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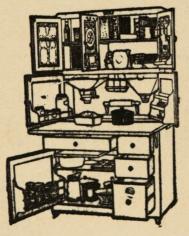
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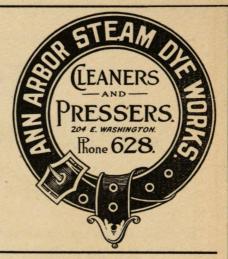
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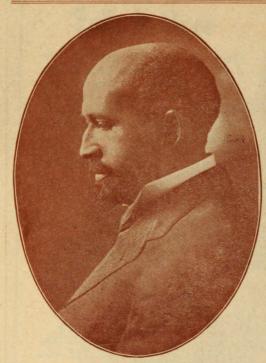
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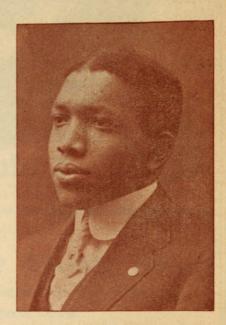
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National Negro Review, 1917

Jan. 5—Matthew Harris awarded \$42,500 in a suit against the sheriff at Memphis, Tenn., upholding the principle that a man's home is his castle. A posse had dynamited the home of Harris.

John W. Parks lawyer appointed assistant in the office of Gov. Brumbaugh at \$15 per day.

Congress passes a resolution to probe Southern election methods.

Jan. 9—Mayor Mitchel of New York City, appoints Dr. E. P. Roberts on the board of education.

Madame C. J. Walker, the world's wealthiest colored woman, purchases \$100,000 home near the estate of John D. Rockefeller.

Jan. 12—Kaufman's employed 250 men as chauffers and delivery men.

Jan. 19—Elijah J. Graham, Jr., appointed lay librarian at Wheeling, W. Va.

Col. Dennison, of the eighth Illinois National Guard, appointed assistant general of the state.

Feb. 9—Tennessee Supreme Court sustains the ruling of the lower court upholding the will of J. H. Jennings, white, who left an estate valued at \$100,000 to his colored common law wife, by whom he had 10 children.

Feb. 16—Howard University, Washington, D. C., holds fiftieth anniversary.

May 9-Liberia breaks with the Kaiser.

May 17.—Harry Burleigh, of New York, famous composer, wins third Springarn medal, awarded for most distinguished service by N. A. A. C. P.

May 22—Eli Parsons, chained in steel cage at Memphis, Tenn., and burned to death by a mob.

June 15—Officers' Reserve Camp for the training of colored officers for the Army established at Des Moines, Iowa.

Ten thousand move to Cleveland from the South in one year.

June 22.—Lieut. Col. Young, the highest ranking colored officer, U. S. A., retired against the protests of the country.

July 2—East St. Louis massacre, in which 200 colored men, women and children were mutilated, burned and killed.

July 3—Dr. James Wilson, of Freedman's hospital, Washington, D. C., first Negro physician to become licentiate National Board of Examiners.

July 5—Records kept by Monroe W. Work, of Tuskegee, shows that the lynchings for the first six months of the year totaled 14, or less than the first six months of 1916. Of these 13 were Negroes and 1 white. One colored woman was lynched.

July 6.—Col. Roosevelt denounces race riots and makes a heated reply to Samuel Gompers head of the American Federation of Labor, at a meeting in New York City.

July 29.—Wonderful silent parade of 10,000 Negroes in New York, as a protest against act of discrimination and oppression inflicted upon us in this country, and particularly in East St. Louis massacre.

August 1—Negroes of Nation carry to White House their protest against East St. Louis horror.

Aug. 12—National Business Men's League convenes at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Aug. 20—Grand jury indicts 105 race riotes in East St. Louis.

Aug. 23—Troopers of the Twentyfourth Infantry clash with police at Houston, Texas, and 17 civilians killed.

Aug. 28—Independence B. P. O. Elks of the world hold convention at Cleveland.

Fourteenth annual session, Federation of Women's clubs of Pennsylvania, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Sept. 5—Five members of Twenty fourth Infantry who clashed with police at Waco, Texas, sentenced to five years, and one to ten years.

Nineteenth annual session of Medical Association at Philadelphia.

Sept. 18—Cleveland men organize housing company, to provide homes for 3,000 new comers.

Oct. 10—Emmett J. Scott appointed assistant to Secretary of War Baker.

Oct. 15—Six hundred and twentyfour colored officers commissioned in U. S. Army.

Oct. 27-30 — Colored draftees throughout the country leave for cantonments 'mid patriotic scenes.

Secretary of War Baker issues circular letter to colored people.

Nov. 1—Colored men called to the colors.

Nov. 6—Dr. Furniss elected to Indianoplis Council. T. W. Fleming to Cleveland Council. J. C. Thomas elected to New York Alderman Board. E. A. Johnson elected to New York Assembly.

Nov. 20—Entire division of 80,000 colored soldiers formed, including Engineers' Brigade, for service in France.

Dec. 2—Lation Scott chained to stake at Dyersburg, Tenn., and burned to death.

