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## NEGRO EDUCATOR SHOWS AMERICAN NEGRO PROGRESS

Special from Monitor Bureau

Chicago, January 5.—Since freedom from slavery, American Negroes have acquired property in the United States valued at \$1,800,000,000, and now own 34,000 square miles of land, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, recently named as the first Negro president of Howard University, Washington, D. C., told the Chicago Forum.

The college of 2,000 students was described in the forum's announcement as "the largest cultural institution for colored people in the country." For nearly half a century its leadership has been white. Dr. Johnson related to his Chicago audience that he had worked in Chicago as a waiter to earn an education at the University of Chicago. He commended the helpful attitude of his employer in encouraging his efforts at self-improvement.

Ten thousand Negro men and women during the last 5 years have obtained degrees in universities and colleges of United States, and have produced research work of the first rank, Howard University's president reported. There are now 34,000 Negro churches with more than 4,000,000 members and these churches are independent and self-sustaining, he added.

The great encouragement in Negro progress is not in the quantity of achievement, but the fact that "the race has started on a great and good enterprise to promote self-respect and hope and a better citizenship," Dr. Johnson emphasized.

It is highly significant to Negro leaders, he added, that the amount of illiteracy in the race in America has been reduced since emancipation from 90 to 22 per cent. He asked that educators give serious consideration to appointment of Negro professors on the faculties of larger universities and commended the University of Chicago for its service to education in this respect.

To illustrate the yearning for knowledge to be found among Negro students in colleges, Dr.

## Only Race Police Captain West Of Chicago Resigns

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles, Cal. — The West, and Los Angeles in particular, has lost its only colored police captain. Captain of Detectives William W. Glenn has handed in his resignation that took effect the night of December 31st, 1926, ending 23 years of faithful service.

At the time of his retirement, Captain Glenn commanded the detective division of Newton Station, and white, as well as colored detectives of the Newton division were assigned to their duties by the very capable officer.

Captain Glenn worked his way up from a beat walking patrol and was the oldest Negro officer in point of service on the Los Angeles police force.

The Captain was eligible for retirement at the end of 20 years, but stayed with his duties three more years, this past year reaching the rank of captain and he will receive half of a captain's salary for the balance of his life.

As a token of appreciation the retiring officer is being presented with a diamond studded badge by his many friends, Los Angeles citizens and members of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Although Los Angeles has several lieutenant detectives of the Race, it will probably be some time before any of them will have enough time to take the examination for captain. In Los Angeles the position is gained through a certain period of actual experience and a civil service examination. Lieut. McDuff, exalted ruler of the local Elks, is next in line for captaincy.

Johnson said that at Howard University 85 per cent of the 2,000 students wash dishes, tend furnaces, cut lawns and do various other tasks to earn their expenses while attending school. He declared that the faculty members serve unselfishly, commenting that not one of them has as much income as a first-class bricklayer or carpenter receives in Chicago.

## Africa No Place For American Negro, It Is Said

(By Emma Lue Sayers)

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles, Cal.—"I would not advise any American born Negro to go back to Africa," Vera Simonton, author of "Hell's Playground" from which the much discussed play, "White Cargo" was dramatized, told the correspondent at the Biltmore Hotel here recently. "The lines between the races are strictly drawn; there are no hotel or rooming house accommodations and while the natives would welcome them, their primitive customs would be unbearable to the American Negro. It would be slaughter to send them there. Yes," she answered to my question, "every foot of ground in Africa is owned or claimed by some country."

As to female domestic servants, there are none, according to Miss Simonton who is considered an authority on the African, "you always hear the foreign explorers refer to their 'boy' servants. The reason for this is because the morals of the white men are so low the natives refuse to permit their women to work for them."

"The Negroes of America are very loyal to their country; there are no traitors among them and they have no other home," explained Miss Simonton who is known among her intimate friends as "Africanus." "The Negro who has been fortunate enough to leave Africa is done with the country forever. Yes, I am bitterly opposed to mixed marriages for they always mean damnation for both parties concerned."

