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DEAF MUTE SLAIN BY TEXAS OFFICER

Houston, Texas, Sept. 16—A defective youth, 21 years old, whose deformities made him a physical weakling, died in a hospital here Sunday afternoon from a bullet wound inflicted four days before by a white motorcycle policeman. The policeman, Landry Ferray, was placed under a \$500 bond to answer a charge of murder.

The dead man's name was not learned until a man from Conroe, a small town near here visited the morgue and identified him as T. E. Host, a brother, who could neither hear nor talk.

Host was alleged to have been shot on Humble Road about five miles from Houston, when he endeavoured to flee arrest on suspicion of being a colored youth said to have escaped Thursday morning after having been seen prowling around in the locker room of the International Great Northern freight house. Word was sent out to the police to watch for suspects. Ferray was one of those to receive notice, and when he ran upon Host on the Humble Road he concluded he was the man sought.

When the youth acted queer and seemed to be getting away, Ferray sought to bring him under submission and shot him twice, both bullets striking him in the body, one breaking his left arm and one lodging in his abdomen.

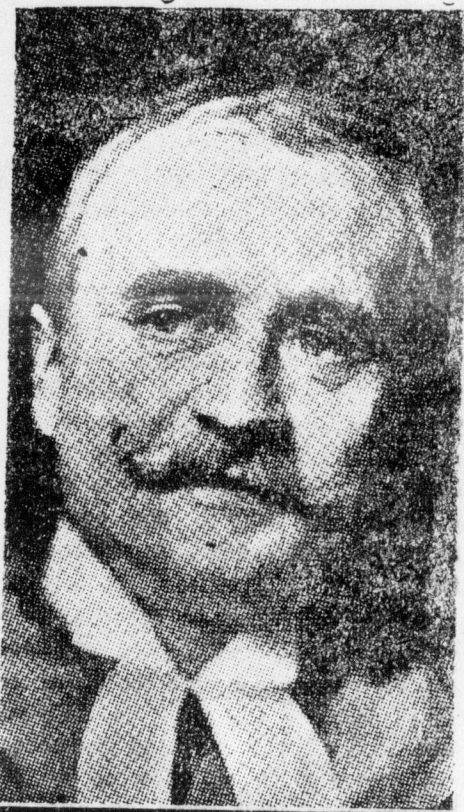
Host was brought to Houston in a critical condition. Ferray was arrested on a charge of assault to murder. When the wounded man died the charge was changed to murder.

Arrest Six Whites On Murder Charge

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By Associated Negro Press

New Orleans, La., Sept. 18—Six white men are in jail at Point-a-la-Hache, a short distance from here, charged with the murder of Felix Narcisse, a Negro, in the swaps of Plaquemine several days ago. Narcisse was struck on the head, his throat cut and stabbed in the stomach. No reason can be assigned for the crime unless it was the victim's color.

JUSTICE RIDDELL



Mr. Justice William Renwick Ridell, Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario. He is an active member of the Advisory Board of the C. L. A. C. P. In all probability he will head the Committee on Education.

Ex-Slave Story Teller Is Dead

Auburn, N.Y., Sept. 18th—Perry Williams, perhaps one hundred and twenty-five years old, is dead at his home here. In his passing Auburn has lost one of its most vivid living reminders of the stirring days of the Civil War. for he was a veteran of that great struggle. He was one of the few residents of central New York born and reared as a slave in the South.

He was known as a teller of tales of the Civil War and ante-bellum days, recounting to any one who might wish to listen, how he spent his early life in the Carolina hills, his weary days in the cotton fields and his long nights in his plantation shack. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he entered the service as cook in the officer's mess of the Ninth Light Artillery, Union Army.

He had spent many years trying to convince the Federal Government that he should receive a pension as a Civil War Veteran, but died without having accomplished his ambition.

ITALY SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN HER GRIP IN NORTH AFRICA

Rome, Sept. 12—While Spain and France are spending lives and millions of dollars guarding their Moroccan interests, Italy is carefully watching for an opportunity to increase its territorial, economic and political possessions in North Africa. The foreign office is resurrecting old treaties between France and Italy dating back to 1902, in which the countries promise compensation if the equilibrium of France in Morocco, or Italy in Tripoli, is changed.

"The formation of a Franco-Spanish syndicate for exploitation of mines in the Rif and the change in the status of Tangier under the international regime in favor of France, constitutes such a change in equilibrium," it is intended. "It suffices us to think of the French political expansion south and the French frontiers with the Senussi to comprehend the necessity to protect our interests.

