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FRENCH DEPUTY TO VISIT AMERICA SOON

New York City, Nov.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Blaise Diagne, high commissioner of the black armies in France during the war, and the recognized head of the international efforts among Negroes of the world to obtain full recognition of the rights in arranging to tour the U.S. A. The advance work in connection with the tour is being handled by a former officer in the U.S.A., one of the many Negroes who remained in France at the close of the war.

When our boys went overseas, there went among the many a youthful officer by the name of Rayford W. Logan, a "Key man" from Williams College, whose home was originally in Washington, D.C. The Armistice testifies that this freckled fellow, and his many millions of associates in arms were good soldiers.

Mr. Logan accomplished his release in France, a most difficult thing for a coloured officer or soldier to effect; but the little "Lieut" turned the trick and what's more he made an excellent living for the five following years as an export and import broker in Paris. He made personal trips to Germany, Poland, and to other continental countries where he made purchases that were sold at a profit in France. All the while he was making friends in high places so that when the longing for the dear old U.S.A. overwhelmed him, he was able to come home, not as a mere prodigal but as the advance representative for a lecture tour by no less a personage than the great Blaise Diagne, delegate from Senegal in the French Chamber of Deputies where he is chairman of many important committees.

Diagne will be here early in the new year, and Logan called to see us to avail himself of our services in laying out a tour that will make the distinguished statesman as far West as Kansas City and back to New York for about 25 speeches. Not mindful of the tours of Fred Douglass, Booker T. Washington and some living leaders of the race, we may safely say that this is perhaps, the most important step in the Lyceum field ever attempted by a Negro of international fame. The appearance will be underwritten by local organizations in the different cities in which he appears.

Oklahoma White Registrars Arrested

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, to-day made public a report from Oklahoma, showing that white registrars accused of trying to prevent Negroes registering had been arrested. The report to the N.A.A.C.P. says in part:

"I want to thank you and other friends in the North for the aid and assistance given us in making the fight to have our group registered. We succeeded in getting six registrars in this county and four in Wagoner County arrested for conspiracy. It was a hard job to get this done, and, but for the assistance of yourself and other outside friends, there would have been nothing done."

The report further states that although the registrars may not be held by the local Commissioner, they may be taken before the U.S. Grand Jury, "and we have another U.S. Judge in this district, Judge Kennamer, who has already expressed himself as opposed to the kind of work these registrars have been putting over. The Judge will call a United States Grand Jury and it is our purpose to get our witnesses before that Grand Jury. We succeeded in getting only a few hundred registered but will never give up the fight."

Celebrates Wedding Anniversary

Hamilton, Ont.—One of the most brilliant affairs of the season took place on Tuesday night, Oct. 28th, when Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary at the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Hammond, picturesque in a grey gown and flame-coloured scarf received the guests, while her husband in faultless evening attire acted as Toast Master. The bride, who wore a corsage of pink roses was lovely in a gown of blue crepe, a striking contrast to her light brown hair. A programme, complete in its entirety was rendered by Mr. Wade, Basso, Mr. Hiram Berry, tenor, Mr. Gilbert Holland, baritone, Mrs. Wade, mezzo-soprano, Mrs. John Holland, contralto each rendering solos, a cornet solo by Mr. and Mrs. Simmons; readings by Mesdames Tolliver and Townsend. The table with a flat decoration of cutflowers and efrn, held the wedding

Elias Ridge Saved From Death Chair

By the N.A.A.C.P.—Elias Ridge, the thirteen-year old boy, condemned to death in Oklahoma, for an alleged murder, has been saved from a death penalty. This news is contained in a report sent to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York by W. H. Twine, of Muskogee, Editor of the Muskogee Climeter, attorney in charge of the case and a member of the local N.A.A.C.P.

Mr. Twine states that he filed a brief in the case and that argument was had on October 6th, in Oklahoma City. Mr. Twine's report continues: "Last evening I received a wire from Mr. Charles N. Harmon, the white lawyer who voluntarily came to my assistance, that the cause had been decided our way and the boy's life saved. Mr. Harmon stood by me loyally in the cause. He is a real white man who believes in a square deal to all men. I want to thank the Association for the splendid help given me in this fight."

The boy's sentence has been reduced from the death penalty to life imprisonment. The National Office of the N.A.A.C.P. sent \$100 toward a local defense fund of \$1,000 raised by the local N.A.A.C.P. co-operating with the Oklahoma Black Dispatch, and also sent \$25, toward the expense of \$90. for printing and filing briefs. Much of the balance of that sum was raised by Dr. A. Baxter Whitby, the president of the Oklahoma City Branch, N.A.A.C.P.