"I believe in every educational and economic opportunity for the Negro; I have the highest and most sincere respect for them and believe there are no heights which cannot be obtained by them. The younger generation is breaking away from the oppression of other years. They should keep their race pure like the Chinese and Japanese; the past is past, but the present and future can be controlled. There is no folklore like the Negro spirituals. Negroes can and should write about people other than themselves; brains cannot be controlled."

"I would not be ashamed of the use of the word 'Negro' or 'Ethio-

## SEVERE PENALTIES FOR LYNCHING

Nine members of a lynching mob in Douglas, Ga., had the surprise of their lives when Judge Harry D. Reed gave eight of them prison terms and the ninth, who was mob leader, a life term in the penitentiary. They expected to go free after a perfunctory trial. The judge made this admirable statement in explanation of his course:

"Lynching is a menace to the rights and liberties of the American individual, and should be regarded so by every intelligent community. It is as much out of place in our modern civilization as would be the burning of witches."

"When a community makes public the fact that it will bend every effort to apprehend lynchers without loss of time, and mete out punishment to them, there will be few cases of lynching in that community."

Certainly that is the way to stop lynching, aided, of course by prompt and adequate punishment of such crimes as have invited lynching in the past.

That is also the way to banditry. Likewise bootlegging—*El Centro, Calif. Press.*

pian"; they both mean black, but I hate the word 'nigger.' In Africa it is worth a person's life to call a free man 'nigger,' which means slave."

Miss Simonton is leaving here this week for a tour of the world and is paying California her first visit. "This climate is so wonderful, I wonder why the whole East doesn't move here," she said. She is gathering material for a new book, "The Great White Eye, which is a story of the Ju-Ju (hoodoo) Portuguese Angola of West Africa. Miss Simonton was born in Pittsburgh of Pennsylvania Dutch and English extraction; she is a public lecturer for the Board of Education of the state of New York and has written the following books: "Thumbnail History of the West Coast of Africa," "Life and Customs of the Savages of Central Africa," "Housekeeping in Savage Africa," "Christianity vs. Mohammedanism in Africa," "My Experiences in the Canary Islands" and others.

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## Editorial

### The Death of John Macdonald

At the approach of the new year a great man passed away. The late John Macdonald was a great man, not only because he was a thorough-going business man, an ardent Christian, nor yet because he belonged to scores of organizations whose aims and objects were the betterment of humanity. But his greatness consisted in the fact that his big and generous heart responded to every need of his fellow-man. We have wondered why Providence did not spare him to see the dawning of the New Year. Perhaps it was because his God had decreed that he should have a happier New Year than it is possible for us poor human beings to conceive of as a fitting reward for true service and unselfish devotion.

Viewing the scores of organizations of which he was a member and to which he gave unstintedly of his means, his energy and his extraordinary ability, we find that by far the majority of them were societies for the betterment of living things—organizations which gave far more than they received. He had caught true vision and the right meaning of life, the vision which Christ brought to the world—that in order to find and to obtain real life and life in fullness and in abundance one must forget one's self in the service of others.

Mr. Macdonald was blessed by birth with station in life and with material wealth. This fact, however, instead of lifting him beyond the cares of his unfortunate brothers, seems to have drawn him closer to them. No class of people with him was too humble to work for nor to give his full measure of devotion.

The colored people of Toronto for generations to come will ever remember him. The A. M. E. church and its parsonage, free and uncumbered as they now are, stand as a lasting tribute to his genuine interest in the colored people. And not only this. His magnanimous spirit has taught hundreds of others that even black men and black women are also children of the living God and that Christ was concerned over human needs rather than over race or color.

