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## WAS IT SUICIDE OR FOUL PLAY?

**Friends Unite In Allegation of Foul Play—Declare Death of J. Slavin Could Not Have Been Accidental.**

(Copied from Halifax Herald)

Yarmouth, May 19th—The body of John Slavin (colored), the victim of those still mysterious happenings at Yarmouth, on the night of Nov. 12, 1923, was interred in Mountain Cemetery, Yarmouth. The funeral services were in charge of the Rev. W. J. Davidson, pastor of Disney Chapel. He was sasisted by Brother Nathan Smith, local preacher in the colored congregation at Yarmouth. After the commital services at which was recited the simple but beautiful ritual of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the large number present, nearly all of whom were intimate friends of Slavin's returned to the mortuary chapel, where the Rev. Mr. Davidson read the lessons and preached a short sermon from I Cor. 15, in which he dealt with the suddenness of the departure of the deceased and the need for continual preparedness. The music for the service was furnished by the choir from Disney Chapel Nathan Smith sang a solo "Fade, Fade Each Earthly Joy." Favorite hymns were sung and the service was brought to a close by the singing of "Nearer My God to Thee." Miss Mary Slavin, the only sister of the victim, came today from Acaciaville to attend the funeral.

Whatever diversity of opinion there may be yet among the public as to the untimely end of John Slavin, there is none among those, his own colored friends, who today, at the simple obsequies, paid to him their final respects. They were a unit in asserting that John Slavin met his death through foul play. They say, with truth, that when last seen he was far from intoxicated and well able to look after himself. What then happened to put him into such a condition that he allowed himself to drown without any effort? For had he fallen off the wharf his cries would have been heard. None question the medical finding that he was still alive when in the water, but the opinion seems firmly established, not only among his friends, but by the public as a whole that he must have been unconscious when placed in the water. It would seem that from the time he was last seen he was assaulted violently or became intoxicated to greater extent, and how a man in anything but a normal condition could get from Cribb's barn to the waterfront, ist still a bit of a mystery.

## Another Suggestion to Agents

Concerning the proposed conference for the purpose of laying a foundation for colored business enterprises, Mr. Seymour Brewster, of Sydney, N.S. makes the following suggestion:

"The Dawn of Tomorrow must be congratulated for such a noble thought. My suggestion is that the agents of The Dawn interview the business men of their respective communities and gather suggestions. Then judges, that may be appointed by this paper could judge same and give out their decision, which judgement would be final."

We are therefore requesting our agents to interview, not only their businessmen, but all thoughtful men and women of their community, requesting them either to give to agents written suggestions to forward them to the office of The Dawn. Arrangements are now be-in gmade with the railroads for reduced rates for those who may desire to attend the convention.

EDITOR.

## Southern Baptists Will Handle Own Problem

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Atlanta, Ga., May.—"We will handle the Negro Problem without any help from the outside," was the gist of a spirited address delivered by Dr. B. C. Henning in charge of the Negro work for his branch of Baptists in the South, before the recent Southern Baptist convention held in this city last week. Dr. Livingston, of Raleigh N.C., made the statement that the Roman Catholics were making overtures to the Negroes in every section in the South and were making many converts among them. His statement created quite a stir in the convention.

## Presents Animals To French President

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Paris, France, May—Six lions, a big elephant, an African tiger and divers other animals of the African forests were among the gifts that Prince Taffari of the royal house of Ethiopia brought to President Millerand last week. The Prince who is creating no end of furvour here in Paris is rated a direct descendent of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba of Bible fame.

## No Nordic Superiority Says Diplomat Howard

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Philadelphia, Pa., May—Sir Esme William Howard, Ambassador from England, addressing the joint banquet of the English- speaking Union and the Transatlantic Society in the Bellevue-Stafford last evening, told them that the unique position of the English-speaking peoples as arbitrators and leaders of the new world movement came more from the geographical position of detached independence than from racial superiority.

He likened Dame Europe to the old lady who bought a set of false teeth, which she put into her pocket and sat upon them, the bite she received therefrom causing a severe case o fhydrophobia. Europe had been bitten by her own false teeth, he said that the Dawes Committee plan wa sthe first injection of antitoxin which would ultimately bring about a cure for evils besetting the Continent.

"This serum I venture t othink, can best be found by the English speaking nations because, although they have by no means all the great qualities that are attributed to them exclusively by the upholders o fthe doctrine of the superiority of the Nordic race, they have, at any rate, a solid gift of common sense, a gift of humor, and last but not least, a knowledge of how to play the game by which I mean a certain sense of fair play."

## FROM FARM TO BANK PRESIDENT

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Louisville, Ky., May—The story of the American Mutual Savings Bank, with its authorized capital of $150,000 and resources of more than $475,000 reads like a novel. Likewise the life history of its President and founder, W. H. Wright, who first saw the light of day on a farm off in Alabama, struggled hard to acqure a good education finally coming out of Howard University Law School with high honors and an ambition whose limit was the broad expanse of the heavens.

Louisville was the scene of his first triumphs. He early attracted the attention of prominent people by his signal abilities as a practicing lawyer. Among these people was a wealthy ex-confederate General who turned over to him the management of his large property interests and also engaged him as a special attorney for a big bank and trust company whose interests he handled with great success.

With fourteen others Lawyer Wright organized the Mutual Thrift and Savings Bang Club which organization was later organized into the American Mutual Savings Bank. He was also the organizer of the Mammoth Life Insurance Company.

But the real milk in the cocoanut after all is the fact that the American Mutual Savings Bank is one of the substantial business institutions of the City of Louisville. Its president has the fullest confidence of the business men and capitalists of our city. He also enjoys the reputation of being able to raise more money for business purposes than any other coored man in the entire state of Kentucky. A bright business light of the race, this man W. H. Wright, a bachelor with few immediate relatives he has been actuated by the desire "to make a place for our boys and girls where they might have opportunity." May his tribe increase.

## Summer Meetings

The first of the summer meetings of the Brotherhoods of the city will be held in Beth-Emanuel Church on Sunday, June ,st at 4 p.m. Mr. David Ross will speak.