Dec. 13—Thirteen soldiers of the Twenty-fourth Infantry executed for alleged mutiny at Houston, Texas. Forty-one sentenced to life imprisonment; four given two years, and five acquitted, the result of findings of Army court-martial.

The Need of Negro Mothers

MRS. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

The great need of our people, anywhere, is Mothers.

Down in Alabama within a stone's throw of Tuskegee Institute is a mother's class or school. It holds its sessions on each Saturday afternoon. Its aim is to reach the women who has had no chance to learn her lesson of home-making, who has heard little of the sacredness of the fire-side; who has just come up like Topsy.

This woman is not satisfied with her knowledge, she wants to know; she wants to be a good mother. She is anxious to be a faithful wife, and she is striving to be a real woman.

To this school which is held in the central part of the town, is easy access to any woman living in the village or coming in from the country, come in more than a hundred women during the month. At last Saturday's class there were eighty-five women present. Not more than ten per cent of these women can write their names, but they can all understand the lessons given. The following topics were given at the last meeting.

The farmer's baby is more likely to live and thrive than its city cousin. It can be put out in the open in its crib which stands on the porch almost as soon as it opens its little eyes.

Yes, it can do all of its sleeping, and it sleeps about all the time, in the fresh air.

No, it is never too cold to put the baby outdoors.

He is to be well wrapped, of course, so that he will not get cold.

Baby must be bathed.

No, not just his face, but his entire

body must be put into a small tub of milk warm water each day. Early in the morning is the best time. The bathing should be done the same time every day.

Never let the baby go to bed at night wearing the same clothes he has had on all day if you wish him to sleep well.

Do not rock the baby.

Do not lay him across your lap and shake him or "bump" him, but put him in his bed and let him go to sleep.

Mother easily becomes his slave when she fails to begin right with reference to the baby's sleep.

The baby needs water. Certainly he does.

Always boil the water and set it in a place to keep cool.

Never give the baby ice water.

Mother's milk is best for the baby until he is at least one year old.

Never feed the baby on the coarse things which the children of six years eat.

Grits with milk, rice with milk or corn meal with milk are all good things for the baby.

Do not feed the baby on sweet potatoes. He may have Irish potatoes, not new ones, when he is nearly two years old.

Do not give the baby patent medicines.

Soothing syrup, castoria, etc., make him sleep, but they are harmful to the baby.

A well baby will get on if he is bathed regularly, regularly feed and regularly put to sleep. A little castor oil now and then will keep his system clean.

If he has trouble, consult the doctor.

The mother and doctor are all the baby needs.

The tiny little thing is a baby until he is at least three years old, and he should be treated so.

More than eighty per cent of our women belong to this class, the class who hunger and thirst for better ideals. There is a smaller class of us who can give these ideas. Are we doing it? Will we do it? Our opportunity has been large through the sacrifice of others as well as ourselves—and so in proportion should be ous efforts of those whose chance has been less far reaching.

There comes to our mind now, a woman not young, who some years ago came into one of the large southern schools from the state of Illinois. She was supported by the club women of that state. Notwithstanding the fact that she was advanced in years, she finished her course of study at great sacrifice of strength and effort, and located herself in a country community where the women fearfully neglected and there she remains, teaching them all, women, old and young to be self respecting, selfreliant, to build high ideals for their children. The school is her headquarters, the home her abiding place -she is a true teacher, she is a real club woman, the sort which the world is calling for.

The women of Michigan have always stood for that which is best in the home, in the church, in the school, in citizenship, so far as they themselves were concerned, but there is another question of equal importance—have they always remembered their sisters who were not so fortunate as they? Have they done what they could to bring any large number of other women up to their standard? We leave the answer here with them.

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The Problem

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

Out of the wilderness, out of the night, Has the black man crawled to the dawn of light. Beaten by lashes and bound by chains A beast of burden with soul and brains. He has come through sorrow and need and woe And the cry of his heart is to know, to know.

You took his freedom and gave it again But grudged as you gave it, ye white faced men Not all of freedom is being free And a dangerous plaything is Liberty For untaught children.

In vain do you say "We gave what he asked for—place and pay. And right of franchise—all wrong, all wrong. He was but a child to be led along By the hand of Love. Has he felt its touch? Nay, you gave unwisely and gave too much But you gave not the things that his groping mind Was reaching up in the dark to find, They were love and knowledge.

Oh, infinite Must be the patience that hopes to right The wrongs that are hoary with age and brought To the level of virtues, by mortal thought And greater than patience must be the trust In the ultimate outcome of what is just And in and under and through and above Must weave the warp of the purpose-love.

Red with anguish his way has been This suffering brother of dusky skin For centuries fettered and bound to earth Slow his unfolding to freedom's birth Slow his rising from burden and ban To fill the stature of moral man.

You must give him his wings ere you tell him to fly,—You must set the example and bid him try.

Let the white man pay for the white man's crime.

Let him work in patience and bide God's time.

Out of the wilderness, out of the night, Has the black man crawled to the dawn of light. He has come through the valley of great despair He has borne what no white man ever can bear He has come through sorrow and pain and woe And the cry of his heart is to know, to know.