As a member of the Executive Board of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People he was an indefatigable worker. It was through his efforts, as chairman of the finance committee, that a substantial sum was raised which so materially aided the work during the past year. Having been intimately connected with him in this work, we learned to admire him all the more for the earnest, simple and straightforward way in which he did his work. Several of his friends to whom he appealed for assistance would answer by saying that they saw no reason why colored people should be helped. His second letter to them, so full of the milk of human kindness, brimming over with the spirit that "there is one Father and all ye are my brethren"—this letter generally brought a generous response. To say we shall miss him greatly is stating it very mildly. We are hoping and praying that God will raise up someone to fill his vacant chair.

John Macdonald's life was a life of usefulness and service. He served with all his energy, not the chosen few, but so far as it was humanly possible, he served the whole human family. His life was a living echo of the beautiful poem written by his illustrious father, the late Hon. John Macdonald:

Call it not faith to trust in God  
When ample is your store,  
And when to barns already filled,  
The Lord is adding more.

Call it not faith to give your tenth,  
While yet nine-tenths remain;  
And while your offering to the Lord  
Is felt not from your gain.

'Tis when the fig-tree blossoms not,  
Nor fruit is on the vine,  
The labor of the olive fails,  
Nor corn is there, nor wine.

'Tis when the flock fails from the field,  
Nor herd is in the stall;  
To trust in God then, that is faith—  
The strongest faith of all.

### STRATFORD

Miss Rebecca Brightwell spent her Christmas holidays in Ohio.

Miss Gertie Henderson and Mr. Robert Hesson are spending their holiday with Mr. Hesson's sister, Mrs. Reginald Moore, of Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown and son, of Hamilton, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Katy Brown.

Miss Elsie Duncan went to her home in Guelph for the holidays. Mr. Harold Duncan of Guelph, is visiting Miss Alice Harrison for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. Munroe Armstrong spent Friday with Mrs. Wesley, leaving with his sister Friday evening for his home in Listowel. Mr. Munroe Armstrong is visiting in Detroit.

Mrs. Hattie Butler was called to the bedside of her brother-in-law, Mr. Matthews, who is very ill.

Mrs. Grace Groat was called home to the bedside of her father who is in a critical condition. Mr. Lewis

Groat, her husband, is in Stratford for the holidays.

Mr. Garbot Jackson and Mr. Melvin Jackson are visiting their brother, Mr. Cecil Jackson, of Livelin.

Mrs. Wesley and daughter, Hazel, also her niece Winnifred Drayton, have returned home from attending the funeral of a relative in Detroit.

### BRANTFORD

Rev. and Mrs. Wright report a delightful holiday visit at Columbus, O., with their son, grandson and daughter-in-law and other friends, motoring all the way, 850 miles without mishap. They brought back many beautiful presents they received while there.

January 2nd Rev. Wright spoke both morning and evening on prayer to large congregations.

We are holding a week of prayer this week as next week the services start, with Rev. Jackson from Toronto, in charge.

Mr. John McCurtis and Mrs. G. Johnson are very poorly at this writing.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of the 21st was a grand success. The children all did well, and especially those in the drill. A great deal of credit is due Miss Walker for the way in which she had trained the children. The tree was well filled with presents for the little folks.

We are sorry to report that Levern Jones left for Detroit December 25th and expects to remain. If everything is satisfactory. We all wish him Godspeed and success in his new field.

Thursday, Dec. 23, M. P. Delfish and C. Baldwin put on a dance in Moffat's hall. They had Holden's orchestra from Chatham and Prof. Murray of Chicago at the piano. All report a good time.

Miss Edna Johnson of Cleveland, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Johnson, Park Ave., for the holidays.

Mr. Roy Anderson of London is in the city during the holidays.

Mr. John Lucas was home for Christmas visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray were away for Christmas visiting his daughter, Mrs. Palmer, of Princeton.

Mrs. Mabel Wilson and husband of Toronto were Christmas guests of her father and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker.