"Two weeks ago the government appointed a high commissioner, assisted by five commissioners, in Tripoli for five years. The state donated 50,000,000 lire (\$2,000,000) annually for administration, and 70,000,000 lire (\$2,800,000) for public works."

Postmaster For Thirty Years Dies

Rimini, S.C., Sept. 16—One of the few colored men who have served as postmasters, died here last week.

For thirty years W. M. McKnight served as the postmaster of Rimini. He was 75 years old. Although born in slavery McKnight managed to acquire a fairly good education. He won his appointment in the government service through sheer ability.

McKnight was an active church and fraternal worker. People from miles around were present at the burial to pay last respects to the man who had figured so conspicuously in their public life.

Two daughters, Mrs. Mary D. McFadden and Mrs. Eleanor Nelson, three sons, Samson P., Julius L., and Manning McKnight, and two brothers Francis and S. J. McKnight, who is assistant postmaster, survive the pioneer postman.

SHOULD CHECK WHITE PRESS

Cleveland Herald, Sept. 19—With increasing frequency the metropolitan press of the country proceeds to saddle crimes upon members of our race, which crimes, subsequent developments have proved, were committed by whites. This has not happened once, nor only in the South. It has happened many times, North and South.

Only a few months ago the New York press tried to fasten the brutal murder of the Kane girl upon a Negro. A number of colored men were arrested and held on charges of suspicion, for investigation. No evidence, however, has as yet been uncovered to indicate that any of these men were guilty. More recent was the attempt to place the kidnapping and murder of little Mary Daly upon a Negro. A deed to which a wealthy white boy has since confessed.

And now comes the effort to identify Henry Horn, a colored man, as the midnight marauder who terrorized the city of Nashville for two weeks. Although the marauder is claimed to have worn a mask there are those who say they recognize Horn as the man. Horn insists that he is innocent.

Walter F. White, Assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, urges members of the race to protest to newspapers against the policy of playing up alleged Negro crime, and, if such papers, insist on exploiting the Negro, to boycott them. This appears to be the most effective way in breaking this practice. It has been tried before with good results and it will no doubt work again.

Colored Inventor Claims He Can Harden Copper

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received a report from Lorain, Ohio, stating that E. E. Harrison, colored labor foreman, claims he has a patent for a process by which pure copper can be made as hard as steel.

Harrison states, according to the report, that an offer of \$3,000,000 for the patent, made by Eastern capitalists, has been refused.

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Editorial

HAVE WE TOO MANY CHURCHES?

Not very long ago there appeared in The Dawn a very interesting article dealing with the necessity of union among the colored churches of Canada. The writer begins with the following statement: "Since the consummation of Organic Church Union among Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists (white) the adoption of a similar union among our churches (colored) is receiving its full share of consideration." And it is well that such a proposition should receive its full measure of meditation and deep consideration.

Here in Canada our people are, as a rule, either A.M.E. Methodists, B.M.E. Methodists, or Baptists. But there are exceptions. We have in mind a city with a colored population of about 600, with five colored churches, all of different denominations. A few Sundays ago we visited each one of these five churches. We found that if all these five churches had united into one single congregation there would have been about 110 worshippers, including women, men, children, babies and the respective choirs. We were therefore forced to come to the conclusion that, although our people in this particular place have not any too much Christianity, they are most certainly over-supplied with churches. Last winter we visited the A.M.E. and the B.M.E. Churches of our largest city on the same evening. We observed enough people in both churches to make a nice big congregation for one church. We have here in our own city a Baptist Church and a Methodist Church. On any Sunday during the year our two congregations would make a fair sized audience considering the number of colored people we have here. In attempting to approach the subject of Union between these two churches a friend said to a delegation from one church: "Since there are so few of us here, not enough to support two churches properly, why not have one Union Church?" "When they finished telling me of the beliefs that accompanied their faith in their special denomination, how they were rooted and grounded in it, I was quite willing to shut up," said he.

But after all, what does CHRISTIANITY really mean? Is it the following dogmatically of certain religious faiths, the guarding and keeping of certain creeds, religious formula, and practices? Is it the following of

the designs of men or is it the following of the example of Christ? Christianity means Christlike. There is no record showing that He ever made any division, any fuss over different creeds and doctrines. His example is the religion of love and justice and forbearance, and charity. It is exemplified in the act of the good Samaritan, who when he saw a fellow man in need, thought not of the difference in their religious beliefs but of human suffering only. What we need to be rooted and grounded in most is not denominational faith, but in the goodness and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour; the creeds and religious faith will fade into insignificance. Then any church to us will become God's Temple and it will be good enough to worship Him in.