Sad Accident at Windsor

A sad accident occurred in Windsor last Friday, when Doris Johnson was killed by an auto driven by Charles Davis, now residing in Halifax, but who claimed that he came from Chatham, Ont., about a year ago. Davis has been tried in the Magistrate's court, and has been sent up to the Supreme Court on a charge of manslaughter.

cake in the center. The cake was three tiers and bore miniature angels. Fried chicken, salad, fruits, punch, fruit cream and cake and assorted nuts and candies were served. The "Bride" and "Groom" made appropriate remarks in response to the many toasts said in their honor. A large number of beautiful gifts were presented to this very popular couple.

Questions and Answers Column

(By the Associated Negro Press)

I have been reading recently of discoveries relating to the ancient city of Kish, but have read nothing as to who its inhabitants were. Can you enlighten me,—Y.K.F., St. Louis.

Kish was an ancient city of Chaldea and named after Cush, its founder, who was supposed to have been the son of Ham. Exploring parties are now uncovering its ruins and a large consignment of various things are now on their way to the Field Museum at Chicago. The inhabitants of Kish were black and part of that great confederation of black peoples who were building the civilization of the Mesopotamian Plains.

Was Mohamet a black man,
R.S.P., Dayton, Ohio.

Mohamet was a brown-skinned Arab and of Negro descent. As he states in the Koran, "I am an Arab of the Atabs and of the purest blood in your land. I came to the House of Hashim and the tribe of Koreish." This tribe was one of the oldest and greatest of the Arabian tribes and made up of Yemenites, who are closely akin to the Ethiopians.

Who was Queen Dido? M.P.S., Ga.
Jueen Dido was a Phoenecian and of African descent and the founder of Carthage. In the legends of Aepeas fell in love with her after his escape from burning Troy, but had to leave her upon the command of the gods. Disconsolate and heart-broken, Dido burned herself upon a funeral pyre.

Who was St. Augustine?
B.R.F., Norfolk, Nebr

St. Augustine was one of the fathers of the early Roman Church and the first missionary to carry Christianity to the British Isles. He was black and an African by birth. As a matter of fact, most of the very prominent fathers of the Roman church were Africans. There were Ethiopians among the very first to adopt Christianity, and being great students, their learned men gave much time to the new theology. After the center of Catholicism became firmly established in Rome, many Africans went thither, among them Augustine, Tertullian and many others. It might not be too much to say that Africans

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Editorial

THANKSGIVING.

Monday, November 10th, is our national Thanksgiving Day. We have many reasons for which to give thanks to a kind and merciful Providence. We are thankful for the splendid spiritual, moral and ethical conditions of our country, which spirit, although not perfect, is far superior to that which exists in most countries. We of Ontario, are thankful that in the recent plebiscite which involved a moral issue pure and simple, our citizens voted to sustain an act which is beneficial to thousands of children of the present and millions of children yet unborn. We are thankful for the bountiful crops which our country has produced. Reports from the whole of the Dominion give evidence of the most successful years in farm products which we have experienced in forty years. We are thankful that, although the employment situation is unsatisfactory, it is better here than in most countries and that few cases of real suffering are reported from any section. We are thankful that our country has been spared the storms, earthquakes, cyclones, tornadoes, floods and landslides which have wrought such havoc and destruction in many other countries. We are thankful that war with our neighbours and revolutions within our borders are things unthinkable with us.

Neither should we be unmindful of such noble characters as Dr. Alfred W. Gandier, men with breadth of vision and with the moral courage to give utterance to their convictions, and to warn the country of an impending evil. We are thankful for having such men amongst us and for others who will and do raise their voices above the shouts of the mob and who will proclaim that might is not always right. We are thankful for the few brave souls there are who will identify themselves with movements which are meant to uplift the people although the movements may be unpopular.

As a race we are thankful that we still retain our hold on, and our hope and our faith in a Supreme Being, who will in His own good time make all things right and who will mete out justice to all nations and all people. We are thankful for the spirit of race integrity and race consciousness which is gripping all the darker

racings and especially the black people of Africa.

We are thankful for the spirit of sacrifice with which our ministers of the gospel attend their sacred duties. On the whole our churches are small and poor and our preachers and their families must of necessity go without many of the necessities of life. They are among our unsung heroes. We are thankful that through pride of race our people have organized the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People; that some of the best minds of both races are identified with the movement and are deeply interested in its success. Although few in numbers we have felt the call of race and with our limited means we are trying to do in a small way what our brothers and sisters in other countries are doing on a larger scale.

