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TRAIN PORTER DIES ANSWERING CALL

Train porter dies responding to call
Wilmington, N.C., July 30— When the Atlantic Coast Line accommodation train No. 62 was derailed and went over on the sand banks last Wednesday after pulling out from Wilmington, Ed Marshburn of New Bern, N.C., though mortally wounded still gave his first thought to his duty to others, and in response to the call of "Come here, Ed," which was yelled by Conductor E. P. Weathersbee, replied, "In a minute, I can't come just now."

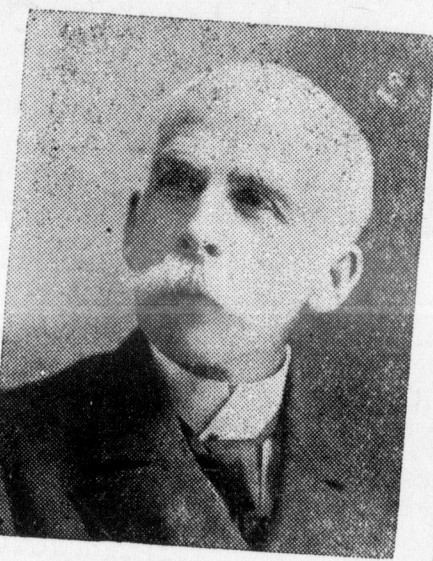
Marshburn had just crawled through the window of an overturned coach when the conductor called. His skull was fractured, and his throat badly slashed. He was bleeding profusely, but with great effort he managed to make his way into the open without assistance.

Getting clear of the car Marshburn sank to the side of the tracks, almost overcome by loss of blood and the torment of his crushed skull. It was at this moment that the call to service came.

Marshburn was weak, dizzy, exhausted and in great pain—practically a dead man. He needed aid himself quite as badly as anybody else; but he had his duty to perform. Immediately upon receiving the call, he gave his dying answer with as much assurance as he could muster, and attempted to rise. But his strength was spent. He had the will to prove himself a hero and do his part in bringing assistance to the victims of this terrible tragedy, but his mortal injury made it impossible for his body to respond to the call of his will. He died struggling vainly to rise.

Will Fight Before July 4th Next

Los Angeles, Aug. 4—Floyd Fitzsimmons, fight promoter, who yesterday failed to get Jack Dempsey's signature to a bout with Harry Greb, in September, announced tonight, after a conference with the champion, that as a result of Dempsey's banishment by the New York boxing commission the heavyweight champion had agreed to fight Harry Wills for him "Somewhere near Chicago, next July 4th."



MR. JOHN MOULE, Clerk of Police Court of London, who shows much interest in the Progress being made by the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People and gives very material help to the Executive.

Pullmans Beat Toronto

The Pullman Colored Giants took two games from Toronto Semi-Pros. today before an enthusiastic crowd of over 6,000. In the first game Toronto fell on the offerings of J. Jurant for 5 hits which netted 5 runs. E. Jurant relieved his little brother and proceeded to strike out eleven batters, winning his game. In the second game the mighty Lockhart held Toronto hitless for seven innings, then let up when his team was 14 runs to the good. The entire Colored team proved stars, falling on the helpless Torontos for 34 hits for 2 games, and displaying sensational plays of the hair-raising variety.

Rickard Says September Too Early for Battle

New York, July 15—Tex Richard's announcement that he will have no part in a proposed bout between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills this year settles that at least.

Tex was in close conference with Paddy Mullins on Thursday. They talked for an hour and when Paddy came out of the room he gave the impression that perhaps he and Tex had closed for a bout. He said: "Oh, I guess everything will be O.K." And he let it go at that.

Forcing Dempsey Into Wills Bout

Commission Threatens to Suspend Any Boxer Who Meets Champion Before Negro Gets Chance

New York, Aug. 4—The bars of ineligibility, lowered against Jack Dempsey for his allged dilatory tactics in signing for a title match with Harry Wills, were reinforced by an added barrier to day when the New York State Athletic Commission ruled it would suspend any boxer who meets Dempsey before the Champion signs articles of agreement and posts a suitable forfeit for a match with Wills.

Flaying Dempsey's letter writing tactics as an intentional evasion of the Wills issue, Chairman James A. Farley said the commission would "wash its hands" of the whole situation until such time as the champion or his legitimate manager binds a match with Wills with a certified bond.

