foreign rule. Rich Chinese often retire to the new sections to enjoy their wealth in safety, or to spend it in reckless dissipation. In the foreign settlements are white man's sports of all kinds, racing, golf, tennis, shooting, house boating, swimming etc. Good libraries, magnificent clubs, theaters, hotels of all nations, and a spirit of co-operation between the foreign nations represented have made Shanghai one of the pleasantest places to live in the Orient.

"Many of the railroads leading into the central part of the country have their terminals here. Shanghai is the Chicago of China in this respect. The first railroad in China was a 12-mile stretch connecting the city with its port, Woosung. Although the tracks were torn up by reactionaries soon after they were laid, the seed was well planted, as the many lines of steel throughout the country today bear witness.

"Shanghai is not only a great commercial emporium, handling nearly half the foreign trade of China, but it has also become, in recent years,

one of the greatest Chinese industrial centers, with a large laboring population. Cotton and silk cocoon winding mills employ thousands of workers. In addition there are a large number of smaller factories, manufacturing matches, paper, cigarettes, fireworks, wood carvings, jewelry, etc.

"Much of the occidentalization that has come to China in the past half century has filtered through Shanghai, especially through the great printing establishment there which has turned out excellent translations into Chinese, of the literature and ideas of the West. Shanghai also possesses several daily newspapers, printed in both foreign and native languages."

Wanderlust Dies With Omaha Gypsies' Queen

Omaha, Neb.—The fierce wanderlust which flamed in the breasts of the older generations of the Romany gypsies of Omaha died with their queen.

Matilda Wells, queen of the American Romany gypsies, ruled with her husband, Hezekiah, the wandering Romanies of this continent for fifty-six years. She and her husband led a small band of countrymen to America in 1869. The trails ever beckoned their covered wagons. They lived and roamed, moved only by the urge to view the far side of each horizon.

Age laid cold hands on the beautiful girl-queen and her stalwart husband, but through the years they appeared ever young through the love-lensed eyes of their subjects. The band grew, 300 persons now belong to the Royal English Romanies, Tribe of America. Then, on March 21, 1925, Matilda Wells died, at the age of seventy-five. With her in Forest Lawn cemetery the old men of the tribe buried wanderlust. A tall monument of Warsaw granite marks the end of the colorful trail of adventure and romance trod by their queen.

This year the annual trip has been abandoned. King Wells and local members of the tribe can find no solace on the road. They will make their last camp near the resting place of their queen, and Omaha will be the future burial ground for members of the tribe. They wait the day they may lie at the feet of their queen in Forest Lawn cemetery.

British Boat 124 Years Old Still in Service

Southampton, England.—The little ketch Bee, built 124 years ago and still in service between Southampton and Newport, on the Isle of Wight, completed its thirty-eighth thousandth crossing of the Solent channel.

The Bee began its sea duty in 1801 and is one of the very few ships remaining from whose decks men witnessed a British naval victory at sea with Nelson on board. During one period of its career it was commanded for 48 years by the same captain. The Bee has been on the Isle of Wight run virtually all of its existence up to the present time and, according to members of its loyal crew, it is good for many years yet to come. The little craft has carried more than 500,000 tons of cargo between the mainland and the Isle of Wight, covering something like 500,000 miles, although the distance between Newport and Southampton is only 18 miles.

Three younger sister ships of the Bee have been plying the same route for approximately 50 years.

Miniature Eiffel Tower Is Built of Toothpicks



Meyer Stein of New York, nineteen years old, is shown here at work on the miniature of the famous Eiffel tower in Paris, which he has built entirely of toothpicks. All he used to build the tower was a pot of paste and a pair of tweezers.

Some Foresight
Partenkirchen, Bavaria.—In a local hotel a placard announces in large letters: "Tourists undertaking to climb the higher mountain peaks are respectfully requested to settle their accounts in advance."

Hunt Old Coin
Santa Barbara, Cal.—A hunt is on for Spanish treasure in this section following the discovery of a Spanish silver coin minted in 1601. Prof. D. T. Rogers, in charge of Indian mound excavations, has the coin.

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