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THE JOHN BROWN RAID

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(By Fred. Landon)

It is only in the light of what took place after the collapse of the Harper's Ferry enterprise that Brown can be properly understood. His attack upon Harper's Ferry was an attack upon the State of Virginia, upon the United States government and upon the whole economic system of the South. Any man of judgement could foresee that it would fail. But what might seem folly to others was not folly to Brown, not more so than Joshua's plan to take a fortified city by the blowing of trumpets. Emerson saw pure idealism in Brown's act, an idealism that would sacrifice everything for the business in hand and take the consequences without fear or murmur. Brown had broken laws but he believed that his purpose was greater than any law, and his own death, he realized, would do more to arouse the American conscience on the slavery issue than even the success of his plan would have accomplished.

And so he died on the scaffold on a bright December morning, looking out over the smiling country within whose bounds existed the abominations which he had sought to destroy. Europe, as well as America, was moved by his death. Victor Hugo, looking out from France, wrote: "In killing Brown the Southern States have committed a crime which will take its place among the calamities of history. As to John Brown, he was an apostle and a hero. The gibbet has only increased his glory and made him a martyr."

In Canada the raid on Harper's Ferry made a profound impression. Despite the secrecy surrounding the Chatham convention there was quite a number of Canadians belonging to the anti-slavery group who knew what had taken place there and knew, too, that Brown was meditating a bold stroke. The raid was reported in detail in the Canadian newspapers. The Globe of Nov. 4th, 1859, pointed out that Brown's execution would but serve to make him remembered as "a brave man who perilled property, family, life itself, for an alien race." His death, The Globe held, would make the raid valueless as political capital for the slaveholders and the South might expect other Browns.

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GREAT NEGRO CHURCH BURNS

Chicago, Ill., Oct.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Greater Bethel A. M. E. Church, said to be the largest church occupied by Negroes in the world, was gutted by fire Friday night. The cause of the fire is unknown. Various possible causes given were the Ku Klux Klan, political differences, and internal dissension. Most credence is given to the charge that factions within the church were responsible. The loss is said to be \$100,000. It has not been possible to learn whether all the loss is covered by insurance, it being known that two policies for \$30,000 were cancelled two weeks ago because of failure to keep up the payments.

The Rev. Carl M. Tanner, son of the late Bishop Tanner and brother of the world-famous artist, H. O. Tanner, is pastor of the church. He came to Chicago from Washington and entered Mother Bethel at 30th and Dearborn streets. The purchase of the church just burned was heralded far and wide as the most progressive bit of constructive church work in the history of the Negro Methodism. Rev. Tanner was given much credit, along with Bishop A. J. Carey.

Greater Bethel was situated at 42nd st. and Grand Boulevard, one of the most aristocratic thoroughfares in Chicago. It was an imposing structure of white, and rose block-like against and above the fine homes round about. Originally it was built for the Lakeside Club, a white exclusive organization. Later it was occupied by Bernard McFadden as a health resort.

The cost of the church as given to the public varies. Figures run up to \$350,000. The lowest figure is \$65,000

Questions and Answers Column

Did the black race found the science of astronomy?

—G.L.K., Baltimore, Md.

As far as we know, the Chaldeans and Egyptians were the first peoples to study the stars. They were both black nations. Even to-day about 40 of the constellations still bear the names of African heroes and heroines, Cassiopea, Cepheus, Andromeda, Cadmus, Icarus, the Pleiades, Hercules, Virgo, Ganis and many more, were all black heroes of antiquity.

What is a Nordic?

—T.R.F., Milwaukee, Wis.

Nordic is a name adopted by the Klan to apply to pure white faces. It is a fiction pretty much the same as the term "Aryan" adopted about sixty years ago by Max Muller. It is in reality a desperate effort on the part of the Klan to preserve the idea of white superiority in the face of the vast amount of evidence coming to the front that supports the fact of the former superiority of the dark races.

Have there ever been any great African epics?—R. D., Akron, O.

Yes. Among the greatest are the Iliad, the Odyssey, the Epic of Pentaur, the Romance of Antar, the Shan Nameh, the Ramayana, the Manabharata, and many more too numerous to mention.

Who was Io, of the Grecian myths, —W.H.J., Kansas City.

Io, the famous little heroine of Ancient Greece, was the sister of Pelasgus, the legendary ancestor of the early Greeks, or Pelasgians, Zeus, the Grecian God, fell in love with her and became the father of her son, Epaphos, the "black, touch-born" son. He later returned to Greece and there founded a nation. "Aeschylus," the Grecian dramatist mentions him in his drama, "The Suppliants."

"Oh, what a cute little dolly! Does she say 'mamma' when you squeeze her?"

"Naw! My dolly's a modern doll! When you squeeze her, she says, 'Oh Boy!'"

Wife—Do you know that you have not kissed me for six weeks?

Prof. (who is absent-minded)—Good heavens, who have I been kissing, then?

DUNWICH OIL FIELD DEVELOPING RAPIDLY

Rapidly developing Dunwich Oil

Iona Station, Oct. 17—H. Frederick an eminent European geologist, has recently examined the Peace River Development Company's field in Dunwich, and expressed the opinion that it is very similar to the Pan-Handle field in Texas, and that the Pan would be found almost in the center of the company's leases with the Handle thinning out in a northwestern direction.

Mr. Frederick is enthusiastic about this field and has stated much larger wells will yet be brought into production in the shallow sands, but when the company drills to 2,200 or 2,500 feet a big oil pool will be discovered, far greater than the present producing wells, as the geological information shows an immense anticline centering on the company's property, very similar to Texas and Oklahoma.

This company has already brought into production four wells and are now regular shippers of oil to the refineries at Sarnia. The last well, No. 4, is producing practically pure lubricating oil, which is used on the company's engines direct from the well, with satisfactory results. This well is one of the first of its kind to be discovered in Canada, and is producing about 25 barrels per day. The actual drilling results in the Dunwich field are proving that the geological opinions expressed on this area are correct.

No. 5 well was commenced on Saturday, October 11, and is already drilled over 250 feet. Rapid progress is being made, and it is expected the Delaware rock will be struck at the end of this week and the well brought into oil production by the end of the month.

George Willits, of Bothwell, is in charge of drilling operations, and has succeeded in bringing every well so far drilled into production. Mr. Willits was formerly in charge of drilling operations for the Royal Dutch Oil Company in Burmah.

The company has installed a loading equipment on their siding at Iona on the Pere Marquette, where the tank cars are loaded for the refineries.

—London Free Press, Oct. 18.

Full information regarding this company may be obtained at the office of the Western Securities Corporation, 421 Richmond St., London.