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## OUR NINTH BIRTHDAY

**F**ORGIVE US, while we hide our diminished head. We had contracted for a new, large suit of clothes on our Ninth Birthday, and behold us, in short clothes.

Forgive us, it is the Printers' Strike.

## A STATEMENT

**A**T no previous period in the history of the Negro in America has he been confronted with a more critical situation than today. The forces of prejudice against which we are fighting seem determined to keep twelve millions of Americans in that bondage of prejudice because of race, while those twelve millions are determined as never before to achieve the status of citizens—full and unlimited by caste or color. When two forces of such magnitude meet, a critical situation is inevitable and such a one is upon us today.

There are those who are attempting to becloud the issue by declaring that the present unrest and discontent is due to influences other than natural resentment against wrong. Such persons are making such absurd statements either through ignorance of the facts or because they know the facts and are attempting to shift the responsibility for the half-century of lynching, disfranchisement, peonage, "Jim-Crowism" and injustice of every sort practiced on the Negro.

We do not countenance violence. Our fight is against violence. We are fighting—as we always have fought—for the reign of law over the reign of the mob. No sane man or woman

can for a minute advise any group to use the torch or the gun to right the wrong of violence. Only in self defense can such a course ever be considered justifiable.

But we must fight and we are going to fight in every legitimate and lawful way until our problem is entirely settled. To do this we need greater organization, energy, funds and courage than ever before. The call is to you to rally to the support of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and help in the fight to make America safe for the colored man.

## WRITE

**T**HE following resolution has been introduced into both houses of Congress:

**RESOLVED**, "That the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States Senate be, and it is hereby, authorized and directed at as early a date as possible, by subcommittee, to investigate the race riots in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and other cities of the United States, and to investigate lynchings which have occurred in different parts of the United States, and to ascertain as far as possible the causes for such race riots and lynchings, and report what remedy or remedies should be employed to prevent the recurrence of the same; said subcommittee shall have power to have meetings in any part of the United States, to call and examine witnesses, to examine papers, and to take such action as may be necessary to secure the facts."

Will every reader of THE CRISIS write or wire his senator and representative urging the

adoption of this resolution?

Do not wait.

Act now! When you have done this, get your friends to do likewise.

### A CHURCH PLATFORM

**I**T is extremely difficult to get the white church to take a decided stand on any burning social question. We welcome, therefore, the "Constructive Program for Just Inter-Racial Relations" issued recently by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. In brief, it follows:

The Government, local, state and national, should impartially guarantee to all classes security of life and property.

The Negro should have economic justice.

We call upon men and women everywhere to protect the sanctity of home and womanhood.

Adequate recreational provisions should be made available for Negro citizens.

We strongly endorse the plea of the Negro for equal traveling accommodations for equal charges.

Adequate educational facilities for Negro children and youth should be provided.

Qualifications for the franchise should be administered irrespective of race, creed or color.

Closer co-operation between the races should be promoted by organizing local committees of white and colored people.

### THE GOVERNORS

**T**HE Governors' program of racial adjustment falls flat on its first proposal:

"It is imperatively urgent that lynching be prevented.

"1. By the enlistment of Negroes themselves in preventing crimes that provoke mob violence."

The most prevalent crime in the United States that provokes mob violence is the crime of being black. Alleged rape causes only 19 per cent of the lynchings of Negroes in the United States, and it is doubtful if

half the alleged cases are true.

Again, the only way to endow Negroes with the power to deal with that crime or any other crime is to give them the ballot, and this the Governors were afraid to demand.

### THE PLUMB PLAN

**T**HE Plumb Plan for railroad management in the United States is the best proposed so far. It includes government ownership and operation by employees and the government in partnership. The underlying principle of permitting the workingmen to share in the conduct of industry is absolutely correct. The monarchic business institution that "belongs" to one man or group and refuses to allow those who do the work to have any decisive voice or influence in the conduct of the business is doomed. Industrial democracy means a voice and vote in industry by the workers.

### THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

**T**HE colored folk want the League of Nations. The proposed League is not the best conceivable—indeed, in some respects it is the worst. But the worst International is better than the present anarchy in international relations. This anarchy has just cost civilization two hundred thousand millions of dollars, eight million corpses, twenty million maimed pieces of men and untold and untellable waste, destruction, sorrow, misery and crime.

To save human culture from a repetition of the Great War, a government of governments is proposed. In its present form it is oligarchic, reactionary, restricted and conservative, and it gives Imperialism, particularly Imperial England, unwarranted preponderance. Nevertheless, it has a democratic Assembly, it recognizes no color line, and it can enforce peace.

No opponent of the League offers anything better that has the slightest chance of adoption. Most opponents want no League at all. They want a swashbuckling anarchy, with a Jingo United States velling in chorus with Jingoes of all Europe.



What boots it to complain now that Wilson did not stand to his moral guns at Paris, or that Egypt, India and Ireland are not free? Will they be any freer or the world any safer without some international bond of reason and sanity? No. Let us have the League with all its autocracy and then in the League let us work for Democracy of all races and men.

### HONESTY

**I**T is characteristic of the inner spiritual turmoil of our race that the old homely morality should totter on its foundations; that our boys and girls—aye, our men and women—should seriously question whether it really pays to tell the truth, to refrain from theft or to refuse to spread malicious gossip. Without that fine feeling of honor which needs no proof, it is often difficult in this day and land to point to the true worth of honesty and probity. There comes now and then, however, a flash of revealing lightning.

Out in Nebraska ninety-eight white dental students bought copies of examination questions before the test. One looked, but did not buy. One did not even look, and he was a Negro. If the Negro had yielded to the temptation, our charming friends would have found but one more proof of racial dishonesty.

So this young man, John Singleton, bore on his shoulders, not simply his personal honor, but the honor of a great race, standing there "within the shadow, keeping watch."

### SOCIAL EQUALITY

**E**VERY time the American Negro seeks reasonably and earnestly to bring his case before the white South and the nation the bourbons proceed to throw dust in the eyes of the public by screaming frantically, "Social Equality."

That bogey can be easily met: If "Social Equality" means the right to vote, the abolition of "Jim-Crow" cars, the stoppage of lynching, universal education and civil rights, then social equality is exactly what we

want and what eventually we will and must have.

If, on the other hand, "Social Equality" involves the denial of the social right of any individual of any race or color to choose his own marital mate, his own friends and his own dinner companions—in fine, to be master of his own home, then no sane person ever dreamed of demanding the slightest interference with such an obvious right, and any one who accuses Negroes of such a demand writes himself down as an ass or a deliberate liar.

### HEROES

**W**E stand with uncovered heads before the tens of thousands of black men and women of the South who are fighting the real battle of Freedom. They are striking no blows—they are using no violence—they are uttering no threats—in most cases they are speaking no word. But they are standing with bleeding souls and streaming eyes, silently, steadfastly, before the altar of their own beliefs and aspirations. Not once by word, deed or gesture do they flinch.

They believe themselves the equals of any man, and not all the mobs of the bourbon South—not even death and torture—can make them deny it. Neither by money nor fear can they be induced to betray their race, either by the cringing deed or by the lying admission; in the face of the slobbering "white folks' nigger" with his soothing syrup of false flattery and lies, they stand unmoved. They seek peace and self-respect, but before everything, they insist upon respecting themselves.

