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Phrase of the moment

Man's destiny is not in the hands of the Gods of Luck or chance, he should never allow himself to be a slave to conditions like the chaff in a gale of wind. His failure or success is contingent on his way of thinking. If he awakens his mighty mental and psychic powers within him, he will be able to project for himself a goal and summon the Will to reach it.

Can we feed ourselves? Happenings around the World

From the year 1927 our genial and farseeing fellow citizen Mr. Sam Kress, Supt. of Agriculture, had been advising all the men under his command to plant catch crops because, in his own words, you say it is hard nevv, but it is going to be like Hell in this country. His advice has been acted on up to a certain degree, because had it not been so, the Zone Atlantic would long ago have been under the Dole system, as it is due to this foresight and persistent vvarning that vve have not actually suffered hunger up to this, but his vvords have not been caught up vvith the full ring of significance as they should have been, and in view of the insistence of the necessity for acting upon that vvarning, judging from recent happenings calling for greater sacrifice and economy vve vvould advise our people, each and everyone of us to increase our minor cultivations, so as to be able to feed ourselves.

According to American papers to hand, vve find Mr. Henry Ford, of automobile fame, insisting upon his employees planting vegetables in their home gardens, in fact he has given orders to his foremen in every department of his great enterprise, that any employee of his vvho may have an available plot of land around his house and does not plant foodstuffs thereon must be dismissed from service. What are vve doing here? Have our labouring men here got enough to feed themselves? do vve not see the necessity of doing likewise? The labourers on the docks are only vvorking at most quarter time, those on the farms are doing no better, some not at all; the vvorkmen in the vvorkshops, vvho are not dismissed from service, will soon only be vvorking four days at reduced hours, vvhat shall vve do vvith our spare hours? shall vve not plant such crops as Corn, beans, rice, Canes, Plantains potatoes, yucas, Yams, tomatoes, cabbages, tobacco etc.? vvhy depend upon buying from your neighbour vvith the ten dollars you may earn vvich is not even enough to pay the Rent to shelter your family?

It may be argued vvhere shall vve get the land from on vvich to plant; to this vve vvill say that the United Fruit Co. has thousands upon thousands of hectares of abandoned lands and there are none of her Superintendents, vvho if properly approached, vvould prevent such facilities, they have always permitted this even vvhen your labour vvwas needed, let alone novv that it is considered that if a man is not permitted to feed himself he must steal and commit crimes; besides any property ovvner vvill cede a vvorking man a plot of ground to plant vegetables and give it up in guinea, elephant, paragrass or some fruit trees that would be of value to his property, you cant expect to have all and give nothing in return.

Why should vve buy so much Sugar vvhen by grovv-ing a fevv canes and planting a post you can get the syrup vvith vvich to make your tea, vvhy buy coffee or imported teas, vvhen vve have so many useful medicinal herbs, vvhy buy tobacco vvhen you may plant a fevv roots from vvich you may get enough for your ovvn use, if you must smoke. With the present crisis around us looking every day more & more serious, it behoves us to get dovvn to the simplest mode of life, and vve can achieve this in no surer vvay, than by planting all our ovvn supplies; in this vvay of being self provident, the impending dangers of existence vvould not be half so alarming as the outlook seem to portray. Our earnest advice therefore to each and everyone is to begin at once to cultivate your ovvn little garden so as to supply your ovvn necessities and meet life as bravely and happily as vve can. Begin to plan something that you need and never cease planting.

Many and varied have been the opinions and theories as to the consequences of the fall in the value of the pound, one of these was given by the Minister of Finance that if Costa Rica had the money to pay her British debt, that she would be saving by the fall in the Pound Sterling, between four & five million pounds as per current exchanges; but the President of the Republic has reminded him that while the loan was considered in Pounds Sterling it was also stipulated at a rate of exchange in American currency of \$486.

The present rate of exchange to day is \$3.96 or \$15.84 instead of \$19.44 as ordinarily.

The Bank of France

is said to have lost as a consequence of the fall of the value of the Pound Sterling, the huge sum of two thousand millions of Francs.

Mons. Laval & Briand, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Relations respectively of France returned on Tuesday from Berlin whither they had been visiting President Hindenburg & his Cabinet; this has been the first interchange of official visits since the Franco-Prussian War in 1870. Laval is preparing a visit to the United States.

Calshot, England, 29th. Lieutenant Stainforth beat his own record by flying at the rate of 390 6/10 miles per hour.

The House of Commons, approved on Tuesday last the law for further economy by, dictatorial means granted the Cabinet, by a vote of 297 to 242.

In consequence of their participation in the National Government, the labourite Party has expelled from its ranks Messrs. Mc. Donald, Thomas, Snowden, Lord Sankey, Lord Amulree, Malcolm Mc. Donald & Mr. Jowitt.

