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Govt. Upheavel By Minister's Negro Sympathies

International News Report.

New York, Nov. 22—That white im-
perial powers do not intend for the
centuries old traditional subjugation
of Negroes of their colonial posses-
sions in Africa to be broken, was
glaringly demonstrated here two
weeks ago. A real governmental up-
heaval took place according to a re-
port of the Times Weekly. An entire
government body resigned because
one of the leaders showed too much
favour to Negroes' demand for econ-
omic and political equality. The
trouble only ended with the ousting
of the revolting head and the recal-
ling of the governmental body.

The following report of the inci-
dent was given by the Times under the
title "Nigger Crisis."

Out again, in again. That was the
political gymnastic performed last
week by gruff, choleric, General Jam-
es Barry Munnik Hertzog. His Maj-
esty's Prime Minister in The Union
of South Africa.

The General resigned with his en-
tire Cabinet and in a passion. A
short time previously he had met
with refusal—blunt refusal—when he
had demanded the resignation of his
own Minister of Posts and Tele-
graphs, the Rt. Hon. Walter B. Made-
ley. Blast Madeley's impertinence!
If he wouldn't resign alone General
Hertzog knew well enough how to
force the fellow out by bringing down
his whole Cabinet. The crash was
called last week, and for a very good
reason, a "nigger crisis."

Briefly, the Minister of Posts and
Telegraphs had been showing himself
entirely too considerate of Black-
moor trade unions. In vain Big White
General Hertzog and his Nationalist
Party had threatened, fumed. Mr.
Madeley, as a member of the Labor
Party could not see his way clear to
upholding the Nationalist postulate
that blackamoors must be "kept in
their place," economically, political-
ly. The crisis was precipitated when
Minister Madeley received a Negro
deputation from the Industrial and
Commercial Workers' Union, official-
ly, at the ministry of Posts and Tele-
graphs. That reception brought
General Hertzog's demand for the
Minister's resignation, and also a de-
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MR. PAUL LEWIS, 1st Vice Presi-
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of the Canadian League for the Ad-
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urally the Rt. Hon. Laborite obeyed
his party.

The Governor General if the Union
of South Africa is the Earl of Athlone,
brother of Queen-Empress Mary.
When General Hertzog marched in
with the collective resignations of the
Cabinet, Her Majesty's brother saw
to it that he marched right out again
with a mandate to form a new Cab-
inet. This the General instantly
did, appointing the Rt. Hon. H. W.
Sampson to be Minister of Posts and
Telegraphs, and recalling all his oth-
er ministers to their posts. Unoffi-
cially the peppery Prime Minister ex-
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ly on the issue of social and every other
kind of equality for blackamoors. On
that issue they can probably be beat-
en, when a general election rolls
round: and one must legally take
place not later than next spring.

Appropriation For Social Work School

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 22—An appropri-
ation of \$2500 has been made by the
Julius Rosenwald Fund to the Atlan-
ta School of Social Work toward its
budget for the year 1928-29. In a
letter to Mr. Forrester B. Washington
director of the School, Mr. Edwin R.
Embree, President of the Rosenwald
Fund writes:

"The Julius Rosenwald Fund takes
much pleasure in being associated in
the important work of the Atlanta
School of Social Work."

African Chief Receives Life-Saving Medal

New York, Nov. 23—A thrilling res-
cue of wrecked steamship passengers
on the West African Coast, about 20
miles from Lagos, in Nigeria, has
brought to an African Chief named
Olabi, a silver medal and diploma
from the Liverpool Shipwreck and
Humane Society.

The facts in the case as reported
to the National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People by
H. W. Peet, in England, are as fol-
lows:

The Elder Dempster Line Steam-
ship Oshogbo, ran ashore in the night
In the morning, the ship's lifeboat
containing four Europeans, the chief
engineer and some of the African
crew managed to get a line to the
shore, but the boat was broken up
by the heavy surf. The local chief,
Olabo, then swam out on a plank and
got the line ashore again. A second
time the line broke under the strain.
The brave African then got a canoe
and in face of many dangers, suc-
ceeded in bringing off the rest of the
Oshogbo's passengers, two at a time,
his boat being smashed to pieces in
the process.