Their white neighbors know and secretly honor them. They wonder how such souls can live and endure the lot of the Negro in the South. Yet they do live, they do endure, and in God's good time such martyrdom must and shall win.

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# THE HOPE OF A NEGRO DRAMA



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IS it true that there is coming into existence in America a Negro Drama which at some future day may equal in excellence the American Negro Music? If the signs of the times do not point to such a thing, we must change their direction and make them point the right way; we must have a Negro Drama.

There is no doubt that the Negro has a natural poetic gift; neither is there any doubt that a dramatist is fundamentally a poet; therefore, in order to help towards this, something may be done if some of our numerous poets will consent to rest from their usual labors for a while and lend a hand towards the writing of Negro plays. There need be no groping for subject matter. Here is a wealth of material, a mine of pure gold. I know of no field which is richer for the purpose of so democratic an art.

But to attain this end, to obtain the wealth of this mine, will require diligent toil—the honest sweat of the brain. As Sir Arthur W. Pinero says in reference to playwriting generally: "When you sit in your stall at the theater and see a play moving across the stage, it all seems so easy and natural, you feel as though the author had improvised it. The characters, being, let us hope, ordinary human beings, say nothing very remarkable, nothing, you think—thereby paying the author, the highest possible compliment—that might not quite as well have occurred to you. When you take up a play-book (if you ever do take up one), it strikes you as being a very trifling thing—a mere insubstantial pamphlet beside the imposing bulk of the latest six-shilling novel. Little do you guess that every page of the play has cost more care, severer mental tension, if not more actual manual labor, than any chapter of a novel, though it be fifty pages long."

When I say Negro plays, I do not mean merely plays with Negro characters. Dramatizations of Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and Gustave Flaubert's "Salammbô" did not make Negro plays, although they had important Negro characters. Miss Grimké's "Rachel" is nearer the idea; still even this, with its Negro characters, is not exactly the thing I mean. It is called a propaganda play, and a great portion of it shows the manner in which Negroes are treated by white people in the United States. That such a work is of service will be acknowledged by anyone who will examine many of the plays of Shaw, Galsworthy and Brieux. Still there is another kind of play; the play that shows the soul of a people; and the soul of this people

is truly worth showing. Mr. Ridgley Torrence, with the aid of Mrs. Norman Hapgood and Mr. Robert E. Jones, has accomplished it. "Granny Maumee," "The Rider of Dreams" and "Simon, the Cyrenian" are Negro plays; and we can never thank Mr. Torrence enough for such an excellent beginning of a movement we hope to continue. Miss Mary Burrill in "Aftermath" has also written a fine play; and these two examples prove the richness of the subject matter.

An excellent model, and one by which we ought to profit, is the case of the Irish National Theater, the history of which may be learned elsewhere. My point is this: that with no richer material, and among a population of less than five millions, the Irish have built a national drama, encouraged and sustained playwrights, who are respected the same as are the other members of their profession in larger countries, and trained a company of actors who have made a decent living by their work on the stage. Had it not been for the Irish Theater, perhaps such names as Synge, Yeats and Lady Gregory, Ervine, Colum and Murray would never have been known among the world dramatists. As it is, they stand high and are honored. This being the case, what ought the Negro Drama in the United States be capable of among a population of fundamentally artistic people, which twice outnumber the population of Ireland?

The Negro has some natural ability for fine acting on account of his skill in imitation and on account of the mellowness of his voice. Take the sharp Caucasian "I" and compare it with the mellow "Ah" of Negro dialect. The "I" prolonged for a second changes to the sharper "E"; but the "Ah" prolonged continues its mellow sound unchanged. A similar difference may be seen in comparing the Caucasian "my" with the "ma" of Negro dialect. But even with these two assets to fine acting—mimicry and mellow tone of voice—there are yet other things necessary for the making of the finished actor; and not least among these other things is skill in interpretation. Skill in interpretation is more the fruit of long and careful training than it is a gift of nature. This being the case, it naturally follows that if the Negro actor is given long and careful training, he will make his mark on the stage.

Mr. George Jean Nathan in his volume, "Mr. George Jean Nathan Presents," has a chapter called "The Black Art" in which he pays many compliments to the Negro actor. One of the things he says is that the Negro is better fitted to play Shakespearean parts than the Caucasian, because the

sweetness of the Negro tones is so well suited to the poetry of Shakespeare. Mr. Nathan hates to acknowledge it, but he thinks that the part of Othello should always be played by a Negro actor, since a Negro actor is as well fitted for that part as a white actress is fitted for the part of Desdemona. These are very encouraging things, but Mr. Nathan spoils the chapter just as he spoils the book by trying to be funny. He says words to the effect that we are all "porters, waiters and cooks"; and at some place in the chapter he goes so far as to call us "coons." And as I was reading his book, I was thinking that among these "porters, waiters and cooks" perhaps there were some with a little vision, a few ideas

and a sufficient knowledge of dramatic technique to make plays out of the interesting things in the lives of these "porters, waiters and cooks."

I am very sure that all those broad-minded people who are intelligently interested in the welfare and development of the Negro race in America will be delighted when we shall be able to send a company of Negro Players with Negro Plays across our own continent; and those intelligent people who have never been interested in us will surely give us a second thought when we send our Negro Plays and Players to show hitherto unknown things to the artistic peoples of Europe.

## A LETTER

**A** WEEK ago an old friend of mine whom I had not seen for twenty years came to see me.

After talking of old school days and friends, both of us asking and answering many questions, my friend asked, "And what did you think of the Washington and Chicago riots?"

When I had answered that question she said, "I wish you would send that answer to THE CRISIS, just as you have told it to me, so that our men can know how we women have felt and how we feel now."

And so I am sending this, regardless of the fact that I am unused to writing for publication.

I said this: "The Washington riot gave me the thrill that comes once in a life time. I was alone when I read between the lines of the morning paper that at last our men had stood like men, struck back, were no longer dumb, driven cattle. When I could no longer read for my streaming tears, I stood up, alone in my room, held both hands high over my head and exclaimed aloud: 'Oh, I thank God, thank God!' When I remember anything after this, I was prone on my bed, beating the pillow with both fists, laughing and crying, whimpering like a whipped child, for sheer g'adness and madness. The pent-up humiliation, grief and horror of a life time—half a century—was being stripped from me. Only colored women of the south know the extreme in suffering and humiliation.

"We know how many insults we have borne silently, for we have hidden many of them from our men because we did not want them to die needlessly in our defense; we know the sorrow of seeing our boys and girls grow up, the swift stab of the heart at night to the sound of a strange footstep, the feel of a tigress to spring and claw the white man with his lustful look at our comely daughters, the deep humiliation of sitting in the Jim Crow part of a street car and hear the white men laugh and discuss us, point out the good and bad points of our bodies. God alone knows the many things colored women have borne here in the South in silence.

"And, too, a woman loves a strong man, she delights to feel that her man can protect her, fight for her, if necessary, save her.

"No woman loves a weakling, a coward, be she white or black, and some of us have been near to thinking our men cowards, but thank God for Washington colored men! All honor to them, for they first blazed the way and right swiftly did Chicago men follow. They put new hope, a new vision into their almost despairing women.

"God grant that our men everywhere refrain from strife, provoke no quarrel, but that they protect their women and homes at any cost."

A Southern Colored Woman.

