

Saturday, August 29th, 1931.

was in the city accompanied by Wright to visit his brother, Josiah Wright. He worshipped and also spoke.

Pope of Evanston, Ill. is visiting his cousin, Mr. Wm. Taylor in t.

Church Aid Social at the home of Drake was a success. The "Pie" being the attraction, proving popular.

James Ed Fountain, an old resident of the city who passed away on the 20th in his 58th year was buried in Woodland Cemetery on the 22nd from the order of the Funeral Home. He leaves to his loss, 4 brothers, Byron of Chicago, Fred, Wesley and Hiram of St. Paul, and a sister, Mrs. Milton, of St. Paul.

Mrs. John H. Mings of New York made London one of the stops while seeing Ontario. She was the guests of their cousin and Mrs. E. A. Richardson in company of Miss B. L. L. Mr. J. Richards of Toronto. He is Senior Instructor of the Institution, N.Y.

TO GET MORE FREEDOM.

Prince, Haiti, Aug. — A feeling of satisfaction and hope was evident here on Wednesday when it became known that Munro, American Minister and Abel Leger, Haitian secretary had signed an agreement transferring three of the five treaty departments hitherto controlled by Americans, to Haitian hands.

the tongue-in-the-cheek as well aware that this step represents a complete return of sovereignty to the citizens of Haiti, the general public was glad to admit that progress was being made toward freedom. Wednesday five activities of the government had been reported by the United States.

WITH KNOCKS OUT LAND IN TWO ROUNDS

les, Aug. 12.—Harr Smith's colored middle weight added Harry Goodland, the rapper, to his list of victims in two rounds at the Stadium Tuesday night.

PLAY FOR NEGROES

N.C.—Dr. R. T. Weather of the St. Matthews P.E. Greensboro, insisted that race is not asking alms, but deal in order that it self, in an address at the annual yearly meeting of the Society of Friends.



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PROBE SHOWS NEGROES DUPES

New York, Sept. — Reports made by responsible parties in Alabama to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People reveal new information concerning the race riot at Camp Hill, Alabama on July 16th. Two white men and one Negro from Chattanooga, reputed to be Communist organizers, went to Camp Hill, recently and formed an organization of Negroes ostensibly to protect against share cropping. It is revealed that these organizers wrote, or caused to be written, in the minute books of the newly formed organization that its name should be "The Society for the Advancement of Colored People."

When rumors began to be circulated that the organization was for the purpose of killing or doing harm to officials, and when serious consequences threatened, the two white men are reported to have departed from the vicinity hastily, leaving the Negro organizer to complete the organization.

In the subsequent trouble of July 16th one Negro was killed, a number were injured and 34 are in prison.

Will Aid in Defense.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has requested its attorneys in Alabama to act in defending the 34 imprisoned Negroes who appear to be innocent dupes. The charges against them range from assault with intent to murder and conspiracy to murder, down to carrying concealed weapons.

The N.A.A.C.P. is continuing its investigation and will do everything it can to protect the misled Negroes. In announcing this the Association issued a statement that the outbreak is precisely what has been feared would happen as the result of empty and childish threats made in connection with the Scottsboro cases, which can do nothing else but gravely increase the difficulties of saving the eight boys sentenced to death in April.

GAINS THE VICTOR

Manchester, Eng. — Larry Gains, Toronto heavyweight, knocked out Hans Bauman, Swiss champion in the first round of a scheduled fifteen round bout here.

HISTORIC "COVERED WAGON" AT ST. LOUIS

An event of great historic significance is taking place in St. Louis this week.

One hundred years ago John Mason Peck, a white preacher, crossed this country in a "covered wagon," carrying the gospel and establishing the Baptist work. It was he who organized the First Baptist Church now located at Cardinal and Bell Avenues more than one hundred years ago.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society will observe its centennial next year but it is having as a prelude to that celebration the crossing of this country in a "covered wagon" by John M. Peck.