A number of our ladies are assisting in the Poppy Day Sale on Friday and Saturday in the interests of the G.W.V.A. This help has been solicited through our organization; The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People."

The Owen Sound Accident Details

Owen Sound, Oct. 30—Details in connection with the terrible tragedy of Wednesday at the Oliver Rogers quarries in which three precious lives were lost. Samuel Oliver, one of the owners, Solomon Earle and Nathan Wood, jun., employees, are coming to light, and when it is known that there were at least two other charges in the rock in close proximity to those which were prematurely exploded, the danger in which the other men who were employed there at the time can be realized. The wonder is that with such a terrible detonation the others did not discharge. However, soon after the bodies of the unfortunate victims had been removed, the foreman, Judson Carnahan, saw to it that the others were discharged in the usual way and thus all chances of further disaster were removed.

During the afternoon the scent of the occurrence was visited by a large number of citizens, but there was not a great deal to be seen with the exception of the large quantity of rock which had been blown out of the side of the quarry by the force of the explosion and the three pools of blood indicating where the bodies of the three men had been thrown by the force of the discharge.

One of the most remarkable things in connection with the accident was the length of time that young Woods remained alive. It was thought that he was dead when he was placed in the ambulance and he was actually taken to one of the undertakers, but the undertaker noticed at once that the man was still breathing, and he was taken away, and it was exactly 4 o'clock when he breathed his last. He exhibited tremendous vitality, and those who saw his condition could hardly believe that he still lived. His father and mother were at his side when he passed away, and although he did not regain consciousness, even in the slightest degree, there was the satisfaction of seeing their son before he passed away. His body was horribly mutilated although there was not a single mark on his face.

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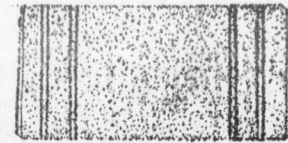
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OWEN SOUND NOTES

Saturday afternoon, was one of the saddest for some time in our city, when the funeral of the late Mr. Solomon Earll was conducted by Rev. E. A. Richardson, who was assisted by Mr. Ball of the Pentecostal Mission.

Mr. Earll was instantly killed by a premature explosion in the Oliver stone quarry along with the owner, Mr. S. Oliver and a nephew, Nathan Wood.

The floral display bespoke the sympathy of our community.

Our Fall Rally, Nov. 23-24 is on the way. The pastor and officers are asking for real co-operation. A good programme will be given on Monday the 24th.

Mr. Chas. Duval, well-known tonorial artist of Collingwood, and Mr. Carter of Midland, motored to our city for Sunday and were the guests of Mr. Geo. Molock,

STRATFORD NOTES

Miss Emma Brightwell has returned from her vacation.

Mr. H. R. Jackson of Buffalo was a recent visitor in our city. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall.

Mrs. Hesson and her son spent a few days in Port Huron with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Reggie Moore.

Mrs. Charlie and family have returned to the city where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. M. Lyness and Mr. J. D. Hall spent the week end in Tillsonburg.

Miss Hazel Wesley is visiting Miss G. Armstrong of Listowell.

Mr. Cecil Miller of Drayton and Mr. J. D. Hall, motored to Stratford last Sunday.

Rev. T. H. Jackson will hold his first quarterly meeting at the B.M.E. Church on Sunday, Nov. 9.

Miss Conway, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Johnnie Fort, of Port Huron motored to the city last week to visit some friends.

WOODSTOCK NOTES

Rev. S. R. Drake and son Stanley, of London, motored through Woodstock on Wednesday on their way to Brantford.

Messrs Bobbie Blair and Percy Evans were Sunday visitors in Brantford and Ingersoll.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and son Fred, and Mrs. Horace Marshall Sr., made a flying trip to Chatham on Sunday and were the fuests of Mrs. Louis Anderson.

Mrs. Dr. Leburitis has returned home after spending the summer months at her cottage in Collingwood and was accompanied back by Mrs. F. Gardner.

NEW GLASGOW. N.S. NOTES

The death occurred last Monday evening of Charles Williams, son of Deacon and Mrs. J. J. Williams. He had just returned from Boston, where he had been for the last five years. On Thursday afternoon, the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. C. Perry, assisted by Rev. W. N. States of Yarouth, a former pastor of the Second Baptist Church. The floral tributes were many, as an evidence of the high esteem in which the family is held by all classes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Prevoe, Miss Dorothy Mills, Mr. William Prevoe, Miss C. Prevoe and Mr. Best motored to Truro last Sunday, when the auto overturned but fortunately no serious accident. Only slight injuries, of which Miss Carrie Prevoe suffered most seriously.