I'm sure the editor will understand why I cannot sign my name.

## NOTICE

**O**N account of the strike of the printers in New York City nearly all the large magazines have stopped publication. THE CRISIS will not stop, but is compelled this month to appear a little later and with fewer pages instead of the enlarged number which we planned.

We beg the indulgence of our readers. We promise a magazine in the future which will repay them for their patience and loyalty.

# National Association for the ... Advancement of Colored People.

## LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

**A**T the September meeting of the Board of Directors of the N. A. A. C. P. it was decided to appeal to the country for an adequate legal defense fund for use in defending the victims of race riots and race discrimination. Such a fund has long been needed. Heretofore the Association has been compelled almost wholly to rely upon the volunteer services of busy members of its National Board for such legal aid as was needed and as could be given. Even if the services of busy lawyers were freely offered, as was the case when Mr. Storey carried the Segregation case to the Supreme Court of the United States and won so great a victory, there would still remain heavy incidental charges which would have to be met, if the rights of colored people are adequately to be defended when fundamental issues are involved.

All practical people know that volunteer work has definite limitations. Will the lovers of justice and fair play, the believers in a "square deal" for the Negro—all those of both races who realize the menace to America of rank injustice unrebutted, contribute \$50,000 for a N. A. A. C. P. Legal Defense Fund, by December 1, 1919?

Neither in Washington, Chicago, Omaha, Knoxville, Charleston, Longview, have Negroes been the aggressors. We would be glad to believe that the danger is passed, that no other Negro haters will rise to disgrace the fair name of an American city, that none who fought or acclaimed a war to "make the world safe for democracy," will seek to deprive Negroes of their rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in accordance with our fundamental law.

**But we face a condition, not a theory.** In Chicago, for example, a Grand Jury actually refused to consider any more indictments of alleged rioters unless and until the prosecuting officers brought some white men before them, so flagrantly discriminating and unjust were they forced to regard a situation where, in a riot brought on by white men, almost none but colored men had up to that date (a week after rioting had ceased) been charged with rioting. Even such a Jury, however, is at the mercy of the prosecuting officers. In one particularly "raw deal" only the vigilance and persistence of an N. A. A. C. P. investigator brought about the indictment of a white police officer and a federal government employee who had rushed through the colored district, firing right and left into the houses of colored people and at colored passers-by. Although these men had been recognized as officers at the hospital where they were treated after

their automobile had been wrecked by running against a police patrol used as a barricade, they were unmolested for weeks until the Association's agent in person presented irrefutable evidence against them to the foreman of the before-mentioned Grand Jury and afterwards to the Grand Jury itself.

For such service as this, and to protect and safeguard the legal rights of friendless and poor colored men, funds must be available. No surer preventive of mob ruthlessness and more certain corrective of official negligence or malevolence could be provided, than for all such to know for a certainty that some strong, sane organization, backed by responsible citizens, white and colored, and with **ADEQUATE FUNDS** was prepared to defend colored people's rights in the courts and to see that justice was done them everywhere. Furthermore, Negroes must not be left the sting and virus that inevitably results from a sense of justice denied. No man, because he is black and poor, should be permitted with reason to believe that America, or Americans with white skins (for the machinery of Government and law is controlled by white men) have trampled upon his liberties or denied him the equal protection of the laws.

Imbued with this spirit, an eminent leader of the bar in Chicago, Mr. S. S. Gregory, has volunteered his services without fee, as leading counsel, to protect the legal interests of, and secure equal justice for, all colored men indicted in the Chicago Riots situation. Mr. Gregory is a former President of the American Bar Association, a former president of both the Illinois State Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association, and was for a time special counsel to the Federal Trade Commission. Associated with him as managing counsel is Ex-State Senator James J. Barbour, likewise a lawyer of high standing at the Illinois Bar. The immediate supervision of Chicago legal defense matters is in the hands of the Legal Committee of the Chicago Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., which, in cooperation with the Association's National Board, has assumed responsibility for providing such adequate legal advice and defense as may be required.

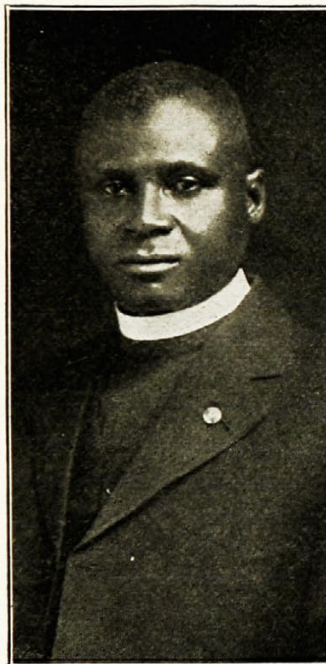
The members of the Chicago Legal Committee of the N. A. A. C. P. are Former Judge Edward Osgood Brown, Former Judge Robert McMurdy, George Packard, Esq., of Miller, Starr, Brown Packard & Peckham, and Mr. Marcus Hirschl. Cooperating are members of the Cook County Bar Association, composed of colored lawyers, who began work on behalf of colored defendants after the riot subsided.

In advance of the raising of an adequate Legal Defense Fund, the National Board at its September meeting voted to put the sum of \$5,000 at the service of the Chicago Branch for legal defense. Chicago is at work raising funds to supplement the amount so advanced, under the joint auspices of a group of representative public welfare and religious organizations, whose cooperation has been secured.

The National Board appeals now for \$50,000 for a Legal Defense Fund. Do you,

our readers, believe enough in securing equal justice to the black man to give your share? Justice must be assured him. There are but two alternatives—one, the N. A. A. C. P. way of legal defense when rights are denied or imperiled, the other, chaos and black ruin. We appeal to the law. Your money will make our appeal concrete. We speak, not of abstract rights but of concrete ones, menaced by race hatred and national neglect.

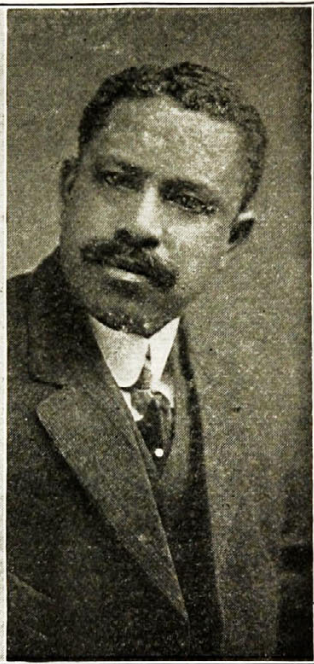
## Men of the Month



Dr. N. H. B. Cassel



Miss Jessie R. Fauset



The late John Merrick

**T**HE Honorable C. D. B. King, Secretary of State of Liberia and President-elect, accompanied by Mrs. King, have been visiting in the United States. In Washington they were entertained by the Liberian Consul-General, Dr. Ernest Lyons, and a committee of colored citizens. They were presented to the President of the United States, the Vice-President, the Secretary of State and the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. In New York they were entertained by the Masons and a public meeting was held at Ethical Culture Hall. In Boston they were banqueted by the mayor and others.

Liberia College is represented in this country by Dr. N. H. B. Cassell, its president. The college needs an endowment of \$500,000—\$100,000 for buildings and \$25,000 a year for running expenses. Dr. Cassell

has headquarters at the Church Missions House, New York City, and would be glad to give information to interested persons.

