

COURT PROCEEDINGS AND DECISIONS

Criminal Court in Limon charges of misappropriation against Frederick Henry Gordon for a result of British Consular views of our Readers

April, 22 of 1930.

Archibald Campbell Douglas, until recently His Britannic Majesty's Vice-Consul for Limon, acting in virtue of instructions from the British Ministry for Costa Rica, has filed charges against Frederick Henry Gordon, his Predecessor, for supposed fraud and criminal misappropriation of moneys belonging to the British Government, while he was entrusted with the British Consulate here.

These charges were filed prior to Mr. Douglas' departure from the country, in a rather extensive written complaint which was accompanied by various documents from the British Ministry, attesting Mr. Douglas' authority from the British Government to prefer those charges. The charges are based on sections 2 and 7 of Article 382 of the Penal Code. The complainant relates that Frederick Henry Gordon, while acting as British Consul in the Province of Limon, and from which position he resigned on June 30 of 1928, misappropriated £ 406.10.8, appertaining to bills of the "Bank of America" in United States Currency, from moneys that were entrusted to him otherwise; further, it is alleged, in the said complaint, that £ 363.12.4, were also embezzled by Gordon from the "Bank of America" in United States Currency, £ 468.11.11, drawn by him to cancel Hospital debts with the United Fruit Company, for the first quarter in 1928, was never paid; that \$ 960.00 United States Currency for suppose Hospital services rendered to British sailors and for which Gordon drew £ 580.00, for the quarter ending June 30, 1928, were also misappropriated; and finally, that the accused attempted to draw against the "Foreign Office Expense Fund" £ 876.2.9, through the Royal Bank of Canada, but as the "Bank" refused making that payment unless the cheque was duly countersigned by Mr. Frank N. Cox, British Consul General in San Jose, Gordon failed in this attempt.

At the defendant, Frederick Henry Gordon, was absent at the time the charges were filed, his wife appointed Mr. Albino Villalobos, a local Attorney-at-Law, to represent him; and since Villalobos' appointment as Counsel for the defence, the activities have been limited to secure a charge of jurisdiction of the charges, sustaining the theory that no crime was committed and that the Court should pronounce itself in this manner and instruct the complainant Government to seek recovery through the Civil Jurisdiction. This motion was overruled however, by the Court when deciding the charges recently.

"The office of British Consul is an important one and the incumbent as such is entrusted with his Government's affairs; since the charges were filed and investigation commenced, the defendant left the country and is still absent; no one has accounted for his whereabouts nor guaranteed his return; his lawyer for the accused has presented briefs in the behalf of his client, but these briefs have been restricted exclusively to the argument that the Court has no jurisdiction over this matter; the accused has preferred: in the opinion of Counsel for the defendant, no criminal offence has been committed and the redress should be sought by a Civil Action; nevertheless the Court's dictum has produced no evidence to refute the charges under consideration nor has he shown the form prescribed by law in the lack of jurisdiction of the Court in this matter; the Court therefore, sustains its conception that the facts alleged in the complaint against the defendant are defined as crimes in our Penal Code duly prescribed and sanctioned. This was the Court's dictum. A preliminary hearing of the charges will be held some time during the coming week the result of which, we shall inform our readers through these columns. At a preliminary hearing in the case of the Government versus James Brown, charged with attempt to commit

at "El Carmen" in the District of Siquirres on the 23rd, of October last, was held on the 11th of March. The Government was represented by the Prosecuting Attorney and the defendant by Barrister Emilio Odio Mendez of the "El Limon Service Bureau".

The information recites that on or about 10 o'clock on the night of October 23 while Walter Rogers was sleeping on a bed in his bedroom, someone willfully, maliciously and with the intention of killing, discharged a gun from below the flooring of the said room, and that some of the buckshots penetrated his left ribs.