Our observations have lead us to believe that we have too many churches according to our church-going population. We believe also, with the writer, that a union between some of our churches would be of inestimable value to our folk, both spiritually and materially. We would advocate Church Union, not only because the white churches have united, but because it is Christlike, because it is the only thing to do to strengthen our weak position; because we would then be in a better position to adequately spread the spirit of Christ. We could of course continue stumbling along in this same old rut for years to come, struggling, single handed and divided, instead of united. But we shall never be able to put forth our best efforts for His Kingdom, which is yet to come, as long as these efforts are circumscribed by creed and denominational faiths.

We are hoping to see the day when our folk shall have just as many but no more churches than our population demands. We long to see the day when our leaders shall be broad enough to sacrifice personal ambition for the good of the people.

BRANTFORD

Rev. H. D. Wright filled the pulpit at both services on Sunday, the attendance being very good at both services.

Rev. and Mrs. Wright, Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Lucas motored to London and spent several days visiting the fair and friends and reports a delightful visit.

Mrs. Chas. Walker, her grandson Leonard and Miss Gladys, spent the week end in Toronto visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Wilson and Mr. Wilson.

The Stewardess Board met at the home of Mrs. S. A. Lucas. After the transaction of much business the hostess served a delightful lunch which was the delight of all present.

Mr. James Murray is confined to his home through illness.

Miss Georgina Walker of New York but late of Toronto, is spending a few weeks with her mother and sister, Mrs. Chas. Walker and Miss Gladys, before returning to New York to join a theatrical company for the coming season. Miss Walker is an elocutionist of rare ability and we wish her every success.

LONDON

Mrs. Wm. Anderson of Chatham, who was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Drake, returned home last week.

Little Helen Ball, who is now residing in Oakville, was a visitor in town over the week end.

In spite of the inclement weather, a good number were present at the Sabbath School on Sunday, Sept. 27. A very interesting review was held under the leadership of the Superintendent. Mrs. Graham who was a visitor with us gave a solo which was enjoyed by all.

Rev. and Mrs. Lucas were visitors in town and were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Woodcock.

Rev. and Mrs. Wright were visitors in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers entertained the Rev. Woodcock and family to dinner on Friday evening. Covers were laid for 11.

CLAIBORNE—FOUNTAIN.

Mr. Ollie Renard Claiborne of Minneapolis and Mrs. Estelle Fountaine of Marquette, Mich and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones were quietly married, Friday Sept. 11 by Rev. T. J. Carr. After a wedding trip to Omaha St. Paul and Duluth Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne will reside in Marquette, Mich.

The funeral services of Mr. Lou Stewart were conducted from the Hill Street Baptist Church on Friday, Sept. 18. As was expected the church was crowded to overflowing as Mr. Stewart was well liked by all. His mother and sister from Detroit and his step son, Mr. Willis Moxley, of Boston, attended the funeral. The services were conducted by Rev. S. R. Drake and Rev. T. Woodcock.

Mrs. L. Winlock of Cleveland is visiting her brother, Mr. Wm. Hunter. Her many friends are making her stay in the city a pleasant one.

Mr. James Coursey is improving satisfactorily.

Mrs. Mathews of Stratford recently visited her daughter, Mrs. Grace Groat.

Mrs. Eliza Groat, of 662 Trafalgar St. has been very ill. She is improving at this writing.

The Baptist concert last Tuesday was an overwhelming success.

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Love Feast was observed at 10.30 it being the 1st Quarterly Meeting. Rev. Richardson spoke from Rom. 13: 10. His subject, "Love, the Commandment Set to Music."

In the evening the pastor spoke from Isa. 53, and Luke 24: 48. He said that Christianity offered three things which are inevitable. Namely, a cross, a career and a crown. After an excellent day in worship communion was administered at the close of the service.

Mrs. R. Bowie had a slight heart attack Saturday but is now on the mend.

Mr. Carl Woodbeck who has been sailing with his brother Wilson has returned home.

Mrs. Emma Green and Miss Burdell have left the city to take up residence in Toronto.

Mrs. Hanna Smith and family are moving to Mimico, Ont.

The home-baking sale by the Mother's Club was indeed a success.

