

The Dawn of Tomorrow

THE NATIONAL NEGRO WEEKLY
DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE DARKER RACES

VOL. VIII—NO. 12

LONDON, ONT., DEC. 15th, 1939

U. W. O. LIBRARY

Price 5 cents

BRINGING THE TRUTH TO LIGHT

By Romo L. Dougherty

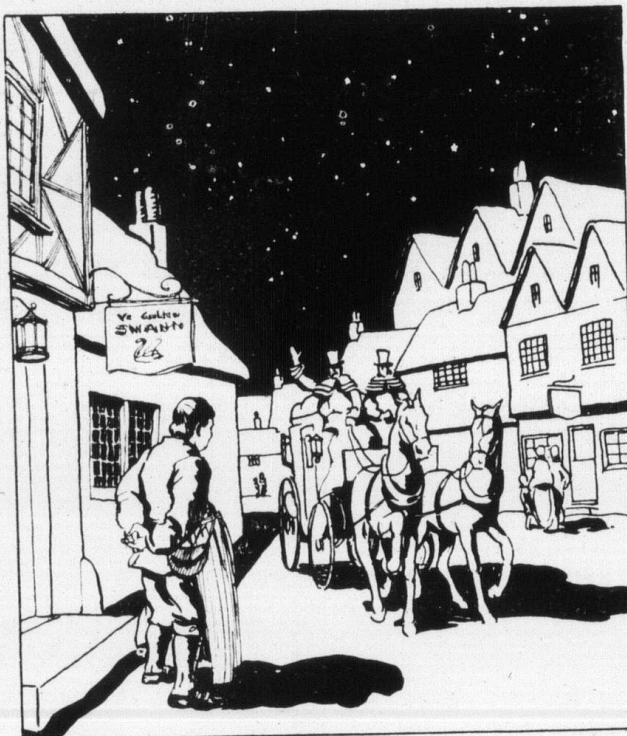
When recent cable despatches of the Associated Press to member papers, disclosed that Il Duce Mussolini had opened negotiations with the exiled Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, looking towards the return of the latter to his throne and people after an agreement whereby Il Duce would not 'lose face' with the people of Italy, it served to reawaken in the minds of Negroes thought of the part that colored people in foreign lands will be called upon to play in the present war in Europe.

In the invasion of Ethiopia by the Italians, Negroes learned much of the ancient Empire, which thousands among the religious feel is even now "stretching forth her hand," for they see in the turmoil in which France, Germany, England, Poland, Russia is embroiled, and which threatens the peace and security of other nations, the retribution for the failure of the League of white nations to keep faith with Abyssinia when men, women and children were being ruthlessly destroyed by gunpowder and gas.

With the desire of the colored people to learn more of the colored races of the world it is my opinion that those men who have devoted their lives to delving into the past and recording the history of what we know as the Negro, will come into their own and see their dream realized when they can reach this vast audience with the truth of the accomplishments and achievements of Africans and people of African descent.

And what better approach can there be to the fascinating history of Africa than through religion and art? It is this road that Professor Charles C. Seifert has taken on which to enter Africa and bring back that wealth of glorious information.

He has already completed a volume in two parts on the history of ancient Ethiopia with excursions into the



Merry Christmas

Bible that present proof conclusive of his discoveries

This brochure has sufficient meat on the subject of what Africa has contributed to the world of art and religion to draw the following comments from Professor William H. Ferris:

"P. of. Seifert is a racial philosopher who possesses both originality and the courage of his convictions. He is not merely reiterating what some Caucasian scholar has written. He is not writing what Caucasian leaders would desire him to write, he is giving the world the results of years of study and research of his reaction to such study and research.

"When Kepler, the astronomer, unravelled the laws of planetary motion and discovered that the trigonometry of the solar system corresponded with the trigonometry of his own brain, he cried, 'Oh God, I am thinking thy thoughts after thee.'

"Professor Seifert is not thinking the Caucasian's thoughts after him but is thinking his own thoughts. He has marshalled an army of facts and

SCHOOL FOR NEGRO PILOTS APPROVED BY WAR DEPT.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The United States Civil Aeronautics Authority announced that a school providing for the training of Negro air pilots has been designated at North Suburban Flying Field, Glenview, Ill. This action has been taken in accordance with Public Law No. 18, passed by the 76th Congress and signed by President Roosevelt.

quoted authorities. Whether one agrees with all of his deductions and generalizations or not, the results of his research will be of great value.

"Professor Seifert attempts to show that black men not only in Ethiopia but also in the heart of Africa laid the foundations for religion and art, which were later developed by Egypt and Greece. He also attempts to show that African art forms one of the elements of French and American art. The objective of the book is to make the black man hold up his head

CHRISTMAS AGAIN ?

Once more we approach the Sacred season of Christmas, this time with wars and rumors of wars. What changes have taken place since last Christmas and what prophet can foretell the changes which the near future may bring? In a world of changes, chaos and calamities, how eagerly should we grasp something unchangeable, something steady and reliable. Christmas never changes; year by year for 1900 years the peoples of the world have celebrated the birth of the Christ Child and have listened to the message of the Angels "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men;" year after year Christians of every race and creed still gather in their places of worship and hail Him Who was born in a manger and cradled in a stall. And now, after all these years, where is the Peace of which the Angels sang? Was it all a false proclamation which was issued forth from the ramparts of Heaven on that first Christmas Day? No! it is those to whom the good news was sent who have been false. The "Peace on Earth" has been crowded out, even as the Christ-Child has been crowded out. There is still "no room" for Him and His Peace. Oh that the Nations and the individuals in the nations would call Him back to His Throne on Earth, would hand over the reins of government to Him and would in contrition and sincerity utter those words of our Christmas hymn

"O come to my heart Lord Jesus
There is room in my heart for Thee"

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Then His peace and goodwill will prevail.

That each one of you may enjoy a Happy Christmas, with the Blessing of the Christ Child overshadowing all that you do at this season, is the sincere wish of

THE DAWN OF TO-MORROW