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Another View Contract Rescinded Naval Conference

To The Editor of THE SEARCHLIGHT.
Sir,

Please give me space in your valuable Paper to say a few words to those that I may Concern, and to congratulate you for a few things, first, that it is a very good idea when you thought of publishing a paper for the benefit of the English speaking people.

This is the brave and diplomatic attitude in which you write your Editorials; but the greatest of all is the name of your paper, THE LIMON SEARCHLIGHT, you must have had a wonderful dream to get at that name; it is indeed Searching in the dark corners, and raising the vigilance of the interested members of the Race.

Every Negro residing in this Country should help to support this paper for many reasons, but I am afraid that some of our Officers of the Limon Branch of the U. N. I. A. are finding themselves in great predicaments and are also getting nervous over certain publications in your paper about them.

It has been brought to my notice that these matters have been taken to the Liberty Hall and means and ways discussed how to plan to stop the publication of your paper by these Officers; but may I ask why should such discussion be entertained by the Officers of the Division in the Liberty Hall, for the publications in the Searchlight do not hurt the U. N. I. A. in any way, and therefore was not in Order to be debated there.

I do not think either that this paper is a partial one, so if anyone publishes anything that is not supposed to be true, then tackle the matter in the same paper, that's what I would do. If anyone touches my Corns, I will put the whole weight of my feet upon theirs. Another thing I don't think Mr. Editor you can be held responsible for the opinions of your correspondents, because they write under an assumed name, it can only be considered an act of Cowardice. I can admire Mr. Arango, I don't know whether his statements are true or not, but I congratulate him as a man with a backbone. Now this is just where we get off, all I, Mr. Julio Arango or any other person's statements are not true, then let those gentlemen who are offended, defend themselves thro' my paper, I will save their good names instead of taking an offensive attitude against your Paper.

I have been asked by many persons why I do not visit the Hall as I used to do, I have never given my reasons, but one reason is because I have joined a Lodge why I give up my membership in the U. N. I. A. This is a great mistake, because to give up membership in the U. N. I. A. and to give up membership in the Limon Division of the U. N. I. A. are two different things altogether, hence those

who are thinking so of me, will retract such an idea, for I am greatly interested in this great Organization of ours. They will appreciate the fact that it is with the same interest, that caused me to Organize in July 1922 the Central Francisco Div. No. 640 in Cuba, & was President for two years and resigned in 1924. In 1925 I readjusted the Central Vertientes Div. No. 782.

I also organized the Santa Cruz del Sur Div. and left those regions in 1926 with a clean sheet, as can be found out by writing those places or the Parent Body, but I simply refuse to link up myself with Immoral, Spiteful and unfair leaders.

This must not be interpreted to say that all of the Officers are guilty of such faults, nevertheless all Officers must live up to a high order of respectability as our Constitution demands.

I am now linking up with Parent Body as I do not like to remain non-financial one day God will help me to get to the place where I will find real men and women, when there will be no reason to be afraid of losing one's prestige and respect.

Thanking you Mr. Editor, I am yours for the Race.

JOHN J. SAMUELS

Hopes of Sugar

The Sugar Commission held its second & last public sitting at the Legislative Chamber, Headquarters House in Duke St. Kingston on the 3rd. Inst. There were present of the Commission Baron Olivier, Mr. D. M. Semple, Mr. G. A. Jones the Secretary, Mr. S. Caine & Miss E. E. Titchener then there were Lady Olivier and Mrs. G. A. Jones.

Mr. A. W. Farquharson, Chairman of The Jamaica Imperial Association, Mr. H. H. Cousins Director of Agriculture, Dr. J. G. Myers of the London Imperial Bureau on Entomology, Mr. O. H. Rose, Mr. Reginald Allen, Mr. G. Moodie Stewart, Mr. R. W. Jeratte of the Jamaica Sugar Estates, Mr. Fred. M. Ellis, Mr. H. S. Goodman, Mr. M. C. Barrett & Mr. Whitaker and a few other persons interested in the Sugar Industry.

After an exchange of compliments by The Director of Agriculture on behalf of the Governor & Baron Olivier they went into the question of the condition of The Industry.

Baron Olivier expressed himself that the prosperous condition of Jamaica made it very difficult for him to propose to his majesty's government any help to the Industry as it appeared to him in Jamaica.

His business was to investigate & find out for the Report of Lord Pasfield of His Majesty's government what effect there would be on the Revenue of the Colony and its labouring population by the withdrawal of the preference granted to West Indian Sugar in England which might Kill the Industry altogether without any corresponding protective allowance to this commodity, as is in contemplation by the government, but he proposed what would seem to be that seriousness in the Industry which is taken by other Colonies; from the fact that Jamaica plants change from Cane to Bananas and how could they be proposed what would mean extra profits than can be made by Sugar.

He pointed out that preference means extra Taxes to the English consumers, and he suggested that the proposed mean extra burden to the English labouring man when Jamaica was not dependent on Sugar for her prosperity.

The government through the medium of The Minister of Public works has annulled the Contract for the Construction of Roads and Bridges which was in the hands of the Simmons Construction Corporation and demanded that the Office with all its Utensils documents and paraphernalia be turned over to the chief Engineer of Public works Don Juan Matamoros and the Auditor Nacional de Cuentas Don Rafael Gonzalez, who presented themselves with three witnesses at six o'clock on Monday last in the offices of The Simmons Company to receive the Office; but Mr. R. W. Adams the Manager of the Coy. refused to hand over, on the grounds that by former correspondences relative to the claims by the Coy. of considerable amounts due them for works done and unpaid, it was agreed to refer the matter to an Arbitration not having been done, he did not consider the time had arrived for handing over, pending the further advice of his lawyer Don Luis Anderson.

