

February 29th, 1928.

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EASTER GREETINGS!

Chatham Branch Entertains Crowd

The Chatham Branch of the C. L.A.C.P. was host to a large and appreciative gathering on Thursday last. With President Cooper in the chair and Secretary N. G. Brown as master of ceremonies the following very pleasing program was rendered:

Singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers" by congregation; Invocation, Chaplain H. B. Holden; Introductory Remarks, President C. M. Cooper; Instrumental Duet, Misses J. Anderson, A. B. Williams; Recitation, "The Heart's Garden," Aurelia and George Brown; Address, Asst. Sec. A. Parker; Reading from "Dunbar," Miss Dorothy Jackson; Poem, "Better than Gold," J. H. Freeman; Reading, "The Color of the Skin," Miss Selena Smith; Poem, "The Friends We Loe," by Miss Aleatha Crosby; Oration, "A Proper Education," Rev. W. B. Holden; Saxophone solo, Mr. Harry Olby.

The Chatham Beaver Club, a recently organized association of young men, ably was represented by its president, Harold Jackson, who spoke very fittingly to the occasion as did also the vice president, Harry Olby and the secretary, George Crosby.

The Pollyanna Club, a group of active young ladies in the city turned out almost en-masse, three of them, the president, vice president and one other member, appearing on the program.

The Hollywood Art Club which added much of beauty and attraction to the parade and August celebration last year, was represented by its president, Mrs. Thomas Holden and other members.

A special committee of ladies served a delicious repast of delectable dainties to sixty-eight people. Five new members were added to the local branch. All sang "God Save the King."

Princess' Slaying In Florida Blamed On Garvey Group

King Knesipi Sails To Aid Probe of Daughter's Death in Florida.

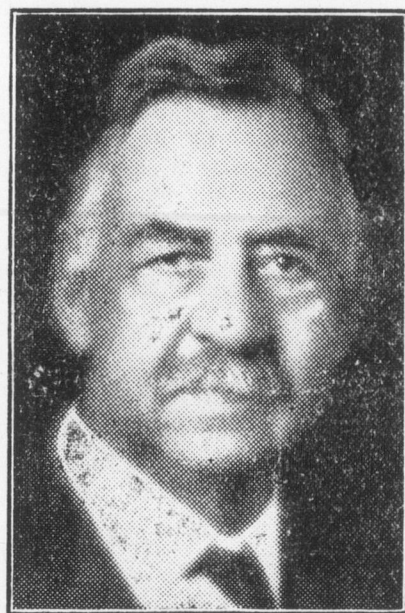
SEVEN RULERS SOUGHT U. S. NEGROES CO-OPERATION

Report Mail in Which Plan Is Revealed in Postal Inspector's Hand.

Miami, Fla., March 21. — A sensational case, which promised to be of interest to every colored American, has developed here from the slaying of Princess Laura Kofey, daughter of King Knesipi of the Gold Coast of Africa. Followers of Marcus Garvey, recently deported originator of the "back to Africa" movement, whose policies she opposed, are blamed for her death.

It has been disclosed, according to state Attorney Hawthorne, that the seven Kings of the Gold Coast repudiated Garvey and his plans and principles, principally because Garvey wanted to keep Negroes to themselves in his proposed colony there. The African Kings saw an opportunity for opening up a profitable trade with the United States, and Princess Laura was sent as their representative to warn colored Americans to beware of Garvey; also to prepare them for the proposed opening of commerce between colored Americans and their race brothers in Africa. Laura invaded Miami on her patriotic mission because it was considered the stronghold of the Garvey group in the United States, and was shot to death in a church here two weeks ago while conducting a vigorous anti-Garvey meeting.

Claude Green, colored American, is being held on a first degree murder charge and James B. Nemo, Jamaican, on an accessory charge



The late Ex-Alderman James McCormick who passed away Wednesday morning at his late residence. His death will be mourned by all classes of citizens.

in connection with the death of the Princess. These men and Maxwell Cook, said to have been sent here to train Negroes for military duty in Liberia, were reported to be the agents of Garvey. Cook, however, lost his life on the night that the Princess was slain when members of her faction suspected that he was participating in the alleged conspiracy. The Grand Jury is investigating the case, and King Knesipi has sent word that he is sailing for America to investigate the death of his daughter. More than 100 Negroes have been summoned to appear before Grand Jury.

The colored citizens of Miami are preparing to receive King Knesipi and the members of his court who are expected to arrive here within the month.

It is said that the slaying of the Princess Laura was a bold stroke on the part of Garvey to put an end to her career, and that letters have been placed in the hands of the postal inspector in which the plot is revealed.

Colored Town Raised By Fire

A \$100,000 Blaze Sweeps Edmondson, Ark.

Memphis, Tenn., March 21. — A ravaging fire razed the entire business section of the all-colored town of Edmondson, located 15 miles west of this city Sunday afternoon. The fire started from undetermined origin. It was discovered in the postoffice.

Virtually every business structure in Edmondson was destroyed by the fire. The estimated damage was \$100,000.

Volunteer firemen who fought the fire were handicapped by a lack of water. A brisk wind helped the fire as it swept the frame and brick structures.

After the fire had been extinguished the colored officials called a meeting and laid plans for rehabilitation. Plans were made to raise funds in Memphis to assist the stricken population of Edmondson, which numbers about 200.

DAWN OF TOMORROW.

Dear "Dawn of Tomorrow" once
more you are here,
Sometimes you are absent so long
that I fear
You are gone to that place from
which no return
May ever be looked for, and then
I will learn
You were merely taking a nice
holiday,
And are back home again I hope
long to stay.
For I have learned to love the dear
little sheet,
Receiving each number is surely
a treat.
And I'm free to confess it would fill
me with sorrow,
To bid final good-bye to dear
"Dawn of Tomorrow."

S. E. G. Allen.