December 15th the General Conference special committee which is the commission on church unification met in conjunction with the financial board at the B. M. E. church, Murray street and held a very successful two days meeting at which time a survey of the church's work in general was made. The subject of evangelism was taken up, along with a number of others of vital im-

portance. The meeting decided to inform the various churches of their work by circular letter. The ministers present were Rev. S. Drake, of London; Rev. H. F. Logan, St. Catharines; Rev. E. A. Richardson, Owen Sound; Rev. Jackson, Toronto; Rev. Dawson, Windsor; Mr. F. Edmons, Windsor; Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Guelph; Mr. John Lucas, Brantford; Rev. S. A. Lucas, visitor, and Rev. H. D. Wright.

They were royally entertained at the parsonage and much credit is due Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Delfish for the manner in which they served them, also the ladies of the church aid in serving.

### ST. CATHARINES

The temperance play and old folks' concert, held in the B. M. E. church December 13th, under the auspices of the stewards and Sunday school was a success.

We are sorry to report that one of our oldest members of the B. M. E. church, Mrs. Clarissa Cummings, is quite ill, suffering from a cold.

Misses Viola and Olive Williams, of Lockport, spent Christmas in the city, visiting at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Mary Leger.

Mr. James Mallory of Toronto, spent Christmas in the city, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bell, the guest of Miss Bessie Bell.

Miss Bessie Bell, of Buffalo, spent the holiday in the city with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bell, of Toronto spent the holiday in the city with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, Geneva street.

Mrs. Georgina Ghee of Erie, Pa., is spending the holidays in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, Welland Ave.

Mr. Lawrence rant, of Buffalo, spent the holidays in the city.

Mrs. Mary Leger has been confined to her home through illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Logan were served to Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Brewster, North street.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Oliver Smith has been ill, suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. Chas. Bell, Geneva street, has been confined to his home with illness. We wish him a speedy recovery.

## Only Enterprising People In Arkansas

Editorial from Corvallis, Ore., *Gazette-Times*: "A Negro memorial exhibit hall has been erected in Arkansas in honor of the Negroes who served in the war. It was paid for and dedicated by the Negroes themselves, they being the only enterprising people in Arkansas. The rest vote the Democratic ticket."

# LONDON

On September 18th last, Mr. Archie Smith of Gray St., died at Victoria hospital as the result of a fractured skull sustained the previous day as the result of a fall. He was buried the following Tuesday from his late residence, Rev. Woodcock conducting the services. The many beautiful floral offerings were a testimony to the high esteem in which he was held.

The present week begins the week of prayer at the B. M. E. church. The pastor and members extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these meetings as they believe it is a fitting way to begin the New Year.

The officers and members of the Hill St Baptist church invite you to attend the revival meetings now in progress at that church.

Mrs. Grace Groat has returned from Stratford where she was called to attend the sick bed of her father. She reports that his condition is only slightly improved. On her return her two small children became ill. Their condition is not much improved up to the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris visited friends and relatives in Detroit during the holidays. They report a very enjoyable trip.

Those who attended the social function given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moxley recently report a splendid time.

The Christmas tree of the Get Acquainted Club on the 27th of last month was one of the most pleasant affairs of the holidays. The event was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Coursey, Gray St. The tree was beautifully decorated and was laden with presents expressing the Christmas spirit of the members of the club toward each other and toward their friends. After the tree had been divested of its great burden a luncheon was served by the committee. Everyone went home with a light heart, wishing the whole world a Happy New Year.

Miss Freda Anderson spent the holidays with her father, John Anderson, and her brothers. Other visitors during the holidays were Mrs. Mary White Hooper, Mrs. J. N. Gonzalvis, Mrs. Mary Booker, Mr. Lew Wells.

Mr. C. H. Brown, although still confined to Victoria Hospital, is improving satisfactorily.

Mrs. Minnie Harris has been very ill for the past few days. Her condition is somewhat improved at present.

# WOODSTOCK

Miss Jean Cromwell has returned home after spending the New Year holidays as the guest of Mrs. M. E. Harrison and family of Stratford.