The government has taken complete control of the works and advised the Coy. that they will not pay for anything that may be done henceforward by the Company, and that everything has been done in accordance with arrangements made by the Coy. to turn over as he would not then be in command of data necessary to carry out arbitration. The Department is determined to take decisive steps in the matter, hence development is being watched.

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as was the case in the other Colonies, Mr. Farquharson, who was principal spokesman for the Interests of Sugar, showed him that it was true all he said at this moment, but that the Director of Agriculture would inform him the Banana, disease was on its increase, and the expenses for combating the spread was a very serious outlay to the government and fears are entertained that in five or ten years hence if the Panama disease went on at the rate it is going, the Banana Industry of the Island would be a thing of the past therefore it would be unjust to quage control as they appear today. This suggested that some consideration should be granted by the British government, whether by preference, subsidy or other name, so as to place our Industry on a par with the Beet Sugar on which there is a Bounty or Subsidy in England and other countries.

Mr. Jeratte proposed that as there was the desire not to increase Taxes on the British Consumer, he suggested the abolition of the Subsidy on Beet Sugar at home which would equalize conditions & give some help to the West Indian.

The Baron said he did not think Mr. Snoevden would consider it good economics by exchanging the expenditure of money from one source to another did not think that the amount to be saved on the matter would be anything near like covering the need of Imperial Sugar, Mr. Jeratte said Possibly not, but in the absence of other help, it would help.

At this stage the Baron considered the recommendations and thanked the gentleman for their help and adjourned the Commission.

Mules for Sale

Farmers, Cartwrights & others who may need good mules should apply to Mr. J. A. Strachan at Peralta, who will be able to sell them first class pack mules at prices to suit the Crisis.

J. A. STRACHAN, Peralta.

Airplane Accident

From San Clemente, California comes the news of a terrific auto disaster, in which eight women and eight men came to their death by the crash of a passenger airplane belonging to the Transcontinental Transport Coy., which was going from Agua Caliente, Mexico to Los Angeles California. The Motors got out of condition and the plane crashed to earth, the gasoline Tanks exploding and a fire caused which completely destroyed everything and sixteen lives.

20 kilometers, from San Jose to Santa Ana 18 kilometers, from Cartago to Alajuela 46 kilometers; from Atenas to Rio Grande 6 kilometers; from Palmar to San Ramon 6 kilometers; in all 96 kilometers about sixty miles of Road which was contracted to this Company to be done on a Commission basis of so much per cent of the money spent on these works, but which the Department of Public works is now claiming that the cost of the works are excessive and not in accordance with arrangements, that cost of Supervision are unnecessarily exorbitant, Representative of the Coy. for instance being paid one thousand dollars per month which was not considered chargeable to the government, but to the Coy. being the representative of Mr. Simmons and should be paid by him from his Commission. The Simmons Coy. claims on the other hand, that the works have been declared by the Minister & his Engineers as perfectly satisfactory until now, by correspondences and through the Press and that everything has been done in accordance with arrangements under the inspection & vigilance of the Department, hence arbitration was agreed upon. This was the view which was put forward by this was arrived at, the government demanding the Office, which the Coy. refuse to turn over as he would not then be in command of data necessary to carry out arbitration. The Department is determined to take decisive steps in the matter, hence development is being watched.

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Views for our Correspondents From Liverpool A Briefed Rendering

Sunday January 12-1930, at 11.45 a. m. will long be remembered by the Officers Members, friends, and Well-wishers of that community When that division Obsequiously complied with the order of the Parent Body in staging a special meeting on the above mentioned day. Success again crowned their efforts as usual in that division.

The opening ode was sung by the audience and the Preliminary was rendered according to the instructions of ritual by Mr. J. McCalla Pres of Cedar Creek Div. as Acting Chaplain who punctuated with satisfaction and in turn delivered the Meeting to Mr. L. O. Graham, President as Chairman who in a few well selected remarks introduced the purpose of the meeting. Along with a well prepared program. Among the principal addresses delivered were one each by Mr. Douglas of Rio Madre, Mr. Naaman Wellington of Madre de Dios Mr. Kelly of Toro and Mrs. M. Kates of Kent Meeting adjourned at 2.35 p. m. The members severed their ties from the institution in expression of determination in the forehead for the year 1930 Success for us is sure is here already.

Naaman Wellington reporter

BAD BEHAVIOUR

It was indeed painful to realize that people of Limon have yet to be taught how to behave themselves in a place of worship. Such was the case, and though it is that on January 5th, the Rev. Archdeacon Oakley in the office of the Superintendent made remonstrances to the worshippers of St. Mark's church of the attitude of disrespect carried on in the precincts of the church.

If there have been cases where any misunderstanding has developed between the adherents of the Church and the Reverend gentleman, we can safely say in this case although the Archdeacon made emphasis on the subject, there was not a single word uttered that should cause offence.

We are sorry that such remonstrances were necessary, as it reflects badly on the behaviourism of our community. But it is an established fact that, absurdness, discourtesy, repugnance and indecent language contributes so much to the make up of the lives of so many of our people, that it has become simply a matter of course to take these repugnances with them in every place, and scatter them with an extraordinary amount of freedom and satisfaction.