The Elder Dempster Line made
known this act of bravery to the
Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane
Society, and at its October meeting
the Society awarded its medal and
diploma to Olabi. The Company has
reimbursed him in the sum of 50
pounds sterling, for the loss of his
canoe.

SPIRITUALS CHARM CROWDS

Last week when the American Op-
era Company came to Atlanta, Pro-
fessor George B. Hinan and his
daughter, Mrs. Carter, invited Mr.
Vladimir Rosing, the Artistic Direc-
tor of the American Opera Company,
to come out to Atlanta University to
hear the students sing Negro spirit-
uals. Mr. Rosing expressed himself
as highly pleased with the singing by
the students. He said that in the
rhythm and in some other respects,
the Negro spirituals resembled the
Volga Boat songs as sung by the Rus-
sian peasants. Mr. Upson, one of the
opera stars also came out with Mr.
Rosing and he was equally pleased
with the singing. Mr. Rosing then
gave complimentary tickets to all the
studnts who wished to attend the Op-
era and a large number availed them-
selves of the opportunity.

Popular Song Writer Recording

J. C. Johnson, the well known song
writer and one of our own group, has
been selcted by the Columbia Phono-
graph Company, from thousands of
artists throughout the country, to re-
cord crooning melodies. Since the
success of his latest record "Good
Things Come to those who Wait" he
has been heralded the "Black Gene
Austin."

Born in Chicago twenty-six years
ago, he later attended Wendell Phil-
lips High School. Nine years ago he
came to New York where he started
writing music.

He has written many of the popular
song hits used by Dolly Kay, Paul
Whiteman, Ethel Waters, Happiness
Boys, Revellers and others.

We know that the "Black Gene
Austin," who is all the rage in New
Yirk City, will soon sweep the coun-
try with his popularity if he continues
to record such hits as "Good Things
Come to Those Who Wait," and "Ex-
plaining."

New York Honours Hero of Vestris

New York, Nov. 2 —(A.P.)—A dim-
inutive West Indian negro member of
the crew of the lost liner Vestris, to-
day received the official congratula-
tions of the City of New York for his
part in the rescue of more than a
score of persons when the vessel sank
off the Virginia coast.

The hero of a welcoming ceremony
in Mayor Walker's reception suite at
the City Hall was Lionel Licorish,
quartermaster of the Vestris, who
manoeuvred a lifeboat for hours
about the scene of the disaster. Lic-
orish signed a vaudeville contract
since the disaster.

In congratulating him Mayor Walk-
er referred to the willingness of per-
sons floundering in the water to re-
ceive assistance from Licorish, re-
gardlss of his race or color.

The Negro's reply was brief: "I
thought it was my duty," he said in
telling of the rescues.

"I am very glad to be alive," he
added, "And I appreciate this recep-
tion and the loving way American
people treat me."

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Editorial

NEGROES AND DISASTERS

It takes a great disaster, such as a train wreck, a great war, or even the sinking of a ship to give occasion for negroes to prove to all the world that noble blood flows through their veins although this blood may not be "blue."

The sinking of the S.S. Vestris gave occasion for M. Chas. H. Tuttle, United States Attorney in the Court of Inquiry, to make the following statement: "I have seen in one or two quarters, some criticism of the colored members of the crew; and I think it only fair to say that, so far as I know or have any information, the testimony just given by Mr. Joseph Boxhill today is typical of the conduct of the colored part of the crew. Not only does the evidence indicate that they showed no insubordination or cowardice, but on the contrary, the evidence shows affirmatively that they obeyed orders and stayed in the stoke holds as long as anything could be done, and that subsequently—and I know this will be further emphasized by the evidence—the colored members of the crew displayed real heroism in dragging people from the water into life boats and in supporting helpless people while in the water. I think it only fair that this statement should be made at this time."

Herbert J. Siligman, director publicity, N.A.A.C.P., who attended the morning session of the court writes: "A little black man walked quietly on the stand at the Court of Inquiry today and in a clear voice, told the story of the sinking of the Vestris. Lionel Licorish was at the wheel of the ship while the list grew steadily greater. He stood by for orders and carried messages from the Captain of the ill-fated ship to the carpenter, asking him to stop the inflow of water at the port and half doors. He stood on the bridge awaiting the Captain's orders until near the very end, and helped passengers into life boats. Then, when the ship was so far gone that no one could stand on the deck, he loosened the straps holding No. 14 lifeboat so that it would float when the steamer was down; himself slid off the deck into the water and swam away from the ship in order to avoid being drawn under by the suction."