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The Second Coming

W. E. B. DUBOIS

Three bishops sat in San Francisco, New Orleans and New York, peering gloomily into three flickering fires which cast and recast shuddering shadows on boo-lined walls. Three

etters lay in their laps and said:
"And thou, Valdosta, in the land of Georgia, art not least among the princes of America, for out of thee shall come a Governor who shall rule my people."

The white Bishop of New York

scowled and impatiently threw the

paper into the fire.
"Valdosta?" he said, "that's where I go to the Governor's wedding of lit-tle Marguerite, my white flower—" Then he forgot the writing in his musing; but the paper flared red in the fireplace.

"Valdosta?" said the black bishop in New Orleans, and turned uneasily in his chair. "I must go down there. Those colored folk are acting strangely. I don't know where all this unrest and moving will lead to. Then, there's poor Lucy—" And he threw the letter into the fire; but eyed it suspiciously, as it flamed green.

"Stranger things than that have happened," he said slowly, "and ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars for nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against king-

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In San Francisco the priest of Japan, abroad to study strange lands, sat in his lacquer chair with face like soft yellow and wrinkled parchment. Slowly he wrote in a great and golden book:

"I have been strangely bidden to the Vale of Dosta where one of those religious cults that swarm here will welcome a Prophet. I shall go and report to Kioto."

So, in the dim waning of the day before Christmas, three bishops met in Valdosta and saw its mills and storehouses, its wide-throated and sandy streets in the mellow glow of a crimson sun. The governor glared anxiously up the street as he helped the Bishop of New York into his car and welcomed him graciously.

"I am troubled," he said, "about the Niggers. They are acting queer. I'm not certain but Fleming is back of it." "Fleming?"

"Yes; he's running against me next term for governor; he's a fire-brand; wants niggers to vote and all that-Pardon me a moment, there's a darky I know-" and he hurried to the black bishop, who had just descended from the "Jim Crow" car, and clasped his hand cordially. They talked in whis-

"Search diligently," said the gover-nor in parting, "and bring me word again." Then returning to his Guest: "You will excuse me, won't you?" he said, "but I am sorely troubled. I never saw niggers act so. They're leaving by the hundreds and those who stay are getting impudent. They seem to be expecting What's the crowd, Jim?" something.

The chauffeur said that there was some sort of Chinese official in town and everybody wanted to glimpse him. He drove around another way.

It all happened very suddenly. The Bishop of New York, in full canonicals for the early wedding, stepped out on the rear balcony of his mansion, just as the dying sun lit crimson clouds of glory in the East and burned

"Fire!" yelled a wag in the surging crowd that was gathering to celebrate a southern Christmas Eve; all laugh-

ed and ran.

The bishop did not understand. He peered around. Was it that dark little house in the far back yard that flamed? Forgetful of his robes, he hurried down—a brave white figure in the sunset. He found himself before an old black rickety stable. He could hear the mules stamping within.

No, it was not fire. It was the sunset glowing through the cracks. Behind the hut its glory rose toward God like flaming wings of Cherubim. He paused until he heard the faint wail of a child. Hastily he entered. A white girl crouched before him, down by the very mules' feet, with a baby in her arms. A little mite of a baby that wailed weakly. Behind mother and child stood a shadow. The bishop turned to the right, inquiringly, and saw a black man in bishop's robes that faintly echoed his own. Hastily he turned away to the left and saw a golden Japanese in golden garb. Then he heard the black man mutter behind him:

on 2022-02-09 03:10 GMT / https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015071204583 http://www.hathitrust.org/access use#pd-google Generated at University of Michigan Public Domain, Google-digitized / "But He was to come the second time in clouds of glory, with the nations gathered around Him and angels—" at the word a shaft of glorious light fell full upon the child, while without came the tramping of unnumbered feet and the whirring of winds.

The Bishop of New York bent quickly above the baby.

It was black!

The bishop stepped back with a gesture of disgust, hardly listening to and yet hearing the black bishop who spoke almost as if in apology:

"She ain't really white; I know Lucy—you see, her mother worked for the Governor—" The bishop turned on his heel and nearly trod on the yellow priest, who knelt with bowed head before the pale mother and offered incense and a gift of gold.

Out into the night rushed the bishop. The wings of the Cherubim were folded black against the stars. As he hastened down the front staircase, the governor came rushing up

the street steps.

"We are late," he cried nervously. "The Bride awaits." He hurried the bishop to the waiting limousine, asking him anxiously:

"Did you hear anything? Do you hear that noise? The crowd is growing strangly on the streets and there seems to be a fire over toward the East. I never saw so many people here—I fear violence—a mob— a lynching-hark!" What was that which the Bishop, too, heard beneath the rhythm of unnumbered feet? Deeep in his heart a wonder grew. What was it? Ah, he knew. It was music-some strong and mighty chord. It rose higher as the brilliantly lighted church split the night and swept radiantly toward them. high and clear that music flew, it seemed above, around, behind them. The governor, ashen-faced, crouched in the car; but the bishop said softly as the ecstacy pulsed in his heart:

"Such music, such wedding music!

What choir is it?"