Willough Cromwell, Wallace Blair and Alberta Blair motored to Stratford last week and were the guests of Madam Harrison and family during the New Year holidays.

Miss Selina Smith has returned home after spending the New Year holidays with friends in Stratford and Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire of Paris spent New Year's the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cromwell.

Bob Blair is attending the ball in Hamilton this week.

Walter Cromwell is a business visitor in Toronto and Hamilton this week.

Thomas Marshall, Wallace James and Horace Marshall are visiting in Toronto and Hamilton this week.

Percy James is attending the ball in Hamilton this week.

Mrs. J. G. Taylor has returned home after spending the holidays with friends in Hamilton.

# CHATHAM

Miss Evelyn Williams of this city spent New Year's in Windsor.

Miss Beulah Harding, who is attending the Normal School at London, spent the Christmas holidays with her family.

Friends will be glad to know that Mr. Hodge is recovering considerably from his injuries.

Miss Leota Lynn spent the New Year in Detroit.

The Baptist church concert held on New Year's Eve was largely attended and enjoyed by all.

The B. M. Christmas concert, which was held on Monday last was very largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. Clarence Montgomery spent New Year's in Detroit.

A party was held at the home of Miss Florence Wright Friday night in honor of Mr. Stanford Woods.

Miss Theresa Braxton spent the holidays in Windsor with her brother, Joseph Braxton.

Mrs. Edith Richardson and daughter, Relda, were Christmas visitors with friends. Miss Relda Richardson was the guest of Miss Viola Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington, of Windsor, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Parker.

Mr. Harold Taylor was a New Year's guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Needham.

Mr. Samuel Simmons is slowly recovering from his illness.

A Christmas dance held in Johnson's hall was largely attended, prizes were given for the best dressed ladies and gentlemen. Miss Theresa Braxton and Mr. Clarence Montgomery were winners of the first prizes and Mrs. Wyona Gibson and Mr. Gordon Currie were successful in capturing second prizes.

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## Elimination Of Press Propaganda Essential To Race Amity

(By Geo. Perry)

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles, Cal.—In two of the most influential gatherings of nationally known personages held on the Pacific coast in 1926, a plea was made for a "more sympathetic press" in racial propaganda and "blotting out of racial prejudices in the dissemination of world-wide news."

Speaking before 500 churchmen from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, members of the Methodist Men's Council recently in session in Portland, Dr. Lorenzo H. King, colored editor of New Orleans, La., pleaded for the day when the black man could claim a sympathetic press, declaring that the public press of today was one of the "greatest enemies" his race had to fight. The Negro, he said, had been grossly misrepresented but in spite of this condition he declared they held no resentment in their hearts against their oppressors. During his speech which followed an address by Ralph Connor (Rev. Chas. W. Gordon) noted author, there were seated upon the platform representatives of the following races: Armenian, Klamath Indian, Sioux Indian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Filipino, Negro and Caucasian

## Lieut.-Gov. Elect Guest Of Colored American Legion Post

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles.—With a plea that was most touching, Lieut.-Governor-Elect Buron R. Fitts asked that the people of the State of California have faith in his doing "the decent, honorable thing" for all people in all walks of life. "There is not a man in the State of California who cannot talk to me. I want to know your problems and stand by you as your friend. The moment we become selfish, putting ourselves above the good of the country, just so soon will the American Legion fail. Do not judge me too harshly, I am just one man and I am human and I'll make mistakes" he told his friends.

Mr. Fitts and his wife were the dinner guests of the Benj. J. Bowie Post, No. 228, colored, of which Louis S. Tennette is the commander. Mr. Fitts is the first Legionnaire to hold such an important office in the California legislature, and is one man who has not forgotten his colored comrades' part in the world war. Many notable city and state officials were at the banquet table. Harry L. Beal, past commander of the Benj. J. Bowie Post, is manager of the Legion Club Cabaret; E. Carlisle and J. W. White are assistant managers and Norman O. Houston acted as toastmaster for the evening. The post presented Mr. Fitts with an engraved gavel.

