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"IN MEMORIAM" By R. A. Adams (For The Literary Service Bureau)

If you would know the reason why in concourse we're assembled here, We'd hover those who dared to die, For whom death even had no fear, Some still survive, and perish some— "Tis in memoriam," we come.

Today, we decorate the graves And scatter flowers on the sea, In honor of th' immortal braves Who fought and died for liberty, Whose eyes are closed, whose lips are dumb;— "Tis in memoriam," we come.

But as we now our tribute pay To mem'ry of heroic men, Let us decree, e'en from this day, That such shall never be again, And prayers and strivin never cease To hasten universal peace.

"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE" By A. Adams (For The Literary Service Bureau)

Memorial Day is just another milestone in the history of the nation. It commemorates the courage, the incomparable heroism, and the tremendous sacrifices by the saviors of the nation—those who gave their all that it might not "perish from the earth," and to insure its prosperity.

We have come to this milestone, and standing here, we view highway marks pointing in different directions. Urgent and persistent are those who point this way and that, and urge that the nation pursue this way or that way. And, standing here, pertinent is the question, "Where do we go from here?"

We are free from civil war but there are those who are seeking to array class against class and cause industrial war. These are among us those who would cast into the discard everything old and experimental with the most vital interests of the nation. The question is: Shall we regard the landmarks set by the fathers or shall we encourage this menacing experimental course?

The return of rum, the prevalence of crime, the alarming departures from old ethical standards, the breakdown of the institution of marriage, all indicate that the nation is turning away from the paths which have been tested and tried, for theoretical and hypothetical ones which threaten destruction.

While we do honor to those who died to preserve the nation, and while we remember that all of these and interests enter into the matter of its perpetuity and its utility, it is well, on this occasion to ask the question, "Where do we go from here." And

it is indispensable that we renew our fight for the moral ideals of the nation, as the patriots whom we honor fought for its preservation.

WEEKLY SHORT SERMON By Dr. A. G. Bearer ("LEST WE FORGET")

(For The Literary Service Bureau)
Text: Beware lest ye forget the Lord—Deuteronomy 6:12.

One of our most celebrated poems is the one by Kipling, entitled "The Recessional." In this poem often recurs the expression, "Lest we forget." The author confesses Jehovah to be God of the nation, that He is the

God "known of old," that He is "God of our far-flung battleline," and that it is His tolerance only, that the nation could hold "dominion over palm and pine. He confesses the arrogance, pride, castis, prejudice, oppression and inequities of his nation and he pleads for it tolerance and help, in spite of its sins and inequities. Full is the constant plea; Lord God of hosts with us yet.

Lest we forget; lest we forget." This is our memorial occasion. We honor the memories of our patriots who loved the nation and offered their all on the altar of its progress and general advancement, many of whom died that the nation "might not perish from the earth. This is right and proper, but, while we do this we should remember that honor is due to give consideration to this text—Lest ye forget the Lord, and to aropt Kipling's, "Lest we forget; lest we forget."

Living in this time of peace we should not forget the horrors of war, and should resolve "It shall never be again." Amid our prosperity we should not forget that God is the God of harvests; that He

"Sends the sunshine and the rain; He sends the harvest's golden grain;"

and that all is due to Him. We should not forget that the victories and the progress of the nation are due to His help.

And, viewing the increase of crime, the flaunting of the law, official malfeasance and misfeance, the retrogression of the nation in regard to rum, the deadening of the nation's moral sensibilities and the evidence of its moral decadence, we should not forget that it has been said, Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people;" "The nation and the kingdom that will not serve the Lord shall perish;" and the admonition contained in this text: Be ware lest ye forget the Lord.

TAXI DRIVER GOES FREE AFTER KILLING MAN WHO CALLED HIM NIGGER

New York City — (CNS)— John Porter, 26, a young Negro taxi driver who killed a socially prominent Brooklyn man in a fight in a cab, has been ridiculed, was freed in Homicide Court when the dead man's wife and brother, both long-time residents of the South, asked that the charge be dropped.

Those who obtained for Porter, who ran away after striking Tyler Cook Bronson on the night of May 7, were Frederick Bronson, of Southern Pinos, N. C., a brother, and Mrs. Gladys Burns Bronson, wife of the slain man. Mr. Bronson told Magistrate Guy Van Amringe: "Holding this man will never ring back my brother. Mrs. Bronson and I have investigated and we are satisfied that the Negro chuffer struck my brother in self-defense, following an argument in which Tyler used abusive language."