"We cannot suspend Dempsey," declared Chairman Farley, "as he holds no license with this commission. We cannot declare the title vacant because we haven't the power, but he is already on the ineligible list and will remain so until he signs for the Wills match. If we could declare the title vacant we would."

Mickey Walker, world's welterweight champion, whose tactics in evading a match with Dave Shade, places him in a similar category with Dempsey, was not disciplined by the commission today. Walker signed an agreement that he will meet Shade on or before August 15th is still on file with the commission and the board ruled that it would take no action against Walker until the expiration of the time limit for this match.

BRINGS DEAD BABY BACK LIFE

Baltimore, Md., July 23— A new born baby, given up for dead, now lives and is thriving as a result of an injection of lobelin into its heart.

Dr. Walter A. Cox, of the Franklin Square hospital, injected the drug which was described as involving great risk.

"We could not start the baby's breathing," Dr. Cox said. Finally we concluded it was dead. There seemed to be no way to revive life. Its heart had stopped beating.

NEGROES PLOT TO RULE AFRICA

Africa may some day come under the complete domination of the Negro race if the movement to establish Ethiopianism on that continent now being promoted under the inspiration of Marcus Garvey, Negro leader of New York, is successful, it was suggested recently by John S. Haumann, Mayor of Harrismith, Orange Free State, South Africa, now a Los Angeles visitor and a guest at the Clark.

Mr. Haumann, who was born in South Africa, and has lived there all his life, is visiting this country for the first time. He is on a pleasure tour that started last February and has thus far included the east coast of Africa, most of the countries of Europe and the eastern part of the United States.

Movement Watched

"The movement which has for its slogan 'Africa for the Africans,' is being watched closely by the white population," said Mr. Haumann.

"The idea of Negro domination in Africa was conceived in the brain of Marcus Garvey, a Jamaica Negro who has been carrying on his propaganda from New York for some years. He has sought to interest all the American Negroes in his scheme, which briefly involves the removal of Negroes in all parts of the world to Africa where they will found a nation composed solely of blacks and including all the tribes now found on that continent.

"Garvey has been active among the natives in Africa, where he numbers thousands of adherents. Great numbers of them have gone to the United States and to different European countries, where they have entered the colleges and universities, fitting themselves for various positions.

"The movement is carried on quietly among the natives. They realize that the time for action is not yet ripe, but there are many activities."

"Since I was convinced the baby was dead, there was nothing to fear in the use of the drug. I plunged the hypodermic into the baby's heart and almost immediately it started to breathe and heart action was restored."

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Editorial

THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION AND THE SUNNY SOUTH

"Be ye not deceived, God is not mocked." These words seem to apply fittingly to the Scopes trial, at Dayton, Tenn., which proved to be one of the greatest farces which the American courts have staged in many years. It also proved to be one of the greatest mockeries upon the Holy Bible that civilization has ever witnessed. At Dayton, Scopes was not alone on trial but the Bible and the theory of evolution was being tested, and the world looked with great expectancy to the outcome of this momentous issue. Not alone did the world look for flaws and wait to criticize but many there were who were in search for truth and what did they get?

The trial lasted for one week, during which time the jury was not allowed to remain in the court room three hours. Not a single word of evidence was allowed to prove that the State had overstepped its authority when it made a law forbidding the teaching of the theory of evolution in any school. But why should we wonder? The South has always been a paradox. Again, she has practiced prejudice against colored people so long, prejudice has become second nature with her. The South is truly a paradox. She will go to great lengths to sustain the literal translation of the Bible to the letter and still least of all civilized countries does she obey its injunction. Somewhere in the Good Book we are told that we should love our neighbours as ourselves. Has the South ever read that injunction? Christ told His disciples that the greatest command was that we love God with all our soul, and mind and strength, and that the second greatest command was that we love our neighbours as ourselves. Have the citizens of Tennessee ever read this? Again we are told that we should be doers of the word and not hearers only. So if the South really believes the Bible in its entirety as she claims to believe, she is a bigger hypocrite than was Judas Iscariot.

It would have been good, had the people of Dayton been in earnest and in search for truth, if the presiding judge had read at the opening of the trial from the book of second John these words: "Beloved, believe not every spirit but try the spirits, whether they be of God." And again: "No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us." And again: "If a man say 'I love God,' and hateth his brother he is a liar, for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." But are black men whom they persecute, main, burn and murder—are these black men brothers of the blue blooded bourbons of Tennessee? So says the Good Book. It tells us that out of one blood hath He created all nations and that all ye are brethren. Surely the Sunny South believes this. If not, why the Scopes persecution at Dayton?