A covered wagon, a counterpart of that used by John M. Peck in his missionary journey is now covering the same route as that travelled by Rev. Peck. It left Brockton, Mass. June 20th and reached Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois, Sunday, July 31. It spent August 2nd in St. Louis and appeared at the following churches: 9.45 a.m., Third Baptist Church, Grand and Washington, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor; 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Cardinal and Belle avenues, Dr. O. Clay Maxwell, pastor; 3 p.m., mass meeting at Second Baptist Church, Kingshighway and Washington, Dr. M. Ashby Jones, pastor; 8 p.m. at Fourth Baptist Church, North 13th Street, Dr. Oliver Shank pastor.

A singer of exceptional power and ability and a chief orator for the occasion, Dr. G. Clifford Cress, will accompany the wagon.

John Mason Peck also organized the Baptist work, white and colored, as we know it now. The college now known as Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois, was organized by him and he was the most instrumental person in organizing the American Home Mission Society. His remains are buried in Bellefontaine cemetery.

Gains, who holds both the Canadian and English championships has his eyes on the heavyweight crown of the world.

The bout lasted only two and a half minutes, but that was time enough for Gains to inflict considerable punishment on the Swiss heavyweight who sustained, among other injuries, a broken nose.

MORE NEGROES IN SCHOOLS THAN EVER

Washington. — The results of a statistical study made public by the United States Office of Education here recently reveal unprecedented increases in the primary and secondary school enrollment for colored children. While there has been an increased enrollment in the primary schools of 19.8 per cent, the increase in the high schools over that of ten years ago has been 177.8 per cent.

In eighteen Southern states where there are separate enrollment statistics, over 2,260,000 are enrolled in the elementary and secondary schools. Enrollment of colored children in the public schools of the North and West, is roughly estimated at 300,000. Gains in building and school equipment were also cited by the study.

In twelve Southern States from 1920 to 1928 first grade attendance in Negro schools decreased slightly but in 1928 nearly three times as many Negroes were attending the first year of high school as attended in 1920, and a corresponding increase of more than five times as many students in fourth year high school classes was reported. During the 1927-28 school year 2,261,221 Negroes were enrolled in kindergarten and elementary schools of the United States. High school enrollment was 92,624. Negro college attendance is also greater than in the past. The Office of Education study shows. Although Houston, Texas, is the only city reporting a public junior college for Negroes, there are seventeen land-grant institutions and teacher-training schools. North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham, N.C., is the only college for Negroes supported entirely at State expense.

SANDERS WINS BOUT

East St. Louis, Mo. — Earl "Tiger" Sanders, middleweight champion of Southern Illinois, knocked out "Battling Johnson," rugged Centralia, Ill. scrapper in the final round of a scheduled eight-round bout.

In the opening round Johnson took into Sanders furiously and stood toe-to-toe with the Tiger whenever he elected to rough it.

Sanders showed lightning speed and was around Johnson like a hoop

ALL-COLORED TOWN AFTER A CHARTER

West Southern Pines, N.C. — Negro citizens and businessmen and fraternal leaders are joining in a vigorous battle to save the rights of this little town which has the distinction of being one of the few towns incorporated and operated solely by Negroes. The fight was caused when the last general assembly of the state of North Carolina passed a law repealing the charter of the town and annexing it to the town of Southern Pines, which it adjoins.

Attorney R. McCants Andrews is leading the legal opposition of the people.

The town of West Southern Pines was chartered on July 9th, 1923, by the state general assembly as a municipality. The people of the town then elected their own Mayor, commissioners, welfare heads, sanitary committee, and established a tax rate of 50c. per \$100. Under their guidance splendid success was met, and the Negroes built beautiful homes, churches, business buildings and one of the finest school buildings in the state of North Carolina, through private charity and the Negro citizens. A rather unusual fact about this town is that very few of its Negro citizens possess more than a formal education. The money value of the municipality, however, runs into many thousands.

The action of the General Assembly however, changes the situation.

around a barrel, pumping his left to the head and holding back his right at a threat. Johnson was not to be discouraged. He fought doggedly, lashing right and left.