The value of the Pound Sterling is slowly recovering from its low drop of 3.32 it is now at 3.96 and it is expected soon to stabilize for some time at 4.00

In consequence of a supposed threat of frustrating the aims of the Constitution by armed resistance in case Don Ricardo Jiménez carries the election for Presidency by a majority of votes, Mr. Stimson is said to have expressed himself in advance as being opposed to the recognition of any government which comes to power in the Central American Republics by force of arms according to the decision of the Government of the United States.

The Cotton spinners of Birmingham & Lancashire interviewing Gandhi on his visit to England re the India Round Table Conference told

him that in consequence of his boycotting of English goods in India they were suffering, as many Mills had to be closed down thereby. He informed them that their suffering was nothing to be compared to that of his countrymen brought about by British discrimination and injustice, and that he could promise no amelioration to existing conditions until Britain acted justly to his people.

If the Conference fails to give his people complete Independence he will return immediately to his country, then May heaven help India because nothing will restore Peace to India but her true independence.

In Caracas there has been a serious run on that branch of the Royal Bank of Canada by the depositors in that country. Over a half a million dollars have been paid out and the Bank is disposed to meet every emergency demand of her.

The health of the great Wizard on Electricity Edison has been causing his friends and medical men some alarm for weeks now, and instead of bettering it is getting more serious day by day according to the bulletins issued by his doctors, it is announced now that he has lost all interest in worldly affairs.

Whereas at this same season of last year, there was a surplus in the fiscal returns of the United States of America of three hundred millions, this year shows a deficit of four hundred millions.

Mons. Etienne Fugeres, the economic adviser to the government of Premier Laval of France, has said the last word on the possibility of amelioration of the Crisis, he gave an exclusive declaration to the United Press as follows: The simultaneous suppression of war debts and Reparations would be the first step toward an economic restoration of world affairs, thus France and the United States might induce the other nations to a progressive reduction of their other debts. French public opinion is more and more under the conviction of the necessity of condoning all war debts and reparations.

When, therefore, we come to finally consider just how this intricate and extremely difficult position will eventually be overcome, we are inclined to agree with those who are of the opinion that a readjustment can only, in the main, be secured by the principal nations getting together and, abandoning personal interests and party feel-

ings, promulgate a single universal plan which would permit of the entire abandonment of all war debts and simplify the means under which their various other obligations might be met. And it is interesting in this respect to note, that this opinion is not being held only by political officials, but as well by private individuals. Mr. H. G. Wells, the well known vvriter has suggested that our rehabilitation can only be obtained by the creation of a Universal Dictatorship with a monetary system common to all nations, the only difficulty seen by him for the realization of this, is the inability of getting the nations to come together and agree on one united action for their ovvn salvation, and stave off the disaster to vvich the vvorld is momentarily moving.

Howver difficult this bringing of the nations together for a united action may be, we feel that it must eventually materialize, for no single one can, vvith economic conditions becoming vvorse daily, expect to solve the problem vvithout the assistance of the others. It is, therefore, the duty of those vvho can do so, to strenuously apply their influence in bringing such an action into being if the financial betterment of the vvorld be seriously desired.

THE COMMUNISTIC PARTY

The adherents, in this country, to the ideals and principles of Communism, are vve presume, bitterly disappointed as a result of both the Executive and Congress refusing to recognize their claim to operate legally as an independent Party under the Election Lavys of the Republic.

The members of the Legislative Committee of Congress, to vvhom the Party's application vvwas referred after being refused by the Minister of State, in submitting their report state that they accept and adopt the reasons given by the Executive for denying to those citizens of the country, vvho have banded themselves together under Communistic principles, the right to inscribe their motto under the provisions of the Election Lavys; that they completely approve the refusal to recognize them as a national entity because the movement is intended to unsettle the peaceful life of Costa Rica; that Communism approves and practices principles vvich undermine the stability of the Family, the State and Religion and its violent activities trample on all human rights; that Communism is under the dictates or commands of a foreign authority, and that finally having regard to the destruction vvich their pernicious principles had vvrought in other Countries vvhere the party had obtained a footing they did not consider it vvould be to the vvell being of our social and political interests to recognize them.

The application vvwas accordingly refused.

West Indian Emigrants

Despite the attempts which nationals of some of the nearby Republics have made, through the press and elsewhere, to repudiate the decidedly unfavourable and prejudiced treatment which their governments and many of their fellow countrymen have been meting out recently to the coloured West Indians, especially Jamaicans, in such places, we every now and then come across some bits of information which knock the ground from under such repudiations. Three instances have, but recently, come under our notice.