Work Together

WOODBRIDGE N. FERRIS

Prof. Boaz has convinced me that inborn racial differences are few and worthy of little consideration. Any attempt to show that there is a natural gulf between the colored race and the white race must result in failure. No one questions the existence of an artificial gulf between the two races
—a man-made gulf. This man-made gulf has militated against the progress of both races in America. This gulf has established class distinctions. In a democracy class distinctions are odious, are perilous. Our ten million colored people are with us. They are here not because they sought this country as a haven of rest, but because they were brought here in bondage to the white race. The Civil War banished chattel slavery, but it is too early in American history to declare that a subtle slavery has not been substituted.

Democracy is of a spiritual origin-

a growth from within.

Although present race conditions are far from satisfactory, I believe that the outlook is hopeful. The progress of the colored race since the Civil War has been stupendous. In spite of the handicap of political ex-

clusion this race has demonstrated that it is a mighty power in the industrial and educational worlds. The colored people have been extraordinarily patient and forbearing. question of questions is how can they best secure the rights and privileges that belong to them? Any influence that savors of hate is ruinous. The one regenerating power in the world is love. Love is not a racial factor. It is a universal factor, that makes for patriotism, that makes for democracy. This is the only influence that can save the world from race hatred, that can save a nation from disintegration. All races in America have one patriotic obligation. greater burden rests upon the white natives of America. This race has been blest above all other races, consequently its obligation is imperative. The progress of the colored race means the progress of the white race.

The enduring progress of the white race means the progress of the colored race. We shall continue to live together, therefore, we must work together under one flag to one end,

the more abundant life.

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Some Negro Football Stars

WALTER CAMP AND WALTER ECKERSALL

One of the greatest of American games is football. There is something about football that just grips and holds the attention of the better fan, far more so than any other game played in America. Colored men of all times have played on various college squads. They like other men have produced star preformers on the gridiron.

Back in 1892 a Negro distinguished himself on the Michigan Varsity as half back. This man was George Jewett who made his home in Ann Arbor and received much comment on his ability as a football player. Before and since his day the sport annuals have recorded the very brilliant playing of colored men.

Gideon Smith playing on the Michigan Agricultural College squad of Lansing humbled the mighty Yost and his Michigan Varsity at Ferry Field, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Smith was a wonderful player and made many friends while at college. Football like baseball has obscured many colored players of ability, yet the time may come in America when football, baseball and other sports may eliminate the time honored color line and place the honors of victory on any man who has honestly won and has measured up to the standard of clean sportsmanship.

No one is in better position to name the real Negro football stars than two of the best known football critics of the times. Mr. Walter Camp, of All American fame, and Mr. Walter Eckersall, of the Chicago Tribune have written for us on the best Negro player they have ever seen on the gridiron, Mr. Camp says: "It would be hard to tell which man was the best but Lewis who played center at Amherst and at Harvard many years ago, and Pollard who played a year ago at Brown were both good men. I am rather inclined to think that Robeson who played end at Rutgers this year, is, however, the best I ever saw."

By Walter Eckersall, for the Ann Arbor Negro Year Book.

Football the same as any other branch of sport, produces performers above the average. They are what is commonly known as stars. In every line of athletic endeavor in which teams are organized there are players of different nationalities and colors and although discrimination has been shown by some colleges in regard to the latter, the general opinion of unfairness has been manifested many times.

In my twenty years of athletic experience as a player and writer of sports, I have met colored athletics who, to my mind, were the superiors of their white teammates. In every case, the colored athletic has conducted himself on and off the field in a manner which could not help but command the respect of all.

Going into details in regard to the merits of athletes, everyone has different opinions the same as a football writer who selects honorary or all-star elevens at the close of the season. The same is true in my case and the football men of whom I write about may not agree with the ideas of other followers of the gridiron game.

Having seen and played against a number of colored football players, I will not hesitate a moment to name Bob Marshall, of Minnesota, Fred Pollard, of Brown, and Sam Ransom, of Beloit, as the three best colored warriors who ever donned the moleskins. I am not naming these players because of western prejudice or because two of them learned to play football in Chicago.

A football coach or the most ardent enthusiast would have to look a long way to find a player the equal to Marshall If there was anything about football that this player did not know and do and do well, I would like to meet him. He played on the University of Minnesota eleven four years and previous to that time was a member of one of the Minneapolis high schools.

He played end, three years under the old rules or five yards in three downs and one under the present code which involves the forward pass and ten yards in four downs. He was a powerful built man, being six feet in height and weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds. He was fast and had football intuition.

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He was a remarkable kicker and it was his ability to kick goals from the field that resulted in the defeat of Chicago in 1906 by the score of 4 to 2. I was captain of the Maroon team at that time and well know the game he played against us. He certainly was a remarkable player. He is still playing on professional football teams in the Gopher cities this making his twenty-third year of active play.

Next to Marshall, I think Fred Pollard, last year's halfback on Brown university was as good a football player, as the colored race has produced. He learned to play the game on the Lane Tech. High school eleven of Chicago. He was a star at that time and was an eagerly sought athlete by many colleges. He then went to

Brown and has been the mainstay of the team for the last two years.