When he turned around to look, the steamer was gone, out of sight in the ocean depths. The empty lifeboat

he had loosened was floating in the water. He swam to it, got oars, rescued 20 passengers and crew and kept his lifeboat afloat with shifts of 3 men bailing all night until rescue came."

The New York Evening Post said: "A youthful Barbados Negro today narrated naively, with complete unselfconsciousness, a tale of remarkable devotion to duty which brought forth from United States Attorney Tuttle an unqualified tribute to the 'real heroism' of the Negro members of the crew of the ill-fated steamship Vestris."

"Joseph Boxhill, a fireman on the vessel which sank off the Virginia Capes, November 12th, with the loss of 111 lives, described in the warm exotic English of the West Indies, before M.S. Commissioner O'Neill and the Federal Inquiry Board his personal part in the disaster."

"In vivid contrast with the conduct of some officers as described at previous sessions of the Inquiry, this portly young negro explained convincingly, how he had remained in the water-logged engine until the very last moment and how he would have continued to stay there if any officer had ordered him."

"After the Vestris he swam about for 20 hours—he had thrown his life belt away in order to move more freely—from raft to raft, doing his best to save people and fighting down dizziness, as he saw the bodies of women and children about him in the water."

And thus runs the simple but beautiful story of bravery and self-sacrifice of black folk in the face of danger and disaster. So is the story of the Negro porter in a train wreck of a few months ago, himself mortally hurt, yet helping to rescue passengers from the debris until exhausted, still when a physician bends over him his words were, "Attend to the lady there first."

Black folk have never sought a monopoly of the sun, but does not their heroism, from the time of Simon the Syrian, down to the sinking of the Vestris, entitle them to at least a place in the Sun?

AGAIN, MARCUS GARVEY

A few weeks ago Marcus Garvey sailed from Europe, where he had been received with all the courtesy and respect due to a British subject. On landing in Canada, he made certain statement to newspaper reporters regarding London's (England) cosmopolitan spirit to every race under the sun. This spirit however, said Garvey, was not extended to the Negro. Among other things he also said he intended to swing five million votes to Smith for President of the United States. Within a short time after these statements had reached the public Garvey was arrested by order of the immigration authorities. At the trial which followed he was ordered to leave Canada within seven days. They gave as a reason for this act, that he (Garvey) was an undesirable citizen. Of course, as to the statute governing this particular case we have no quarrel since Garvey had spent time in the Federal prison of Atlanta, Ga., for using the mails for fraudulent purposes. But what does cause us so much bewilderment is, why, after Garvey had been so courteously received in London and in other cities

and parts of the Motherland as well as throughout Europe,—why should Canada elect to close her doors in his face? Are we beginning to look across the border for precedents and example or do we still cherish the Motherland as our ideal in the matter of free speech and real justice? We are also wondering just how much foreign influence was brought to bear in the Garvey episode. What Garvey said in Canada concerning England is but a ripple compared to what some of the socialists say in Hyde Park, almost under the dome of the castle itself. But nothing ever happens, no one is deported. We do not pretend to believe that England has at all times been right in all things, but in matters of free speech and simple justice we would be much safer following in the paths our forefathers have trod than by imitating our Southern neighbours.

We are not here defending Garvey in the face of his conviction on the charge for which he was sent to prison, but we shall ever believe that Garvey meant no wrong, certainly not to his own people; that his offense sprang from over zealotry to free his race from the economic slavery of the entire continent of North America, that by far the bulk of money he received (and this only from Negroes) was used in a frantic attempt to make places in the economic and commercial world for Negro boys and girls and Negro men and women. And so, if we do not wholly endorse his methods of procedure, we do most wholeheartedly endorse his plan and we also admire his enthusiasm, and for his desire to make Africa a home, a real home, for black people, in which they might live and respect themselves and gain the respect of the outside world—a home in which their sons and daughters might use all of their talents without the handicap of caste and colour—what sane Negro or just white person could blame him for this?

