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## GOV. PINCHOT FIRES WHITE

\$10,000 Job Taken From Fight Objector.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Because he dared to suggest that a Dempsey-Tunney bout should not be permitted in Pennsylvania, Charles Fred White, the colored member of the Pennsylvania Boxing Commission, has been forced to resign. White was in favor of a Dempsey-Wills bout and took the position that Wills was the logical contender for the title and should be given first chance. He refused to sanction the Dempsey-Tunney contest and was outspoken in his criticism of the officials who did sanction it.

White received a personally signed order from Governor Pinchot dismissing him from the Commission. The Governor wrote, "You broke your word but I am keeping mine." (He was referring to his word that he would dismiss any Commissioner giving public vent to his feelings.)

The general impression in Philadelphia is that the State of Pennsylvania is assisting in promoting the championship fight to assure the financial success of the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition. The bout is expected to draw more than 100,000 visitors to the city.

This belief that the Governor and other state officials are assisting in promoting the bout is strengthened by a report that Governor Pinchot has ordered 200 ringside tickets for himself and staff.

Outsiders are watching the colored political leaders of the state to see whether they stand behind White, or support the Governor in his attitude.

## Negro Star Makes "Hit" In French Revue

N.A.A.C.P. Press Service.

Writing on the current Folies-Bergere, in Paris, E. E. Cummings, in the September "Vanity Fair" asserts of Josephine Baker, a colored dancer and singer, that she is "the latest



LEONA BRAXTON, of Chatham, Ont. has finished from the Queen Mary School and has entered her second year in the High School. She was successful in winning several prizes for essay writing and drawings. She has passed her examination in primary music. She expects to take up art.

and most astounding development of the Parisian revue."

"As a member of the Chocolate Dandies Chorus," writes Mr. Cummings, "she resembled some tall, vital, incomparably fluid nightmare which crossed its eyes and warped its limbs in a purely unearthly manner—some vision which opened new avenues of fear, which suggested nothing but itself and which, consequently was strictly aesthetic. It may seem preposterous that this terrifying nightmare should have become the most beautiful (and beautiful is what we mean) star of the Parisian stage. Yet such is the case."

In the present spectacle Mr. Cummings describes Miss Baker's "Get-up" as consisting of a few bananas and not too much jewelry." He continues:

"Herself is two perfectly fused things; an entirely beautiful body and a beautiful command of its entirety. Her voice (simultaneously uncouth and exquisite—luminous as only certain dark voices are luminous) is as distinctly a part of this body as are her gestures, which emanate a spontaneous or personal rigidity only to dissolve it in a premeditation at once liquid and racial.

## Twelve Year Old Wins First Prize For Writing Essay

Judges Unanimous in the Decision on Little Geneva in Class of About Fifty Contestants.

Miss Geneva Hower, 2183 Adams Street, a little lassie of 12 years, won the first prize at Froebel School for writing the best essay of any in her class on "Why I Need An Education." Faculty members of Froebel Hi were the judges in the contest and little Geneva easily won over her class of about 50.

Geneva has led her class for the past years and will enter the Junior Hi where she will major in English.

The friends who know her predict a bright future for this young student.

## New York Plans Negro World's Fair For Next Year

New York, Aug. 25—Plans are being laid here for a National Negro Exposition in 1927. Resources amounting to \$300,000 are expected to be available for the launching of the project. The exposition will show the progress of the Negro in industrial and educational fields. Tipp Beaver, prominent race business man of this city, is heading the committee which is drawing up plans for the exposition.

It is expected that the exposition grounds will cover twenty-five acres. Among the buildings which it is planned to erect will be the Palace of Liberal Arts and Manufacture and the Women's Palace of Art. All outstanding race institutions will be called on to aid in making the exposition a success. Mayor James Walker and Park Commissioner Gallatin have already promised their support. Cities, towns, villages and hamlets throughout the country will be searched for worthwhile material for display at the exposition.

## MAKES PLEA FOR AFRICAN NATIVES

New York, August 25th.—"White supremacy" and rule by force was sharply censored in a lecture here by Professor A. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy of the University of Hamburg, world authority on historical questions.

Prof. Bartholdy emphasized that the term "backward races" used in English for the native population of Africa hardly indicated the right point of view for handling the common task of Europeans in Africa. He would have the world consider whether the old conception of European governments having a title of property in their colonies won by conquest would not better give way to the idea of a mandate given to colonizing power, who would then be trustee, rather than owner of African territory and African people.

Speaking of a recent decision of the British Privy Council about the forcible expropriation of natives in Swaziland. He said that in the future a people who call themselves forward should show their forwardness not by insisting on the rights of conquest but by helping to educate and develop those peoples who are not yet able to maintain self-government in the modern sense of the word.

He stressed the point that if Europeans came to recognize that it was their duty to teach rather than to exploit the native peoples in Central Africa, they could in their turn learn a salutary lesson.