The other colored player I want to mention is Sam Ransom, a player of great possibilities but who did not have the opportunities of Marshall or Pollard. Sam had to work his way through Hyde Park High school, where he played on the team for four years. He then went to Beloit college where he practically had to play the whole game because his teammates were of inferior ability. Despite the fact he was a marked man in every game, his opponents knew they had been in a game when the

final whistle blew.

Of course there have been other players who could be mentioned but the trio selected stand out predomin-

ately in the writer's mind.

The Negro Urban League in Michigan

FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON

One of the greatest forces working for the advancement of the Negro in Michigan is the Negro Urban League, Detroit, this branch of the National Negro Urban League is fortunate in having at its head Mr. Forrester B. Washington, a man who is working to bring about the best of conditions among the colored people of Detroit. In his survey of Detroit, Mr. Washington says:

The first prerequisite in the task of organizing a local community is the establishment of a vocational bureau which should strive to make itself acquainted with every possible industrial opening for Negroes in the city and, on the other hand, make its presence widely known so that the immigrant Negro will be directed to it immediately on arrival. The Detroit League on Urban Conditions among Negroes, therefore, has not been content merely with locating vacant jobs but has approached manufacturers of all kinds through distribution of literature and personal visits and has been successful during the last twelve

months in placing 1,000 Negroes in employment other than unskilled labor. It has made itself known to immigrants by cards of direction placed in the hands of Negro employes about railway stations and intends, as soon as its funds permit, to station a capable, level-headed representative at each of the railway stations of Detroit to direct Negro immigrants to the league's office or to other responsible individuals and societies who will look their after their welfare It has per-suaded the proprietor of a local moving picture theatre, which is a great gathering place for colored newcomers, to run latern slides nightly announcing that employment and other services can be secured free at the office of the league.

In order to care for the women and girls who are beginning to appear in appreciable numbers, five cigar manufactures in the city were induced to experiment in employing them, and a sixth has started a new plant employ-ing only colored help. To solve the difficult problem of the first week's board, the league has arranged with certain factories a system of checks issued to guarantee payment for bills incurred at restaurants and boarding direct arrangements Some previously made between certain factories and boarding-house keepers

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The establishment of a bureau of investigation and information regarding housing comes next in importance. The character of the house into which Negro immigrants go has a direct effect on their health, their morals and their efficiency. The rents charged determine whether the higher wages received in the North are real or only apparent, whether the change in environment has been beneficial or detrimental. The tendency is to exploit the Negro immigrant in this particular. Rents charged him in Detroit have risen by from 50 to 200 per cent in one year. He is forced into a district inhabited by colored people where housing accommoda-tion is inadequate for those already The proximity of the colored district in most northern cities to the center is responsible for the imposi-tion of the vice district upon the Ne-gro. This bureau should therefore, scour the city for every available house, tenement or room inside or outside the recognized Negro district. It should make also a thorough investigation of comparative rents charged Negroes and whites and give the findings the fullest publicity. The bureau should constantly remind employers of Negroe labor that it is to their advantage to see that the Negro is well housed and that, if nobody else will build, it is good business for them to

The Detroit Urban League has induced one of the largest founderies to build low priced homes for its employes near the plant. It also has somewhat relieved the housing problem by the purchase of leases from the proprietresses of a number of disorderly houses which were closed by the police. In each case the league persuaded some manufacturer to take over the lease, and in this way a large number of colored families were accommodated. It also keeps a list of empty houses and has been surprised to find how many of them are not listed by commercial real estate agents. It uses the daily and Negro press in appeals for more notifications. A list of furnished rooms also is kept and immigrants are kept away from those connected with disorderly houses. Lists of these rooms are furnished to factories.

Much strength can be added to the program and much energy saved by enlisting the aid of every possible orgainzation in the city whose functions can in any way be construed as touching on Negro migration. The Urban League found the Board of Commerce exceedingly willing to co-operate in a movement for the investigation and improvement of working conditions of Negro employees in the various manufacturing plants in the city. The Board of Health gave considerable assistance in obtaining better and more sanitary housing conditions. The aid of several mothers' clubs among the colored women was enlistmore sanitary ed to instruct immigrant mothers in the proper diet and clothing for children in a northern climate. From the outset, the aim was not only to put each immigrant in a decent home but also to connect him with some church. Many times the churches have reciprocated with considerable material as well as spiritual assistance.

But the greatest co-operation received has been that of the Young Negroes' Progressive Association to which references has already been made. This is a body of thirty-four young colored men, most of them attending the various schools and colleges about Detroit. They have been the finest possible agent in the development of all the different activities.

In the adjustment of the Negro, a definite place must be given to the development of industrial efficiency. This is perhaps the most important feature in the program; the welfare of the negro in his new environment depends upon the opinion that the community has of him. If the community can be convinced that the Negro is and always will be a business asset, we need not worry much about his housing, employment and recreation. But the Negro has got to convince the captains of industry. This he can only do by developing to a maximum his industrial efficiency. The more trades and occupations Negroes become familiar with, the more efficient they will be as a race, and the greater an asset to the community. Therefore the league has endeavored to get them into as many different kinds of employment as possible. It also uses every opportunity to develope individual efficiency by calling the attention of Negro emGenerated at University of Michigan on 2022-02-09 03:10 GMT / https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015071204583 Public Domain, Google-digitized / http://www.hathitrust.org/access use#pd-google

ployees to the fact that they must be punctual, zealous and ambitious in their work. These points are always emphasized when a Negro is sent to

a job.