## Tells Audience Of Insults to Race Womanhood

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Portland, Ore.—"When the civilization of the South gets through with the black man it impoverishes him of practically every grace with which God endowed him. Men in the South are not addressed as 'mister,' nor women as 'mistress' or 'miss' and white men do not tip their hats to Negro women. As a black man, no one can expect that I can feel good toward anyone who insults the womanhood of my race," said Dr. Lorenzo H. King, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate of New Orleans, La., recently when before 1,500 women at the recent women's sessions of the Methodist Men's Council held at the First Baptist Church (white temple) he spoke his mind in a plea for Christian social in the inter-racial relations.

Dr. King's remarks met with flurries of applause. When the large audience disbanded, discussion seemed to centre upon what he had said. One Southern woman was heard to say, "I could not approve of Dr. King's remarks. I come from the South."

Sharing honors with the noted novelist, Ralph Connor, author of the "Sky Pilot" and other novels of early life in the middle west, Dr. King addressed many audiences throughout the Northwest, including the Ladies' Aid Society of the Spring Methodist Episcopal Church also of Seattle, where he delivered an address on "Methodism and the Negro Race" and also nearly 2,000 women at the First Baptist Church, Portland, Ore.

## Young Harry Wills Loses on a Foul

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles.—Colored boxers in California who do most of their boxing punching at an opponent's waistline, will have to change their style of boxing if they wish to work at their trade.

Young Harry Wills, disqualified Tuesday night for fouling Harry Brown (white) of Philadelphia, is the second colored boxer to lose on a foul in a week. Charlie Long was disqualified a week ago at Vernon. This is the second fight Young Harry Wills has lost at the Olympic because of fouling.

Every colored boxer of note in California has been on the losing end of a boxing contest because of fouling in the past year. The exceptions are Young Jack Thompson, Baby Joe Gans and Young Sam Langford who use their opponents' jaws as their targets.

## More Race Theatres For Texas

Dallas, Tex.—Texas, which now has more colored theatres than any

state in the Union, has recently added two more to its list, the Washington Theatre in Houston and the New State Theatre in Dallas.

The Washington recently opened in Houston, catering to pictures and musical revues. The New State, located on Hall street and Thomas, has just been completed and will open shortly.

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Through a regrettable error no mention has hitherto been made of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Booie, which sad event occurred on December 8th. The late Mrs. Booie was one of Owen Sound's most respected citizens. She was the wife of the late Abraham Booie who predeceased her a few weeks ago. She was in her 83rd year. The funeral service was held in the B. M. E. church, Rev. E. A. Richardson officiating. The deceased was for many year a member of that church. She leaves to mourn her loss two sons and two daughters: Moses Booie of Cleveland, Henry of Detroit, Mrs. Jeremiah Smith and Miss Mary Booie at home; one sister, Mrs. E. McIntyre of Washington, D.C., and a host of friends. The pallbearers were Wm. Harrison, Samuel Harrison, Wm. Johnston, George Nolo, James Green and Thos. Green. The remains were laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery. The floral tributes were beautiful and showed the very high esteem in which the late Mrs. Booie was held.

Our Sunday School concert, given on December 22nd, with Christmas tree laden with presents for the children, was a decided success in every way, under the direction of Rev. E. A. Richardson, Carrol Woodbeck and Mary Talbert. The children sang their carols well and did splendidly in their recitations. The thanks of the school are due to Carrol Woodbeck for the way he sold the tickets to make the affair a financial success. The proceeds amounted to \$25 which will be used in buying literature for the school.