## Negro National Anthem Sung Throughout U. S.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" a song whose words were written by Jas. Weldon Johnson and the music by J. Rosamond Johnson, has become by popular choice a "Negro National Anthem" being sung throughout the United States, according to Wayne Francis, writing in the September Crisis Magazine. The song was composed in 1900 in Jacksonville for a Lincoln's Birthday celebration in the Jacksonville High School of which Mr. Johnson was then principal. It has come to be called the "Negro National Anthem" and is in demand by white as well as colored choruses.



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## Editorial

### A TIMELY PROTEST

It is indeed inspiring to observe the growing spirit of racial pride among colored Canadians. The injustice done to the colored waiters on the C.N.R., our government-owned road, has given occasion for this spirit to assert itself. The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People has led the fight and other organizations have fallen in line. Our Executive Board was the first to write to the railway officials demanding an explanation of the whole situation. Since then it has maintained a ceaseless flow of correspondence with those in authority. Below is printed a copy of the resolution which was drafted by the London local unit. This resolution is very similar to the ones drafted by the branches in Windsor, Toronto, Dresden, Brantford and other cities.

We trust that the actions of the colored people in these cities will serve to convince our government that although we are few in number we are unafraid and we have the courage to take a stand for what is right and just. Our petition does not ask for special favors but it does ask for the same privileges accorded to other citizens.

Last Saturday in a most outstanding editorial the Free Press began by relating the legend of a man who built his house on what he thought was a huge rock; but later the foundation began to move and move rapidly. So swift was its movement that the house toppled over and was dashed asunder against the gigantic monster on which the house had been built. The solid rock turned out to be a living, sleeping thing, which finally awoke. In building our civilization upon the labor, the lands, the rights of black, brown and yellow people let us be aware lest this sleeping monster shall some day awaken and begin to move. And then our house of civilization will be rent asunder.

The resolution referred to reads as follows:

"Whereas the colored waiters have been for many years faithfully engaged in serving thousands of travelers on the lines operated by the Canadian National Railways System, and whereas these waiters were skilled

and exercised courtesy at all times, and whereas these colored waiters were, several months ago, removed from the International Limited and other trains and the officials claim they removed said waiters on the grounds of inefficiency and whereas the traveling public is of the opinion that colored men are most dependable employees, serving in the capacity of waiters, and whereas the economic condition of the colored people is unequal to that of any other race in the Dominion, and whereas said conditions has been made more acute by the moving of these waiters. Whereas, in view of the fact that more than 300 colored people have been directly affected by the policy of the officials of the C.N.R. in removing colored waiters from the diners, and whereas the remaining colored waiters and cooks have been made to feel uncertain of their future in spite of promises by the officials that they would be taken care of if they can be made to "fit in."

"We the Colored citizens of the City of London, through the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People, voice protest against this injustice.

"We further resolve to send copies of this resolution to Sir Henry Thornton, president of the road; to Walter Pratt, general manager of dining cars to the Minister of Railways, to the Minister of Labor, and to the London Free Press, The London Advertiser and to The Dawn of Tomorrow."

The resolution was moved by Paul Lewis and seconded by Fred Ball.

### SHERWOOD ANDERSON WRITES ON SOUTH

N.A.A.C.P. Press Service.

Sherwood Anderson, novelist and author of "Dark Laughter," contributes a discussion of race relations as he has observed them in the South to the September number of "Vanity Fair."

"The Southern problem—that of a race living so intimately with the white race—not living with it at all—fear of race mixture—is the hardest problem any section of the country has to face," declares Mr. Anderson. "Having lived in the South, I believe Southern white men handle it as well as Northern men ever could—perhaps better."

What the South needs, declares Mr. Anderson, is to face itself and to find self-expression. He says:

"It seems to me that what the South needs most now is the artist—not visiting artists—its own, but there is a difficulty.

"The South needs Southern expression of all phases of Southern life in song, prose, painting music. To get that it needs acceptance of itself—more frankness.

"It needs to begin to escape the nonsense about spotless white womanhood, insisting too much upon a kind of purity that is humanly impossible. It needs most of all to wipe out fear of ugly Puritanical Northern judgments.

The South has got to clean itself of the fear of facing itself."

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Mrs. A. Robinson of this city spent a few days in the City of Detroit.

Mrs. Irene Dolman of Toronto has returned home after a few weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas.

Miss Beulah Harding, Aletha and Ruth Crosby and Miss Evelyn Williams, spent Sunday in Detroit with friends.

Miss Greta Lynn spent a week in Amherstburg with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Judah and his mother and family motored to Windsor on Sunday.

Miss Flora Smith of Jersey City has returned to her home after visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Richards.

Rev. and Mrs. Patrick will be pleased to have all members of the church to call on Doctor and Mrs. Wellker and family who are spending a week with Mrs. Lawrence.

W. B. Lawrence of Chicago paid a flying visit to his brother.

J. H. Kinney and wife, Mrs. P. M. Moulton of Port Huron, Mich., passed through the city en route to Rondeau. Mr. Kinney expects to spend his holidays in sport.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Jefferson have returned home after spending a few days in Detroit.

### HAMILTON

Our pastor, Rev. Claude A. Stewart occupied the pulpit at both services on Sunday and preached two inspiring and helpful sermons.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Talbot motored to Cayuga to visit Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Burke.