Five years ago, it is stated, the labourers in Antilla, Oriente, Cuba, formed a Labour Union; workers of any nationality were admitted as members, no laws or special rules being framed in this respect. Quite a member of Jamaicans joined.

At the regular meeting, however, of the Union held the earlier part of August, the President stated that he had received instructions from the government to expel all foreigners and to, in future, restrict membership to born or naturalised Cubans. It was accordingly agreed that some 25 Jamaicans who had been in the Union from its inauguration should be expelled unless they became naturalised Cuban citizens within 15 days from that time. The men, are said to have approached the British vice-Consul on the matter, but the only advice he could give was that they leave the country.

The second instance comes in the form of an article published, in Spanish, in one of the newspapers in the Panamanian Republic in which the writer in the plainest and most insulting terms expresses his disapproval of the continued presence of West Indians in that republic, and calls on his government to send them out the country. They being, he claims, a reproach to the vvel being of his Country.

Thus we see the true feelings which exist in these places toward the men who have helped particularly in the case of Panama, by their labour in making possible those very projects which have been the means of earning large revenues for the governments, but from which they should now be driven now that they have completed the harder, the dirtier and the more intricate portions of the work,

and made it possible for the nationals to carry on.

Would that it were possible for some means to be found whereby our West Indian labour could abstain from migrating to such places in the future, when works calling for heavy manly endurance are undertaken and so demonstrate to their defamers what their loss at such times means to their Country.

The third is from the Republic of Haiti, where, under the provisions of a Law recently instituted, it is prohibited for a foreigner or alien to carry on business as a retailer, being only permitted to function as a Commercial Agent or representative of manufacturing houses. There are quite a number of West Indians, we understand, who have been long established in the retail line, who are affected, as they will have to close their establishments, no provision being made in the Law for their continuance, and we presume leave the country eventually, as there will be no other means of livelihood open to them.

Had such a Law been suggested in many of the West Indian Colonies, there would surely have been a great outcry against it, but when it is our people who are affected, we hear of no protest.

Independence Day at Old Harbour

On Tuesday Sept. 15th. 1931. Independence Day was celebrated. The Children of the Govt. School, Parents, Guardians and those concerned, assembled in front of the Office of the Agent of Police at 1.30 p. m. where a synopsis of the intended festivity was given. Under command of Miss Ruby Grant, all marched to the Liberty Hall of the U. N. I. A., which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, headed by senior Francisco Estrada E. Chief of Police and senior Gregorio Romero. Actg. Secy. for the cause, and a retinue of citizens to the rear. The rendezvous reached, senior Estrada, made a brief talk introducing Miss Grant as the Principal for the afternoon. Miss Grant then made good her

part with a brief Address on Independence Day, so as to give the children their full chance of showing what they had imbibed during their 3 months tuition in the Spanish Language. Fully 30 of them did their best in the rendition of Songs, Recitations and brief talks, then the Costa Rican National Anthem was exceptionally well rendered as also the action songs from the little tots from 7 years down. Mr. D. A. Shergold, the ablest Pioneer of Old Harbour, made a fine address which was keenly listened to; Mr. Romero Actg. Secy. read the lists of those who contributed to make the day proceedings a success and The Chief of Police senior Estrada made an oration which went home to the hearts of the hearers like steel bullets, not rending or destroying, but to clear out and make a better space for the next Independence Day should we live to see it. His Topic being, "Peace".

He said irrespective of colour, class or creed we are met to share in a National Holiday, and the Sons of Costa Rica who save the fitness of her independence, vvent about same loyally and peacefully, and vve, by the help of God, are now showing our love of loyalty and peace. May God bless Costa Rica. Long live her Leaders true.

Thus ended the programme and the children repaired to the feast which was spread for them in the same Hall harr after a little dance for the digestion of the repast, Parents, Guardians Children and Friends left the scene at 6 p. m. all brimful of joy and peace.

C. Buchanan

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Abolition of Trains

Mr. S. Montague of Madre de Dios writes of the great predicament that the citizens of the Atlantic Zone are found, in consequence of the suspension of the Limon to Guapiles train on Sunday mornings and back in the evenings. He argues that it was a great facility in the exchange of opinions and compliments between Organizations, Clubs and Associations of all kinds, which could not be made possible otherwise, and even if it be contended that it was not a paying proposition, that the Company might look upon it as a sort of Dole to her people whom she has caused to be here in her service, and who are always glad to be at her service under all Circumstances. He contends that the withdrawal of that train is like taking away the salt of ones

life, since it was the only means of friend visiting a friend and getting back to his workshop in time for his work on Monday morning.