The Naval Conference, was formally opened at eleven o'clock on Tuesday by His Majesty King George in the House of Lords. St. James Palace has been put at the disposal of the conference and this has given special space to the Press Representatives for their activities, in which there are assembled over 400 Newspaper men, one room is fitted out with 50 telephones, and special cablegram lines fitted to all countries of the world, from which there are 30 nations watching, inasmuch as this conference is only on behalf of the five leading Naval Powers of the World, and these five delegations are composed of over two hundred & fifty diplomats, Technical advisers & Secretaries.

In all the history of London it has never witnessed such a pompous and imposing, meeting of Diplomats and international naval experts. So soon as the meeting is officially opened, in the House of Lords, it will repair to St. James Palace in the Historic chambers where Queen Elizabeth interviewed Sir Francis Drake in 1588 to outline the plan of battle against the Spanish Armada of Spain. This Conference is estimated to last anywhere between a month to six months according to the Harmony or nonharmony of the discussions to be put forward by the Representatives. The principal points to be discussed is to arrive at a general disarmament of the Powers as was agreed on by them at the Treaty of Versailles.

To arrive at a parity of Naval forces between Great Britain and The United States to avoid a competition for Naval

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The St. Mark's Choir rendered a very beautiful 'Christmas Carol' in the Church on the Sunday night of the 5th, inst. In accompanying this very musical selection the organist performed the organ recital which exposed the fine and sonorous octaves contained in the instrument. Mrs. Dayle who led in the Soprano displayed the possession of musical genius, and she indeed her voice to the tone of the organ with such ingenuity, that at times only a musical ear was capable of making the distinction, Mr. Vincent Gray who led the bass solo, rendered the production of music contained in the words that the congregation was tempted to call for an 'Encore'. But the thrill came when the whole Choir joined in the Gloria, and in repeating the words 'GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH, PEACE, GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN', the voices with their reaching seemed to glorify God, and with an earnest desire to glorify God, and a conviction of the real 'Peace and good will' which he brought among men.

Limon Friendly and Literary Association

THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED AS OFFICERS FOR 1930

President, Monsieur Edward Carnier Vice President, Mr. Frank Cox; Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Ruddock; Secretary, Mr. Charles Hayling; Director of Sports, Mr. Stephen Robertson; Librarian, Mr. L. M. Leary; Managing Committee, Mr. O. Bloomfield, Mr. John Campbell, and Mr. Alfred Hill.

Ed. Note.—It is with pride, we note the continued determination of this Club to keep the annual affair which was organized by the Revd. Raynes-Waite Smith of St. Marks Church some 18 years ago for the intellectual, Social & Spiritual uplift of the youngsters of Limon, it belies every aspiring youngster of the Province to think seriously of The Limon Friendly and Literary Association.

An Organ for Sale

A fine eleven stops Organ for Sale in first class condition. Can be seen at Mr. Bucknor's home in Limon. Prices very moderate for Cash.

MRS. FUCHNOR, Limon.

Sports...Sports

It has been always said that here in Limon there is no place to go, Well I have to introduce to you through this wonderful paper called 'The Searchlight', that there will be a place to go and spend a good time any hour, day or night in Limon.

Only just touch out for the time, so read 'The Searchlight' and look for an advertisement of the opening of the 'V', where you will have all kinds of fun. Skating, Dancing, and all other kinds of amusements with the Ice Cream, Soda and other refreshments, at hand. Keep looking for the advertisement in the papers, don't get tired.

THE 'V'.

LOU K! STOP READ!

All Eyes should be on the QUI VIVE for the opening of the 'V' at Sixth Avenue (Back Street near the Free Adventist Church). A Dance will be given for the Public on the 4th. FEBRUARY, SKATING on the 6th. There will be a good time at the 'V' for Patrons all day. Day and Night service. Delicious Ice Cream and other Refreshments will be on Sale.

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M. A. DRUMMOND Pres. & Treas.

L. BROWN Vice-Pres. & Secy.

To Alleviate Distress

Due to the distress caused by the flood of over a year ago to residents in Chinripa, Estrada, Matina and La Junta Principally, an amalgamated meeting of all the Churches and Fraternal Societies was called for the purpose of creating a Relief Fund for relieving the immediate suffering of the sufferers in those Districts. Representatives of a few of the Lodges came out & promised to cooperate in the laudable undertaking, but whether their promises did not meet the approval of the Lodges to which they belonged or what, we do not know but they never did assist as they promised.

Of the Religious bodies, only Ensign Wright of the Salvation Army cooperated in the charitable cause. He was named Treasurer of the Committee of the Fund and Mr. S. C. Nation in his capacity of Presiding Ex-President of the U. N. I. A. was named Chairman.

We approached the U. F. Co. for aid in the cause, and the management in their usual generosity gave us an Excursion train free of Cost to Siquirres. Well it rained all day and Mr. Peña, of Siquirres very kindly placed his Theatre at our disposal to entertain our pleasure seekers with the music. The Committee accumulated a nucleus for this Fund of £ 166.95 which was placed in the Hands of the treasurer Ensign Wright, and is still there, we tried to devise means of enlarging that fund but with no success.