The Stewards of the church held a lawn social and concert on Thursday evening. This was a great success.

On Monday, August 16th was the closing of the rally. The evening was spent in the Sunday School Rm. The reports of the clubs were made and also the report of the collections of our pastor, Rev. Claude A. Stewart. A total of over \$700 was raised which was highly appreciated by the Trustees of the church. Rev. Stewart raised over \$300 the clubs raising the balance. The prize, a ten dollar gold piece was won by Mrs. R. A. Hammond, she having raised \$102. An interesting programme was rendered after which a dainty lunch was served. The captains and their helpers. Much praise was given to Rev. Stewart and captains for their effort. Rev. Stewart and the Trustees of the church wish to thank the captains of the clubs, namely, Club No. 1, Mrs. Maggie Duncan; No. 2, Mrs. May Brown; No. 3, Mrs. R. A. Hammond; No. 4, Mrs. J. C. Holland; No. 5, Mrs. Alligood; No. 6, Mrs. Emma Lewis; No. 7, Mrs. Florence Bell.

Mrs. Hazel Berry, Mr. R. A. Hammond, Mr. Jas. Hamilton, all attended Grand Lodge held at Windsor. Mr. Hammond was elected Patron of the Eastern Star of Ontario.

Mrs. May Brown has returned home from Detroit after spending two weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Viola Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Struthers of Rochester, N.Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seely.

Dr. Wynter motored to Detroit to accompany his sister to this city en route to her home in New York City. While in the city Miss Wynter was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Stewart.

Rev. and Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Herbert Smith and Dr. Wynter accompanied Miss Wynter as far as the Falls seeing the illumination at night.

While at Grand Lodge Mr. R. A. Hammond and Mr. Joseph Hamilton visited friends in Detroit, also Mrs. Hazel Berry visited her parents in Lynn Ohio.

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### LONDON NEWS

Mrs. Annie Vant has returned to her home in Detroit, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Minnie Harris who will spend some time there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. E. Butler spent the week end in Lucan with their parents.

The Get Acquainted quartette went to Brantford last Monday evening to assist the B.M.E. Church in its anniversary celebration. The concert was a great success. The quartette rendered several numbers which were received with encores. The Brantford people state they will long remember the quartette because of its pleasing numbers and the London boys can never forget the sumptuous banquet and great hospitality of the Brantford people.

Mrss. Martha Poindexter, Miss Hazel Harding of Chatham, Mr. and Mrs. Powers, Mr. Myers of Detroit, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Poindexter over the week end.

The Colored Shriners of Chicago passed through the city last Sunday on their return from Buffalo where they had competed for the international prize in drilling. The following units were successful in winning first prizes: Shrine No. 44, St. Georges Lodge, Knight Templars. In other words they brought everything away from Buffalo except the police station. The order made a visit to Montreal before returning to Chicago.

Miss Jennie Bowles; Mr. Beck, her mother, Mrs. Lawson of Windsor and Mr. Offerd of Detroit spent the week end in the city with Rev. and Mrs. Woodcock.

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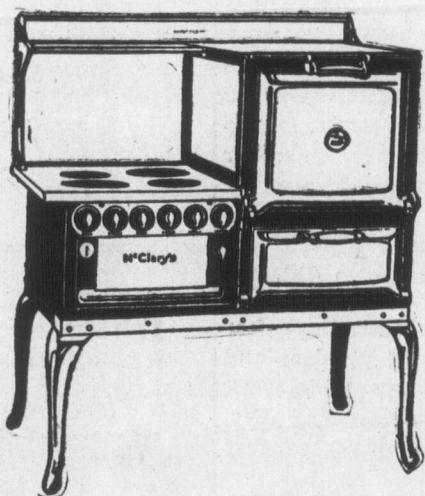
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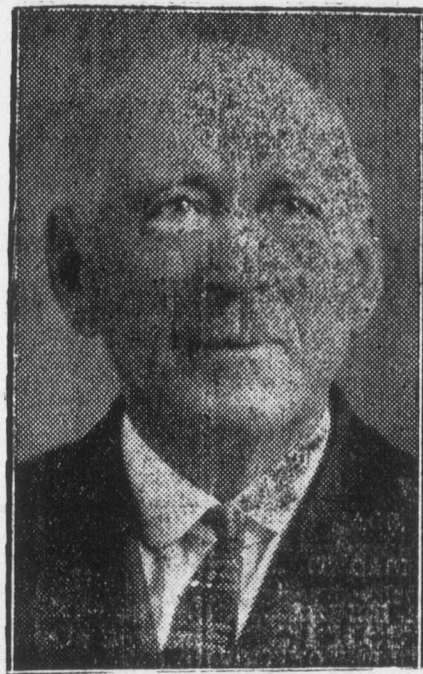
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The Conservative party is pledged to restore the protective principal in the fiscal policy of Canada—"principle and practice upon which all can rely, upon which industry and workers can depend, but a principle and practice which none will be permitted to abuse."

The party led by Mr. Meighen will inaugurate a practical vigorous and fruitful immigration policy and endeavour, by providing employment for Canadians in Canada, to keep our people at home.

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