In the sixth Sanders' persistent jabs and accurate rights began to tell on his opponent whose nose and mouth were bleeding. The up-state lad was badly shamed in a rapid-fire terrific exchange, but fans thought he would stay the limit.

The finish came in the eighth. Johnson charged in, swinging madly with grim determination in his face. Sanders met him with a never ceasing left jab, while keeping covered from the attack. Suddenly Sanders crossed a crushing right to the chin that bore all the weight of his hefty 160 pounds behind it and the victor crashed to the mat, where he took the count.

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EDITORIAL

The condition of the colored people who came to Canada from the slave plantations of the South before emancipation was always a subject of interest to American and English abolitionists and there are quite a number of separate accounts of these people as they were seen by visitors from these countries. Joseph Morris an Ohio Quaker, was one such visitor and his report on the Negroes in Canada which appeared in "The Friend" published at Philadelphia, in its December 1860 number has probably never before been reprinted. It will be noted that Mr. Morris made his visit to this country just on the eve of the Civil War which was to bring freedom to the millions of people in bondage in the South. His report as published in The Friend is as follows:

"The conditions and prospects of the colored people in Canada—many of whom have escaped from slavery in the United States—are doubtless, interesting to many of our readers. A visit was recently paid to three of the settlements by our friend Joseph Morris of Ohio who has furnished us with some notes of his observations. His first call was at Chatham on the River Thames, a flourishing town of about 6000 inhabitants and the seat of justice for Kent county. The colored people form about one third of the population and their mercantile establishments, farms, houses and other improvements compare favorably with those of their white neighbors. J. M. visited many of them at their own homes and distributed among them a large number of tracts which were kindly received and they appeared very fully to appreciate his motives. He was taken, at his request, to the houses of the most indigent among them, but saw no cases of extreme destitution and none equal to what could be found in our towns.

The next place visited was Buxton, known as the Elgin Association. This is under the care of Directors who make a report annually. William King, a Presbyterian minister, and his wife reside on the premises and have the immediate oversight and direction of the little colony. The impression made upon J.M.'s mind by his examination into the state of the colored people in this settlement appears to have been very agreeable and encouraging. He never saw any people more willing to rely on their own resources. In common with the inhabitants of many other newly settled districts in the Northwest and West, they experienced difficulties in recent seasons from the failure of the crops, but these have been surmounted and their toil has been again ab-

undantly rewarded.

The last settlement visited by our friend was Shrewsbury, on Lake Erie north of Cleveland. This is quite new, the people are of course poor, and it is difficult to procure land. J. M. visited some of them in their homes, and gave them tracts, and it was heart-touching to witness their emotion of gratitude on learning his object in visiting them. They had generally taken care to furnish themselves with the Holy Scriptures, but there were a few cases of destitution which will be supplied. J. M. encouraged the spirit of independence which they manifested in respect to obtaining the means of living and educating their children. He thinks the unrestricted enjoyment of the privileges of citizenship largely promotes their improvement.

From this point Joseph Morris returned home, gratified with the results of his investigations; and having some reliable accounts of the satisfactory conditions of the other settlements."

CROONING OUR BLESSINGS

We love to listen, while in bed,
To greatly needed rain,
As down it patters on the roof,
Or 'gainst the window pane.
We gladly greet the lightning's flash
Likewise the thunder's roar,
If, when the earth is parched and dry,
The rainfalls downward pour.

We do not murmur and complain,
Nor heave a heavy sigh,
If, by the clouds, both moon and stars
Are hidden in the sky;
We count the blessings that are brought—
We croon them o'er and o'er
When darkness wraps the earth at night
And rainfalls downward pour.

We do not wish the rain would cease
And brightness deck the sky,
Until sufficient has been sent
To soil that's scorched and dry;
But, as we listen and we think,
We're grateful more and more,
That, while we're cuddled in our beds,
The rainfalls downward pour.

Then, why should we so fretful be
When clouds o'erhang our path?
These have been sent that there may come

A blessed aftermath.
When we can count the gifts bestowed,
And croon them o'er and o'er,
Much as we do, with grateful hearts,
When rainfalls downward pour.

