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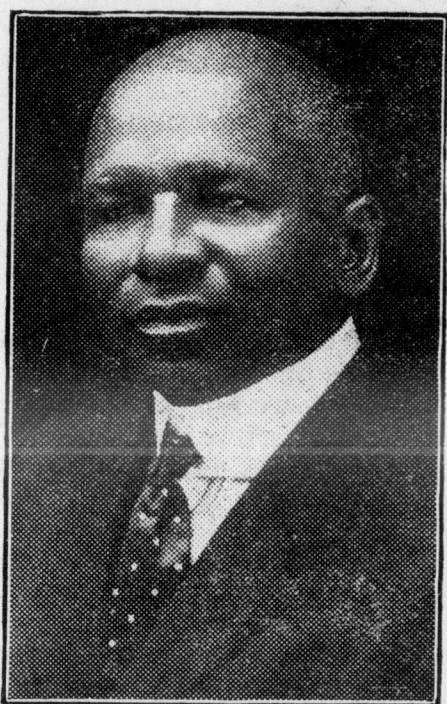
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## DR. MILTON ROSS FRIEND OF SLAVES

Reference is often made in the press to the daring work that was carried on by Dr. Alexander Milton Ross, a Canadian, in the abduction of slaves from the South, before the Civil War. The career of this Canadian abolitionist is so remarkable that it may well be told in detail. He was a friend of Garibaldi, Emerson, Bryant, Greeley, and Lincoln. "Thy fifty years have not been idle ones but crowded with good works," was a tribute paid to him by Whittier, while Wendell Phillips declared: "No higher heroism, courage or tenacity of purpose was ever displayed than by you in your chivalric efforts to help the slave to freedom." Early influences determined the career of this reformer. Born in the little Ontario town of Belleville, on Dec. 13, 1832, of Scottish parentage, he inherited a love of freedom. From his mother he learned of the evils of slavery, and its effects upon the Negroes of the South. He could learn by observation of the fugitives settled near his home. When he was 17 year old he went to New York and worked as a compositor on the post, of which Bryant was editor. The latter became interested in the young Canadian as did also Greeley, at whose suggestion he spent a winter in Washington where he witnessed the workings of national government. Some of the things he saw there helped to determine his future. The arrogance of the slave interests in Congress and the spectacle of slaves in the District of Columbia intensified his hatred of the institution and strengthened his determination to help free the oppressed when opportunity came. He says himself that Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" decided his plans. "To me," he says, "it was a command; and a settled conviction took possession of my mind that it was my duty to help the oppressed to freedom."

Through Gerrit Smith he obtained full information with regard to the workings of the "underground railroad" and also met the leading spirits of that organization in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. "I was initiated," he says, "into a knowledge of the relief societies, and the methods employed to circulate information among the slaves of the South; the



J. A. PINCKNEY, who with Mr. Jenkins, founded the Dawn one year ago. Mr. Pinckney holds a responsible position with the C.N.R., but has managed to find time to take an active part in the conducting of our paper. He has been "on the job" whenever financial difficulties threatened and to him is due, in a large measure, the continuing of publication.

routes to be taken by the slaves after reaching the so-called free states; the relief posts, where shelter and aid for transportation could be obtained." With Gerrit Smith he also journeyed to Ohio and Indiana, gaining further information and making acquaintances among the "underground" workers.

His plan was to go into the heart of the South and convey to the slaves the information with regard to routes and friends that would enable them to make their way to Canada. He was not blind to the risk involved. Detection would probably mean death for himself and perhaps for others, but he did not shrink. After making necessary arrangements regarding a code for correspondence, he crossed the Potomac River in April, 1857, going to the home of a Negro Sympathizer in Richmond, Va. A few weeks were spent in looking over the ground; then, having laid his plans, on a certain Sunday evening he met 42 slaves at the home of a colored preacher and explained to them the routes from Virginia to Ohio and Pennsylvania, giving also the names of friends who would assist them to safety. They were asked to circulate

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## Originator Of Colored Line in Pugilism Dies Broke in New York

(By The Associated Negro Press)

New York City, N.Y., July—Jim Wakeley, the white man who has the distinction of being the first to draw the "color line" in pugilism, is dead. He died Friday night in St. Vincent's Hospital of heart disease, broke and practically friendless after being at one time the possessor of a fortune and thousands of friends.

A generation ago, Wakeley, who ran the well known cafe in sporting circles at Sixth Avenue and Forty Second Street, was one of the most outstanding figures in the sporting world. As Manager and backer of John L. Sullivan, he gained fame, not only as the man who made the famous John L., but as the man who first went on record as refusing to permit his fighter to fight a colored man. The famous and immortal Peter Jackson. Wakeley was 75 years old.

## Wills and Siki To Appear for Charity

(By The Associated Negro Press)

New York City, July—In the interest of charity, Harry Wills and Battling Siki are down to appear on the card arranged for Saturday night at Bay Shore, L. I. in aid of the Southside Hospital, a non-partisan hospital where patients are received, regardless of creed or color. They will each box an opponent a six round bout.

## MIGRATION OF THE NEGROES ALARMS WHITES

Toronto—The National Association of Social Workers Conference at a meeting in Convocation Hall on July 1st, where there was a large attendance of white people and a fairly large number of Negroes, Dr. Fisher opened the meeting with a speech on Negro Migration and its effects on family and community life. Dr. Fisher said: I like the Apostle Paul not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ I too am not ashamed to defend the migration of my people from the South to any part of the continent. When we come to examine the effect of the generalization of the South.

All of the evil effects on colored people are not fully known. I know the social relations in the South are not fully understood. People are not likely to involve themselves with the effect that does not directly affect themselves, whether they be Negro or white in the South. The statesman does not concern himself about the ninety and nine which went not away. There is nothing done to help those seven million Negroes who remain still in the South. Good endowed in human Christianity, human statesmanship in both races, which by racial statesmanship ought to accomplish something. The Negro who knows himself better than any student or statesman, why he left the South.

The white man does not spread Negro books or papers or listen to Negro orators of the South. If there

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

On Monday evening, August 11th, at Ulster Hall, London, there will be held a meeting in the interests of the advancement of the Canadian Colored people. Some of Canada's most prominent white citizens will be present.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.