Indeed the suppression of that early Sunday train in the Province of Limon is a hard hit to the inhabitants of this neglected Zone equally so to businessmen as well as were visitors and pleasure seekers, especially when it is considered that Limon is the only Province which is not accommodated by the government with ten chains of Roadway. Imagine the workers closed up in the stores and workshops of the town, month in month out, being now deprived of the only means of hopping out into the country to breathe heaven's free atmosphere and spend a few hours among their friends and relatives, and vice versa, with those in the country having the privilege of visiting their relatives in town. It has indeed been a great consideration on the part of the administration of the Company to her employees, and is certainly a pity they should be deprived of such favours.

It might be contended that this train is not a paying one from the fact that it might detract passengers from the regular passenger trains, but it ought also to be conjectured that seven eights of the passengers who avail themselves of travelling by this train would not travel for the purposes of visiting, by the regular trains as they would not have sufficient time at their disposal, therefore the regular trains would not benefit much by the suppression of the other.

There is a persistent rumour that at an early date there will only be one passenger train instead of the double service, because there is really not that abundance of the travelling public making use of the trains nowadays. Anyone taking a daily observation of the empty seats on these trains, will come to the conclusion that indeed the Company would be justified in the suppression of one of these trains, but on the contrary it will be observed that the Sunday early trains, in spite of the great depression existing, are always crowded, therefore it may be considered a paying accommodation to the servants of the Company. We say servants, because name us twentyfive men in the province of Limon who are not directly or indirectly dependent on the Company for the successful manipulation of their business.

In voicing, therefore, by these means, the sentiments of the general public, it is hoped that the management of the Northern Railway Company will reconsider its decision and reinstitute this great accommodation, the early Sunday train to Guapiles, considering it a sort of holiday to that class of the deserving general public who would not be in a position to take on outing otherwise.

Set up your Cooperative Stores too

With a view of pointing out to our readers what true cooperation means and what cooperation is doing among other peoples we reproduce the following from the «Literary Digest of Sept. 12th.»

We are at a stage now and in an era when the Negro must cooperate, must unite, if his existence as a group is not to be wiped out. In every country of the world, except France, he is being rigidly discriminated against, he must do the inferior work at less wages than anyone else, in fact in most countries, even here and Panama he must not be given any work at all except the Nationals cannot accomplish it, even though he be born here. Shall we not then cooperate in every way possible? Can we not form small Chain stores in every vicinity in which we live so that we shall buy the small things on which we exist from ourselves?

Shall we not inaugurate our own News-papers so that we shall be able to express ourselves and air our drawbacks and our difficulties in progressive ideas to the world? There are prejudiced white men, but there are also honestminded, sympathetic white men who are disposed to champion our causes when they are properly placed to the world, and in no other way can you effectively do so but thro your newspapers.

Mistakes have been made among us here in the past, misappropriations have been much in evidence, but in what group of peoples have such things not occurred? do not be discouraged, because some fellow has gilded you, start again and let your experiences of the past, nerve you to keener watchfulness over your business, start out again, buy from yourselves, buy two shares of one dollar each in the Limon Trading Syndicate in existence now six months; buy a share in the Liverpool Trading Corporation; form a chain store in Estrada, in Matina, in Madre de Dios, in Siquirres, in Cairo, in Guacimo, and so buy from yourselves the small things which you need for existence, later on the large ones will come.

We have been fooled, we have been robbed, but surely you will find a Daniel in all Israel, Set yourselves in

groups and from those groups form a great League or chain as is evident in every country; see the example set in France, where you find 7,500 cooperative small stores being owned by 3,500,000 small shareholders, you can see that the business is small being only 137,200,000 dollars of business among 3,500,000 shareholders, it shows that each shareholder has spent 39 dollars per annum on an average with himself, can we not do the same here?

Supposing therefore that each shareholder buys five dollars in shares, this is not a great fortune to lose; whereas it is a means of cooperating in a great league and bringing closer Unity among all Negroes. You will thus be commanding the respect of the other groups in which you live and assuring the appreciation of the government which protects you. Set yourselves thinking in the right direction, so that the mistakes of the past will be the stepping stones to your success in the future.

The chain-store idea is becoming popular abroad, concludes the Paris correspondent of The Wall Street Journal.

This observation is first provoked by the successful offering of stock in F. W. Woolworth Company's British subsidiary. Then the writer continues:

There are sixty Woolworth stores in Germany, where the going has been a little harder than for the British company, whose 434 stores earned nearly \$ 18,000,000 last year, but prospects in Germany are promising.

The familiar red-and-white front is on Berlin's busiest thoroughfare; it is to be seen in Munich and in Dresden.

New stores are being added to the chain, whose length is being stretched throughout the Republic.