Miss Jessie Redmon Fauset joined THE CRISIS staff last month as Literary Editor. She has for many years been a contributor to our pages. She was born in Philadelphia, educated in the public schools, holding the alumnae scholarship in the High School for Girls, and afterward took her Bachelor's degree at Cornell, where she gained the Phi Beta Kappa key. She has studied in Paris and at the University of Pennsylvania, holding a University scholarship, and took her Master's degree there last June. Formerly Miss Fauset taught Latin and French in the Dunbar High School, Washington, D. C.

John Merrick was first a bricklayer and then a barber at Durham, N. C. He early began to invest his money in Negro business enterprises and became founder and presi-



**The Honorable C. D. B. King, Secretary of State and President elect of Liberia, and Mrs. King.**

dent of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, which today has underwritten \$20,000,000 worth of insurance and

employs 700 agents. Mr. Merrick died recently and his funeral was attended by large numbers of white and colored citizens.

# The Looking Glass

## LITERATURE

**C**HARLES BERTRAM JOHNSON, in his "Songs of My People":  
My people laugh and sing  
And dance to death,—  
None imagining  
The heartbreak under breath.

We have received *Smile*, a magazine of the Hoffman Preparatory School in Chicago, Ill., which was edited, and edited well, by Albert J. Nolan, the only colored student in the school's student-body of two hundred and eighty. The "Story of Slavery" is the name of a little pamphlet by the late Booker T. Washington, dealing very briefly and a trifle too leniently with this unhappy subject. Miss Tracy D. Mygatt sends us "Good Friday, A Passion Play of Now," which deals with the treatment of the "conscientious objector." It is very dramatic and reaches a really thrilling denouement.

The *Birth Control Review* for September is the Negro Number. It contains a one-act play of Negro life, "They That Sit in Darkness," by Mary Burrill, and a short story, "The Closing Door," by Angelina W. Grimke. The workmanship of Miss Burrill's play is good, but it is written too obviously to point a moral. "The Closing Door" is in exquisite vein and is very readable, indeed.

## JAPAN OPENS FIRE

**A**MERICA'S attitude toward her dark inhabitants, too long at variance with her professions of humaneness, has provoked the wide-spread notice of the Japanese press. The *Asahi*, Osaka, says of the Washington riots:

What an irony that such disturbances should have occurred in the capital of America, the protagonist of the League of Nations! Most of the American papers fear that if all the Negroes, who amount to over 10 per cent of the whole population of America, should rise in revolt, the consequences will be very serious. Apprehension alone, however, does not suffice to remedy the situation. Is it not most urgently necessary to rectify the arrogant attitude of the whites toward, not only the black, but other colored races?

The *Maninichi*, another Osaka paper, says on the same subject:

The principle of humanity not being executed in the country which professes to vindicate that principle, bloody strife occurred in its capital, and the authorities are trying to prevent serious disturbances by proclaiming martial law. American statesmen, not to mention Mr. Wilson, should first satisfy the 10,000,000 Negroes in America, before meddling in the affairs of other countries, on the plea of justice and humanity. They discriminate the racial white from black, but confound the logical white and black, and attempt to dictate to the world.

If they are not crazy, they are foolish.

The *Daily Nippu Fiji*, Honolulu, draws a parallel between the treatment of Koreans by Japanese and the treatment of black Americans by white:

Generally speaking, misunderstandings and clashes, which are liable to come up among different races, are quite the order of the day. As regards the Korean uprisings, all the wrongs are not necessarily on the side of the Japanese government, but unfortunate events have taken place.

The recent clash between the whites and blacks in America is another example of conflict which has risen from racial misunderstanding.

Discriminatory treatment of the Negroes by the whites, who exercised it to the furthest degree, is the price of the clashes and the general effect arising therefrom.

The Negroes may have many shortcomings and faults, but that this is the time for the American people to reflect seriously upon this important question is the consensus of opinion of the leading Americans.

Certain elements among the Americans, finding a capital opportunity in the Korean question, make it an excuse for anti-Japanese agitation. Many see to it that the question furnishes materials for the abuse and criticism of militarism in Japan.

But, who knows but that the United States, the symbol of democracy and liberty, is being confronted with the Negro question far more seriously than the Korean question.

We can not applaud the extreme militarism of Japan. We are for the correction of militaristic tendency in the country. At the same time, we cannot give our endorsement to the mistreatment of the Negroes in America, who are persecuted by the whites in the name of democracy.

Japan rose to correct its wrong done to Korea in the past. When will the United States solve the Negro problem?

And finally the *Yorodzu*, Tokyo, scores that other arch-oppressor of dark peoples—Great Britain:

What races have been and are being persecuted by the whites? Indians, though subjects of Great Britain, are not given treatment in South Africa such as is becoming human beings; they are not permitted to enter Australia. This alone suffices to cause racial war.

How are the Indians governed in their own country? According to the reports of *The Times*, at the end of last year 3,000,000 died from influenza during October and November, 7,000 out of a total population of 30,000, or about 22.5 per cent, dying in some cases. The average income of the Indian is 19 yen, of which 3.70 yen, or about 20 per cent, is paid as taxes. Of a total population of 315,000,000 in India, 295,000,-

000, or 94 per cent, are illiterate. Indians live in such conditions under British rule. In view of this fact, it may be asked if Great Britain is qualified to speak of the "yellow peril."

It is said that Great Britain is a country of ideals and America of humanity, but things happen in the two countries which are contrary to the principle of ideals and humanity. Even the Negroes, who are most despised by the whites, have made a considerable intellectual advance and will not bow to unreason. Have Europeans and Americans not been urging that no other races or peoples should be subjected to unreasonable pressure? Are they not able to find food for thought in the racial troubles now occurring in various countries and set about amending their own attitude? As things stand there is little hope for the maintenance of future peace.

#### THE NEGRO "IS NOT WITHOUT HONOR SAVE—"

**J**EAN BOILEAU throws some light on a discussion which has been pretty widely mooted in the American press in the last few months. M. Boileau writes in the *Baltimore Evening Sun*:

I should prefer to remain silent on the question of the comparative merits of the American and the French girls. But since so much is being said in your Forum, favorable and unfavorable to the girls of France, I beg to state what I and thousands of other Frenchmen believe to be the main cause of all this hostile criticism of the women of my native land.

The main cause of this criticism is found in a letter to your Forum of the 6th instant signed by "Allen P. Sadtler." Your correspondent unwittingly "gives the game away" when he says that "the good French girl loves a Negro." This fact of French women's love for American Negroes is the taproot of the unfavorable comments made by white Americans against French women. French women were urged not to mingle with colored American soldiers. They were told many awe-inspiring tales about Negro soldiers as a whole. But their social experiences with these men of color absolutely failed to verify the many stories which had been pouring into their ears. A brief social contact with the American Negro soon caused all fear to vanish like a stain of vapor upon a mirror. But had the women of my country fallen victims to this subtle and extensive propaganda launched in France by white Americans against colored Americans; had they allowed their souls to be filled with what is known in America as "nigger-hatred"; had they drawn the "color line" and refused to open their doors, their arms and their hearts to the Americans of ebony hue, they would probably have been exalted to the sky as being among the best and most worthy girls on earth.