Mrs. Smith entertained the Mother's Club at her home last Wednesday before leaving the city. The club did not overlook the interest taken in the club by Mrs. Green, former president and Mrs. Smith, Treasurer. They presented each with a silver thimble, beautifully initialed.

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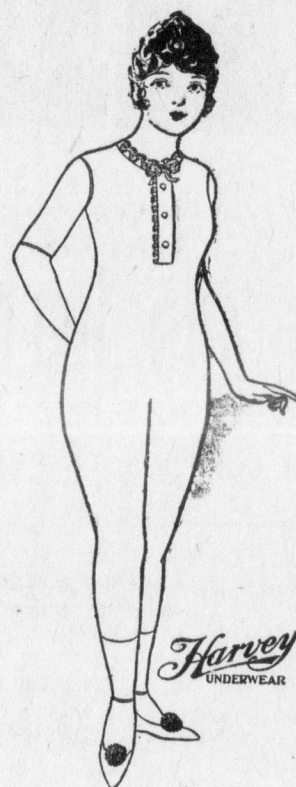
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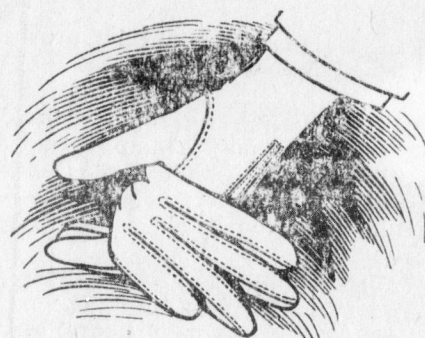
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GASOLINE, NAPHTHA and other volatile oils should not be kept in buildings and should be used only with extreme care.

STEAMPIPES should be kept clear of all wood and other combustibles.

OPEN FLUE HOLES should be protected with sheet iron.

ELECTRICITY, when improperly installed is hazardous; lamp cords should not be hung on nails or wrapped around piping; paper shades should never be used.

STOVEPIPES should be securely riveted and run direct to brick chimneys, and never through floors or partitions.

STAIRWAYS should be kept closed and clear at all times; never place any stock or shelving thereon.

AISSLES OF GOOD WIDTH should be maintained; never pile stock in front of windows or against doors, as it handicaps the firemen in case of fire.

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2.—All public buildings, stores, warehouses and factories be inspected and cleaned of rubbish in order to reduce fire hazards and maintain health and safety.

3.—All hotels, theatres, asylums, hospitals and other institutional buildings be inspected and provision made for all changes necessary to protect the occupants from danger in the event of fire.

4.—Fire drills be held for the children in all schools, for the inmates of all institutions and for the employees in all large stores and factories, in order that a greater degree of safety may be insured by acquainting the occupants with the best and most expeditious mode of exit in time of danger.

5.—Special instruction on the subject of fire prevention be given by the teachers and by municipal officials in the schools, and that such appropriate literature as may be available be distributed to the pupils.

6.—Boy Scout leaders give instructions to the troops under their control as to the best means of co-operating with municipal fire departments in the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and especially as to the desirability of qualifying for the Fireman's Badge.

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DON'T use coal oil, benzine or naphtha in lighting fires or to quicken a slow fire—it may result in death.

DON'T use gasoline or benzine to clean clothing near an open flame, light or fire.

DON'T use alcohol lamps, especially if made of glass; they often break and the fluid is ignited at once.

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Mrs. Hael Brown wishes to thank her many friends, both in Windsor and Detroit, for their kindness during her recent illness.

Mr. P. M. McDonald of New York is visiting the city after an absence of 12 years. He is chef at the Lincoln Hospital, the Bronx, where our colored nurses are trained. Mr. McDonald is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey, his cousins, of 77 Sullivan Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Harris have left the city for an extended trip through the South.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Carter are preparing to leave on their usual trip to California where they usually the winter. They have visited several towns and cities throughout that State.