An investigation was conducted into the matter by the Alcalde de Siquirres (who presided), the Prosecuting Attorney and the Police Magistrate of "El Carmen". As a result of this Brown was arrested and detained on an informal charge of attempting to commit murder. This action was taken in view of the testimonies of six witnesses, all of whom gave statements to the effect that the defendant Brown had on numerous occasions threatened to take Rogers' life, who he claimed was indebted to him for moneys which he had loaned him and which Rogers had subsequently refused to return; some of the witnesses stated also, that Brown evaded Rogers for his position and that he had revealed them having made a trip to Limon expressly for the purpose of prearranging his defence with an Attorney-at-Law, who would defend him after he had killed Rogers.

The Court, in its decision, in closing his allegations in the defendant's behalf, Barrister Odio concluded his writ of March 7th, by expressing himself as follows: "Notwithstanding the activity displayed by the investigating authorities; with the aim of establishing concrete charges against the defendant, the evidence on record is vague and, it is so vague, that an indictment could not be pronounced with accuracy, much less a charge of attempt to commit murder. The attention of the Court is invited to article 7 of the Penal Code which requires that the act of an attempted crime must be complete towards the object. This means, that the charge of an attempted crime cannot be sustained, unless it is shown, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the defendant made every effort to consummate the crime, by the criminal design, in such manner that, if the crime was not committed, on account of any laxity whatever, such a laxity cannot be attributed to any individual on mission on part of the person charged with the offence. Under consideration, the act was effected during the night time; and the shot was fired from the outside of the building, while the complainant, Rogers, was asleep on his bed. How

then could it be maintained that a shot fired under such pre-existing conditions was discharged with the deliberate intention of killing? After taking into account the material barriers just mentioned, could there have been an expectancy to reach the object with certainty? The response is negative. We have numerous cases, wherein shots were fired in the day time—not one but several—against a particular person, and these cases were defined as assaults with deadly weapons' disregarding the presumption of an attempt to commit murder. I feel that the foregoing allegations are sufficient, therefore, I shall omit arguing upon other exculpatory circumstances for the time being, reserving them for later, if necessary. Further I am abundantly of the opinion that an abundance of incompensable in the subject in mind which will be taken into consideration by Your Honor as a basis for a declaration of *no guilty*, in the behalf of my client."

The Court, in its decision, in pronouncing its findings in the case, took into consideration, among other facts, that the circumstance of the quarrel which took place between the complainant and the defendant sometime prior to the date of the occurrence over money matters, according to a statement made by the complainant, himself, occurred about a year ago, and because of this remembrance, the circumstance has but little force. Two witnesses testified (page 18 and over) that, on a certain occasion, Brown told Rogers that he would give his sign and if he did not kill him before he left, for robbing his money; and that this incident took place sometime during the month of August 1927, according to both witnesses; but that the exact examination had occurred in October 1929, some two years later, and that this evidence is about of the same weight as the foregoing; that the circumstance to which one witness testified, on page 17, to the effect that when notified Brown that Rogers was shot, Brown answered "is that true? they shot him in his bed," this is very weak circumstantial evidence, because it is the assurance of but one witness, and it is therefore clear that such testimonies are rather weak to sustain the guilt of an individual for a grave offence as attempt to commit murder, and which necessitates a major amount of proof. The only facts proven are that a shot was discharged from below Rogers room and that Rogers was injured thereby; but it has not been established with judicial certainty that the defendant Brown perpetrated the crime.

The Court, therefore, must, as a matter of prudence "nolle prosequi" this charge. The defendant Brown was on the very day released from custody. BAR REPORTER

THE TRISLADE

It is interesting to note that the Tourist trade of Jamaica had increased rapidly due to the exertions of the Tourist Development Board with a Vote of £ 250; in which the Board with a subscription in the Commercial Community of a further £ 250, made their advertisements of Jamaica in Europe & America and other propaganda for inviting Tourists to the Island, and it is gratifying to know that the influx of Tourists to that Island has risen from 1873 in the year 1922 to 18613 in 1929. And that for the months of January & February of this year there has already passed in and out of the Island 10829 Tourists, of this amount 1212 were long term visitors who had come to stay a few months, and 9617 Cruise Tourist or holiday who only passed through for a day or two, at \$300.00 per annum is the amount supposed to be spent by these visitors in the Island and in consequence another £ 1,500 is being voted by the Council to place the Board at a fit condition of propaganda to encourage more visitors for next year. Costa Rica with her beautiful scenery

admirable resort for Tourists if the Government would only take similar steps as other advanced countries are doing

Accident at Estrada

The old man Hezekiah Reid who was knocked down by a Motor Car on the Northern Railway at Estrada some two weeks ago died in the Limon Hospital. It appears that three of these Cars overrunning, closely following each other, two passed by the old chap and not hearing the third he stepped into the track with the result that he was knocked down by the third Car.

