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Colored American Is Sure To Fill Madden's Place

Chicago, May —The first Congressional District of Illinois, which was represented so long by the late Martin B. Madden, is going to send a Negro to Washington to fill his vacant seat. That fact tells the story of what has been happening in the last twenty years to a section of Chicago which at one time was marked by the homes of wealth and fashion.

The First District is today the wealthiest district in the United States, with one exception—that in which nestles Wall Street, in New York. But its wealth lies not in its homes. In this district is the Chicago Loop, with its multiplying skyscrapers, its great financial institutions and department stores; in this district, bordering the Loop, are the Art Institute, the Field Museum, the site of the new opera house, two big railroad terminals and the stretch of Michigan Avenue known as "automobile row."

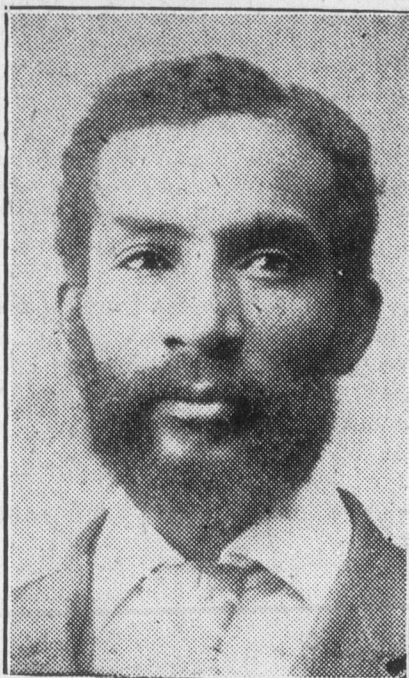
South of the loop begins the so-called "black belt" extending down into the region known as Hyde Park, where the University of Chicago spreads its campus and adds one structure after another to its group of impressive and beautiful buildings.

District Is Thickly Populated

There are probably 120,000 Negroes in this region, and perhaps one-half of that number in the First District. The ambition for Congressional representation by one of their own race has been growing for some time. They are represented in the City Council. They opposed Mr. Madden in the recent primary with a race candidate, but he was able to hold his own on the basis of his long service and popularity. Many Negro voters supported him with the mental reservation that this would be the last time. His age pointed to his retirement after one more term. Death occasioned it sooner than was expected.

Calibre of Man Important.

That unhappy incident has thrown the Race population of the



Mr. Peter Butler, of Lucan Ont.

Mr. Butler has served, first as County and later as Provincial Constable, for the past 38 years.

district into a tumult of political excitement. There are men of high intelligence and fine ideals among the leaders of this community, and there are men who have all the worst traits developed by corrupt politics. Among the former great fear exists that a Negro may be named to take the place of Martin B. Madden who will discredit their race. They look upon the situation as one of extraordinary opportunity to honor their color in the eyes of the nation.

They recognize that the successor of Representative Madden will step into a gap where, whatever his color, must be conspicuous because of the standard of representation established by the late Congressman.

The Ward Committeemen have nominated a former Alderman, Oscar de Priest.

Some have announced against him, with the possibility that the Negro vote may be split widely enough again to let a white Congressman through the gap. But unless some such selfish eventuality of politics as this prostrates their hope, a Negro will sit in Congress from the district.

In such event a movement is under way to put an independent Republican Negro candidate in the field. The man has been picked who will make the race.

Negroes In Canadian Social, Religious Life

From a Correspondent.

The problems raised by the Negro citizens in the United States foreshadow the problems for Canada. We have many thousands now in the Dominion and certain industries are inviting more into the country from the south.

We wish it understood that the Negroes here are not desirous of augmenting their numbers by such an influx from the States, realizing as they do that increased numbers will not improve the conditions.

There is an organization known as The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People duly chartered under our Dominion laws which is doing a most commendable work along the lines indicated in the Charter.

A Journal "The Dawn of Tomorrow," edited by Mr. J. F. Jenkins, a Negro, which is also a medium through which expression is most sanely given on all questions affecting Colored People.

Sufficient recognition or support has not been given to these efforts by those who could contribute to improving the social status of Negroes or lend aid in the uplift of their religious life.

Are we, Negroes to vainly look to such religious bodies as The United Church of Canada—which is to hold its Annual London Conference in Walkerville at the end of this month and the beginning of June—Or will the Government of Ontario show no interest in such questions as Immigration from the South while Colored citizens here now are striving to raise themselves to a higher plain in the social scale.

KILL DISCRIMINATION BILL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May—A Jim Crow labor bill introduced in the city council was reported unfavorable by that body. The failure of the bill followed the protest of Negro contractors against whom it was aimed. The bill would have restricted colored contractors from contracting for any work in a white district.

Stowaway Has Odd Experience

French Negro Sought to
Return to His Country.

New York, N.Y., May—Fown Leander, a French Negro loved his native country no less than Leander loved Hero, for whom he swam the Hellespont. Fown lived in Panama and one day recently when a ship passed through the canal he stowed away on her, believing blindly in his eagerness to depart, that the vessel was bound for the shores of his beloved France.

With considerably less fortune than was met by the first Leander, Fown one day awoke in his hiding place to discover that his thin Palm Beach suit and his straw hat were failing utterly to keep him warm. Strangely the temperature fell until Fown was forced to reveal his presence. He climbed out of the hold of the ship and read on one of the lifeboats, "Santa Elisa, New York."

Thursday, dressed in his thin clothing and straw hat, Leander stood in the fire-room of the Santa Elisa and willingly did whatever he could toward expediting the liner's journey back to Panama.

STOWAWAYS MUST RETURN TO AFRICA

Two Are Found in Hold of
British Steamship.

New York, May—Wearing only grass skirts as clothing, Samuel Williams, 26 years old, and Simon Johnson, 25, were discovered in the hold of the British Steamship New Mexico when it pulled into port here. The two stowaways had concealed themselves in the ship at Sierre Leone on the West Coast of Africa.

The men were given hearings at the house of detention. They said they belonged to a tribe, attended a mission and learned to speak a little English. They had heard so much about the United States that they decided to come here. The judge decided that their return to Africa will be sufficient punishment for them.