A glorious day was enjoyed by all who attended services at the B.M.E. Church on Sunday. In the morning the pastor preached from the text, "The Effectual Fervent Prayer of a Righteous Man, Availeth Much." James 5: 17. Subject, "The Prayer That Brought Rain." In introducing the subject, the speaker intimated that prayer was such a common thought that we forget its wonders. It is both a weapon and a shield. A note of praise it is, or a wail of pain. It prevails over Nature's laws, and makes Satan withdraw. It is the voice of childhood; and the prop of old age. It finds tongue in every language. It goes on everywhere; and is being unceasingly answered. Elijah the prophet of God was the character portrayed, and it was shown by the speaker that real men and women have power, through prayer, to change the conditions in the world today. At the evening hour of worship Rev. Stewart spoke to the largest audience since coming to the city, when about 100 were in attendance. The subject used was: "The Church's Mission and the Power to Perform It." Text, John 20: 21-22. The choir under the leadership of Mr. C. Andrew Johnson rendered several beautiful numbers, assisting greatly in the interest of the service. The two infant children of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson of 238 Brunswick Ave. were baptized at the evening service by the pastor.

Rev. H. D. Wright of Brantford, Ont. will be with us for our first Quarterly Communion Service, which will be held on Sunday, October 18th. Special services all day. The Harvest Home Services on Sunday and Monday of last week were quite successful and well attended.

Mrs. Bertha Moxley of London was called to the city owing to the illness of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Jaackson, who are both confined to the St. Michaels Hospital. While in the city she worshipped at the B.M.E. Church.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson of 209 Queen St. was baptized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith of 429 Dundas St. Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. (Rev.) R. A. Ball of Ponty Pool, Ont. has been reported on the sick list. We trust she is much improved and pray for her speedy recovery of health.

The Annual Meeting of the Home Service Association will be held in the B.M.E. Church the last week of October. We are looking forward to a great time.

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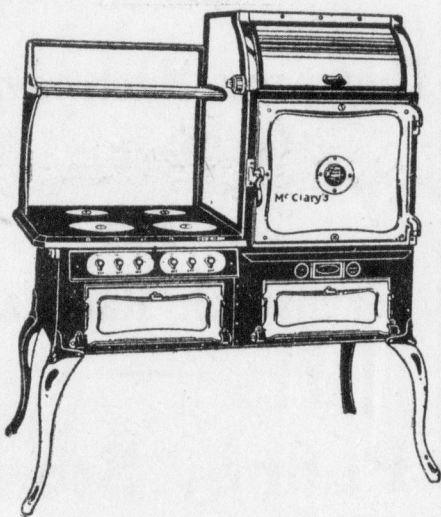
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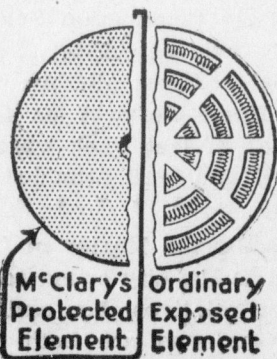
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New York, N.Y.—Noble Sissle and Eubie Blake broadcasted a farewell programme through station WEAJ of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in New York City, on Friday evening, September 18th, 9.35 p.m. to 10 p.m., Eastern Daylight time.

Sissle and Blake, immediately after broadcasting this program sailed at midnight on the Olympic, for England, where they will play at the exclusive Piccadilly Club in London.

Africans Are Accepting Christianity

Associated Negro Press.

New York City, Sept. 18th—According to Rev. W. A. Spicer, president of the World's General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, who has recently returned to America from South Africa, the natives of Africa are rapidly accepting Christ. The reverend declares that missionaries in Africa have more to encourage them in the regeneration of mankind at the present time than ever before in the history of Africa.

Twin is Born Seventeen Days After Sister

Toledo, O., Sept. 18th—Seventeen days after giving birth to a girl Mrs. A. J. Mayhugh, Toledo, presented her husband with a husky son. The belated twin and his mother were reported doing well.

Junior weighs eight pounds, and although Blossom, his sister, beat him into the world seventeen days, she weighs three pounds less.

Good Friend of the Race Dies At 107 Years

Preston News Service.

Wallingford, Pa., Sept. 18th—Mrs. Sarah Gifford Yarnall, of Philadelphia died here Monday in her 107th year. It was learned today. High points in her long life were her interest in the one-time "Underground Railroad" for escaping slaves and her presence in the Pennsylvania Hall, Philadelphia, where it was attacked and burned by anti-abolitionists.

STRATFORD

Mr. F. W. Cay of Detroit, motored to Stratford on Sunday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and Mrs. Williams.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall and daughter and Mr. Cecil Miller motored to Lucan on Sunday.

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Madam Harrison and family motored to Lucan on Sunday.

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Miss Hazel Wesley has returned to Listowel.

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Miss Zemer Lucas of Youngstown, Ohio has returned home after spending a week with Mrs. Harrison.

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