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ST. CATHARINES

Mr. and Mrs. B. Brewster entertained Miss M. Thompson to dinner.

Mrs. H. F. Logan and Miss Verita Smith joined Rev. H. F. Logan in Jamestown, N.Y., for a 4 day visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. Cornish entertained Miss M. Thompson and Mrs. H. F. Logan to dinner while she was visiting in the city.

Mr. E. Paige of Montclair, N.J., paid a few days visit at the parsonage the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Logan and then left for Buffalo, thence to points along the St. Lawrence and home.

Rev. H. F. Logan and Mrs. Logan and Miss Verita Smith returned home Saturday after a fine holiday. The Rev. reports one of the very best times with his son and daughter in Detroit, friends in Cleveland, Ostabula, Erie, Jamestown and Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dr. Beckley is visiting in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bells. Mr. Alex. Nicholson gave Miss M. Thompson and Mrs. Logan a very delightful trip around the city in his car.

Mr. Allen Bell is the guest of his parents this week end.

Mrs. T. Sykes is in the city from Buffalo for a month's sojourn.

Mr. Frank Richardson paid a flying visit to the city Monday.

BRANTFORD

Mrs. Olive Snell has returned to Detroit after spending her holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holding and Mr. Lucas, of Chatham were motor visitors last week, the guests of Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Lucas.

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Jasper Smith, after a short illness. He departed this life on July 30th and was buried on Sunday, August 2. Mr. Smith will be greatly missed with his happy and generous disposition he made and had a host of friends. He leaves a widow one daughter, Olive, and one son, Laverne, both at home, and one sister, in Rochester, N.Y. His funeral was one of the largest witnessed in this city, friends coming from Toronto, Hamilton, Cayuga, Canfield, Buffalo, N.Y., Ashtabula, Ohio, Burford and other points. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, showing the high esteem in which he was held. Mr. Smith was a valued employee of the Carriage Works having been with the company for over 35 years.

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Without exaggeration, the services on Sunday, August 1st were of a very high degree and wonderfully interesting. A large audience attended the services during the day. The pastor, Rev. F. O. Stewart, conducted both services and in a very pleasing way delivered two very timely messages: "The Witness of the New Life" at 11 o'clock and "The Marvelous One," at 7. Each week there is noticed an added interest in the services and many strangers and visitors are being attracted to the church.

Mrs. (Rev.) Ball is in the city for a few days visiting friends. She reports that Rev. Ball is resting quietly and showing some signs of improvement.

Rev. S. R. Drake paid a hurried visit to our city on Friday and Saturday.

The B.M.E. Church Sunday School held their annual picnic at Center Island on Friday, July 31st. Rev. Williams of the Baptist Church and a number of his Sunday School children joined the happy crowd. Yes! all report a good time.

Miss Waldon and Miss Johnson of Guelph, Ont. are visiting in the city and worshipped at the B.M.E. Church.

Mrs. Chas. Sharp, Sr. and her two daughters, Mesdames Carter and Magruder, met with a very painful accident while riding in their automobile last Wednesday. They are somewhat improved at this writing.

The members and delegates of the District Grand Lodge held their annual meeting in Toronto on Thursday and Friday, July 30th and 31st at Occident Hall. They were entertained at the home of Mrs. Smith, 429 Dundas St. W. On Friday evening a banquet was given at the hall in honor of the visiting brothers, at which time the installation of officers took place. Peter Ogden Lodge No. 812 and Household of Ruth No. 5354 were also present on this occasion.

Bro. Dunn of Windsor and Bro. Cherry of Chatham were the guests of Bro. A. L. James.

The funeral of little Geraldine Crawford took place Monday afternoon from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Crawford, Hayter St.

The services at Grant A.M.E. were well attended last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Carpenter, delivered two inspiring sermons.

On the third Sunday in August a "National Pew Rally" will be held in Grant A.M.E. Church, which will consist of three nations taking part namely, "The Canadian People," A. W. Hackley Jr., Captain; "The American People," Chas. Waldon, Captain; "The West Indian People," Mr. E. Al-leyne, Captain. A number of pews are to be allotted to each body and certain colors will be worn to designate each group. This friendly rivalry is to assist the trustees in paying their debts. Every member and friend of the church is asked to give liberally on this occasion.

