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WOMAN PLEADS FOR LIFE OF HER ASSAILANT

WRITES LETTER TO GOVERNOR

Urges that Sentence of Alvin Mansel be Commuted to Some Lesser Punishment

SEEKS MERCY FOR MOB MEN

Pardon Commissioner Sink, asks Woman to Supply Him with Additional Details

Raleigh, Dec. 11—The cause of Alvin Mansel, Negro, who is sentenced to die in the electric chair here on January 13, following his conviction of an attack upon a white woman who lives near Asheville, is being pleaded by the man's victim.

In a letter to Governor McLean, she pleads that Mansel's sentence be commuted to some other punishment, although she insists that Mansel undoubtedly is the guilty party.

Sink Seeks facts Pardon Commissioner H. Hoyle Sink has replied to the woman's letter, asking that she write in detail "exactly why you take this attitude," which the commissioner describes as "exceedingly unusual."

While the major portion of the woman's letter is taken up with pleas for those convicted of mob violence in storming the county jail, the woman urgently pleads for the life of the Negro.

The letter which was made public to-day, after he had learned that dispatches from Asheville told of it having been written as follows:-

"Dear Governor:

"I want to write you a few lines to try in my weak way to tell you my worries that I am having to endure. I was the unfortunate white woman that was criminally insulted in Asheville, N. C., on the morning of September 19, 1925, and I feel that I can never see any more peace through life unless I can beg for the boys that thought they were doing the right thing when they went to the jail after the Negro who insulted me.

"Now, what I want to do is to plead for the life of the Negro. Give him any kind of punishment besides death. He is the right one as sure as there is a God, but do please let me plead for his life. Please don't kill him. Give him a life sentence—anything but death.

"And, dear Governor, spare the boys who stood by for my sake. There were so many who went into the mob not knowing what it would end in, so many who had never been in anything before, and men who have got families to think of. Please do let me, if I may, plead for these poor men. Let them come back home, let them come back where the families will be complete where their weary hearts can be at rest, and be as they were when all this took place.

"Please do answer the plea of one who would be willing to fall on their knees for the poor men who were sentenced, some to be gone from home so long, all for my sake.

Pleads for Families "And then, too, think of the good mothers and fathers whose hearts are almost bowed down

F. & A. MASONS MEETINGS ARE HARMONIOUS ASKS FOR A SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS



REV. S. C. CAMPBELL, D. D.

The above is the likeness of Rev. S. C. Campbell whom many of us remember as the Boy Preacher of 1911-1916. Rev. Campbell was born at Newberry, S. C., June 6, 1895, of poor but industrious parents and was reared on the farm of Mr. W. H. Long, four miles from Newberry. When a child he showed signs of leadership. After attending Lake Stand school, under such teachers as Miss Mamie Simmons, Miss Addie Miller, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Lizzie Mance and Prof. S. Young, all of Newberry and who yet live, he entered the ministry, at the age of 16 years and was licensed to preach in 1911. He entered Morris College and by the assistance of friends and especially the encouragement of Dr. Starks he was graduated from the College Course with honors in 1920. Of his early struggles in the ministry only a few know for they were many and hard but by sheer force of will he has steadily forged ahead.

Licensed at 16, ordained at 21, married at 22, accepted the call to Morris Chapel at 24 and to St. Paul at 29, were the results of hard work and much study. He is rated as being one of the greatest pastors in the state. The church's report for his first year at St. Paul shows that \$6,665.49 was collected, 70 new members were added to the church, more than 14,000 persons attending the services, and plans are being laid to finish cancelling the church's debt of \$4,000.

Upon being asked the secret of his success, Rev. Campbell said: "From my mother I inherited the trait not to give up until it is done what you started, from my wife I learned never to talk much. I never attempt anything without praying first and I never pray for what I can do myself and when I do pray I always help the Lord to answer my prayer. In dealing with men I learned from my school father Dr. Starks at Morris College that Courtesy, Caution and Consideration mean much in making my plans for the people. I always remember the poor, the aged and sick. I draw my sermon matter from daily life so the people can understand. Thus the Lord sees that I am doing my best for all the people and He always makes up what I lack."

G. W.

CHARLES EDWARD RUSSEL ADDRESSES BOSTON N. A. A. C. P. MASS MEETING

With Moorfield Storey, National President of the N. A. A. C. P. presiding, and Charles Edward Russell, one of the Association's founders, delivering an address, the Boston Branch is holding a mass meeting on Dec. 13th, to help raise the money for the \$50,000 Legal Defense Fund. The meeting is being held in Tremont Temple, one of the largest auditoriums in the city. Another speaker at the meeting is Rev. Cassius A. Ward of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

DEFENSE FUND SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY JANUARY 1

There are 40,000 Colored Churches in the Country. An After Collection Averaging \$1.00 a Church would Complete the Fund with \$10,000 Surplus

New York, Dec. 11—The \$50,000 Defense Fund being raised by the N. A. A. C. P. ought to be completed by Jan. 1, 1926, according to a statement issued today by Secretary, James Weldon Johnson.