The annual sailors' supper, given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid and Stewardesses of the B. M. E. church was a grand success. There was a good turnout to enjoy the bountiful supper, prepared by the ladies. Mrs. A. Harrison, Mrs. Francis Taylor, Mrs. Wm. Harrison Jr., Rev. E. A. Richardson, J. Smith and A. Patterson were the conveners of the affair. After supper a programme was arranged, consisting of jubilee songs, recitations and trios, instrumental selections, and a reading by Mrs. Rev. Kennerly of Central United church, which was very pleasing. Rev. Thos. Laidlaw of West Side United church was the chairman for the occasion and Rev. Richardson had charge of the programme. The proceeds amounted to \$65, which is very good considering the numerous other forms of entertainment in the city at this season of the year. The officials wish to thank all who contributed to the success of the evening.

We are glad to see our friends return home in the persons of Mr. H. Woodbeck and son George who have been sailing on the great lakes. They are looking fine. May God bless them both.

The stork called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Talbert and left them a fine boy on Christmas morning. They named him Joseph William. May he be a Jehu to save his people from sin.

### TORONTO

Special services were held in the B. M. E. during the Yuletide, with special messages by the pastor. Our chorister, Mr. C. Andie Johnson and choir rendered several beautiful anthems that were very appropriate for the Christmas season. The annual covenant service was conducted on January 2nd when a number of the membership assembled and renewed their covenant. One candidate for membership was received on probation.

During the first week of the present month a week of prayer is being observed in the B. M. E. church. Our second quarterly communion service will be held on January 30.

Rev. F. O. Stewart was called to Niagara Falls, Ont., to conduct the funeral service of Mr. B. Z. Sutton who passed away on January 1st. Mr. Sutton was an old resident of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Clarke, of 964 Gerrard street have returned to their home in Toronto after an extended visit in their former home in West Virginia and Virginia where they met many relatives and former associates. They report a pleasant trip.

Mrs. Florence Dawson, of Windsor is visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. Enix of Dovercourt Road.

Question: What are your plans for the New Year—better or worse?

## Color Lines Threaten Divided World

New York.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received a clipping from *The African World*, quoting from an address delivered in Cape Town, South Africa, by the well-known British publicist, Philip Kerr who warned his hearers of a world divided on color lines in the next century. *The African World* paraphrases this part of Mr. Kerr's address as follows:

"There was no doubt that color was entering more and more into the international relations of the world. The Asiatic was becoming race conscious and color conscious. The African was tending to do the same thing.

"As they knew color was an ingredient, if they introduced it into politics or society, which acted as an irritant.

"Undoubtedly it would require all the statesmanship that the world possessed to prevent the world from lining up on color lines in the next century. He said that in every other country in which we had people who had got to deal with color problems or to consider that aspect of the question if once they allowed international politics to become organized on color lines they were introducing an element which would be far more difficult to deal with than any of the sort of racial feelings and passions which divided countries on a minor scale. There was no doubt that color was going to be one of the most acute problems."

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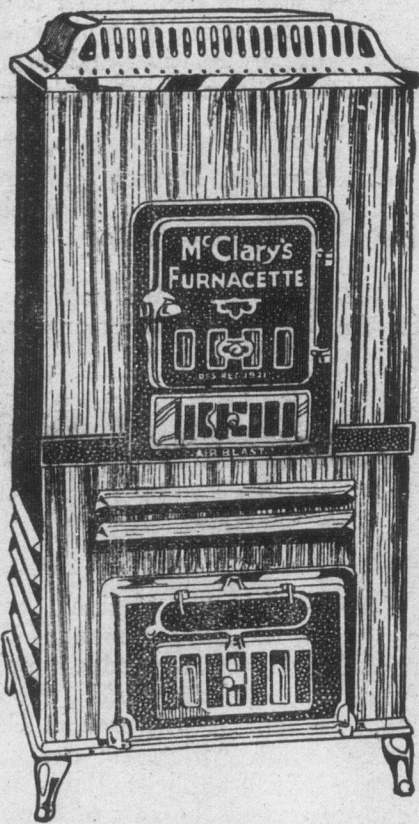
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## International Magazine Accepts Article By William Pickens

New York.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, has received a letter from its field secretary, William Pickens, now lecturing in Europe, announcing that an article written by him on "The Race Problem in America" has been accepted for publication in the January number of *La Revue des Nations*, an international magazine published in Geneva, Switzerland.