It seems that «Great Britain and Germany are the only European countries in which Woolworth is operating». In France, we are told, this company functions only as a buying organization. Woolworth merchandizing met much opposition at first in Germany, but now relations are amicable, and 90 per cent. of the goods sold by the chain in Germany are purchased in Germany. For one thing, post-war Germany has taken

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Wage equality

Neither sex, age nor nationality will, for the future, interfere with the scale of wages to be paid for work of the same quantity and quality performed in México, if the terms of the national labour law just promulgated be carried out. The law further prohibits the garnisheeing of salaries,

and the employment of women and minors in cabarets and liquor establishments. Employers are required to provide board and lodgings for their domestics, pay their medical expenses and burial, in case of death, and allow them time off to attend night schools.

Shipping service change

In consequence of certain changes which have taken place in the United Fruit Co's shipping service, the boats which usually left Jamaica for Cristobal each Monday will leave instead on each Thursday. This change will possibly affect, for

a time, the arrival here of the usual mails from Jamaica. This change took effect on the 10th. of September and explains the reason why the weekly mail from Jamaica has not been arriving recently as customary.

Chinaman to pay damages

Alejandro Leon, a Chinese merchant residing at Liverpool, on the Zent Line, shall pay damages amounting to two hundred and fifty colones (\$250.00) to George William Bartley, a negro farmer, residing in the same vicinity, for having unjustly maintained an embargo against his banana cheques.

As it appears on the judicial records, Bartley was indebted to Leon for a small sum of money and Leon instituted a suit and embargo against him to recover.

As soon as Bartley learned of Leon's action, he sought and obtained a compromise with the chinaman wherein it was agreed that Bartley would give a promissory note for the total amount of the debt and the creditor release the embargo

he had caused to be issued against Bartley's banana cheques; but "John" did not seem to be in earnest, and after he had received the promissory note he insisted that he would not lift the embargo, so the retention of Bartley's cheques continued. Bartley was then forced to seek legal advice at the Limon Service Bureau, where he was informed that he could recover damages for the chinaman's misconduct or breach of contract. Proceedings were immediately instituted and the court decided that Leon shall pay \$250.00 damages for not living up to his agreement with Bartley. Leon was represented by Solicitor Rogelio Amador and Bartley by Limon Service Bureau.

Vassell's right to Red Hill farm

The rumour circulating especially in the vicinity of 25 Miles, to the effect that Joseph Nathaniel Vassell, considered as 25 Miles banana magnate, had won his suit against Alfred Barnes and John Campbell, to obtain ownership of «Red Hill» farm owned by the former, happens to be false.

The Civil Bench of the Appellate Court, after considering the proceedings carefully, found that the majority of the documentary evidence offered by

Vassell to support his claim are inadmissible and has therefore, annulled the entire decision of first instance and thereby maintained John Campbell's right to continue as depositor and manager of «Red Hill farm». Vassell is represented by Attorney Albino Villalobos and Campbell and Barnes by Limon Service Bureau.

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Our Governor travelling

We were very pleased to see in the Capital, during the past week, our much esteemed Governor of the Province, don Juan Romagosa. Among other things, don Juan went to put his project clearly before the government; for some time now he has been thinking out the possibility of having a Refinery in Limon for getting out the Gasoline and kerosine from Crude Petroleum.

It is an established fact that there is an appreciable amount of oil to be found in the Old Harbour Talamanca regions in which Dr. Velasquez has been a prime factor and which would be a great asset toward a refinery, but pending the getting out of the Machinery necessary for these wells, don Juan is proposing to import our own oil to solve his plans. He has been consulting with the Directors of the Banco Nacional de Seguros who are always disposed to help to finance any feasible scheme for the betterment of our workmen.

Whether the scheme comes out or no is a matter much to be discussed, because intricate machinery of this nature cost hundreds of thousands to instal, and in the present condition of the money markets of the world it is a question of conjecture as to the possibilities, yet don Juan is to be congratulated on his inspirations for the improvement of the Province he rules. He is one of those men who is always thinking out improvements for his country and we sincerely hope his plans will materialize so as to immortalize his name with us.

Criminology at Cieniguita

On Sunday night last Lillian Smith, a resident of San Clemente Estrella but who seemed to have been spending a few days in Limon, had an altercation with another girl in Cieniguita. While the row was going on she got hold of a machete belonging to a friend of hers and attempted to chop the head of her opponent off, the girl lifted her hand up to ward off the blow with the result that her forearm was nearly severed. Lillian was arrested and the other girl taken to Hospital.

The man Goodwin who is said to have attacked Charles Moffatt at the Cieniguita crossing and ran away was captured some days later. Moffatt's shinbone is said to be splintered by the Hospital Doctors.