There is urgent need for haste for the new Sweet trial in Detroit begins the first week in January, the Segregation case is coming up before the U. S. Supreme Court, the "White Primary" case is scheduled. Money is needed and needed now.

The potentiaries of colored Americans are overwhelming when compared with the small sum of \$30,000 needed to meet the Garland Fund's offer of \$15,000. There are 40,000 colored churches in the country. An after collection averaging one dollar from each church on a single Sunday would complete our entire fund with \$10,000 surplus.

The present status of the Legal Defense Fund is as follows: Garland Fund \$5,000.00 Offered in addition 15,000.00 Needed to meet offer 30,000.00

Total \$50,000.00 Raised to Date 22,000.00 Still to go 6,325.82 The Chicago Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. heads the list of the week's contributions with a check for \$1,000; the Richmond, Va. Branch follows with \$400; The National Medical Association, through Dr. E. P. Roberts, Treasurer, \$185, and the Red Caps of the Pennsylvania Station in New York contributed, \$182 through a Committee con-

PRIZE FOR SLOGAN

Boston, Dec. 9—The National Equal Rights League, form its national headquarters on Cornhill, Boston, next door to where Garrison published his "Liberator" issues a call to all colored citizens in every community in the United States to severally band themselves together to start now a special racial movement to secure rights in 1926 as the sesqui-centennial year of the Declaration of Independence.

The League urges the race to show the country and the world an ability to co-operate, stand together, resist denials with spirit and courage, and campaign for the protection which every other race of Americans enjoy, formidably on its own moral, mental and financial resources at 150 years of an American Independence which it helped win, and 60 years after slavery was wiped from the status books of the Nation.

A nation-wide beginning of a 6 months special crusade is recommended for the first day of 1926 as the 150th Anniversary

year, by union after-midnight, or after-watch-meeting mass meetings for demand of the rights of the Declaration of Independence. If not feasible every community is asked to hold such a meeting New Year's day or evening, there to organize and prepare for a steady campaign, calling upon white America not to celebrate July 4th without having ceased its violation of the Declaration of Independence with regard to the ever loyal colored citizens.

The League offers another historical pamphlet on what the Afro-American did to make the Declaration and American Independence a possibility and permanent success by writing to the Secretary, Wm. Monroe Trotter, 9 Cornhill, enclosing 6 cents in stamps.

The League offers a prize for the best race sesqui-centennial slogan sent it by Feb. 1st, 1926, the winning slogan and its author to be made public for Douglas-Lincoln Day, Feb. 14th. There will be an impartial board of judges to be announced for New Year's Day.

TIME FOR THE STATE TO ACT

Fairwold Industrial School is Handicapped by Small Plant Fire Adds to Need.

\$2,000 IS APPROPRIATED

Two Teachers and Nineteen Girls Live in a Small Five Room Building

Establishment of a state industrial school for Negro girls is

58TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Public Meetings Held at Sidney Park C. M. E., and Bethel A. M. E. Churches

ALL LODGES REPRESENTED

W. H. Thomas, who has been Acting Secretary was Elected Grand Secretary

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina was held in Columbia, Dec. 8-9, 1925, with Dr. C. C. John-



PROF. W. H. THOMAS, Grand Secretary.

The above cut is the likeness of Prof. W. H. Thomas, Grand Secretary. Past Master Thomas has been a very active Mason for 25 years or more. He has filled the position of Assistant Grand Secretary for 15 years or more with satisfaction to the Order. He was at this meeting unanimously elected Grand Secretary succeeding Col. E. J. Sawyer, (retired.)

recommended by James C. Dozier, executive secretary of the state board of public welfare, in a report issued concerning the Fairwold Industrial School for Negro girls.

The need of such an institution has been augmented, Mr. Dozier points out, by the fire of last week, which destroyed the main building, leaving only a small five room building to care for the production of Grand Master by

DR. J. H. GOODWIN, ELECTED ORATOR OF THE DAY FOR TAMPA, FLA., JAN. 1st.

The citizens of Tampa, Fla., notified J. H. Goodwin, M. D., by wire Wednesday morning that he had been unanimously elected Orator of the Day Jan. 1st, 1926 for the Emancipation Celebration in the metropolis of Fla.

Dr. Goodwin, when seen today by a representative of the Leader, said: "I am going to accept."

It is an open secret throughout the State of South Carolina, that Dr. Goodwin is a silver-tongued orator, with few equals and no superiors.

He is one of Columbia's leading and oldest practicing phy-

sicians, the president of the Negro State Fair Association for 12 years, and a politician of unusual ability.

Tampa, Fla., is one of the largest cities of the South about four times the size of Columbia, progressive and is composed of the finest of people in this country, they did themselves proud when they elected South Carolina's leading orator a their speaker.

Again Florida will get a chance of seeing one of Carolina's noblest.

The Dr. will take care of the situation.