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Prominent Divine
Is Hero of Wreck

Atlanta, Ga., March 16—Rev. D. D. Crawford, of this city, Corresponding Secretary of the Colored Baptist Association of Georgia, is being acclaimed today by the Atlanta Constitution and other papers as the hero of a train wreck which took place near Manchester, Georgia, yesterday.

"The crash over," says the Con- preacher helped to extricate the conductor from the wreckage and received instructions from him how to prevent another possible wreck. He sent the flagman to Manchester to give the alarm and summon aid, and then took a red lantern and ran back station's front page story, "the to place a warning for other ap- proaching trains.

"With three cars and the engine piled into the washout and rain pouring down the preacher began carrying passengers to safety. Crawling down to a spot near the engine he saw that the engineer was injured and just recovering consciousness. To reach the victim he built a rough bridge of timber, crawled over it and with the aid of a trainman carried the engineer across his bridge to safety. Then he helped bring out more trapped victims and when rescuers from Manchester arrived he aided them in their work. All saved, he gave the injured his blessing and in several cases prayed for them."

Brown Harper, Negro fireman, whose home is in this city, was killed instantly in the wreck and ten of the passengers and crew were injured. Recent torrential rains were responsible.

Native Africans
Launch Big Bank

Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa—One of the largest financial institutions operated by Negroes in any part of the world was launched here this week, when the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., was chartered.

The institution is capitalized at approximately a half million dollars with the privilege of increasing this capital as business warrants. According to the announcement made Thursday by Candid Da Rocha, financier and realtor, who is chairman of the Board of Directors, banking business in all of its ramifications will be engaged in, with a specific effort to develop the economic independence of the natives.

One of the immediate objects of the bank will be to complete the promotion of the West African Co-operative Producers, Limited, a company incorporated as a central organization for the development of co-operative societies in the various districts of Nigeria and the Gold Coast for furthering the interest of scientific agriculture and co-operative marketing. This corporation engaging in export and import business, boasts of doing more than \$16,000,000 worth of business each year.

American Negro is Secretary.
The secretary of the newly organized Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., is Charles C. Craft, a well-known young American Negro who has been in Nigeria for several years. Mr. Craft, who hails from New York City, is one of the most energetic promoters in West Africa and has done effective work in the organization and promotion of the West African Co-operative Producers Ltd.,

The plan of the banking institution is to make it a world-wide co-operative business with representatives in practically every civilized country. To this end representatives and attorneys have been retained in the various countries, including France, England and America.

Montgomery, Ala., Mar.—At the recent term of the circuit court of this county, the grand jury called attention to the fact that every case that was brought before them charging the manufacture of liquor, involved only Negroes, while the testimony indicated that these Negroes were working for white men who profited by

Denounces Actions
Of U. S. Marines

New York, March 15th—A raking expose of the antics of American marines occupying the black Republic of Haiti, is contained in "A Jim-Crow Situation in Haiti" published in the arch number of Plain Talk and written by E. W. Hutter, himself a white Southerner.

In this article, summarized by the N.A.A.C.P., Mr. Hutter declares that the marines who rule Haiti, gun in hand, are mainly Southerners, imbued with rabid race prejudice. Received cordially at first by the Haitians, the marines responded by excluding them from their homes and club, says Mr. Hutter.

The editors of Haitian newspapers, he continues, "spend so much time behind the bars that the street leading to the Haitian penitentiary is known facetiously as Rue des Journalistes."

The Americans, both men and women, are described by Mr. Hutter as being inordinate drinkers: "The American Club on Saturday nights resembles a shambles, for when the average American gets drunk he longs for a fight. The American Club is well-filled with drunken average Americans. The women keep up with their men in these frequent bouts."

As for the Haitians, Mr. Hutter writes: "The Haitians are very moderate drinkers, and the wholesale drunkenness exhibited by the Americans disgusts them heartily. They refuse to consider themselves the social inferiors of people capable of such swinishness."

their violation of law. On the basis of these facts, the grand jury made the following recommendation: "With out any lessening of effort toward the capture of such Negroes, we urge especial activity of law-enforcement authorities toward the capture of the white employers who, in our opinion, are the more culpable of the two classes of offenders."

This recommendation of the grand jury is considered significant on its own account. It brings to mind also the statement of a well-known Southern white man interested in the improvement of race relations, to the effect that "if the white and Negro preachers understood each other and worked together as well as white and Negro bootleggers do, a large part of our interracial troubles would be speedily put to an end."



Want Self Govt.
Restored in Haiti

New York, March 15—Mailed from the Dominican Republic, presumably to escape the press censorship of the American Occupation in Haiti, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received a declaration signed by leading citizens of the black Republic of Haiti, asking that self-government be restored to the people in their land.

The Declaration protests against the "negation of democratic government" by the Americans in Haiti, and asserts that Haitian citizens have to pay import duties which they have not sanctioned and the proceeds of which are spent by Americans.

The signers ask restoration of popular government in 1930, and abrogation of the law which gives those now in power complete control of the casting and counting of votes making of elections a "simple fraud on the exercise of the most sacred right of citizens."

The Declaration, dated at Port au Prince, 15th February, 1929, is signed by a group among whom are leading lawyers and former diplomats and legislators.

BECOMES MEMBER OF N. Y. BAR

NEW YORK, Mar.—Attorney Francis E. Rivers, who holds an A.B. degree and a Phi Beta Kappa Key from Yale University and a LL.B. from Columbia U., was made the first Race member of the New York Bar Association as a result of the action of the body. Attorney Rivers, who is one of the city's foremost leaders has practised here for six years. In the Bar Association he will come in contact with some of the most outstanding me of the country.