But no! French women do not measure men according to the color of their skin. A white skin is not an essential attribute of

French society or French citizenship. French women are criticized because of their love for colored soldiers. But why should they hate Negroes as such? Or why should they even ignore them for no other reason than their color? The Negroes' very polite, sincere manner, their exemplary conduct among the French civilians and their reckless, brave and courageous conduct on the firing line won the hearts, not only of the French women, but also of the French people as a whole. These brown skin sons of America were conceded to be the most lovable of all foreign soldiers on French soil. If French girls are to be regarded as unworthy because of their affection for these men of color, then the French people as a whole must for the same reason be deemed unworthy.

The French people do not discriminate against their own colonials on account of their color. They honor and respect them. It was the mighty Senegalese who saved the day for their beloved France in the first battle of the Marne. And France is not ashamed to acknowledge her indebtedness to these conquering sons of Africa. The French girls would regard as unreasonable any criticism against them because of the social welcome they extend to their colonials. Likewise, they cannot see the reason or sense of any unfavorable comments because of their widely known, hearty attachment to American Negroes.

As compared with this "fault" of having deep affection for colored Americans, all other faults of French women sink into insignificance. If the American people as a whole knew the fruitless efforts of these very ones who are finding fault with French girls to prejudice their minds against American Negroes, they could then see, as I do, the real reason for all this talk against French girls. French girls have no hatred or prejudice in their hearts based on the color of the skin of other people. Is this a just cause for condemnation? French people do not think so, and cannot be made to think so.

Many French girls will testify that they received more courtesy and better treatment from the American Negroes than from the whites. No Negro ever referred to a French woman as a "jane" or with any other slurring epithet. By the way, I notice that even your correspondent uses the term "frog jane" in reference to the French girl.

If the failure on the part of French women to hate and discriminate against American Negroes merely because of race or color be regarded as a fault, then French women are proud of such a fault.

White Americans seem none too popular with either friend or foe. The *Herald*, London, England, tells us:

According to the *Morning Post*, the Pan-German *Deutsche Zeitung* is highly indignant at a report that 140 American soldiers have applied to their Government for per-



mission to marry German girls. In an article on the subject the Berlin paper says: "It is not an ignominious peace, but racial disgrace, that threatens our destruction. The damage exists less in the marriages themselves than in the fact that there should exist German girls capable of entertaining such an idea. These abandoned females may conclude such 'love pacts,' but we shall refuse to admit such couples into our society. We will fight by all the means in our power an infusion of blood by niggers, Frenchmen, Indians, Tonkinese, Americans, and other such exponents of culture."

"Abandoned females"! That has a familiar ring.

### THE AMAZING MAJOR

ACCORDING to a widely quoted Associated Press dispatch, Major R. R. Moton expressed himself thus on the race riots:

"I have never known the colored people to have more intense feeling toward the white people than at the present," he said, "and I have never known a time when there was less reason. I never knew a time when the white people of the South, not only the leading white people, but the average white man, were more anxious than at present to be absolutely fair and just to the Negro. This is also true of the North.

"There was never a time when the South, and the North, too, saw more clearly the value of the Negro as an economic factor in industrial operations."

The News, of Indianapolis, Ind., asks in not unnatural surprise:

Is it true that the bitterness is, as this authority insists, all on one side? One could hardly say that all the Negroes are bitter against the whites, or all the whites against the Negroes. It will not do to judge races, any more than nations, in this wholesale way. There are extremists on both sides. We should like to believe that the great body in each race is kindly disposed toward the other, and that the haters are in the minority in both. Yet Mr. Moton must be presumed to know his own people, and he says that he has "never known the colored people to have more intense feeling toward the white people than at present." If that is so, it behooves the white people to ask themselves whether they are not largely to blame for it.

If, as the major implies, the onus lies on the Negro, the New York Post wonders:

Why, then, the hideous spectacle of mob murder in the streets of Washington and Chicago and the lynchings and church burnings in the South?

The New York Sun likewise queries:

Whence, then, arises the dangerous ferment, the existence of which Dr. Moton admits? It is in evidence not merely in the South but along the "Border States" and even in the North. Who are its leaders?

Or can it be a spontaneous, undirected surge? It will not do to ignore it.

The Negro press is indignant. Dean William Picken says in the *Advocate*, Portland, Ore.:

If Dr. Moton or any other man cannot see any reason for the Negro's intense feeling, there is surely something wrong with that man's reasoning faculties.

In the same column of the same paper wherein I read these words attributed to Dr. Moton, I read the South's unintentional answer to the matter:

"Pine Bluff, Ark., Sept. 3.—Flinton Briggs, 26, a discharged Negro soldier, was shot and killed by a mob of thirty men three miles south of Star City, Ark."

I wonder if Dr. Moton knows that it is now the policy in much of the South to keep the REPORT of the lynching of Negroes out of the papers, and that colored people are being killed and no report at all reaching the press. If he does not know and wants to, I will give him the names of well-known people who can give him places, details and references.

But still I insist that the most probable thing is that somebody has lied on Moton in ascribing this absurd statement to him.

The Savannah, Ga., *Tribune*, says pointedly:

The address of Principal R. R. Moton of Tuskegee Institute, in which he is reported to have said a few days ago that he doesn't understand the reason for the recent race riots which have occurred in various sections of the country, and could see no reason for the intense bitter feeling which is being manifested by white and black men toward one another, comes as no surprise, and simply confirms the reports which have been going the rounds of the country as to his addresses several months ago to the Negro soldiers in France, when it is said that he told the men to go back home, be submissive and perfectly satisfied with conditions as they found them.

A letter from Dr. Moton in the Philadelphia *Tribune* says:

I feel that I ought to explain a part of the statement which was given out in which I said that the best white people in the South were more determined than ever before that justice be given the Negro. I said that because I know that there is a large and growing group of white people in the South who are determined to handle the race problem in such a way as to give protection and justice to the Negro. Their greatest handicap, however, is the menace of the lawless element of their own people who seem to be on the other hand more determined than ever before to be more unjust towards the Negro and to seek to humiliate and intimidate the members of our race.

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## LE DRAPEAU DES TIRAILLEURS SÉNÉGALAIS

déjà décoré de la Légion d'honneur, vient de recevoir la fourragère aux couleurs de la Médaille militaire et la Croix de guerre à quatre palmes.

Dans les médaillons : le général Faïherbe, organisateur des premiers bataillons sénégalais. — M. Diagne député du Sénégal, commissaire général des troupes sénégalaises, qui recruta un grand nombre de volontaires pour le guerre. — Deux chefs illustres de troupes sénégalaises, les généraux Mangin et Van den...



## EDUCATION

**JULIUS ROSENWALD** is offering through the General Education Board six scholarships to qualified Negro graduates of Medical schools of the United States for advance study in medical sciences. Expenses and support up to \$1,200 will be provided. The appointments will be made in 1920 by a committee of which Dr. William H. Welch, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, is chairman. Applications may be made to Secretary Abraham Flexner, 61 North Broadway, New York City.

☛ Piney Woods School, an institution for Negroes at Braxton, Miss., has received a legacy of \$1,000 from a Mr. Olson of Minnesota. The school now owns free from debt 1,414 acres of land and six large buildings, the entire value of which is upward of \$75,000. It has enrolled 300 students and 18 teachers; a private telephone system, a brass band, its own railroad station, a post office, with a colored postmistress, are among its equipment, with \$6,000 invested in city bonds, which is the beginning of an endowment fund. Professor Lawrence C. Jones is the principal.

