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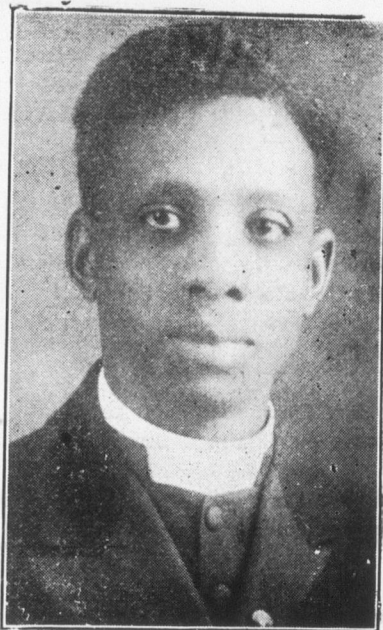
New York, Jan. 16—Bitter resentment has been created among Race leaders by General Jan Christian Smuts' speech delivered in Town Hall last Thursday in which he referred to the native African as "the most patient of animals, next to the ass." Dean William Pickens, orator and organizer and Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, writer and lecturer, were the most austere in their disapproval of the "insult." Dr. DuBois even challenged the former Premier of South Africa to a debate, but he would not accept. Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, was another to resent the speech, but in a milder way.

In discussing the race problem of Africa, said Mr. Pickens, General Smuts was about as logical and as impressive as the average politician from Mississippi would be if he were talking to an audience in Harlem on the political and social privileges of American Negroes."

He upbraided General Smuts for talking "like a representative of some travel agency, bidding for American tourists," also he criticised the South African statesman for lack of logic.

"When General Smuts speaks on the League of Nations" he commented, "or some other non-provincial question, his logic is sound and his language lucid. But on such general topics he is a man of the world, while on the question of the Negro he is a man of South Africa. While General Smuts represents the best that is in the South African system his social mind shows very plainly that no man can rise above the system in which he was born and nurtured and in which he continues to live. He may rise to the top of his system; he cannot get above it. The system of South Africa is a system of the exploitation of black uncivilized or civilized natives in the interests of the whites of European extraction. Mr. Smuts is the most 'benevolent' and humane exponent of this terribly cruel system."

"I would like to know what the general meant when he associated the Negro with the jackass," inquired Dr. Moton, indicating that it was with some feeling he spoke. "What did he mean when he called



REV. E. A. RICHARDSON,
Pastor of B.M.E. Church
Who is now in the midst of a great
Spiritual Revival which will possibly
continue for some days.

as docile animals? I do not think he meant it. But when he said these words about our being animals, it hurt. It cut like a two-edged sword through the heart of every Negro in this audience, and also through some of the white people."

The African native in his native state was pictured by Smuts happy-go-lucky singer and dancer, satisfied with his condition, without either the faculty or the desire to improve it according to white standards.

"He has been that way for countless ages and will so remain," the general commented, "unless whites settle in the land, take advantage of the continent's great resources and show the native a different way of living which he may imitate."

The former Premier professed his belief that it would be suicidal for the native if it were sought to Europeanize him and that, even with white settlement of the continent, the native culture of "easy come, easy go" should not be messed up by the more complex demands of white civilization.

ZOOLOGISTS HONOR DR. JUST

Des Moines, Ia.—At the meeting of the American Society of Zoologists a learned society, Professor Ernest Everett Just, one of America's foremost biologists and chairman of the department of biology at Howard University, was elected to the vice-presidency of the society. Dr. Herbert Vincent Neal, professor of Zoology and dean of the graduate school of Tufts College, was elected president.

NEWS AND VIEWS

By Frank R. Crosswaith

The Darker World Stirs

The League of Nations which, so its advocates claim, can alone save mankind from another blood-bath even more destructive than the one which in 1914 threatened to destroy our so-called civilization, is now celebrating its 10th anniversary. As statesmen, financiers and other so-called best people, gather to argue the "whys," "ifs" and "buts," of the League there looms before them like a mountain rising out of the mist the haunting spectre of revolt on the part of the darker peoples of the world. How will the League reckon with this problem?

In India, the teeming millions of that once powerful Empire are manifesting a steel-like determination, at once admirable and promising, no longer to permit themselves to be governed by the British Empire; they are demanding complete independence. In China, the tidal wave of revolt against alien oppressors started by the late Chinese Socialist, Sun Yat Sen, continues to gather momentum and seems destined to destroy many of the injustices under which the Chinese people have long labored. The Nationalist government of China has recently announced that foreigners in China must henceforth be governed by Chinese laws. For almost a century, these foreigners have lived in China under the laws of their own country beyond the control of authority of China. In Egypt as in parts of Africa, there is also evidence of commotion. The cauldron of discontent still boils in Haiti.

Add to these instances, the agitation of the Filipinos for independence rumblings in Cuba and the Virgin Islands, and we get the impression that at last the darker millions of the world's population are now seeking a place in the sun of national independence. Of all these incidents the movement in India for independence and China's assertion of her rights are probably the most significant and far-reaching events to occur in the darker world since Abdel Krim and his small band of mountain fighters put the fear of God in the hearts of their Spanish oppressors in Morocco not so long ago. The plight of the Indians, Egyptians, Chinese, Haitians and others, is as all modern think-

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TO FIGHT FOR! JOBS FOR RACE

New York, Jan. 9—Foremost in the efforts of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People during the year of 1930 will be a nation-wide fight for the recognition of the rights of colored Americans in industry and for admittance of the group to labor unions, including the American Federation of Labor which now bans them. This announcement was made by Arthur B. Spingarn, vice-president of the association Monday, at the annual business meeting of the association.

If necessary, he said, the association is prepared to carry its fight into the courts to establish the constitutional right of a person to earn his living in any field without being excluded because of color by workers' organization in closed shops.

While the American Federation of Labor has taken no stand as a national body, individual unions, to whom the matter has been left do exclude Negroes, he explained.

It is expected that the South where the Federation is endeavouring to organize textile workers will be a strategic point in any fight to force admittance of Negroes to unions.

In addition to its campaign in the field of labor, Mr. Spingarn said the association will continue its fight against lynching.

Mob Killers Freed

Covington, La., Jan. 16—What was considered the gravest miscarriage of the law occurred here Saturday in Judge Prentis Carter's court when four white plantation bosses were acquitted of a murder indictment growing out of the shooting down in cold blood of Mrs. Alice Feete Reviere Nov. 16 last, as she stood in the door of her cabin. The jury delivered its verdict of not guilty after a four-day trial in a crowded courtroom at which the parents of the youthful defendants had staged various outbursts of sorrow and appealed for mercy.

The defendants, J. Broyard, W. Barringer, James Todd and Earl Lafrere were accused of going to the home of Andrew Reviere and ordering four boatloads of workers to leave Reviere was wounded and his wife killed and their home riddled with buckshot after he interrupted the argument and demanded that the bosses stop cursing.