In pursuance of this object the league, with the assistance of the progressive association, is carrying on a movement which, I think, is unique. Representatives of the two organizations visit the various factories where large numbers of Negroes are employed and talked to them during the noon hour on the necessity of creating the best possible impression at the present time so that they may be certain of retaining their jobs in the future. At the same time, the speakers circulate these cards:

WHY HE FAILED.

He watched the clock.

He was always behindhand. He asked too many questions.

His stock excuse was "I forgot." He wasn't ready for the next step. He did not put his heart in his

work. He learned nothing from his blun-

ders. He was contented to be a secondrater.

He didn't learn that the best part of his salary was not in his pay envelope—SUCCESS.

Note-By not paying strict attention to the above details you may not be able to keep your job after the war is ended and foreign labor is again available.

Negro to Profit by World War

PROFESSOR KELLEY MILLER

Washington, D. C.—In extending the greetings of the season to the colored Americans, Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of Howard University, says:

"The world is engulfed in the re-ruin of war. The present titanic con-flict is not due to the inherent devilty of one nation or the innate goodness The accumulative ethic of another. energies of society for generations have been dammed up by the barrier of hatred and greed. The stored up power is now breaking through the with cataclysmic outburst. barrier The society fabric is being shaken to its very foundation. As an outcome of the war the readjustment of the social structure will be more radical than that effected by the French Revolution. The transforming effect upon the status of the Negro will be scarcely less momentus than the Emanci-pation Proclamation.

"The democratization of the world, coined as a fitting phrase, will be translated into actuality. The Declaration of Independence, penned by a slaveholder, sounded the death knell of slavery, although three-quarters of a century elapsed between promise and fulfillment. The democratization of the world is but a restatement of this doctrine in terms of present day attitude of the world. Political autocracy and race autocracy will be buried in the same grave. Hereafter, no nation however strong, will be permitted to override a weaker neighbor by sheer dominance of power; and no race will be permitted to impose a ruthless regime upon the weaker breeds of men through sheer as-sumption of superiority Hereafter, England will treat the East Indians; Turkey, the Armenians; Russia, the Jews; and America, the Negroes, with a fuller measure of justice and con-sideration than heretofore

"The people of all lands who are heavy laden and overborne will be the chief beneficiaries of this war. The Negro problem is involved in the problem of humanity. The whole is greater than any of its parts. The Negro will share in the general momentum imported to social welfare.

"Already he has been admitted to industrial opportunity in the North with manifest reaction upon the harsh

regime in the South.
"National prohibition, which borne forward on the wave of the world, will immensely improve his moral status. Eighty thousand Negro soldiers have been enlisted and seven hundred Negroes have been commissioned as officers in the army of the United States. A Negro has been made assistant cabinet officer whose function is to adjust harmoni-

on 2022-02-09 03:10 GMT http://www.hathitrust.or University of Michigan n, Google-digitized / ously the races' relation to the pend-

ing struggle.
"The improved attitude white race towards the Negro is apparent in two affirmative decisions rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States with unanimous con-

"The Nego will emerge from this war with a double portion of privilege

and opportunity.

"Every Negro should be loyal and patriotic, although there are injustices and discriminations which try If we overcome, these trials and tribulations will work out a more exceeding weight of advantage. But if we allow them to overcome us, woeful will be our lot indeed.

"To stand sulkily by in plaintive aloofness, because of just grievances, would be of the same kind of folly as to refuse to help extinguish a conflagration which threatens the destruction of one's native city because he has a complaint against the fire depart-Let us help put out the conflagration which threatens the world, and then make the world our lasting debtor.

"We stand shoulder to shoulder with our white fellow citizens to fight

for the freedom of the world, outside of our national circle, and then we must hold them to moral consistency of maintaining a just and equitable of maintaining a just regime inside of that circle. Democregime inside of that circle. Democregime inside of the circle. home or at least it should prevail Let us fight to the finish to the effect that no nation shall hereafter dare attempt to make an international treaty a scrap of paper. It must therefore follow then, as corollary, that no nation will henceforth allow it's own constitution, which is an intra-national treaty, to be made a scrap of paper.

"The tide of democracy is sweeping through the world like a mighty The race problem and other social ills are but as marshes, backwaters, stagnant pools, estuaries, which have been shut off from free circulation with the main current. But the freshet of freedom is now overflowing its bed and purifying all the stagnant waters in its onward sweep to the ocean of human liberty and brotherhood. Fortunate indeed are we to be borne forward upon its beneficient bosom at such a time as

this."

"I hear the pattering footsteps of twenty million dusky children yet un-

Echoing down the corridors of time,

A generation hence they will be here unbarring wide the gates of life. I hear them uttering the dumb and inarticulate aspirations of a race So long restrained.

-R. C. RANSOM.