Goodwin is a native of St. Kitts who left here some years ago for Cuba, but returned here recently. The reason for this unex-

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Marine programme curtailed

Following on the acceptance of the Hoover War Debts suspension plan, and the progress which was being made in the world wide disarmament proposal, in which the United States also occupied a prominent position, we observe that the several larger nations were notwithstanding making every preparation for strengthening their fighting forces; the United States being one of the foremost and publicly stating that in adopting a rather heavy two-year's naval building programme it was in keeping with the determined policy that their Navy should be second to none, and that they would only be guided by their commitment under existing treaties. This was regarded as a challenge to Britain, but without any move however on

the part of the "Mistress of the Seas," it is apparent that Uncle Sam has been forced to make a wholesale change in his elaborate programme for 1932 and 1933 in order to try and overtake the enormous deficit with which the government's budget is faced.

The number of Cruisers which, it was stated, were to be built in order to assist the unemployed has been reduced by one half, and the modernizing of the large ships has been entirely abandoned.

With these changes coming about the naval strength of the United States will be below those of England and Japan, whose navies are first and second respectively among the naval world powers.

Thus we see the general economic depression assisting in minimising warlike pretensions, thereby helping towards a world peace; for so long as the bigger nations are prevented by financial reasons from increasing their armies and navies, the dreaded likelihood of war will be evaded.

A prominent figure missed

We are extremely sorry to find Mr. David Johnson Manager of the John Keith's Bank indisposed for some days now. The name of John Keith's Bank carries a specially fond attachment in the breasts of Limonites, and Mr. Johnson whose absence from that office is so much felt, has been associated with Limon from its earliest construction, therefore considered a Limonense. We sincerely hope he will soon be well and be able to resume his place.

Bank closes

San Antonio reports that the Central Bank and Trust Company which handled deposits amounting to \$11,000,000 and had a reserve fund of \$16,000,000 suspended operations on September 28th. It is, however, expected that the suspension will only be temporary.

The Sandinistas

From Washington the Marine Department states that two encounters took place between the Nicaraguan National Guard and the Sandinistas on the 24th. and 25th. ultimo. The rebels are supposed to have suffered 10 killed and 22 injured. The casualties of the Guards were not reported.

Those who travel

We were pleased to meet in Cartago, don Ricardo Alvarado who combined pleasure and business in his few days visit in the sublime climate of the interior. Don Ricardo is one of the Youths of Limon in whom we have great promise in the administration of the Civic affairs of our Province and wish him a bright Career.

Mr. Frank Sheehy Supt. of Traffic of the Northern Railway Co. who has been away on vacation has returned to his post to face the serious problems of his Company. What with the curtailment of the possibilities of a travelling public and the lack of movements in the Commerce

of the country, Mr. Sheehy's job is no bed of roses, but as he is recognized as one of the thinking men of the Concern, it is not without hope that he will solve the problem of meeting the expenses of his Company. Mr. Prince who has been his «locum tenens» has been out visiting the stations handing over his charge.

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A Rally and Concert

The Choir of the Siquirres Division of the U. N. I. A. will Stage a Rally of the 14 parishes of the Island of Jamaica at Siquirres on the 11th. instant starting at 1.30 p.m. and a Sacred Concert at Liberty Hall, Limon, on the 18th. at 7.30 p. m. Admittance \$0.50 children half price.

On the sick list

We are pleased to see Mr. Josiah Fraser who has undergone a very serious operation in the San Jose Hospital progressing speedily under the Care of Dr. C. L. Valverde, Vega.

Miss Campbell of La Africa has also undergone an operation under the same Medico and doing sufficiently well to be out this week.

Imp. Falcó Hnos.

Anniversary Services

Very successful Services in connection with the Limon Baptist Sunday School Anniversary, were held on Sunday and Monday the 20th. & 21st. ult. A large & appreciative audience attended on the Sunday at 3. p.m. when the children gave recitations & songs. On Monday night there was also a full church.

Both the children & those who helped them are to be complimented on the very creditable way in which they acquitted themselves. It was a distinct pleasure to hear them especially the "Little Tots" who did remarkably well. The singing by the choir was enjoyable and so also the music. The children, the members of the choir and all who assisted in making the services so successful are to be complimented for the good work they have done.

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SPORT NEWS

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with avidity to such an evidence of «Americanization» as the chain store, and.

The chain-store idea is perhaps a logical development of the new mass production in German industry.

At any rate, there is in Berlin a chain of stores catering to would-be dressers in what the announcements call «true American style».

Three prices, \$ 15, \$ 21, and \$ 29, are guaranteed to turn young Germans into facsimiles of the broad-shouldered 100 per cent. American collegiates which are pictured in the American-written «ads» that are acquainting Germany with the ready-to-wear wardrobe.