The Christian Endeavour is having an enjoyable summer playing tennis

on their court at Alexandra Park, at the corner of Bathurst and Dundas Sts. The doors of this Society are always open for new members which meets every Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

A reception was tendered to Rev. and Mrs. F. O. Stewart on Thursday, July 23rd in the auditorium of the Church by the members and friends, about fifty being present. Several addresses of welcome were given. Mrs. Richardson, sr., on behalf of the church; Mr. F. Simpson, on behalf of the community; Rev. T. H. Jackson and Lawyer, E. L. Cross, on behalf of the professional class. The choir, under the direction of Mr. A. C. Johnson, chorister, rendered a beautiful anthem. A vocal selection by Mrs. Magruder, and pianoforte numbers by Miss B. Parker and others, with a pipe organ number by Mr. Crawford, an enjoyable evening was brought to a close. In the reception committee under the convensership of Mrs. H. Brown, served a very tasty collation in the school room at the close of the program. Mr. Chas. Sharpe, sr., presided during the evening.

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On Monday, August 3rd the B.M.E. Sunday School, joined by all the auxiliaries of the church, held a union picnic at Springbank Park. The attendance was the largest ever known. There were visitors from Stratford, Ingersoll, Detroit, Brantford and Ann Arbor. At 12.30 everyone enjoyed a hearty dinner of all kinds of goodies, also again at 5.30. At 3.45 a program of sports was held. There was also a fine baby show. Mr. and Mrs. John Harris won the prize for being the oldest married couple on the grounds. Everyone returned home, tired but pleased after a day of fun.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. S. Woodcock has been confined to her bed this week through illness. We trust she may be with us again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith and family of Woodstock passed through the city enroute from Chatham after a brief visit with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Anderson, who is seriously ill.

STRATFORD

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall and daughter, Mr. Robert Underwood, also Mr. Cecil Miller motored to Sarnia.

Miss Harrison, who has been ill in the hospital, returned home a week ago last Tuesday. Mrs. Harrison has also been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and daughter and son of Listowell were guests of Mrs. Weseley over the week end.

Mr. Jack Hall, Mr. McCurtis, Mr. Johnston motored to Brantford to attend the funeral of Mr. Jasper Smith.

Mr. James Matthews of Brantford has accepted a position in Stratford working on the asphalt pavement.

Mr. Howard and Robert Hesson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall, Mr. Cecil Miller, Mrs. Wesley and Miss Reta Hall motored in to the London picnic held at Springbank.

Miss Hazel Wesley of this city has returned to her position in Listowell, Ont.

WOODSTOCK

Rev. J. G. Taylor, who has been quite ill at his home on Main St. is quite improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cromwell of Detroit were visitors at the home of his brother over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Walters of Detroit were visitors in town over Sunday. Left Monday for Chatham, Buxton and thence to their home in Detroit.

Mr. W. A. Taylor, of Main St. is spending a few days in Chatham.

Miss Madeline Smith of Toronto, was in town visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, over the week end.

Mrs. H. Morton and family of Main St. spent a few days in Ingersoll, the guest of Miss Daisy Vant.

Mrs. James Henderson was a visitor in town this week and was the guest of Mrs. Rev. J. G. Taylor.

Mrs. Charles Struthers has returned to her home after a few weeks' visit in Windsor and Detroit.

Mr. Isaac James spent a few days in Hamilton and Grimsby.

Miss Daisy Vant spent Civic Holiday the guest of Mrs. H. Morton.

Mrs. Dr. Leburts is spending her holidays at her summer home in Collingwood.