Beatrice Thomas of Halifax was tried in the Supreme Court this week on a charge of murdering her infant baby. The jury after a few minutes deliberation, returned a verdict of not guilty for murder, but guilty of concealment.

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LONDON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ball and Mr. Andrew Moxley motored to Toronto to spend the week end with Mrs. Annie Grayson on their return they stopped over at Oakville to visit with friends and relatives.

On Monday, Nov. 3rd, the men of the city met at 63 High Street and organized the Pontella Social Club. Mr. E. Poindexter was elected president, Mr. Fred Ball, secretary and Mr. John Coursey, treasurer.

Hill St. Baptist Church Notes

The three services were well attended. At 3 p.m. the church was well filled. The service was very impressive. The total collection for the day was \$46.00.

Hill Street Church will hold their annual Thanksgiving Turkey dinner in the basement. Good programme in the evening.

B.M.E. Church Notes

The services were well attended all day Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at which time the pastor spoke both morning and evening. Sub. 11 a.m. "The Reality of the Invisible." The speaker claimed that our prayer should be, "Lord open my eyes that I may see," if we would realize that ever presence of God. The evening service was an evangelical one. Sub. "The Question and the Answer for Humanity." The speaker set forth the fact the matter of salvation was a personal question and all must face it in this light. The choir added considerably to the interest of the service.

The pastor and pife, Mrs. E. Groat and son William, and Mrs. (Rev.) Drake were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris after church.

Special thanksgiving services will be observed in the B.M.E. Church. Sunday, Nov. 9th. Our many friends are invited to worship with us.

Mr. Louis Groat wishes to thank the officers and members of the B. M.E. Church Sunday School for the beautiful pot plant. Also Mrs. Jeannie Brown for the basket of fruit.

CHATHAM NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Mr. Winsul motored up from Detroit and spent Sunday with Mrs. D. Braxton.

Anniversary services will be held in P.M. Church on Sunday, Nov. 9th. A splendid programme has been arranged for 3 p.m.

Miss Martha Starks of Ypsilanti, Mich., has returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lynn and other relatives.

Come and hear "How A Woman Keeps a Secret" in B.M. Church on Monday evening, Nov. 10th, following the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Supper.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith of Woodstock accompanied by their son and Mrs. Marshall, spent Sunday in the city the guests of Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Levi Anderson.

TORONTO NOTES

B.M.E. Church News.

Rev. R. A. Ball is visiting his son, Rev. R. R. Ball in Rochester N.Y.

Mr. George Coates occupied the pulpit of B.M.E. Church on Sunday, Nov. 2nd assisted by Mr. A. Johnson and his choir at the evening service.

Don't forget the Turkey dinner given in B.M.E. Church on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 10th. Dinner served from 1 to 2.30 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

Mr. J. Howard of 135 Lindsay Ave. has returned home from his very sad trip to Lexington, Ky., where he was called to attend the funeral of his father which took place last Thursday. His mother just passed away a few days before, so both parents were buried the same week.

MONTREAL NOTES

On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, the Union Sunday School presented a cantata, consisting of twenty-six numbers. Every class was splendidly represented in a manner which was a credit to the community. The Sunday School presented the church with a voluntary offer of 66 dollars, making the proceeds of the evening 108 dollars.

The Willing Workers meets at the home of Mrs. B. Johnson on Wednesday evening.

Miss Bessie Edgecombe returned home a few weeks ago from Woodstock, N.B., where she spent the summer. She had an enjoyable time and brought back a good report of the colored people.

Mrs. Maud Bonner who has spent the past year in Toronto is visiting friends in this city.

A Sacred Concert will be given by the U.N.I.A. on Sunday, Nov. 9th at 3 p.m. Liberty Hall. Mr. Charles Este will deliver an address.

Those on the sick list are: Mr. Cook, Mrs. Sportsman, Little Gloria Taylor, and little Clinton Weeks.

Mrs. Charles Ashby has returned home from visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Wright, North Buxton.

The Mite Missionary Society are giving an Old Folks Concert at Bethel A.M.E. Church on the 10th inst.

A special meeting of the W.C.T.U. will be held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Walters on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Gladys Ashwood pianist has returned home from a visit to New York City.