Sometime ago I asked the officers of the U. N. I. A. to let us draw the money (for it is in John Keith's Bank) and distribute it, but they said they had nothing to do with it, as it was entirely the business of Mr. Smith, Ensign Wright and the chairman of the Committee. I am subsequently informed by Ensign Wright that some of the officers of the Limon Division have written him with a view of putting that money at their disposal; to which I object, and am proposing, that as this Amt. so long kept away from the distressed people it was intended to serve is now unnecessary for that purpose, we will by these means invite public sentiments to say to what charitable purpose calculated to serve the coloured Community shall this Amt. be Spent. I have not had opportunity of seeing Mr. Smith, but Ensign Wright & myself have decided on this Step & believe Mr. Smith will agree.

We therefore invite through the columns of this Weekly during the month of February, the Expressions by short articles of say twenty lines from our readers what best shall be done with this Amt. of £ 166 by way of charity to deserving causes.

Tricks in Water supply

The attention of The Governor and the Municipal officers is called to the little tricks that are worked upon some unsuspecting citizens at times by some of the employees of the Government for the purpose of earning pocket money. Mr. Boothe of fourth Avenue states that for some four months he has suffered from a stoppage of water in his pipe, he has complained to those attending to such affairs repeatedly, only to be told that his pipes were bad and wanted to be dug up and replaced but not being in funds to tackle the job he contented himself by getting water the best he could from his neighbour around, and by accident he appealed to one of the peones in the Department to see what was wrong, when to his disgust and surprise, the man went to the lock out valve and showed him that his water was locked off from him on the Sidewalk, when on turning the key the precious fluid rushed in in great quantity. This man let the secret out, and told him that this is done at times when some of the bosses are in need of a twenty colonos pip, he pretends to dig up a really the pipe for a couple of hours & then turns on the water and earns his "Propina" to the great pleasure & satisfaction of the owner of the lot, never dreaming that he has been duped.

News of Cedar Creek

Mr. J. A. McCall of Cedar Creek writes to say that the inhabitants of the surrounding Districts Toro Liverpool and San José must have been notified of the Medical Department of the United Fruit Coy. sending their travelling Dispensary attended to by their very kind & sympathetic Druggist Mr. S. Blinn to attend to the needs of the sick these parts.

This is indeed a great boon to our poor people here and supplies a long felt want. There are scores of poor sick of school and old people to go into Hospital, altho' suffering they prefer getting out door treatment and remain in their homes to be attended to by their family and to be able to work out their interests in their small stock etc. around their holdings hence this accommodation is much appreciated by them, and they are all very grateful for timely aid and considerations extended them by Dr. Salbury and his Associate Doctors. These attentions are of twofold benefits; it is a means of causing a greater satisfaction and endorsement by the peasantry towards the Company, as well as lessening the cost of the maintenance in Hospital expenditure.

We beg to congratulate the Department for their thoughtfulness in this direction.

News of Estrella Valley

This Division held their Annual Harvest Festival on 19th. inst got up by Mr. J. A. Reid President and his Associate officers. The function was opened by Mr. D. Spencer by Singing "From the Green" by Mr. Murray, the 3rd chapter of Joel was read. He then commented on the words "Put in this Sickle for the Harvest is ripe".

The people of the vicinity turned out in great numbers. Several addresses were given, among the speakers being Messrs Z. Alwood and J. Forbes who spoke on our "Opportunities" Mr. Johnson also spoke on the theme of

NAVAL CONFERENCE...

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Supremacy which may lead to a rupture.

To reduce as far as is possible the Construction of new ships of war, with a view of savings to the Nation's of considerable sums of money, thereby relieving the Taxpayers of the necessary demands on them.

To avoid the rivalry of France and Italy in the Establishing of an amicable understanding of vigilance in the Mediterranean suitable for Great Britain, France & Italy.

To seal the understanding in Naval Armaments among the Powers arrived at by the Conference in Washington in 1921, which broke down by the disharmony over the questions of Cruisers & submarines in the Geneva Conference of 1927.

The insistence of France to conserve the force of submarine warfare as a principal factor, to which England is opposed supported by the United States. The desire of Japan to increase her Cruiser force and her auxiliary ships including submarines.

The adherence by France & Italy for a general limitation of land and sea forces, rather than by a categorical limitation, and to dedicate their strength in light Cruisers and submarines, which must be considered in equally conjoint and not individually as is proposed by England, United States and Japan.

These are the points being watched by the different delegations and the world's largest ship building industry.

Adoption by the League of Nations.

our "Understanding of things as we ought to be, a League then exhorting the audience to continue living in the right line of thought to be able to attract the appreciation of the community in their movements.

A song was nicely rendered by Mr. J. Mason accompanied by Miss Nezzie Franklin on the Organ. After which Mr. J. A. Reid the President thanked the Visiting Officers who so helpfully contributed to make this Harvest such a success. At the end of the Function, Mr. J. A. Franklin druggist for the U. F. Coy. in San José, was promised to institute a Sunday School to take care of the Spiritual needs of the young ones in the section - which was telephonic news to all present.

JAMES FLEMING

Secretary

For Governmental Aid

From Madre de Dios comes the News of what seems a peculiar sickness in that locality, resulting in the death of several people. Mr. Z. Farabee writes to say that the subject is taken ill with a feeling of nausea in the Stomach which soon develops into vomiting then the loss of speech, then follows convulsions and in a day or two the patient dies.

This malady started in the home of Mrs. Henrietta Clark in October last she lost a son by it, on the 3rd, December the lost a granddaughter, on the 17th, Jan. a child died from it; on 20th, January another woman died on 21st she lost herself too in and on the 22nd another member of the same family is now on dying from the same cause.