Perhaps the bowers that he will never allow Garvey to complete the work he began, or, perhaps, even to cultivate the seeds he has sown. But their roots have sunk too deeply into the minds and hearts and souls of black people to be ever choked out, and younger men with finer technique with better training and with finer sense of diplomacy will spring up to complete the work he began and for which he suffered. Future historians will give Garvey the credit of being the first Negro to awaken in the breast of the common class of his race, the spirit of race consciousness.

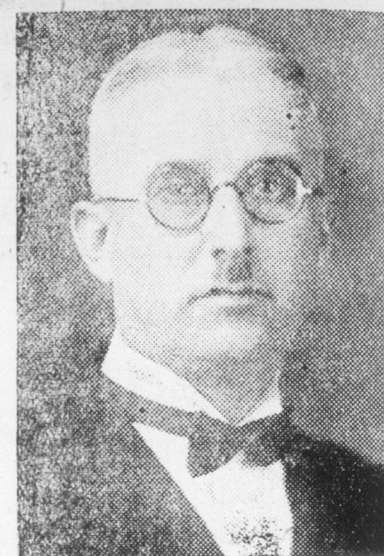
WORLD UNITY MAGAZINE WANTS YOUNG NEGRO WRITERS' WORK.

New York, Nov. 23—Horace Holley, Managing Editor of World Unity Magazine, 4 East 12th Street, New York City, informs the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that his magazine is about to inaugurate a new department called "Youth and The Modern World."

In this department articles will be published by college students and others representing various races and nationalities. Mr. Holley writes the N.A.A.C.P.: "We are exceedingly anxious to include in this department the articles representative of the best thought of young colored people."

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EXPLORER'S AFRICAN WIDOW
DIES IN JAMAICA

New York, Nov. 23—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People learns from Mr. H. W. Peet, of Beckenham, Kent, England, that Mrs. George Grenfell, widow of the Baptist missionary and Congo Explorer, has just died in Jamaica, where she has been living for some years with her two daughters. Mr. Grenfell and his wife "steamed into the very heart of Africa," on the famous little boat, "The Peace," Mr. Peet writes:

"Grenfell, after the death of his first wife, married in 1879, Miss Rose Patience Edgerley, who was of African race. Her family had lived for several generations in the West Indies, but had returned to the Camer-

oons with a Negro Mission Colony, in 1827. The tragedy which has sometimes overtaken the comparatively few missionaries who have married members of the races among whom they work, was happily absent in Grenfell's case, for in his wife he found a devoted and helpful companion, who shared his dangers from savage tribes and fever-ridden country.

"She taught the women and girls of Bolebo, one of the chief mission stations on the Congo River, until after the death of George Grenfell in 1907 she came with her surviving children to England. Today the news is received by the Baptist Missionary Society that Mrs. Grenfell has just passed away in Jamaica where she has lived for some years with her two daughters."

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STRATFORD.

Mrs. Ralph Wesley Jr., of Detroit, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wesley, of Stratford.

CAYUGA

Mr. Lorne Barnes has opened his new garage and is doing quite a good business.

Mrs. William Johnson is visiting in Rochester for a week or so.

Mrs. Albert Smith spent last week in Hamilton at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Smith.

Miss Ruth Smith is spending a few weeks at Niagara Falls.

Mrs. William Taylor, the mother of Mrs. Albert Smith, passed out of this life twenty-one years ago the 11th of November.

In Loving Memory.

In loving memory of our dear beloved daughter, sister and mother whom God called home one year ago today, Oct. 30th, 1928.

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Father, Mother, Sisters, Brothers and Sons.

LONDON NOTES

Mrs. Maud Carberi gave a very successful surprise party on Mrs. Stella Clayborne last Wednesday evening at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. John Irons, Nelson Street. Many old friends of Mrs. Clayborne were present. The occasion was a very pleasant one.

Mr. Wm. Budd is still confined to Victoria Hospital. His condition does not show much improvement.

Mr. Peter Butler, Provincial Constable of Lucan, underwent an operation last Wednesday at Victoria Hospital. The operation was successful and his condition is satisfactory.