There are some operators of these vehicles who are very careful and kind, while others believing themselves "Gods of Creation" stick their feet out on the dash rods and lay down with their eyes looking into the heavens as if by their second partner "Gott" irrespective of pedestrians or small stock on the

Dear Mr. Editor:

I beg to thank you for enlightening Mr. Sydney Montague of Madre de Dios, for meddling in a matter he evidently does not comprehend, where is the abuse to tell a woman that my letter of so vital an importance to the Limon Division was not intended for the opinions of negroes of the "class in Uncle Tom's Cabin," and suppose a woman is brave enough to take a soldier armour she must take blows in return for hers given.

If Mr. Montague feels that I have abused that duty, I can only ask him, as Jesus did, Understandeth thou what thou satest? And as this gentleman has sided himself along with the 3 blind mice we now have four, and as such, is only judging matters from one sided glimpse, I will warn him that he does not utilize his intelligence like unto the dog at the Brook that let go the bone in his mouth to catch at the shadow of the bone in the water before him.

Let Mr. Montague use his intelligence by advising the other 3 blind mice to cease slandering on their public platform a man, "the larch of whose shoe they are not worthy to unloose" and so stop endangering the life of the Limon Division of the U. N. I. A. Since you are so intelligent why not advise the Gleason for publishing that your men & women are being sent to prison for 3 months for taking one hand of green bananas to eat.

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The West Indian Sugar Industry

As is well known the West Indian Sugar Industry is passing through a Crisis which would speak utter destruction to the Government, were to abolish the Preference, Tariff which has been granted them by the Conservative Administration as is being contemplated. In stead of this preference, the labour government has offered to share fifteen per cent of the advances made by the Banks for growing, harvesting and manufacturing the crops in case there should be a loss in the production.

But the West Indies have sent through the Chamber of Commerce an recommendation of The Jamaica Imperial Association a Cable to the Secretary of States showing the only feasible way help will be appreciated as of any use. We acknowledge gratefully your evident desire to assist the West Indian Sugar Industry as shown in your assurance to Bank contained in your article of the 14th. March addressed to the Governor, but the proposal would not help the industry in any way. What we require if the Sugar industry is to be kept alive is immediate relief by sanctioning the payment to British Guiana, Barbados & Antigua of the Government of the same amount as the Government in equal shares to guarantee selling price of £ 14 per ton F. O. B. during this and the next season. If this be done, arrangements for carrying on the industry can be made with financial institutions independent of Government advances, otherwise early abandonment of the industry and serious unemployment problems are certain.

British Guiana, Barbados & Antigua have Cabled on similar terms. We would appreciate your views re this, morning's pronouncement of Imperial Government's policy."

A deputation waited on Mr. Phillip Snowden the chancellor of the Exchequer, headed by Lieut. Col. L. S. A. mery, chairman of the Sugar Federation with representatives from Australia,

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sgd O DELAVANTE

A Tragic Death

It is with profound regret that News of the sudden death by accident of Mr. Nebuchadnezzar Mason of 400 Roads St. Andrews has been received here. Mr. Mason (who is a brother of Mrs. Josephine Lewis of this town and uncle of Mr. Chas Mason of Siquirres) was a much respected citizen of the Community in which he operated, and belonged to several Associations in Kingston. Himself and his wife who was a Miss Ellen Little of Corby Castle Santa Cruz Mountains, had prepared to celebrate their golden wedding Anniversary on the following Sunday the 20th being 50 years of married life, when he met his death by the collision of a Truck and a Dray on "Friday" 19th, in his 72nd year, yet quite robust and strong.