OAKVILLE NOTES

Miss Martha Adams, who has been quite ill for the last week is much improved.

Miss Hill is visiting in Toronto.

The Stewardesses are having a Thanksgiving dinner on Monday the 10th at the church from 5 to 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Ellison of Montreal is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Nelson.

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HAMILTON NOTES

The services at St. Paul's A.M.E. Church were largely attended. Rev. Wm. J. Townsend occupied the pulpit at both services.

Mr. W. Cornick of St. Catharines, was a week end visitor.

Mrs. Gladys Holland is improving nicely at this writing.

Miss Alice Bryant is quite ill in the City Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck of Marcelle, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. I. Lewis, of Toronto; Mrs. M. Hill of Newport, R.I., worshipped at St. Paul's Church on Sunday.

Mr. George Morton, of Toronto, spent a few days in the city on business.

Mr. W. Harris, Mr. Burns, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Wilson and Mr. McGruder of Toronto, Ont., attended the Masonic Ball.

Mr. Samuel Adams of Oakville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hammond last week.

Don't forget the big night on Thanksgiving night at Victoria Hall, Masonic Promenade.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner of St. Catharines, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ellegood.

The Junior Mite Missionary Society gave a grand concert last Tuesday evening under the leadership of Mrs. May Brown.

Mr. Stowe of the Ideal Auto Supply Company, of Toronto was in town on business.

Mr. Byron Wade entertained large audiences at Burlington and Grimsby last week.

Mrs. Rev. Townsend has taken up an agency for one of the colored Detroit newspapers.

BRANTFORD NOTES

The Rev. S. R. Drake was in the city on Sunday atking charge of the services in the evening, at which time he gave us a beautiful discourse. Rev. S. A. Lucas preached in the morning.

Mrs. Chas Walker is slowly improving. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. E. B. Jeffries has returned to her home after a ten weeks visit with her children. Mrs. J. Wilson Brantford and the others in Detroit.

Mrs. E. Nurray has returned to Dayton, Ohio, after a long stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Palmer were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas on Sunday.

Sunday, Nov. 9th, thanksgiving will be observed as a real Thanksgiving Day in our church all day. Let us all rally and make it a banner day. Both morning and evening, the Gen-Supt., Rev. S. R. Drake will be with us.



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Questions and Answers

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were the chief founders of the early Roman Church, because we find their impress in all the early history of the church. In early times both Christ and the Virgin Mary were represented as black and in parts of Poland, Russia and Spain and Italy there are still shrines to the black Virgin.

Will you kindly advise what ancient literature may be found that has been written wholly by Negroes?

C. N. G., Seattle, Wash.

Taking the term Negro to mean a person of African descent, it would not be possible for me to list all ancient literature belonging to our race. Keep this one thing in mind: every nation of any consequence from the beginning of human history down to the twelfth century was either African or of African descent. Therefore all ancient literature belongs to us. The great Greek and Roman classics are ours, the Illiad and Odyssey were the epics of a people who were brownskin, rather than mulatto color.

I am not in favor of the custom of picking here and there some celebrity who happened to have been born in Africa or of African parents, and making a great deal out of him and what he did. The whole range of those times belongs to us and if the authors were not wholly African, they were at least of mixed blood. Homer, Herodotus, Socrates, Plato, Aeschylus, and all the rest, were of mixed blood, so why pick individuals? Claim the whole thing, because it is ours anyway.

Who was Juan Latino?

R. A. P. Chicago, Ill.

John Latino is mentioned in Cervantes' "Don Quixote." He was an African, or rather, a Moorish, poet of Spain who flourished in the 16th century.

To what extent were Africans distributed in the ancient world?

B.L.Y., Philadelphia, Pa.

According to the greatest archeologists, it appears that there was a regular confederation of African races extending from the Atlantic to the China Seas and from the farthest south, northward to the Alps. While they are mentioned under various names such as Pelagian, Mediterranean, Vannic, etc., they all appear to have distributed from a central point in Africa. On the other hand, evidences have been found that show the black races to have been among the pre-historic races of Europe and even in parts of America. Whether these prehistoric races were originally natives of the countries where found, or merely migrants, is a problem a little too deep for solution.

Was Cleopatra a colored woman?

D.K.H., Des Moines, Iowa.

She most certainly was. She was light brown skin and a mixture of Greek and Egyptian blood.

The masquerade party and supper which was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Budd last Tuesday evening was a great success. Friends from both churches turned out in goodly numbers to make the event an enjoyable as well as a successful one.

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