Miss Alice Drake has gone to Ann Arbor, Mich., where she has accepted a position for the winter season.

Last Wednesday evening, Mrs. Maggie Moxley gave birth to a fine baby girl at Victoria Hospital. Mother and baby are doing fine.

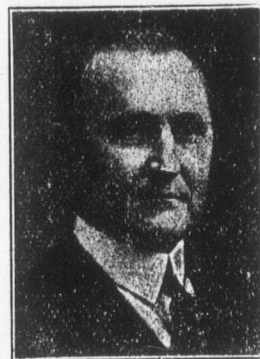
Mrs. John Irons left the city last Wednesday in company with her daughter, Mrs. Stella Clayborne, for Marquette Mich., the latter's home. Mrs. Irons will remain until Spring.

The Fish and Chip social given by the Busy Bee Class of the B.M.E. Sunday School last Thursday evening was a great success.

Miss Vivian Knox, our young pianist showed, at her last public appearance, that she is destined to be a musician of note.

Mr. Arthur Moxley, of Glenwood Ave. was successful in capturing practically every prize the London Pigeon Association offered during the season just closed. Mr. Moxley is an enthusiastic pigeon fancier and prominent member of the London Pigeon Association.

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In our memory she is dear.

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Always wishing she was here
Not dead to those who loved her
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**Race Feeling Among
University Students**

New York, Nov. 23—Two groups of university students, one in West Virginia and the other in North Dakota, have been made the basis for a study of race feeling toward minority groups in America, by James M. Reinhardt, published in the Survey for November 15th. The University of North Dakota furnished 28 students for the test and Morris Harvey College in West Virginia, 24.

"This study is too limited to allow any broad conclusions," writes Mr. Reinhardt. "It does indicate however that the prejudices against the Negro are stronger among the rising generation in North Dakota than in West Virginia."

The feeling against the Negro among West Virginia students is shown to be less strong than against Japanese, Hindu, Chinese and Turk as neighbour and as citizen, and the Negro is preferred to the Turk and placed on an equality with Hindu and Chinese as business associate.

The North Dakota students prefer the Negro to Japanese and Turk as citizen and to Chinese and Turk as neighbor. Both groups entirely exclude the Negro from family relations and 21 out of 28 North Dakotans would exclude him from business association.

EUROPE AS U.S. SETS UP BARS.

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Paris, Oct.—European Countries

**HERO OF FLOOD
REAPS REWARD**

Greenville, Miss., Oct. — Frank Smith, who is generally known as the hero of the great Mississippi Valley flood of 1927 is said to be reaping his harvest, now.

Smith is a resident of this city. With money given to him for his heroism he has set up one of the most prosperous markets in the city for the wholesaling and retailing of fish.

Smith gained the name of the Flood Hero through his brave deed in rescuing flood victims. It was during one of his acts of heroism that he came in contact with a high voltage wire and suffered injuries that required the amputation of his right arm.

now are following the policy of the United States in setting up bars of restriction on foreign immigration.

France today find herself in much the same position the United States was in a few years ago. She has enough work for her own population but not enough for the unemployed of all Europe and England. Consequently she has erected bars, without any fuss and as quietly as possible.

Italy is doing the same thing. A Frenchman who wants to go to Italy to work finds his way barred with enough red tape to trip him unless he is a specialist in some particular trade which Italy particularly needs. Spain is ready to export, rather than import labor and taxes are levied so as to discourage foreign laborers.

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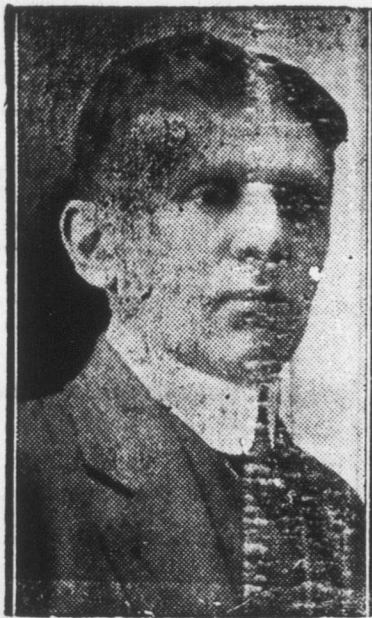
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