We beg to extend our sincere condolence to the surviving members of his family.

South Africa, Mauritius, British Guiana, British West Indies, Fiji, British Sugar Refiners, Sugar Machinery Manufacturers & British Beet Sugar Manufacturers, who pointed out the benefits to be derived not only from the Sugar producing Colonies but to the British consumer as well, by the Continuity of the Preference. Satisfaction pledge given by the former government, in consequence of which stabilized preference granted for a number of years, the Sugar producing areas of the Empire had incurred heavy disbursements in connection with the development of the industry, proving also that British Beet Sugar also benefited by the Preference; and that the consumers had nothing to gain by a cessation of preference because before the war Sugar was the cheapest foodstuff and since the war it has only been increased unduly per cent, whereas other principal foodstuffs had increased over eight per cent.

British trade was also shown as liable to suffer for such trade that was a direct consequence of the industry would lose over seven million pounds in business, with its consequent unemployment if the industry had to be abandoned.

Mr. Snowden recognized the seriousness of the situation, but could not do anything until the Budget was on for discussion. So the fate of the West Indian Sugar Industry is left in the balances. The Budget is now before Parliament for discussion and as no change has been placed against the Preference Tariff on Sugar, Coffee and Cocoa imported from the Colonies, it is evident that these articles will continue enjoying the favoured treatment for at least this year as formerly.

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A Better Generation

The community of Port Limon has been so taxed with the various economic problems, created as a result of the financial crisis to which we have been subjected, during the past nine months, that there seem little time for thought in other directions. It must not, however, be overlooked that there are other pertinent phases which, undoubtedly call for equally serious attention, as those of the economic nature. Let us take as an example the future of the youths of West Indian origin, residing in the Province of Limon. One certainly finds no food for elation over the prospects of what might be regarded as the future generation. To the contrary the observant individual is inclined to be speculating as to the kind of community we will have, when the youths of our race step into the shoes of their elders. The first great barrier with which they will be confronted is ignorance, and who is to blame for this? Parents and Guardians. With criminal negligence, they have remained indifferent to the necessity of educating their wards. It is true that elementary education for children is the duty of governments, but it must be

realized that the circumstances which have made up part of these communities, does not permit such provisions; and since the education of our youths is imperative to their future success, it behooves us to get down to business seriously and do something tangible. The race of mankind moves forward upon the merits of each succeeding generation; the rising negro is forging his way to his proper place in the march of events; but unless he is intellectually equipped, it will be impossible to keep pace with his more fortunate rivals. Some of us are inclined to think, that nothing better can be done; but why decide in this manner, nothing has ever been tried. No one has ever represented our cause to the government, requesting their aid in this direction; we have by mutual adoption, become citizens of this country, and the people among whom we dwell have given us more franchise than we enjoy in any other country, as aliens; it therefore becomes our duty to make ourselves worthy of the tolerance which is shown us, and this can only be done when we are able to maintain a moral and intellectual

standard that places us above reproach. There are certain evils among our youngsters which we should unite and endeavour to stamp out; As one moves around our public places, you can't avoid noticing the pronounced element of holliganism; dozens of our boys who ought to be in school or some other place leaving some of their fellows to be useful men, you find them running about like wild goats; some of them are even perfect strangers to a bath or a change of garment. Could not some kind of check be put on this custom which invariably leads to petty crimes?

For instance, not many weeks ago a passenger on arriving at the station with a small bundle of sugar-cane, was approached by one of these urchins in the usual manner, soliciting the carriage of same; the unsuspecting passenger turned but came over to him; but, never saw anything more of it nor the boy. The writer not long ago brought a bunch of oranges from a station on the lines, on reaching Limon, I simply stopped to take my bag from under the seat; upon reaching my former position, I reached for the oranges, which were on a rack, but they were nowhere to be seen. It would require pages to recount the numerous episodes of this nature.