Suits and topcoats are made with the aid of American machines, each suit consisting of many pieces made simultaneously, and then assembled like Ford cars.

It seems hard to think of chain stores in France, the country of small businesses, yet, we read in *The Wall Street Journal*, «the chain store is not new to France, and the city of Paris is the best customer of a chain of wine shops, which is 106 years old». But as a matter of fact, «it is only since the war that the chain store has come to occupy an important position in the economic structure of France».

The characteristic French store is the neighborhood shop, which is a family affair, with wife and daughter, perhaps grand-mother, working along with the proprietor. These stores «are the standard small stores of France, and, as they indicate, all conditions of retail trade in this country would seem diametrically opposed to the chain store, yet figures affirm that it is on the way». And the writer for *The Wall Street Journal* proceeds to give us some of those figures:

THERE ARE 7,600 COOPERATIVE STORES SELLING SMALL MERCHANDISE IN FRANCE. THESE ARE OWNED BY SOME 3,500,000 STOCKHOLDERS. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL VOLUME OF BUSINESS IS \$137,200,000. Recently in Paris five-and-ten franc store (20 and 40 cents) were opened in various congested districts. The opening

vvas heralded by a fanfare of advertising in the Paris American press, and in one instance an invitation, «pre-view» vvas staged, at which they do say cocktails vvere served. The small ripples quickly subsided.

There is a five-and-ten-franc store up in the Latin Quarter. Its red front and general interior are strongly reminiscent of a certain Woolworth store in upper Eighth Avenue, Nevv York. It is located on that type of street, and display of goods is identical vwith the familiar Woolworth pattern—vvhich is totally dissimilar to the French fashion of shoving goods.

There are no chain drug stores in France, tho a fevv important pharmacies have branches. Tobacco, is of course, a government monopoly; and tobacco and postage stamps are sold in certain licensed cafés. Such licenses are allotted to ex-service men only. These in turn may sell them.

There is one chain of stores specializing in automobile supplies, the Mestree et Blatgé Cie., capitalized at 10,000,000 francs, and operating five stores in France

and one in Algiers, Spain Belgium, Argentina, and Brazil. There are three important shoe groups, the Bizet vwith 24 stores; the Levy, 100, and Ehrlich, 500.

Four department stores have branches throughout the country; these are the Bon Marché vwith a chain of 8; the Magazins Modernes, 32; Nouvelles Galeries, 26; Société Paris-France, 74. Felix Potin, the grocer, has 56 stores, and also sells to 600 partially controlled dependents. The docks Remois, groceries, has 1,000 branches and is the largest chain in France.

Two other grocery chains are the Entrepôts de Grenelle, 233 stores, and La Ruche Meridionale, 265 stores. There is a big coffee chain, two dairy chains, and two large chains of vines and spirits vvhose links carry to the farthest corners of the Republic.

As these figures indicate, for all the friendliness and «old-timeyness» of the Parisian boutique, vvhich seems so rooted in neighborhood soil, France is already enmeshed in the chain store idea.

Cricket

The Wanderers C. C. must be congratulated for her determined game against the Combination of the Rest of Clubs in Costa Rica, bringing off a dravvn game in fine style.

The only unpleasant incident was the iltempered retirement of Umpire Drummond, who on failing to give out Vernal Isaacs vwho was bowled in his second Ball but the balls refused to budge, vvas hissed by the spectators and angrily he left the field. The game was however brought to a close under the guidance of Umpires Gaston y Moore.

The Rest went in to bat and made 131 Runs for 8 wickets, Vernal after 5 chances came out top scorer with 54 Runs, McKoy 31, and P. Irons, 21. The Wanderers then replied with 118 for 9 wickets; Calvin being top Scorer with 46 Runs, L. Tomlinson 25, and C. Groves 14. After which the Cup was presented to Capt. Stanley Butler of the Wanderers by Mr. Jack Orane the donor, in a few well chosen remarks of congratulation. Mr. Aubrey Spyer, President of the Cricket League also congratulated the Winners of the Cup to which Mr. Butler suitably replied.

There were three other prizes awarded, one given by Mr. Stanley Lindo and presented by Mr. C. Harold Smith to the batsman who scored the most runs during the season, who happened to be Mr. D. Daly of the Peshurst C. C. Messrs Ben Scoltock and Prager of the Exportation Dept also presented a bat to the batsman who made the highest individual score during the season, which also happened to be Mr. D. Daly. Mr. A. S. Spence President of the Construction C. C. also presented to Mr. E. Smith (Tas) a gold medal given by the officers of the Board of Control for his prowess as a bowler, having gained the best average and most wickets. Mr. Charlie Hayling Secty. of the Board of Control and Mr. Bertie Barrett, President of the Motive Power C. C. also identified themselves in the presentation. The seasons activities then closed vwith Cheers for the Donors, Victors, Vanquished and officers of the League.