The Bronson family later was thanked by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for treating the case "on a high level, with no question of race or color raised in court." After Magistrate Amringe had dismissed the homicide charge a crowd of Negroes gathered around him and the man from North Carolina gave coins to Porter's children.

Porter testifying in his own defense, said he picked up two fares outside the Squadron A Armory, Madison Avenue and Ninety-Fourth Street. The moment they entered the cab, Porter testified, one of them, afterward identified as Bronson began to abuse him about his color.

Porter "talked back" and the fist fight began. Bronson got out of the cab and was followed by his friend, Frederick C. Lloyd, an engineer living at Hotel Roosevelt. Bronson lunged at him. Porter said he saw a bottle in Lloyd's hand. "I was afraid they were both going to jump on me, so I punched one of the men twice and jumped into my cab and drove away."

He said he did not know he had caused death of Bronson until he was arrested two days later, a few hours after Bronson died at Meredith Hospital 30 East Seventy-sixth Street.

JACKSON JOINS SERVICE OF THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Washington—(CNS)—Word came from New York City that James A. Jackson, formerly a business specialist in the Department of Commerce, has been appointed by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, to study ways and means of reaching the Negro buying public. Mr. Jackson duties will include the introduction of Standard Oil products to Negro buyers; and advise the company on matters growing out of his past and new experiences. His territory will consist of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, the New England States and the District of Columbia.

By this appointment Mr. Jackson will again be associated with Frank M. Surfee, white, who was at one time director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

T. C. I. THUGS KILL FOUR NEGRO ORE MINERS IN ALABAMA STRIKE

Birmingham, Ala.—Four Negro ore miners were slaughtered last week in a general attack upon the eight thousand now on strike against slavery wage differentials.

The four, George Bell, W. H. Ford, Rich Foster and Henry Whitt, were murdered by thugs hired by the Tennessee Coal and Iron Corporation. Bell and Ford were shot down Tuesday, Foster and Whitt Thursday.

Twenty or thirty more ore miners have been wounded. Machine guns have been set up around the company towns and around the mines, threatening the striking miners.

Militia has been called out to support the thugs. About 75 percent of the strikers are Negroes.

In Birmingham, where the International Labor Defense, the Communists Party, and other organizations

are rallying to the support of the striking miners. Chief McDuff announced that he had "given orders to wipe out Communism."

Five workers were arrested. They included the organizational secretary of the International Labor Defense, Laura Stark.

A letter smuggled out by the ore mine strikers, addressed to the International Labor Defense, is an appeal to all those who oppose white terror and murder, for help.

"For God's sake have the I. L. D. come and save us," the letter said. "It all happened half a mile from T. C. I. property on the L. and N. railroad. A group of us were standing on the railroad. A car drove up with a bunch of T. C. I. gun thugs. They

tried to provoke us picketers, but didn't succeed. Then they moved off a little way.

"All of a sudden they opened fire on us. It was out and out murder. We didn't stand a chance. They just mowed us down. Two were killed and their bodies picked up later in the woods. Those who were wounded crawled away into the weeds to hide

but the thugs followed up and threw them into a car and carried them into the mountains and left them there to suffer. Then the T. C. I. thugs went on to a high school and shot into the yard. They went where they thought the I. L. D. was holding a meeting and fired through the window of the church and wounded one man in the arm."

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Nevertheless, I'd still like to be colored just to prove that you could overcome race prejudice and the -- Oh, what's the use of talking foolishness? Of course it's impossible for me to out myself in your place. You are colored and I am white and never the twain shall meet.



Mandy I'd give almost anything I possess to be colored for about a year just to prove to you that you colored girls do not make the best of your opportunities. You are as talented, educated, and pretty as I and you are just a servant girl and think you have no chance for future betterment.



Well you see Miss Anne, there are a great number of educated colored girls but there are not enough colored business men who are able to give us the jobs for which we are fitted so we must take what we can get. We are used to taking what is left but if you were suddenly made colored and forced into the things that we are accustomed to, it would drive you mad!



But it is not impossible, Miss Anne! You may think me crazy but I can make you colored! I can make you see the Negroes' side. Are you game? Why, yes, yes—but how can you do this seemingly impossible thing?