—MACK

PROHIBITION.

(By S. E. G. Allen)
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And through this work He would redeem,
From evils that like some grim monsters seem.
Every observant eye must surely see
That from this evil "drink" we should be free,
Through "Prohibition" only can this be.

The Christian public would do

something grand,
But they must learn to take a firmer stand.

With prohibition they could sweep the land,
And many noble souls are working now

With this one end in view their solemn vow,
And may high heaven with them success endow.

And God bless every effort that is made

No better work than one united raid,
On all drink places, high or low the grade,

Oh how much better this great world would be,

If from this bitter evil it were free
And Christ Himself would surely happier be.

LONDON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cromwell and daughter Gwen Knox spent the holiday in Toronto.

Mrs. Brooks had a severe attack of indigestion but is able to be about again.

Mrs. Albert Smith is visiting in the city, the guest of her sister Mrs. Jones of Philip Street.

Miss Beryl Johnson has been the guest of Miss Rith Warrington during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown of Detroit, Mich, nieces of Mrs. Groat, Trafalgar St., were her guests over the week end.

Mrs. Ross of Detroit and Mrs. Bennett of Ipsylanti spent a few days in the city the guests of Mrs. Minnie Harris, Maitland St.

Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter and Mrs. Mary Coursey motored to Chatham and Buxton to the home-coming from there they will motor to Battle Creek to visit friends and relatives for a few days.

The Brantford B.M.E. Church will hold their annual tag day Sept. 19. We wish them the greatest of success.

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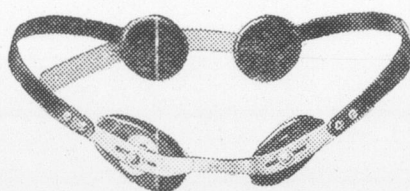
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TORONTO NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barber of Ottawa were visitors to the Exhibition and spent the holiday with his sister, Mrs. Mary M. Mathers, 2 Sullivan St.

Noel Allen and his Harlem Aces, although juniors, are making the best showing of any colored orchestra attempted in Toronto. They have rhythm, time and the music. They entertained at the Grand Ball given in honour of West Indians, of Montreal, who are the champion cricket players of Canada.

The Investigating Committee of Toronto are holding a conference in London with Sherwood Fox and a committee of the Western on the race question in London.

The West Indians of Montreal are the champion cricketers of Canada. They won that honor and incidentally the John Ross Robertson cup which goes with it, when they defeated last year's holder of the trophy, the Toronto C.C. at Armour Heights grounds yesterday after a two-day's contest in which possibly the finest cricket ever seen in Toronto was witnessed by two large crowds.

It was a great game and the best team, with scores of 313 in their first innings and 111 for the loss of three wickets only, deserved their victory. At the end of the first day it looked as though Toronto would suffer a single innings defeat. They had lost six of their best wickets for 100 runs when replying to the West Indians' big tally, and yesterday morning after about 30 minutes play, the side was all out for 118 and 185 runs behind they were required to follow on. Would they save a single innings defeat? Few on the ground thought they would do so. But Toronto, who had batted on Monday more like a junior club than anything else, made a grand comeback, and when their last man was out the side had scored 303 runs, only 10 less than the total recorded by their formidable opponents on the previous day.

To score 303 runs against such clever bowlers as Jemmett, Lewis, Holder, Clark, Bradford and Burnett did the local team great credit, the bulk of which must be accorded "Billy" Bell who first with G. F. Biggar and then with his brother, L. C. Bell made great stands, played an elegant game and scored 87 runs, the highest score in the game, before he fell a victim to a smart piece of stumping off the bowling of Holder, the W. I. captain. Biggar's contribution of 21 was a valuable one and L. C. Bell looked as though he was likely to beat his brother's score. E. Carlton too, played true to form and his 27 runs was the result of careful well-timed batting. The arrears were hit off when Carlton and Rutherford were in partnership. The latter put any amount of wood behind his strokes which included a lofty drive for six off Bradford, and several fours with balls sent down by the other bowlers, several of whom were tried while he was batting. It fell to the lot of Clark, one of the best West Indian bowlers, to give him his quietus, but not until he had made 69 runs. P. F. Seagram was unfortunate. When he had scored seven and looked like giving a good account of himself he

was given out l.b.w.—a decision which failed to find favor with many of the spectators seated in a direct line with the wickets.

