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Hon. Marcus Garvey Comes Back Strong In Retort To White Editor Of London Newspaper

Fellow-Men of the Negro Race, Greeting:

It is a pleasure always to write to you conveying the latest news and developments in the world as they affect the Negro and members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association in particular.

The White Man at His Game

One of the members of the Association in London, England, has just sent me a clipping taken from a late edition of a large English weekly paper known as the "News of the World," published in London. The clipping purports to be a news article written up for the paper by some white man and Negro hater. The article is supposed to be a report of my arrival in Jamaica and is headed thus: "Dusky Crook Arrived at Native Home; Received as a Prince, but He Is a Crook." The matter that follows this goes on to show how I swindled 40,000 Negroes of the Black Star Line out of \$1,000,000; that I made promise of establishing an African Empire; that I created Dukes, Barons and Knights by selling them honors in this empire; that I never bought any ships but had two tubs—yet they were illogical enough to state in another part of the article that I had a yacht and that I lived aboard with a harem of twenty-four women; that I had taken millions from the black race to improve their condition, etc.; that I wore fantastic robes and regalia which appealed to the ignorant Negroes. So much for the vicious lies and statements of "The News of the World," but let us go into facts to see the thieving and lying white man as we know him.

What We Know

Every stockholder in the Black Star Line knows that the Black Star Line would have been a going and successful business today were it not for the tricks and practices of white men who laid the plans to break up the company, as they did not want black men to operate ships in competition with them for the trade of Africa, South and Central America, the United States and the West Indies. These whites paid millions of dollars to smash up the company and dishearten the Negroes. Their chief game was to lie to the Negroes in every part of the world, as "The News of the World" is now doing, so as to get the people in a distrustful mood by which they calculated they could prevent the support necessary going to the company. They planned to hold me up to criminal ridicule so as to weaken my leadership which they feared, and so in keeping with this they opened the floodgates of journalistic criticism against me. But let us analyze their criticism.

Who Is the White Man Fooling?

How is it that I could have robbed a \$1,000,000 from the stockholders of the Black Star Line, when it is a fact that the money subscribed by the stockholders of the Black Star Line was used to buy its ships, the Yarmouth, Kanawha, Shady Side and Orion. The first three ships were owned by the Black Star Line and millions saw them in active operation. The Orion was never delivered by the U. S. Shipping Board, although they have kept the \$25,000 paid them as the first installment, and which white sharks are trying to rob from the corporation by railroading me out of America so that I could take no steps to recover it for the people.

Garvey's Only Reward

All that I ever received as salary from the Black Star Line the entire time I was president was about \$3,500, as the court record at my trial showed. I was the largest investor in the Black Star Line, having more than two thousand dollars paid up shares.

The Properties of the Black Star Line

The Black Star Line owned property in New York City paid for by the money of the corporation. It paid its expenses to run and manage the ships, and the court

Gives the Lie Direct to White British Newspaper Back at Its Old Game of Vilifying and Ridiculing Garvey to Discourage Negro Millions

EXPOSES WHITE DUPLICITY IN THE DOWNFALL OF THE BLACK STAR LINE

Shows How He Was Railroaded to Prison, Then Rushed Out of the United States While the Properties of the Organization Were Stolen

WHITE "LOGIC" WOULD MAKE HIM "EAT HIS CAKE AND HAVE IT"

record shows that every penny taken in was spent for the promotion and development of the company. No one knows these facts better than the white liars and thieves who have written against me. If the money of the corporation went to buy ships and run them, as everybody knows, how in the name of reason and goodness could I have robbed the people of the same and very amount of money? Can a man eat his cake and have it at the same time? No one knows better that this cannot be than the lying white man, but he is such a liar and thief that he will stop at nothing to defame those of other races who are making an effort to free themselves from his greed, graft, lies and thievery.

The World's Great Liar

This liar has stolen the whole world from other people and now he has the nerve to accuse me of robbing my own people. What Negro is there in the world who has not been robbed by the white man? From the time of Cain and Abel white men have been murdering and robbing other men. If the white man wants a history of his robbery, I will accommodate him in writing it for him.