☛ The School Board of Lake Charles, La., has voted to build two new schools for the colored people. The two buildings will cost \$125,000; in one building industrial education will be featured.

☛ The State of Georgia has appropriated \$20,000 for the years 1920 and 1921 to the Georgia Normal and Agricultural College.

☛ The installation of John W. Davis as president of West Virginia Collegiate Institute has taken place. Mr. Davis is a graduate of Morehouse College and the University of Chicago, and for the past two years has been executive secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Washington, D. C. Two new teachers for the institution were announced—A. A. Taylor, a graduate of the University of Michigan, at the head of the Department of Mathematics, and Walker Bacon, a graduate of Syracuse University, director of physical training and athletic coach. The enrollment is 250, the largest in the history of the school.

☛ Tuskegee Institute has enrolled 1,200 students, an increase of 500 over the enrollment at this time last year. W. T. B. Williams, Field Agent for the Jeanes and Slater Boards, has transferred his headquarters from Hampton Institute to Tuskegee Institute, where he will, also, act in an advisory capacity to Principal Moton on educational matters. The business manager is now G. W. A. Johnson, succeeding E. T. Atwell, who resigned to enter War Camp Community Service; J. E. Whitfield has been

appointed acting Director of the Agricultural Department, succeeding F. M. Cardoza, who resigned on account of his health; James L. Whiting is in charge of vocational work. The R. O. T. C. is in charge of Major William Wolcott; disabled colored soldiers are being trained, under the direction of Captain G. Kelly. Albion L. Holsey is secretary to Principal Moton.

☛ The trustees of Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., have agreed to buy the forty acres of the Morton estate, on Hillen Road. They have in mind a school for training teachers for rural school work, especially in agriculture. Contractors are at work on a new dormitory and Carnegie Hall, a three story and basement structure, 52x75 feet.

☛ The Maryland State Board of Education has given its approval for the establishment of the Central Colored Industrial School, at Belair, which will start this fall with three teachers and a capacity for seventy-five pupils.

☛ The Rev. Dr. Charles S. Morris, of Norfolk, the widely-known Negro preacher, has accepted the presidency of the Boydton, Va., Institute.

☛ The total number of colored pupils enrolled in the Washington public schools for the fall session is 12,120; including the vocational students the number is over 17,000.

☛ A drive for \$500,000 is being made by Lincoln University, a Negro institution at Chester, Pa., for the extension of its work. Alumni and friends in New York City have pledged \$10,000.

☛ In the Richmond, Va., school savings system there are 3,509 colored depositors, as against 3,281 white depositors.

## INDUSTRY

**T**HE Crosssett, Ark., Lumber Company is employing 500 Negro men and women. It maintains a nine months school, with five teachers, and a Y. M. C. A. building is soon to be erected, of which Charles E. Johnson, formerly Army Y. M. C. A. secretary, will be in charge.

☛ At the meeting of the American Labor Party, Hartford, Conn., Mrs. Mary Seymour made the statement that colored women workers in tobacco fields in the South are being paid wages as low as \$2.10-\$4.90 a week. A unanimous vote of "condemnation of the exploitation of colored women in tobacco fields" was passed and a committee of three appointed to confer with the Central Labor Union on the subject.

☛ The British Guiana Industrial Trading Company, Ltd., organized and incorporated by Negroes in British Guiana, is carrying on

a business as merchants and provision dealers. Mr. H. Critchlow is Managing Director.

☛ In Pittsburgh, Pa., 3,000 Negro miners have Union cards of membership in the United Mine Workers. Samuel L. Pangburn, a Negro, is district organizer.

☛ The Over-All Manufacturing and Industrial Association, Inc., at Hot Springs, Ark., with a capital of \$100,000, has been organized by Negroes for the purpose of operating manufacturing plants and to secure enough land to develop a manufacturing center among Negroes. George S. Washington is president.

☛ George H. Benjamin, a Negro clerk at the Willamette Iron and Steel Works, Portland, Ore., has been promoted to the position of private secretary to the General Superintendent.

☛ C. W. McCraye, a Negro in St. Louis, Mo., has invented a new five-power plow combination. Mr. McCraye is also the inventor of a cotton chopper and an automatic railway gate. He anticipates forming a company for manufacturing.

☛ The Southern Labor Congress has ended a three days' session, at Asheville, N. C. It voted unanimously to admit "Negro labor in the ranks of the organized labor union." Jerome Jones, white, of Atlanta, Ga., was re-elected president.

☛ Robert Isaacs and Cabel Cheatham, two Negro delegates to the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Massachusetts State Branch, A. F. of L., held at Greenfield, had the following resolution recorded in the minutes of the convention by unanimous vote: Resolved: "That the State Branch of the A. F. of L. go on record against the denial of justice to any person regardless of their color and that we call upon Congress to see to it that these amendments to the Federal Constitution are strictly enforced." Messrs. Isaacs and Cheatham are members of Locals 14,936 and 34, respectively, of Boston.

☛ Charles E. Hall, Supervisor of Negro Economics in Ohio, started a campaign last May for building and loan associations, to be organized and financed by Negroes in each of the congested communities. A model form of constitution and by-laws of building and loan associations was sent to interested persons. Four companies have been organized, with a combined capital of \$235,000, and stock sales are already in excess of \$50,000.

☛ Hotel Roscoe Simmons has been opened by Negroes in Louisville, Ky. It is situated one block from the City Hall. Mr. Henry Allen is manager.

☛ Negroes in Savannah, Ga., have organized the Consolidated Realty Corporation for the establishment of a hotel, theatre and department store building on West Broad Street. J. G. Lemon was elected president of the corporation.

☛ The Whitelaw Apartment House, costing \$110,000, is being constructed in Washington, D. C., by John W. Lewis, a Negro busi-

ness man, with colored people's money and mostly colored labor.

☛ The Mechanics and Farmers Bank, a colored institution in Durham, N. C., has had an increase of 125 per cent in its resources in one year—Sept. 1, 1918, \$72,000; Sept. 1, 1919, \$165,000. W. G. Pearson is president and C. C. Spaulding, cashier.

☛ Negroes at Chattanooga, Tenn., have filed articles of incorporation for the Chattanooga Coal and Manufacturing Company, with a capital stock of \$15,000, to mine coal and other minerals in Hamilton County and to manufacture coke and its by-products. The incorporators are J. D. Fazald, E. P. Jones, Daniel R. Brown, Manson Flower and S. A. Wheeler.

☛ The Savings Bank of Virginia, capitalized at \$50,000, has been opened by Negroes. The president is E. T. Pritchett.

☛ At Columbus, Ohio, Negroes have organized the Supreme Life and Casualty Company, with a capital of \$100,000, for the greater development and expansion of insurance along casualty lines among Negroes and for the acquisition by purchase and reinsurance, subject to legal and departmental supervision, of life, health and accident organizations in various parts of the country. Its incorporators are T. K. Gibson, G. W. Hayes, C. R. Davis, C. S. Smith, Jr., D. C. Chandler, G. A. Steward, B. Beaty, and R. R. Hawkins.