In Memoriam

Jacob Becks

BORN 1870

DIED 1918

"Could we but know
The land that ends our dark, uncertain travel,
Where lies those happier hills and meadows,
Ah---beyond the spirits inmost cavil,
Aught of country could we surely know
Who would not go."

MRS. JACOB BECKS

Publisher's Note

Again I present to the public The Ann Arbor Negro Year-Book. As I have said before every community of our people should have a means whereby the opinion of leading men and women may reach the public in behalf of the race.

Let the Negro bring so vividily before the public his gratitude or his protest that there will be an awakening of that large but silent class of white men who believe in fair play. I have tried to present in this issue information of a character that will be found valuable to the general public.

The public willing I hope later to publish a more complete Year Book concerning the race in this section.

The advertising section is proof of the appreciation for the first Negro regular publication to come out of Washtenaw county.

Appreciating the kindness of Messrs. DuBois, Moton, Ferris, Camp, Eckersall, Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Wilcox, also my brother William H. Wright, and I trust my efforts will merit their courtesy.

There should be a strong Negro monthly publication in this state, to give the race representation on matters concerning Negro welfare.

The recent increase of the Negro population in the state, especially Detroit offers a field for a first class Negro publication. Michigan has but few publications by colored people and the fact is a very regrettable one in face of the great good which might be accomplished.

GEORGE H. WRIGHT.



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And having thus chosen our course without guile and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God, and go forward without fear and with manly hearts.

-Abraham Lincoln

Some months ago there came prominently before the country the National Jubilee Melody song book. We want to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the eighth edition of this publication It contains more than 158 songs that were originated back in the days of slavery. These songs have been collected and set to music at a great expense. Some of them originated in the rice fields of South Carolina and the cane fields of Louisiana: some in the cotton fields of Georgia and Texas; some on the tobacco plantations of Kentucky and Virginia: some in the turpentine swamps of Florida. While the jubilee songs have been sung all over the world, it is only recently that the admission has been made that they are the only real American music of today. Publisher's rights on this National Jubilee Melody Song Book were secured by the National Baptist Publishing Board, located at Nashville, Tenn., under the management of Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., who, is is understood, was the prime mover in insisting upon the authors of the book to give it to the American public. They scored the wonderful hit when they printed a special edition to be sent to "Our boys in the camps." Their edition was covered in khaki with the American flag printed on the back. Under this flag was a remark of the noted Sergeant Carney. who, in one of the battles after being wounded, declared, "We never let it touch the ground." It might be interesting to note some of the songs that appear in the book that have been sung so often, such songs as "I ain't going to study war no more," "I've done what you told me todo," "Free at last," "Inching along," "All my sins are taken away," "I couldn't hear nobody pray," "It's me, it's me, O Lord," "Swing low, sweet chariot," "My good Lord's done been here," and a number of others too numerous to mention. Our publication wishes to thank the National Baptist Publishing Board for a special copy. We shall be glad to show it to any of our readers who may chance to visit our office.

We want to thank our many friends for letters and notes of congratulations on account of our last issue, we acknowledge among the many those of Albert E. Sleeper, University of Michigan Library, Woodbridge N. Ferris, Forrester B. Washington, The Times News, Monroe Work, Warren Mattingly, Robert R. Moton, Emmet J. Scott, Henry A. Boyd, The Journal, The Exchange, Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Washington, Mrs. N. W. Diggs, and the Negro Press.

Black men standing together can establish strong commercial relations and secure the respect and good-will of the leaders of the commercial world, but the keynote must be organization, and the Negro must have faith that his race has men and women who can successfully handle large commercial enterprises.

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A recent associated dispatch says: President Wilson and Cabinet notified by Attorney General Gregory of a lynching at Collinsville, Ill. The victim was a German and the government is expected to denounce the lawlessness of the mobs. We do not approve of lynching or mob rule any time, any place, no matter who the victim may be, black or white. It is no little wonder of the present educational condition of the Negro when we have so many members of the socalled superior race that stand ready to lynch, tar and feather, and burn men and women. Fortunately there are a great number of white people in America from whom the Negro can learn anything worth while, yet it is to be regretted that they are a part of the great intelligent and fair-minded body of white people. This nation is now at war, and it is our duty as Americans to stand by the country, but for God's sake make short work of the lynchers.

We are trying to establish a Negro

monthly at Ann Arbor, we have asked some of the foremost men and women in this country to write for our pages and they have all promised to favor us, the list is a formidable array of famous leaders in American life who are friends of the new Negro. know that this is war time and that the paper market and other material entering into the printing and publishing of a monthly publication is nearly abnormal, but we have fixed our rate at one dollar per year, as we believe we can secure three thousand cash subscribers for our initial issue. Our platform will stand for justice for our race, will call for an intelligent leadership among our people, will support without pay or promise any individual or any organization that honestly believes and works for Negro advancement, believes in more and better babies, good government and equal rights for colored people in all public places. We want your help upon those principles. Help the race in Michigan to publish a magazine that stands ready to turn the light upon the forces that are working for and against the Negro in Michigan Write today. Address and America. Manager, 511 Glenn Ave, Ann Arbor.

World Democracy and Black Men

WILLIAM H. WRIGHT

Of the many races of men engaged in the great World War, it may be noted that the destines of the black men have been cast with the mighty forces that are fighting for Democracy.