Has this not been reported to our very energetic Jefe Polanco don Lesmes Suarez, so he could see that the Medical officer goes to investigate this illness?

It might be a form of vomiting sickness and delay might be dangerous to Public Health.

Successful Jamaican

It was our great pleasure to meet Dr. Uriah N. Murray, who is now 3rd Assistant Medical Officer at the Mental Hospital in Jamaica.

Dr. Murray started his Medical career in Costa Rica, having kept a Dispensary at San José Creek (now Estrada) some years ago. He had the aspirations of a Doctor, profession, and as soon as he accumulated sufficient funds, he left for the United States and took up his studies, and passing creditably his exams, he went home to Jamaica to practise, but the government soon saw the Doctors capabilities and engaged his services in the Lunatic Asylum.

He recently obtained six months leave of absence and went on to London and took up a further course in mental disease work, and on his way back to Jamaica take up his duties, he called here on the S. S. Sutaco of the Elders & Fyffes line coming direct from England by way of Trinidad.

We met Dr. Murray by accident in Dr. McRae's Drug Store and spent a few happy moments together in recollections of the good old times. Every Jamaican must be proud of Dr. Murray's ambition and his consequent success.

THE SEARCHLIGHT congratulates Dr. Murray and will wish him more successes.

Prophecies for 1930

Professor Dr. Hugh Robinson who has been brought into notoriety by his prognostications during the past three years, has been proved to be a scientific ment that he was in constant communication with the Planet Mars.

He now says he has messages from the great prophet Ukonga in Mars that the year 1930 will be filled with horrible catastrophes for this earth - so terrible that the prophet refuses to give details, but suffice to say we shall have disastrous earthquakes, tidal waves, openings and sinking of the earth, inundations and such like calamities, he refuses to give extent of mankind's suffering, for fear of some panic mad from panic at the thought of the horror.

He predicted the fall in New York money market six months before it happened.

And now he prophesies by a message sent from Ukonga that if New

York does not cease at once from its hungerings after Mammon the love of gold in the United States, they will experience a panic never before heard of.

Naturalizations

By the official Gazette it is seen Messrs Josiah Barrett Gordon and Ezekiel Warren Williams, both originating from Jamaica have been granted letters of Naturalization as subjects of Costa Rica.

Happenings in Haiti

Republican Senator Blaine for Wisconsin, is opposing the suggestion of President Hoover, to send a Commission to enquire into the effective the law. Senator Harris says he refused to spend the additional expenditures necessary to carry out the prohibition plans.

Mellon criticized

Secretary Mellon is also accused by the prohibitionists for not doing all that he should to make the effective the law. Senator Harris says he refused to spend the additional expenditures necessary to carry out the prohibition plans.

Expected rupture in Film Companies

Isidore Oscar, President of the Gaumont British Pictures Coy is gone to New York to interview Mr. William Fox, of the American Fox Film Corporation, difficulties which are arising between these two Companies, which conjointly control three hundred British Theatres.

Indians condemned

Due to the unrest in India on account of which, Gandhiji is demanding the independence of India, twelve leading nationalists Indians have been sentenced to death. They have appealed to the Supreme Court of Calcutta.

The Bonds of the Indian government have fallen to its lowest ebb since last year.

Extradition

The Nicaraguan prisoner Jose Eulogio Castro Gonzalez, who is alleged to be implicated in a plot to assassinate President Moncada escaped to Costa Rica and was arrested & detained in San José at the instance of the Nicaraguan government, pending the Extradition papers these have arrived, but Castro Gonzalez put in a claim on Costa Rica proving that his father was a Costa Rica.

The matter was referred to the Supreme Court who decided that Castro lost his rights of protection by Costa Rica by his having occupied Governmental positions in Nicaragua. Hence he will be sent across the border to Nicaraguan authorities who have passed the death sentence on him.

Dr. VARGAS ONLY OSTEOPATH in Costa Rica, no drugs, no surgery. Office 125 yards North of Dista Oriental - P. O. Box 534, San José.

A New School

It is with great pleasure that we announce to our readers that Mr. Morgan who we are well acquainted with and who was Teacher at one time in the Baptist School here, has opened an educational establishment in the city of Panama called THE PANAMA TUTORIAL SCHOOL. He advertises to give a course in Commercial training and preparation for secondary examination.

Mr. Morgan possesses certificates of high scholastic honors from his island Jamaica, and he carries with him a restlessness in establishing himself in his profession as a Teacher where his services may be appreciated. There are standing proofs of his qualifications as a teacher in the person of Miss Lionel Atkins now employed in the Limon Agency Bureau, who attended private advanced classes while in Jamaica conducted here. We wish him good luck in his vocation.

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Así podríamos llamar a una tendencia de nuestro pueblo, que cada día toma más arraigo; no se puede saber, a punto fijo, que móviles le que fueran operan en esta corriente de terco fanatismo; pero lo cierto es que toma incremento, y se hace necesario llamar la atención de los ciudadanos para que limiten este vicio o flaqueza a su mínima expresión.

Sucedee que entre nuestros campesinos y también entre nuestra gente culta de provincia, cada vez que tienen que resolver un problema local, bien sea de fomento o de interés social, no encuentran otra persona de mayores luces, que no más que el cura párroco, que le presta el apoyo a resolver sus dificultades, que el señor cura es su respectiva parroquia. Tal vez a su lado tienen hombres capacitados por todo concepto en lo intelectual y moral, pero ellos en su ceguera, no lo comprenden y se van como las aguijas atraídas por el imán hacia el cura. Este fenómeno, se opera mayormente cuando se presenta la campaña para la elección de diputados: nuestra gente a los primeros que vuelven a ver como magníficos representantes de sus intereses, es a los señores párrocos de sus pueblos, y sus papeletas no pueden ser lanzadas, si no llevan a la cabeza el nombre de su confesor.