☛ In Memphis, Tenn., at the celebration of Labor Day the white committee included the Negroes in the parade, and they marched with the units of their various professions. There was no "Jim-Crowing" or bringing up the rear.

☛ The estate of a colored man, Charles Loman, valued at more than two million dollars on account of its oil wells, is in litigation. A white banker has been appointed guardian of the children, but the widow is suing to oust him.

## THE WAR

**T**HREE posts of the American Legion have been organized among Negroes in Philadelphia, Pa.

☛ An effort is being made to raise \$50,000 among Negroes in New York for a monument in New York City to the dead of the 369th Regiment of Negroes, New York's former "Fifteenth."

☛ A fully-equipped club-house for the use of returned Negro soldiers and sailors has been opened in Buffalo, N. Y., by the War Camp Community Service, with an employment department. Lieutenant Mosby B. McAdam is in charge.

☛ The Second Separate Company, New Jersey State Militia, colored, won the company team match in the Interstate Rifle Tournament, winning 130 out of a possible 150 points. This is the first time that a colored team has been represented in the Interstate Rifle Tournament of the New York and New Jersey Rifle Association. George E. Cannon is captain of the Second Separate Company.

☛ Rhode Island's returned Negro soldiers have been given a welcome home in the State Armory, at Providence, in which 4,000 persons participated. A street parade preceded the assemblage.

☛ Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper, known as the first colored graduate of West Point, and formerly of the 10th U. S. Cavalry, has accepted the position of interpreter and translator with the Mexican Investigating Committee, at Washington, of which Senator Albert B. Fall is chairman.

### CRIME

**W**ILLIAM A. SHUTTER, a white man at Vincennes, Ind., has confessed to the assault and murder of a white woman, Mrs. Anna Leinbach, for which one colored man had been arrested and other Negroes were being detained.

☛ The following lynchings have taken place since our last record:

Whatley County, Ala., August 1, Argie M. Robinson.

Star City, Ark., August 3, Flinton Briggs, discharged soldier, shot.

Fayette County, Ga., ———, Charles Kelly, discharged soldier, shot.

Monroe, La., September 6, unknown Negro; alleged attack on a white woman.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 8, Bowman Cook and John Morine; charged with murder of George Dubose.

Athens, Ga., September 10, Obe Cox burned at stake; charged with murder.

Pueblo, Colo., September 14, Salvador Ortex and Jose Gonzales (Mexicans).

Omaha, Neb., September 28, Will Brown; accused of assault on a white woman.

Montgomery, Ala., September 29, Miles Phifer and Robert Croskey and Ben Miller shot to death; charged with assault on white women.

Montgomery, Ala., September 30, John Temple; shot and fatally wounded Policeman Barbare.

Jonesville, La., ———, unidentified Negro found hanging to a tree; reason unknown.

Americus, Ga., October 2, Ernest Glenwood.

Washington, Ga., October 5, unknown.

Lincolnton, Ga., October 6, Jack Gordon and Will Brown, burned; charged with shooting two white men.

Lincolnton, Ga., October 6, Moses Freeman, shot; misleading mob searching for Negroes.

Macon, Ga., October 7, Eugene Hamilton.

### MEETINGS

**A**T the International Conference of Women Physicians, held in New York City, at the Y. W. C. A., the Negro race was represented by Doctors Iona Whipper and Sarah Brown, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Rice, who has been doing service in the French Army.

☛ The Puget Sound Conference, A. M. E. Church, has been held at Spokane, for which the mayor delivered an address of welcome.

☛ The Oklahoma Federation of Negro Women's Clubs has held its ninth annual session, at Guthrie, Okla. The president, Mrs. Judith Horton, presided. There were

seventy-four delegates and eleven officers present, representing thirty-seven clubs and eight cities.

☛ The Centenary Council of the C. M. E. Church made up of six annual conferences, covering the territory from Pennsylvania to Florida, has convened in Columbia, S. C., with Bishop R. S. Williams of Augusta, Ga., presiding. Three hundred delegates were present.

☛ Delegates from thirty states were in attendance at the conference of the National Equal Rights League, held in Washington. It was decided to launch a drive for \$200,000 to be used to suppress lynching, disfranchisement, segregation and the "Jim-Crow." The Rev. C. M. Tanner of Washington, D. C., was elected Financial Director.

### THE CHURCH

**T**HE will of the late Mary Benson of Brooklyn, N. Y., bequeaths \$30,000 to the American Church Institute for Negroes.

☛ Cardinal Gibbons has issued a call directing the attention of the Catholic clergy throughout the country to the need of a larger development of the work of this church among colored people.

☛ The General Convention of Negro Baptists in Kentucky has met in Louisville, in its fifty-first annual session. Five hundred delegates and visitors were present. Reports showed that \$26,000 had been collected for state work during the year and, including the pastors' salaries and local expenses, a total of \$212,000. There were over 8,000 additions to the church. Dr. J. E. Wood was re-elected Moderator.

☛ The Lott Carey convention has held a three days session at Third Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. More than 500 delegates were enrolled. President-elect King of Liberia and his wife were present and spoke. There were reports from twenty-two missionaries—Liberia, 6; South Africa, 6; and Haiti, 10. Nine new workers are to be sent to foreign fields. The actual cash carried up to the annual meeting was \$25,460. The budget set for the ensuing year calls for an expenditure of \$40,000. Dr. C. S. Brown was re-elected president. Dr. A. A. Graham of Phoebus, Va., was elected corresponding secretary succeeding the late Dr. W. M. Alexander of Baltimore.

☛ The fortieth anniversary of the entrance of Bishop J. S. Flipper into the ministry and the educational rally have been held. A purse of \$4,000 was presented to Bishop Flipper and \$37,190 was raised which completely pays the indebtedness of Morris Brown, Central Park and Payne Colleges, institutions in Georgia for Negroes, which are worth, combined, more than \$300,000.

### FRATERNITIES

**T**HE Supreme Royal Circle of Friends has held a three days convention at Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago. More than a thousand delegates were present. Dr. R. A. Williams, of Helena, Mont., is president.

☛ Negro Odd Fellows of Indiana and members of the Household of Ruth have held their annual convention at Shelbyville. Three hundred members were present.

## POLITICS

**W.** G. ALEXANDER, a colored physician of Orange, N. J., in a run for Republican nomination to the Assembly, led in the Second Ward of Newark, tied for first place in the Sixth Ward, ran second in the Fourteenth Ward and won over his colleagues in Orange. He gained the nomination.

## SOCIAL PROGRESS

**T**HE office of the Colored Men's Department of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. has been moved from Washington, D. C., to General Headquarters in New York City, at 347 Madison Avenue.

☞ Chairman R. R. Church has been notified that \$3,500 has been raised by longshoremen, through President Thomas P. Woodland, for the Lincoln League of America.

☞ Nearly \$6,000 has been raised toward the \$50,000, with which to continue the operation of Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Heretofore, this institution has received an appropriation of \$22,000 every two years from the State. Recently the State denied this aid, in an effort to oust Dr. N. F. Mossell, the Negro founder and president of the institution.

☞ The Salvation Army of Philadelphia this year included colored children in its annual kiddies' outing. Fifty colored children from South Philadelphia were guests for seven days at the Fresh Air Farm.

☞ The Anti-Saloon League of America plans a home missionary department, including work among Negroes.