Left with 109 runs to get to win the West Indians, tired as a result of being in the field all day, started their second innings shortly after six o'clock. The Toronto partisans were in high allee when the first three wickets fell for 20 runs. When Clark and Ollivierre became partners, however, it was the visitors' followers' turn to become enthusiastic. Both batsmen gave a wonderful exhibition of heavy batting and though Captain Wookey tried several bowlers runs came very quickly and in less than sixty minutes 111 runs had been hit up, and the West Indians were acclaimed the victors by seven wickets.

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Colored Troupe Cruises

New York — Luckey Roberts and his sextette of entertainers and musicians accompanied by little "Bunny" Briggs, the seven-year-old wonder, have been engaged for the next week end cruise of the French line Steamship "Paris" to Bermuda. Searching for an unusual coterie of talent the French Line officials hired Vincent Lopez and his band who are entertaining in the American Ballroom on the ship for the cruise, a French Symphony orchestra which is playing in the dining room and Luckey Roberts and his group who are holding forth in the Marmont Ballroom.

These Bermuda cruises have become the rage recently. Once outside the twelve-mile limit, Liberty twiddles her fingers at Puritanism and with the super appointments of the aristocratic ocean liner as a background, thousands of vacationists who can afford the tariff, have been revelling in the sumptuous but brief voyage.

Immediately after the Bermuda cruise is over Luckey and his band together with Lopez and the French Symphony, embark upon the steamship "France" for a cruise to Nova Scotia and return.

VOLUNTARILY ENDS ABSOLUTE MONARCHY

Addis Abeba, Abyssinia. — By his own free will Emperor Haile Selassie of Abyssinia, "Conquering Lion of Judah," today stepped from the ranks of the world's absolute monarchs and granted a Constitution to his subjects.

Is First Constitution.

Speaking from the throne at a brilliant ceremony in the place, the Emperor announced he had decided to establish a two-chamber Parliament with responsible Ministers to carry out its decisions henceforth, he declared he would rule Abyssinia in conformity with the Constitution, but that "in order to prevent future disputes" the crown would be secured to the present dynasty.

The Constitution, he explained, was in fulfillment of an old wish which had not been fulfilled sooner because of the backwardness of the country.

Is Ready for Progress

"For many years," the Emperor said, "Abyssinians have been isolated from the world so that it was necessary for the Emperor to govern like a father. But now such progress has been made as to enable them to take up some share of the task we have performed alone. It is in this spirit that we have decided to institute a legislative body of two chambers, the members of which will be designated by provinces subject to our consent.

"Abyssinia must remain united like a single family and will be governed by the Emperor in conformity with the Constitution. In the future every one will be subject to law."

Legislation or the development of the empire, he promised, would be "inspired by scientific principles." Then, in the presence of foreign diplomats, the Emperor signed the new Constitution which was countersigned by Prince Aslau, heir apparent, by Mgr. Kyril, Primate of Abyssinia, and by all princes and chieftains present.

As a final gesture the Emperor invited all foreign representatives, including newspaper men, to sign the Constitution as witnesses.

New Appointment To Howard Univ'ty

Washington, D.C. — Dr. Georgiana Simpson, teacher of Dunbar High, Washington, D.C. has been appointed associate Professor in German at Howard University according to announcement by Dean E. P. Davis of the College of Liberal Arts.

Dr. Simpson received her public school education in the District of Columbia and in the Girls' Seminary at Ostck, Germany, and was one of the pioneer American Negro students to study abroad. Her college work was done at Harvard, Clark University and the University of Chicago. She has done graduate work at the University of Paris and at the University of Tours, France.

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