The match played on Sunday 27th. between the Construction C. C. and Excelsior C. C. was won by the Construction, which team scored 56 and the X. L. C. R. 48.

The Moin C. C. will meet the Eleven Brothers C. C. on Sunday 4th. inst and the Crusaders C. C. on Monday the 5th.

Baseball

The Costa Rican and

Braves teams vvhich went to Bluefields to engage the Sportsmen there came home vwithout a decision, having tied in the engagements. Better anyvway than losing. They had a glorious time however vwith the Nicas.

Football

The Alajuelenses and Libertad teams have both defeated the Mexican team in their matches. On the 4th inst. the Marte (Mexicans) vwill try conclusions vwith the Orion.

The end of this month we shall have the Peruvian crack team with us again.

Lodgings in Cartago

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The International Lottery

The Bailbond of Mr. Minton has been reduced from \$ 20,000 to... \$ 1500 and as a consequence he has been set at liberty, but what we admire in the case is the firmness and courage of one of the Magistrates of the Supreme Court, Justice Tomás Fernández Bolandi, in dealing with the request for his freedom under the Habeas Corpus act.

The twelve Judges sat, eight voted against the request & four in favour, and this Judge gave his reasons for being in favour in writing basing as his reasons for the stand he had taken the following: He cites that according to article 307 of the Code of Penal Procedures in order to dictate or move the detention of a person it is necessary that this order should

prove the Commission of a delito (misdemeanour) which merits corporal punishment, or at least circumstances should be made to appear in the process which give solid grounds to believe that such was committed. He argued that none of the arguments in the warrant to arrest proved that any such circumstances existed that would give grave reasons to believe that the misdemeanor attributed was committed, because it was not proven that any of the Tickets have been offered here in circulation, thereby asserting acts or false circumstances relative to the values offered. On these grounds therefore he was bound to come to the opinion that the Order for the arrest of the appellant was illegal, and thus vote in favour of the recourse taken under Habeas Corpus as being quite in order.

Pan Pomona

MANZANA 31—LOT 4

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To whom it may concern

In reply to the article published by my supposed wife Louise McLeod in «The Searchlight», I would like to make the following statements, to clarify the matter and to give the lie in her face, that the public may know the truth of our lives.

I unfortunately married her, Louis Sampson, in 1910 in this country at the age of 17. After our marriage I took her home to my relatives they showing her a life of respectability that she never seemed to have anticipated. I left her there for Cuba returned to Jamaica for her soon after; again I took her home to my Brother's residence, while there her mother arrived from Costa Rica and induced us to return to Costa Rica which I did, alas fatally, to my life of respectability. Soon after we arrived here I bought the property in question at Siquirres. She did invest \$ 500 of a piece of the 2nd. prize of the Lottery Ticket in the purchase of the spot, and her mother loaned me in all \$ 700, also arising from a similar piece of Ticket which her aunt won and paid over to her mother and for which I extended a pagaré, on which I have already repaid over two hundred colones, and shall settle this the only debt on my property.

Now with regards to our lives, the public of Siquirres know full well that this is the third time that this woman «who to my great surprise signs herself Louise McLeod» has left my home and protection to carry on with other men; she is now away from me a year and three months living openly with a man, which she acknowledges also does her mother acknowledge, therefore legally I do not hold myself responsible to her for any claim on my property as she has taken off my ring and thrown in my face, saying in life or death we are no more man and wife.

I should therefore like the public to know that I acknowledge my responsibility to my children, because if I sell the property it is to be used on them if it is not sold it remain theirs, therefore any persons who may want to buy or mortgage my property will have nothing to fear as I shall fulfil from the amount of sale or mortgage my full responsibility to her and my children.

She lyingly asserts that I got from her \$ 1000, but she only handed in \$ 500, which I claim as having been paid to her, by her expenses caused me for doctors and other fees caused by her own misconduct.

Charles A. McLeod

WANTS TITLE CHANGED

Another change in the title of the English Sovereign is once more being sought. On this occasion it comes from South Africa. The supporters of the movement claim that South Africa is an independent nation, and that, therefore, the title of the present Sovereign should be King George I of South Africa.

150,000 Revolvers

Police Commissioner, E. P. Mulrooney, of New York, estimates that there are 150,000 Revolvers in the hands of gangsters operating in that City, & this estimate does not include machine-guns, and sawed-off shot-guns. In an effort to restrict the possession of guns by criminals, the Police were urging that much heavier sentences be imposed by the Courts on criminals found in possession of them.