Could not the government be asked to augment the police force, with a few West Indians, who, by virtue of speaking the same language, would be able to scope more efficiently with these detestable conditions? Another reason why we ought to have West Indian Police, is to check the practice among our youngmen and boys of using the most vile and dirty language, no matter where and among whom they may be. This latter habit is becoming a menace to the public, as no respect is shown even to our women folk. What the establishment of a place where ungovernable boys could be taken care of and brought under control? In the city of Colon, Republic of Panama, there is established what is known as the "Bad Boy's Institute," supported by the Panamanian Government and the merchants; can't something be done in this direction here? Nothing worthy can be accomplished without sacrifice; this is Easter tide, the time when the greatest sacrifice of all the times was made. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends; let us cast selfishness aside and do something to help this cause, which evidently needs assistance for our own dear future in the distance, and the good that might be done.

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The Prince of Wales has returned home by his Airplane, after being away on his African hunting expedition for three months.

Young Mr. Rogers is being educated at the Seventh Day Adventists West Carribean Training College at "Las Cascadas" Panama. At the recent examinations, which was a most brilliant affair, there were Nine pupils who passed very creditably, young Mr. Rogers ranking first, he is here for a vacation among his parents. We beg to welcome and congratulate the young gentleman.

He has had two miraculous escapes, one when he was charged by a death stricken wild elephant after being mortally shot by the Prince's attendants, so that he may take the picture of the charge the other was in an airplane crash at Cairo, when both his flying companions lost their lives in the accident. His life seem to be a charmed one

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Squirres C. R., April 19th.

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The invited guests from kindred societies, who were present to welcome the advent of the new court a wish for it a long and successful career, were: Mrs. S. O. Brown, representing the Bethel Lodge (Mechanics); W. P. Morrison, Eureka Lodge (Mechanics);

Fred Knight, Onyx Lodge, No. 10514 (Odd Fellows); and Sister Ricketts, Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds, No. 2885, Ashton Unity.

Brother Frank Abel, of the Mr. Hermon Lodge, who was the guiding Spirit of the movement to establish the new Court, spoke of the pleasure & satisfaction that it gave him to see a new link added to the circle of Fraternity. He would wish that the members of the new House would so think & so act, that outsiders would learn to appreciate their Order & seek their lot with them. On behalf of the Mr. Etermon and Louise Courts, he had to thank the Galed Court of Limon, which was the premier House of Forrestry in Costa Rica, and to Court Mispah of the same place, for the support they had both given in the course of the new court, which,

by the way, was named after Sister Muir, one of the pioneer workers in its formation.

The dedication and installation services were conducted with due ceremonial by Bro B. Sankey, Sr., Past Chief Ranger, Court Galed, No. 8590 of Limon, assisted by Bros. J. W. Fraser and Ishmael Wade, Past Chief Ranger, and retired Chief Ranger respectively, of the Galed Court. The officers of the new Court are: Sister Sarah Thompson, Chief Ranger; Rose Mais, Secy; Mabel Gordon, Treas; Maud Nelson, Sen. Woodward; Minnie C. Carter, Jun. Woodward; Louise Thomas, Sen. Beadle; and Isabel Alleyne, Jun. Beadle.

Special music was discoursed during these ceremonies, which were fittingly closed with a Banquet.

BY CYRILLO

AN EXPERT RESIGNED

We are very sorry to see that Mr. Waring the Assessor in accidents to the labouring population has seen fit to resign his position, with the Banco Nacional de Ahorros.

Mr. Waring was a most efficient and affable officer in his capacity it was his duty to meet with mostly that class of citizens who are not so favourably conditioned intellectually, but he was most patient and painstaking with all those troubles brought them in contact with him. He will be greatly missed, especially by the English Speaking public.

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Medical Conference

The Costa Rican Medical Conference will meet at Turrialba on Saturday 31st. May.

Many eminent foreign and Native Medicos will meet there & exchange opinions on Tropical diseases, which cannot be for the benefit of hu-

The prices of our coffee has not fallen so Short after all, in spite of the rumour at the early part of the crop that our prices were going to be so low as make it a regular slump on the market. The people who have suffered mostly from these rumours have been the small cultivator who has had to sell his little to the large Beneficio; some feel that these rumours were circulated for the purpose of doing them harm, to the benefit of the big men.