Tenemos en el actual Congreso cuatro sacerdotes y la probabilidad de ver en el vendidero cinco o seis, contando entre ellos un Obispo. Continuando en esta forma, llegará el día en que nuestro Poder Legislativo se halle integrado en su totalidad por el clero, y nosotros no seamos más que unos monaguillos que ayudemos a decir la misa.

Mientras otros países como Colombia van librándose de las prácticas del fanatismo conservador, nosotros vamos hacia ellas.

Esto que digo no es hostilidad para nadie, no me mueve mala voluntad para con los señores clérigos, entre los cuales hay verdaderos valores intelectuales y sumamente virtuosos, sino que combato el error de nuestro pueblo al ver en ellos sus únicos mentores u hombres capaces de dirigir sus intereses, como también reprocho que los llamados a desempeñar una misión sagrada como es la de enseñar la religión en todas sus fases, se imbecilizan demasiado en la política, descuidando su misión y más bien contribuyendo con sus discursos u otras maniobras a la disociación de sus feligreses. Los malos deben curarse a tiempo, por eso debemos desde ahora iniciar la campaña contra el Curisimo politico.

ARTURO DEUIEP

EXPLICACION

To "Searchlight" of Limon

Mr. Editor:

In your issue of January 4th, 1930, articles were printed against Mr. Hon. T. Smith (President of the Port Limon Division) a delegate to the sixth international Convention of the Negro people of the world of August 1929). Mr. Alchick Vice-President and myself. Now I shall make no reference with regards the other two names mentioned as I know they are capable to strike back in proper style. Now I suggest a challenge that you tackle me personally, putting your criticism in the shape of questions, you were very diplomatic from the fact that you know what surrounds the situation. From the fact that during the holiday season we were very busy and could not really waste time about you, having much time now, I may tickle you a little, which tickling will be published elsewhere so that an opportunity be given you to see it.

As for your issue of the 4th, in preference of wasting time with the press, I suggest a challenge that you fix it in the column of your week ly, to take the public platform, (on which you may get the only chance to appear on the platform of the Port Limon Division).

If you agree, I suggest that you invite your best and most intelligent friends to listen the debate I will speak to Mr. Orangotang later.

C. C. CORNWALL

ED NOTE—This gentleman in attempting to clear himself of the questions asked by correspondents to "The Searchlight", endeavored to throw his responsibilities on me, by inviting me to step down to his platform, but I would reply as Jesus did when Satan offered him the grandeur of this world. If he refers to my correspondent Mr. Julio Arango as "Orangotang" I can only infer that as a Negro he accepts the doctrine of "Darwin" which justifies my decision in not dropping down to a monkey's platform.

He will not waste time with the Press being too dignified, he prefers his Platform where he can indulge in abusive language.

From San Clemente Estrella Valley

This Village was thrown into great excitement on Wednesday 22nd when a most sad accident caused a gloom over the entire Community.

For some weeks now there has been a few youngsters from San José relatives of our genial and kind Mandador of San Clemente Farm Mr. Ramon Jiménez o his wife spending their vacation here; on Wednesday they all in Company with the little Miss Quiros daughter of our Supt of Farms for this Div. Mr. Alfredo Quiros went to pass a few hours of recreation on the seabeach a little distance from the Farm, on their way they met a little boat anchored in a small rivule which runs to the sea, the lady in their frocksome mood bent on spending a happy day jumped into the boat, with the idea that their Companion Miss Quiros who had a Camera should little snap a picture of them, but to their great surprise the boat capsized and with them all, with the sad result that one of the lost Master Antonio Jiménez, son of don Carlos María Jiménez of San José got drowned.

The sorrow and consternation can better be imagined than described among all classes around this farm. The happy Camaraderie that existed among the youngsters and their pleasant manners among the wassany here has made the misfortune very keenly felt by all in the vicinity and it will take a long time to wear away the sorrow that exists in the hearts of everyone around San Clemente.

A Train was brought from Limon with Dr. Jiménez brother of our unfortunate lad who is only twelve years old and several sympathizers who made the necessary and took the body into Limon to be conveyed to San José to his grief stricken parents.

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marks said that he was glad to be in a thanksgiving meeting on such a time and season. And he felt that not only as a body of people but that every individual has something to give thanks for or to express his or her gratitude to God for the many mercies we have had from Him in the past; another Hymn was sung. Guide me Oh thou great Jehovah. The meeting was then thrown open. When the members and visiting friends all expressed their appreciation of the invitation and joined in giving thanks unto the Lord after a enjoyable night was spent the meeting was closed with the Benediction. And all retired to the Banquet Hall.

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ties, and the indications of our approaching elections point to two-more, and among them a Bishop.

We are among those who feel that our Spiritual Comforters should not get mixed up in Politics, we think that if a Priest is looking after the needs of his flock, he would not have time to consider weighty matters of the industrial, Commercial, economic and diplomatic progress of his country, one or the other is sure to be neglected, and we feel sure it will be the interests of his Congregation that is going to suffer.