Why White Men Interfere in Negroes' Business

What right has he in Negroes' affairs, but to rob and exploit them? The whole world knows that. So when liars like the editor of "The News of the World" spread such falsehoods across their papers, the Negro knows well how to value it.

Dukes, Barons and Knights

I am accused of creating Dukes, Barons and Knights. Who gave the white man a monopoly on creating social orders? No Dukes nor Barons were born out of Heaven, but they are all man-made, and if one race can make them to suit their own purposes, another has the similar right. The white man is crazy or drunk to believe that he owns the world, God and man. They make effort to laugh at my robes and the regalia of the organization. Why won't they start at home and laugh after the robes and regalia of their own race, their bishops, priests, college professors, etc.? You idiots, do you think you can still fool the world as you once fooled the North American Indian, the Australian barbarian and the ancient African?

Lying About Marcus Garvey

You may lie about Marcus Garvey, but you will convince no Negro that he ever robbed a penny from him in all his life. You are cowards to stab me as you have always done your enemies and opponents behind their backs.

False Propaganda

You first raised a false propaganda about me to defeat me; when that did not succeed you corrupted and bought over twenty per cent of my employees. When you found that they had no information to sell on which you could destroy me, you framed me up and sent me to your prison,

an institution that was invented for your own race. When you found out that imprisoning me did not cause black men to lose confidence in me, you had to release me, for the sentiment for my cause was growing stronger each day. Then after my release you have started the old game of lying again. Are you not ashamed of yourselves, crooked white men?

Railroaded Out of America

Why did you not allow me to go back to New York to fight you in your own Federal Courts and get returned to the Negroes the beautiful ship General G. W. Goethals, that you lied and called a tub, and which is one of the best ships afloat today owned by the Black Cross Navigation and Trading Company which you robbed from the race by a trick, and by bribing the unfaithful men I left behind when you sent me to prison? This was the trick you played: You inveigled the disloyal and foolish men who assumed charge of the company when you railroaded me to Atlanta to keep all information of their activities away from me, and then you got them to sign up for a cargo of small tonnage to be removed to Miami. After the fools signed the contract, you delivered to the ship just about five tons of cargo and then went around the commercial area and influenced other shippers not to give the ship cargo so that they would not have a full cargo to go to Miami or any other point in that direction. You know that a 5,000-ton ship could not go to sea with five tons of cargo without a tremendous loss. When the ship did not sail according to your planned contract, you libeled her and had your own white court to order the sale for damages, and your own white marshal sold the ship to you, the people who made the contract with my disloyal representatives; and the ship that two months before we bought cash from your race, and refitted at a cost of \$250,000, you robbed from us at the marshal's sale for \$25,000, and six weeks afterward you sold it to another white man for \$90,000, when the cargo you put aboard was not valued at \$5,000.

Now, white man, who is the thief and crook—you or Marcus Garvey? You deported me so that I could not recover in the Federal Courts, as you know well that I was held a federal prisoner in Atlanta during the period of your tricks and since I was no party to them, as president, director and bondholder of the corporation, I could have sued for recovery of the ship in a Federal Court. In the same way you robbed the organization and the race of our Liberty Hall, New York, and our Liberty Hall, Pittsburgh, an asset of \$170,000. You also stole our office buildings and publishing plant at 52-54-56 West 135th street, New York, an asset of \$80,000. All this along with the \$25,000 in the hands of the United States Shipping Board could have been recovered for the people, yet you rushed me out of America so as to allow white men to gobble up the money, then you have the nerve to call me a "Dusky Crook." If I am a dusky crook, white man, what do you call yourself and what do you think the world of black, brown and yellow men think of you? You have also tried to cause us to lose the legacy left to the organization by Sir Isaiah Morter, a black man of Belize, British Honduras, an estate of nearly \$250,000. I need say no more for the present, but I feel sure that there is no Negro in the world that will allow himself to be fooled by white men like editors of "The News of the World."

With very best wishes for success.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

Marcus Garvey

President-General, Universal Negro Improvement Assn.
Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I., January 20, 1928.