The prices in recent quotations have been from \$ 6 to \$ 8.10 for first class coffee as compared with \$ 7.15 to \$ 9 for same

Con el fin de consagrar un recuerdo, a la memoria de la admisión a la as, como un acto de admiración a la MUJER COSTARRICENSE, por las prendas personales y morales que le adoman, como lo probó en Miami la Señorita JULIA SALAZAR LORIA, titulada Miss Costa Rica, que llevo tal representación al Concurso de Bellezas Latinas; y que por su actitud de alta moral, fue objeto de recibir como recibí, el título de Reina de la Belleza Latina, le confirió el Jurado de la competencia a todos Uds. contribuir con su óvulo literario y sus respectivas fotografías, trabajo con el cual, formaré un Album que contendrá como homenaje, tributará a la Señorita Salazar Loria, al regresar al país Llena de gloria.

Debo recordar a Uds. que recursos necesarios no les oxjo, pues éstos los haré el Editor del Album que será publicado aquí, en la Imprenta del señor Canalias.

Y, siendo como es mi deseo, hagamos todos los honores a la mujer costarricense, porque son ellas las que dan hijos a la patria, y así, habremos probado a la faz de la República, que en Limón, no sólo se cosechan bananos y cacao, frutas y pan y liquisanes, si no que también se cosechan flores tropicales, para adornar las sienes de nuestras mujeres.

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The Editor

Sir,

you would be pleased to report in your valuable title paper the under-mentioned details of a Cricket Match played on the Oval at Margarita on the 27th. inst. between the Estrada C. C. and the Fearless C. C.

On winning the toss the Fearless C. C. services, certainly, the authorities ought to act very severely against such threats or they will get no one in future to help to defend crickets.

Agricultural Society of Limón

On Saturday night last the Agricultural Society of Limón was reorganized. It will be remembered that some twelve years ago this Society did much good by its operations among the small settlers around, by distributing seeds etc. finding purchasers for their produce, settling many difficulties between them and the land owners and give advice on all matters affecting agriculture.

It believes every man in the Province to subscribe his cooperation to this Society; as it will serve the Former as well as the Merchant and tradesman.

Opening of Congress

Great enthusiasm prevailed in the Capital on Thursday last due to the opening of Congress The Session was opened by the twenty old Deputies with Mr. Francisco Mayorga Rivas in the Chair.

The newly elected Deputies were called in and took their oath of Office. The Election of President Vice President and Secretaries was then gone thro when

Mr. Oscar Rihomoser almost unanimously elected to the seat as President Dr. Rafael Calderón Muñoz, was next in a Streunous fight declared by casting lots Vice President Messrs. Asdrúbal Villalobos, Aristides Baldonado, Rogelio Chacón Julio Padilla were elected 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Secretaries respectively.

The Contest for Vice Presidency over the Congress was indeed most interesting. The gallery was better than described. The usual courtesies exchanged formalities gone thro' & the Presidents' Message read the session closed and the deputies filed up to the Presidents' Palace to present him their respects & adhesion.

Congress being formed of 43 Deputies. The Province of San José 13, Alajuela 10, Cartago 7, Heredia 5, Guanacaste 4, Puntarenas 2, and Limón 2.

In our next edition we shall

Señores Comerciantes

El Poder Ejecutivo, con un amplio espíritu de justicia y con el talento de los gobernantes que saben hacer patria protegiendo las industrias que lo merecen, ha publicado el decreto siguiente:

No. 8

EL PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA
CONSIDERANDO:

Que es deber del Estado proteger las industrias establecidas y en especial las que como la tipografía han alcanzado un gran desarrollo en el país,

Que el decreto No. 3 de 20 de mayo de 1905, que gravó los impresos comerciales con un aforo de ₡ 0.50 por kilogramo no favorece el trabajo nacional en ramo tan importante, y así lo demuestran las fuertes sumas de dinero que salen del país con motivo de esta clase de importaciones.