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El viaje del Sr. Gobernador de Limón y su comitiva de Guápiles a Turrialba, el día 19 de Diciembre de 1928

A las seis de la mañana nos pusimos en marcha. Don Alberto Céspedes estaba tan cansado que nos dijo que lo dejaríamos en ese rancho por un par de días y que luego seguiría para Cañadillas en donde tenía un amigo. Conseguiamos que Serrano nos sirviera de vaquero para llevarnos hasta la finca de don Florentino al pie del Volcán Turrialba y para que nos llevara la otra chiquita, pues del otro hombre, no habíamos sabido desde la noche anterior y yo no era capaz de llevar ni el compás ni el mapa además del queso. Desde las seis de la mañana caminamos a pie por entre montañas pasando por unos pasos peligrosos, por unos derrumbes que era preferible pasar arrastrados, pues eran en unos precipicios muy profundos en donde el que caía no podía contar el cuento. Como a las dos horas de camino nos encontramos con el campamento de la noche anterior quien andubo loco dando vueltas por todas partes hasta que por casualidad llegó a un rancho de una señora vivida en donde pudo encontrar algo y pasar una noche caliente. Éste se agregó a nuestra comitiva, se hizo cargo de la chiquita de nuevo y seguimos nuestra jornada siempre trepando por las montañas y así llegamos por fin a la lechería de don Florentino Castro a las doce del día en los preciosos momentos en que estaban ordeñando. Pedimos que nos vendieran leche y nos dieron un galón por delante y pudimos saborear un vaso y luego otro de esa espumante y deliciosa leche de las vacas famosas de pura raza. Algunos de nuestros compañeros tomaron un poco de leche y se ayudaron que les cayó mal y se descompusieron y arrojaron. A las chiquitas les llenamos sus botellitas y así con su comitiva y el campamento de la noche y nos pasaron al comedor de la lechería y la señora encargada de la cocina nos brindó un café delicioso y unas empanadas y un tartañal así que nos volvió locos. En la cocina habían varias muchachas muy bonitas que traspasaron a muchos de nuestros compañeros y nos costó mucho comenzar la comida de nuevo pues opinaban que debíamos de quedarnos y pasar allí la Noche Buena!

Hicimos las gestiones posibles para conseguir siquiera tres bestias para los señores y para las chiquitas pero por desgracia el Administrador de la finca señor Casalla no podía; así es, que después de haber despachado a un hombre con unas provisiones para don Alberto Céspedes y otras para don Eliseo y familia que estaban en esos momentos en la famosa Galera de la finca donde se usaban para el trabajo terrible del 22, salimos arrastrándonos por un pésimo camino carretero lleno de todo pero con la suerte de tener un día de lo más lindo con un sol que nos enviaba el Niño Dios para que olvidáramos los malos tiempos que habíamos pasado.

Habíamos caminado unas cuantas horas llevando el queso en el estómago que conseguimos entre los peones de don Florentino con rumbo a Santa Elena, cuando nos topamos con el Sr. Casalla quien se compadeció de las señoras y les ofreció mandarnos en cuanto llegara a la finca tres bestias, como en efecto lo hizo. En una se montó mi señora con la niñita más bonita, se la otra montó don Eliseo y yo tomé la tercera llevando por delante a la chiquita. Paso a paso fuimos

avanzando con los compañeros de a pie y llegamos a las cinco de la tarde a Santa Elena en donde nos esperaba don Juan Umalá vecino de ese lugar, por lo que su hijo don José Manuel empleado de la United Fruit en Guápiles había sido el que nos entregó las mulas y la bicicleta telegrafado avisándole. Hacía días estaban en nuestra finca sin ningún resultado. Allí en una casa de una buena gente nos brindaron una tasa de café y nos facilitaron un hombre con su caballo para enviar a Santa Elena las telegramas. Uno para el señor Presidente de la República pidiéndole un tren expreso a nuestra legada a Turrialba y otro para el jefe Político de ese lugar para que nos enviara un Camión a Aiqueres. Nos dieron en Santa Elena unas mulas que ocuparon los demás compañeros menos el amigo Sáurez porque no podía montar en pelo y no había más monturas, ése siguió avanzándose hasta Aiqueres en donde llegamos a las ocho de la noche.

Vivimos aquí la gran suerte de encontrarnos con el simpático amigo don Jorge Arrea quien nos llevó a su casa, brindándonos un trago primero que nos supo a gloria y luego nos pasó al comedor donde el señor nos brindó un verdadero banquete. Nos pareció a nosotros un verdadero sueño de Hadad!

Vermos así haraposos en aquella casa tan linda, con luz eléctrica con tanta buena gente y con tan rica comida. Ésa fue para nosotros la verdadera Noche Buena! Qué Dios los bendiga y les dé siempre mucha suerte y salud! Después de comida la señora les dio a las chiquitas sus botellitas de leche y les obsequió unas ropitas pues venían sin calzoncillos ni medias, únicamente envueltas en unos sacos de ganchote. Cuando llegó el camión de carga nos montamos en él y fue tanta nue... a alegría que no pudimos menos que lanzar unos vivas a Aiqueres, a la familia Arrea y al señor Gobernador de Limón!