☞ Lieutenant Paul P. Wigington, a Negro, has won the appointment of Fire Prevention Inspector in the State of Minnesota, after having served in the Department of Public Safety in St. Paul, and for three years with the Columbia Fire Underwriters of Omaha, Neb.

☞ Letters threatening his life have come to Rev. J. G. Robinson of Chattanooga, Tenn., for saying, in part, in a protest to President Wilson that: "Before the Negroes of the country would again submit to many of the injustices which we have suffered, the white men will have to kill more of them than the combined number of soldiers that were slain in the great world war." The letters are mostly from Georgia, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Tennessee and Utah. Rev. Robinson, whose only son was a Lieutenant in the recent war, now states: "If I am to be mistreated and mobbed, before I will submit, I will be killed, because of that. If 'Kuklux' want to kill me when I return home, I will gladly die, and feel that no man ever died more gloriously."

**N**EGROES of Dougherty County, Ga., now return property for taxation valued at nearly three-quarters of a million dollars; the returns by the Negro race increased seven and one-half per cent last year, whereas the returns of white tax payers increased but two and one-third per cent.

☞ The first prize in an advertising contest in Phoenix, Ariz., conducted by a local automobile firm, was won by Mr. A. R. Smith, a

Negro, and editor of the **Phoenix Tribune**. ☞ In Ohio, the Columbus Citizens' Law and Order League has been organized by Negroes, as a means of preventing the possibility of race riots from any action on their part, through instruction on the advantages of being law abiding citizens.

## PERSONAL

**J**OSEPH GRAVES, a Negro of Maryville, Mo., is dead, at the age of eighty. He had accumulated considerable wealth, owning 132 acres of land, valued at \$150 per acre.

☞ Charlton H. Tandy, a Negro Republican leader of St. Louis, Mo., is dead, at the age of eighty-two. It was largely through his efforts that the measure providing for Lincoln Institute, the State college for Negroes, passed the Legislature. During his last few years Mr. Tandy was Custodian of Old Records at the Court House.

☞ During her stay in New York, Mrs. C. D. B. King, wife of the President-elect of Liberia, was entertained at breakfast by Mrs. James L. Curtis, widow of James L. Curtis, former Minister to Liberia.

☞ Charles A. Dorsey, a Negro in Philadelphia, Pa., has celebrated the forty-second anniversary of his employment at the Union League Club. He was born a slave in Queen Ann County, Md., and is seventy-two years old.

## MUSIC AND ART

**A**T an organ recital in Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, Neb., Clarence Eddy rendered among his numbers Dett's "Mammy," which "met with such decided approval that it was repeated by request in the evening."

☞ Earl Camiliere, conductor of the chorus which has been rendering concerts in the Adolph Lewisohn Stadium, New York City, is organizing a singing unit among the colored people of Harlem.

☞ Meta Warrick Fuller, the Negro sculptress of Massachusetts, has completed a panel for the new colored Y. M. C. A. in Atlanta, Ga. The panel represents a colored youth, rising from a crouching position in response to the urge of a spirit pointing to the light, the rising sun.

☞ At the National American Music Festival, Lockport, N. Y., C. Mae Fierson, a Negro soprano, was a soloist. She presented old southern songs and Negro melodies, exhibiting "an excellent and well-trained voice."

☞ **The Music News**, a musical journal of Chicago, says of Marian Anderson, of Philadelphia: "The last vocal number was given by a young contralto, who put her big voice into the well-known 'Adieu, Forests,' by Tschaiowsky, and gave an impressive rendering. She has unlimited possibilities, vocally."

☞ "An American Idyl," by Godowsky, is a late novelty written, as the reviewers state, "in syncopated harmonies, like those in Burleigh's Negro Spirituals."

☞ Kemper Harrel, violinist, of Atlanta,

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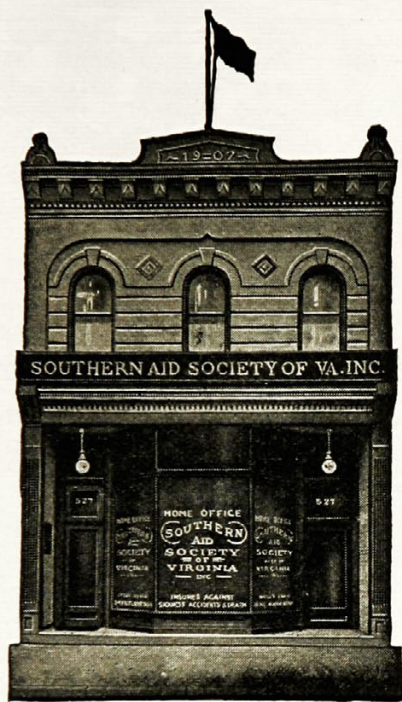
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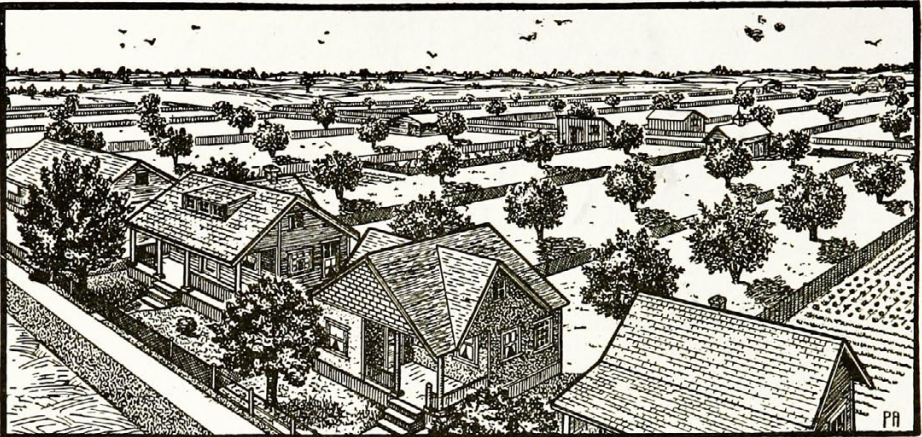
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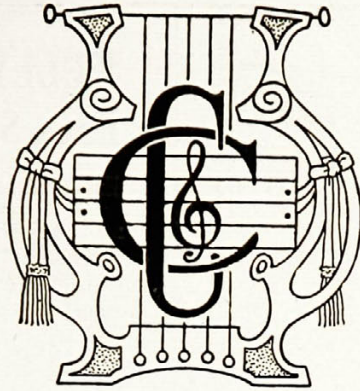
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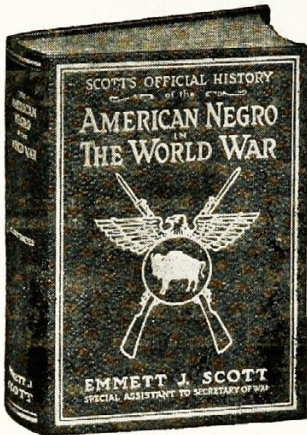
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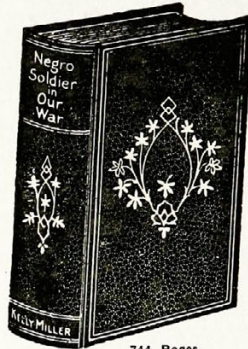
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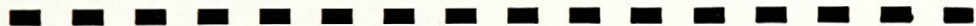
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