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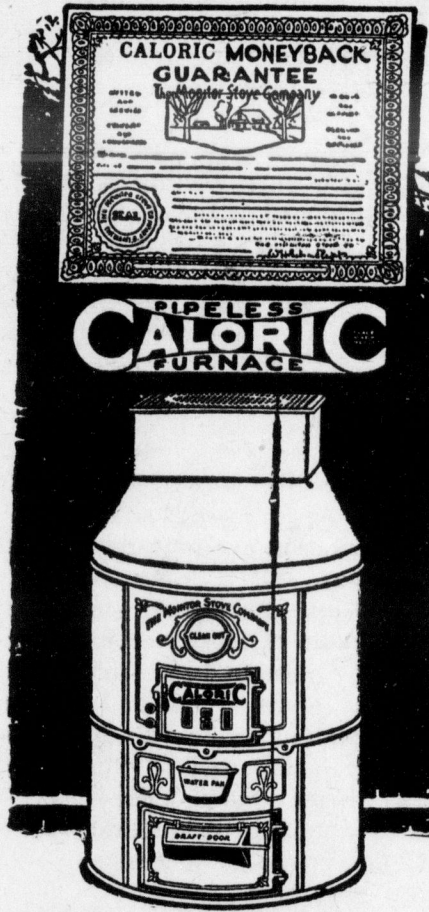
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Awake ye Afric sons of old,
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Redeem the land from whence you
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Just lend to them your helping hand
It won't be long, when we'll behold
The beauties of our glorious shore.

Ruling powers of each nation,
With blood stained hands o'er land
and seas.

Your noble leader has proclaimed
In resounding voice through all the
world,
Redeem, ye sons, redeem,
Your Afric shores and claim.

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With blood stained hands o'er land
and seas.

No prison walls, nor bars can hold
His mighty plan so well behold
The die is cast, they cannot pass,
Till Afric shores are clean.

Ruling powers of each nation,
With blood stained hands o'er land
and seas.

Ye men of vision far and near
Arise, defend your glorious name,
Sit not still while (others) there,
(robbers)
To rob you of your rightful claim.

Ruling powers of each nation,
With blood stained hands o'er land
and seas.

Why should we for pity ask
Or mercy, charity, all
Justice, as I hear you call,
Yes, justice, men, is all we ask.

Ruling powers of each nation,
With blood stained hands o'er land
and seas.

Afric sons your Mother's call
The time is now do not delay
Up to your guns like thorough born
sons,
Or back to your dragging chains like
slaves.

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**Interesting Articles
In "Opportunity"**

In an article in the August "Opportunity: Journal of Negro Life" on "The Harriet Beecher Stowe of France," Rene Maran, whose "Patoula" won the Prix Goncourt, writes as follows: "Her real name is Madame Lucie Cousturier. Very thin, with great, serious grave eyes, arched eloquently, with thick brows she has a look that is a little ascetic. She is a friend of the black races. She came to them of her own will, spontaneously, in spite of all the prejudices against them and the warnings that came to her from all sides because for all—animals are human beings—if they are weary and heavy laden or if they suffer she has pity. She has become in France a kind of entomologist of the black races. In imitation of the hermit of Serignan, J. H. Favre, who is the Saint Francis of Assisi of the insect world, she too, has felt the inclination to bend piteously over—not dead saints—but poor men and women of a race—culture and color which are different from her own."

An article of enormous interest to Negro writers also appears in this number of "Opportunity" by Brenda Ray Moryck, graduate of Wellesley College; Miss Moryck writes:

"Irvin Cobb and Octavus Roy Cohen,—recognized experts in the field of the short story of ebony hue and chocolate flavor? Why, I thought they were white men."

"I thought so too."

"Why not?"

"Because they write Negro stories."

"Well, suppose they do."

"Then they must be Negroes themselves. We are told that people can only write very well of their own race best."

"Indeed."

"The foregoing bit of conversation was recently overheard in a Southern city."

"And there you have it,—the Caucasian, with his facile pen, sketching life, wherever he finds it, excelling in any field to which he turns his art, while he recommends with sincerest sophistry that his darker brother keep within the narrow and prescribed area of his own racial precincts."

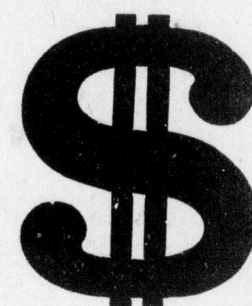
"A paradox,—a white man may be an expert in his treatment of a theme on black folk, but a colored man, and I say 'colored' advisedly, is not to be encouraged to emulate his example by reciprocation. Strange, too, when colored people always have known, and always will know, as long as white people continue to depend upon them for the most intimate personal services one human being can render another, far more about them individually and collectively than they will ever know about the black race."

Among other things there is an article by Alain Leroy Locke on "The Art of Auguste Mambour," "Vignettes Bermuda" by Herschell Bek, "Hands" a short story by Marietta Bonner; poetry by Georgia Douglas Johnson and Arna Bontemps.

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