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#### DEATH OF MRS. C. CHARLES

On the 7th of the present month Mrs. Crissie Charles died at Parkwood Home, this city. Mrs. Charles had been a patient sufferer for a long period of time. She was one of the city's oldest and most highly respected citizens by all classes. She was, during her entire sojourn in Canada, a devout Christian. She was one of the pillars of the Colored Baptist Church. The funeral was held in the B.M.E. Church, the service being conducted by Rev. James Gibson who was her spiritual adviser until her death. He was assisted by Rev. E. A. Richardson, Lt. Col. J. W. Cole and his entire family who were her closest friends for many years, attended the funeral, and in a manner filled the vacant places of distant relatives who found it impossible to journey from Virginia and be present. Many more of her white friends attended the funeral. The body was interred beside that of her late husband at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The colored people of London wish to thank Lt. Col. Cole and family, the officials and nurses at the Parkwood Home and other white friends for the many kindnesses and favors shown to Mrs. Charles in her long and tedious illness.

Miss Rosetta, financial agent of the B.M.E. Conference is in the city in connection with her duties here.

Rev. H. D. Wright, superintendent of the B.M.E. Conference, paid his annual visit to the church here last Sunday. While only a few attended morning service the evening service was well attended. Rev. Wright gave the congregation one of his usual very good sermons. In connection with his visit a colonial tea was held in the B.M.E. parsonage the following Monday. The affair was a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Timbers and family of N. Buxton were recent visitors to the city. They were the guests of Mrs. A. Drake.

#### AFRICAN CULTURE BEING

##### STUDIED AT HOWARD U.

WASHINGTON, Nov.—The culture of the African is being studied at Howard University. Leo N. Hansberry, who is engaged in graduate work in the study of anthropology at Harvard, has prepared special text books on the subject for students in the course.

Among the eminent scientists who have been engaged to assist in the work of the course are Dr. Ernest A. Hooten, associate Professor of anthropology at Harvard and Herbert W. Krieger, curator of Anthropology at the United States National Museum.

Particular interest in the study has been expressed by the Bulgarian Minister.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—(A.N.P.)—Congratulations are being poured into the ears of Leon Rene, leader of Rene's Southern Syncopators for their distinction in being selected to play at the El Patio Ballroom in Hollywood beginning Halloween night. The ballroom is the largest and finest in the city.

#### UNREST GRIPS SOUTH AFRICA; DRIVE NATIVES

Capetown, South Africa—Severe action has been taken by government authorities here to put down uprisings among the colored population which have threatened to grow to serious proportions. The natives are said to be acting under the direction of the Third International at Moscow, a Russian Red body. The most dangerous trouble was brought about by the refusal of the residents to pay their poll tax.

More than 500 Europeans and 200 native police, armed with rifles, machine guns, revolvers and tear gas bombs spread consternation among the natives. It is said that arrested natives seemed to regard the whole business as a huge joke. The prisoners were marched through the densely crowded streets. More than 500 were arrested and more than 8,000 marched.

The public here has become increasingly nervous and uneasy in consequence of vague but persistent rumors of coming disorders. People have rushed to buy revolvers in the expectation of needing them for defense.

Police made a second raid in the centre of the town similar to the first when armed with tear gas bombs they rounded up about 6,000 natives and arrested about 600 of them for evasion of a poll tax due last March. These demonstrations in force on the part of the authorities are making whites and natives alike ask anxiously what is behind it all.

Meanwhile the police action has not succeeded in collecting the poll taxes or in stopping the boycott of municipal beer halls by the natives. Numbers of the Negroes have openly declared their readiness to accept sentence to a month in jail rather than pay the required taxes.

In connection with the raids there have been few instances of minor assaults, but none of the encounters have ended fatally since last June when a white man and two natives were killed.

#### SECRETARY MELLON DISCLAIMS USE OF WORD "DARKEY"

New York—Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, has written to Walter White, Acting Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., disclaiming use of the word "darkey" attributed to him in a newspaper dispatch. In his letter Secretary Mellon writes:

"I have your telegram of November 16th making inquiry as to whether I am correctly quoted in the press in using the term 'an old darkey' in an anecdote which I related to some newspaper men a few days ago.

"The story is one which is often told of a Pullman porter and, as I remember it, I used the term 'colored man' or 'pullman porter.' I would not, of course, wish to offend the feelings of any one by using a term offensive to him."

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