Bajamos las cuerdas encantados de la vida deshaciendo en pocos momentos lo que tanto trabajo nos costó subir. Con una luna preciosa hicimos nuestra entrada triunfal a Turrialba que fue para nosotros esa noche como si hubiéramos llegado a París. Allí nos esperaba el jefe Político para llevarnos a comer pero como ya lo habíamos hecho en Aiqueres, por no desearlo fuimos al hotel y tomamos unas tasas de café. El Conde Brenes Díaz nos dio la gran noticia de que el tren estaba listo a la orden del señor Gobernador y su comitiva y después de pasar al telégrafo a avisar a nuestras familias que habían salido de Guápiles por medio de "preferencias" que nunca llegaron, o que llegaron después de nosotros, nos montamos en el tren sin que nadie de ninguno especie pues todo había quedado perdido en las engrasadas montañas de Guápiles!! A las diez de la noche salimos de Turrialba y al partir el tren las dos señoras llamaron a todos los compañeros y les dijeron que creyeran o no creyeran tenían que acompañarlas para rezar el santo rosario a Dios y juntos en acción de gracias a Dios y en efecto lo hicieron. Hardman se acercó y todas a voz en cuello seguían con piedad fervorosa ese rosario por tanto beneficio que Dios nos concedió habiendo pasado por tanto peligro y llegando todos sin la menor novedad. A las once y media de la noche paró el tren en Cartago, en ese lugar nos despedimos de nuestros compañeros con un abrazo muy grande; fue un momento en que al abrazar a cada uno de ellos sentimos

lo mismo que siente un viajero al separarse de sus compañeros de un largo viaje. Un verdadero pesar!!

Nos quedamos en Cartago mi señora y yo con nuestras chiquitas en medio de un frío horroroso; como el telegrama de preferencia no había llegado, nadie nos esperaba; entonces nos fuimos caminando y por gran suerte como era Noche Buena, nos encontramos con un automóvil pasado frente al Mercado. La apariencia nuestra era la de la de la noche, con capas de hule puestas y las chiquitas envueltas en ganchotes, debe de haberle hecho impresión al chofer, pues cuando le dije que si nos podía llevar al Tejar y que por cuanto lo hacía, me contestó que con el mayor gusto y que me cobraría «tres colores». Salimos disparados, y al dar las doce, pasábamos frente a la casa de mi señora, en los preciosos momentos en que la gente entraba a la Misa del Gallo.

Como hacia poco tiempo que había muerto trágicamente mi querido amigo Carlos León, nosotros teníamos a su hermano Elías y su familia, en donde teníamos a nuestros dos hijos mayores, estuvieran en Cartago acompañando a la vida y a su hijo en su casa, así que para ellos; así fue que al partir al otro frente a la casa, le dije a mi señora que se quedara esperando mientras yo averiguaba si estaban, y me bajé con la chiquita que estaba bien dormida. Elías duerme siempre con las puertas abiertas, así es que sin dificultad entré hasta el comedor, conguito al dormitorio, y llamé duro «Elías... ¿dónde me contestó extrañado, y me dijo: ... Carlos! Me lo respondí: ¡No Soy yo...! Che-quell! Entonces él brinco de la cama, prendió la luz y me dijo: ¡Che-quell! ¡Fíjate los ojos! ¡Admirados de mí, luego nos dimos un fuerte abrazo, y como no nos habíamos visto después de la terrible desgracia que les pasó a él y a su hijo, me acordé de nosotros empujados tanto los dos, que no podíamos hablar...»

Yo le puse la chiquita en la cama, envuelta en el ganchote y salí para buscar a mi señora, y entonces me creyó que la chiquita estaba muerta! ¡Salí detrás de mí, en momentos en que entrábamos en la otra, también envuelta en ganchote y dormida, y mas grande fue su pesadumbre, pues creyó que la desgracia nos había hecho perder a nuestras dos chiquitas!

Después de contarle todo lo que dejó relatado en estas líneas, nos llevaron a la cocina y nos dieron una taza de café y otras golosinas. Luego nos fuimos a despertar a todos los demás chiquitas, inclusive a los dos pequeños, los que no comprendían cómo habíamos llegado cabalmente a las doce de la noche, cuando el Niño Dios ponía los juguetes.

Al llegar a la legada nuestra, fue una fiesta a esas horas. Luego nos acostamos a descansar, y al día siguiente aquella casa se convirtió en una romería, pues todos los vecinos desahagaron voces y oír nuestras aventuras. Como llegamos en estado de verdaderos naufragos, tuvimos que tomar cama mientras nos lavábamos las vestidas que nos habían acompañado los dos últimos días de la jornada. Mi cuñada Finy se encargó de quitarme las hambres atrozadas y me estuvo cuidando todo el día con bocadillos especiales, y yo devoraba cada plato que ella me llevaba... Pero como el estómago estaba delicado por el largo ayuno a que habíamos estado sometidos, me dio esa noche un cólico tan fuerte, que si no es por los remedios que me hicieron mi señora y mis demás hermanos, hubiera corrido la suerte de llegar a morir totalmente en la cama, después de haber desfilado tantísimo peligro!

Mi señora, apesar de ser tan delgada y de estar un poco enferma, no tomó cama y siguió desde muy temprano con sus tareas ordinarias con sus chiquitos.

Esa día, Elías y su familia salió para Tierra Blanca a pasar su temporada de verano de los próximos años, y nosotros resolvimos estar en el Tejar un día de días mas, y el sábado salimos también nosotros en automóvil hasta la mitad del camino, en donde nos encontramos con Elías y las bestias para montarnos y continuamos el viaje así, llegando a Tierra Blanca, en donde pasé unos días de lo más contento, recordando la gran aventura que me había pasado, me lo lecdese ni al peor de mis enemigos.

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