DECRETA:

Artículo 1º—En lo sucesivo los impresos comerciales que señala la partida 66 del Arancel, pagarán el aforo de ₡ 5.00 por kilogramo, quedando en esta forma modificado el decreto antes citado.

Artículo 2º—El presente decreto rige desde su publicación. Dado en la ciudad de San José, a los veintidós días del mes de abril de mil novecientos treinta.

CLETO GONZALEZ VIQUEZ

El Secretario de Estado en el Despacho de Hacienda y Comercio,

JUAN RAFAEL ARIAS

Con tal motivo se les hace ver a los señores comerciantes y a todos los que afecte la partida 66 del Arancel de Aduanas, que como este decreto rige desde ahora, pueden cancelar sus pedidos de impresos que hayan hecho, pues de lo contrario se verán obligados a pagar el doble o más de lo que les pueden costar éstos hechos en el país.

Hoy día nuestras imprentas pueden hacer trabajos como los extranjeros, con prontitud y al gusto de los clientes.

Por la Sociedad Tipográfica,

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American Official attitude towards Coloured People is cause of Revolt in Haiti

New York City.—Inability of the American occupation to regard the Haitians in any other way except as "niggers" is responsible for the recent outbreaks on the island which have never been apparently satisfactorily settled with the acceptance by President Hoover of the report of the Haitian commission.

Elena Hill Weed, white, writing in the March 19 issue of the Nation declares this to be the great issue which pervades every phase of American intervention.

Race prejudice, as it is known in the United States, is the racial attitude of every American official in every department of the Haitian occupation.

Musn't Talk to Haitians

She Says:
"For an American to be seen speaking on friendly terms to a Haitian, unless in a strictly business or official capacity, is to invite ostracism and insults from the lowest to the highest of those who under the terms of the treaty, are here to assist the Haitians."
"Thus while French, German, English and Canadian residents maintain social relations with Haitians of their own degree of culture and education, Americans, from the highest official to the toughest leatherneck, treat all Haitians with the utmost contumely and ridicule."

"In view of this racial concession, an incident which occurred in connection with the arrival of the U. S. commissioners recently is especially amusing and significant."

Haitians Refuse Russell's Invitation

General Russell, in an effort to save his face, invited the elite of Haiti to his country house to meet the members of the commission. The local press carried the replies to his invitation of several distinguished Haitians. Three of them were as follows:

"I am a part of that national community which 'has the mentality of a child of seven years,' and my country undergoes oppression for which you and yours are the responsible agents. As a Haitian, my place is not in your salon, and the invitation which I have received a mystification. I refuse it."

(Signed Francois Mathon

"I should like to believe that it is by error that your invitation was addressed to Mme. Lucien Th. Lafontant and myself. I ask you not to attribute to a similar cause my refusal to take part."

Sgd. Lucien Lafontant

Elections in Limon

In consequence of incorrect returns sent in by some of the voting stations, principally Talamanca, Madre de Dios, La Perla and Pocora in which more votes were sent up than Total amount of voters registered in those districts and by which Messrs Paco Gantierrez and Filadelfo Granados were assigned the majority of votes; Following on the protests entered by Mr. Luis Cruz Meza, the losing Candidate, it is decided to repeat this election at an early date.

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Racial Suppression

"In line with the policy of racial suppression of the Haitian, Mrs. Weed declares:

"The civil branches of the occupation have been practically filled by Americans, with Haitians tolerated only in the lowest grades."

"There seems to have been not the slightest effort to use capable and trained Haitians in the middle or upper grades. One is reminded forcibly of the warning of Senator Canaway, made years ago in Congress that if Americans were authorized to serve here at double pay at the expense of the Haitian government, the time would never come when any Haitian would be found 'capable of serving.'"

Striplings Overpaid

"The country is teeming with merry young stripling 'technical experts' who are receiving double pay and treble the amount their qualifications would ever bring them at home, while the real work is being done by underpaid Haitians."

"There is the established fact that an American official had an apartment made for storage quarters in the Haitian government building, at the expense of Haiti, and is today occupying it."

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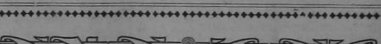
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