In the course of his article, Mr. Pickens interprets the race problem in America as being "essentially an economic struggle, but an economic struggle sharpened and enlivened by race differences." He asserts that "the keeping down of the Negro has proven to be the least troublesome way of keeping down white labor and white 'under dogs' in America. Labor and the disadvantaged whites are beginning to show a slight sense of this situation; Negroes are being more and more admitted into the unions and liberal movements are welcoming and even inviting the participation of the Negro on equal terms with white members. The solution of the 'race problem' will be a vanishing of the 'color line' into a class or economic line."

Mr. Pickens also asserts that "the world's greatest miscegenator is oppression and that slavery is the veritable high road to the mixing of racial bloods." He cites Mississippi and South Carolina "where intermarriage of black and white is forbidden by the strictest written and the most savage unwritten laws," there being greatest percentage of mixed bloods in those states than in Massachusetts and Michigan "where the female of the weaker group has at least the technical and presumptive legal protection against the male of the stronger group."

Of the N. A. A. C. P. and other groups striving for racial betterment Mr. Pickens writes that "they are like earth-movements slow and sometimes immeasurable but in the end irresistible."

## Colored Press Awards

(From the New York Amsterdam News, Dec. 29, 1926)

Achievements of Negroes in nearly all fields of activity are rewarded yearly by three separate organizations, each of which is filling a need in America and the civilized world. First and foremost is the Spingarn Medal, awarded to an American of African descent for the most distinguished achievement during the current year or over an accumulation of years. Then comes the Amy Spingarn prizes in literature and art, awarded each year through *The Crisis Magazine*. The Spingarn Medal and the Amy Spingarn prizes grew out of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Covering practically the same field as the Amy Spingarn prizes, the *Opportunity* magazine, published by the National Urban League, a little over two years ago announced that

awards would be made each year, and finally come the Harmon Awards, which embrace all of the fields covered by the two previously mentioned awards, and more, and which on Jan. 1, 1927, had their first presentation. The Harmon awards are made through the Commission on Church and Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Fine arts, science, education, literature, industry, religion, music and race relations are the fields covered by the last-named awards.

All these awards should have a stimulating effect on the Negro race and spur it on to heights hitherto considered out of its grasp. Already they have shown that in attempting to stamp the Negro as a "hewer of wood and drawer of water" a virgin field of creative ability is being trampled underfoot."

## Probe of Marine- Violence Is Ordered

New York.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, has received a letter from John Marshall assistant attorney general, stating that the U. S. Department of Justice on the basis of an affidavit forwarded by the N. A. A. C. P. charging shooting and violence and violence by U. S. marines in Miami, has asked a thorough investigation by Major Gen. John A. LeJeune, commanding officer of the marine corps.

The Department of Justice's letter addressed to James Weldon Johnson, N. A. A. C. P. secretary, is as follows:

Permit me to refer to your letter of November 24, 1926, enclosing an affidavit made by Mrs. Mabel I. Burnside of the county of Dade, Florida, with respect to certain alleged action on the part of the marines toward herself and her brother following the storm at Miami.

The department has referred the matter to Major General John A. Lejeune, with the request that he thoroughly investigate it and advise the department of the result. As soon as General Lejeune has been heard from you will be advised.

Mrs. Burnside's affidavit stated that although she was in a relief organization doing relief work, the marines were going to compel her to come with them for forced labor, and when her brother went to her assistance a marine shot them both.

## Motor Coach Cafes Are In Charge Of Colored Employees

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

San Francisco.—For the first time in the history of the Pacific Coast Motor Transportation lines, cafe service has been inaugurated on the motor coach line making 37 hour trips between San Francisco and Seattle.

Five colored employees have been placed in charge of this cafe service on the de luxe motor cars of the West Coast Travels, Inc.

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