Upon the battle fields of France are black men, natives of Africa and India, and of the American army, one eleventh will be the American negro.

It will thus be readily observed that the Negro is intensely interested in the cause of Democracy

Having fought to assure justice and liberty for the oppressed people of the struggling nations of Europe, they will justly have earned the right to enjoy with all mankind the practical realization of Democracy. When Democracy shall have triumphed, and the world resumes its normal condition after the war, may the true spirit of Democracy dominate our national character.

That racial antipathy, disfranchisement and mob violence will be cast in oblivion.

For a nation's honor is no greater than the security and protection it gives to all its citizens.

And in this war, the most critical period of world's history, the black man will be found heroically struggling that Democracy shall live, justice and liberty prevail.

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Ann Arbor Negro Organizations

Four of the oldest Negro organizations in America are represented in Ann Arbor. The African Methodist Episcopal church, the Second Baptist church, The Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and the grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

The local organizations have a membership that tends towards racial advancement and enterprise. The Bethel A. M. E. church located on north fourth avenue from Beakes street, is a nice church building, neatly furnished and has an auditorium The pastor of this church is the Rev. J. W. Charleston, a graduate of Wilberforce University. The pastor's residence is 215 North Fifth Avenue.

The Second Baptist Church is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Beakes street. The location is a good one and the building, including the pastor's residence which adjoins the church is in good condition, this church like the A. M. E. Church also has an auditorium. The Rev. John B. Pharr is pastor of this church, pastor's address No. 216 Beakes street.

The Negro masonic organizations have three bodies in Ann Arbor, St. Mary Lodge No. 4, Haggai Chapter No. 14, Constantine Commandery No. 14. Negro masonry has been established fifty years in Ann Arbor. At the fiftieth anniversary of Negro masonry in Ann Arbor held June 24th 1917 at Bethel A. M. E. church Mr. George Gough spoke on Negro masonry in Ann Arbor from 1867 to 1917, Hon.

James Asa White on foundation of Negro masonry.

The necrology roll of St. Mary's lodge at this anniversary bore the names of Solomon Zebbs, Archie Miller and Walter Wright. Fraternal remembrances were rendered in honor of the departed brothers.

Edward Lewis is Deputy Grand Master of the State of Michigan, A. F. and A. M. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows have three bodies in this city, Trinity lodge No. 2486, Golden Key, Household of Ruth No. 2486, Linden Juvenile Society No. 1167.

Peter Odgen was the founder of the first Negro Odd Fellows lodge in America, which was set up in New York in 1843. There are over 7,000 lodges with a membership of over 300,000.

Mr. Charles Cromwell is District Grand Master of the State of Michigan, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America.

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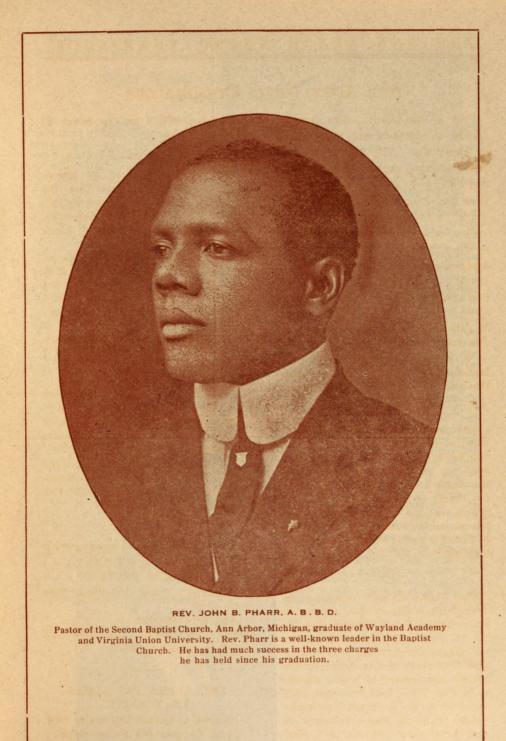
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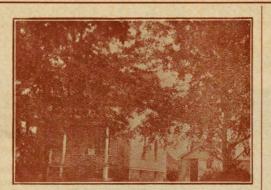
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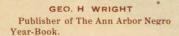


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New York Negro Troops in France

(From the Springfield Republican)

To read of the Negro soldier of this time recalls the days of the civil war, when regiments made up of colored men were a novelty, and the North watched with eager attention to see how those of the long enslaved race would acquit themselves in bat-tle. What the result was one may see visualized in the memorial of Colonel Shaw that stands at the head of Boston common, over against the state house, where the Negro soldiers, as preserved by Saint Gaudens, will go swinging on during the years to come. White officers commanded Negro regiments in the 60's, men like Col. Robert G. Shaw, Col. N. P. Hallaway, Col. Henry S. Russell, Col. Thomas W. Higginson and Col. John L. Rice, of this city. There are white colonels for Negro troops in this war, but now there are about 1,000 negro lesser officers, men trained in army schools, who are giving a good account of themselves, as is the testimony of newspaper published near camps where there are Negro regiments.

There are also Negro soldiers across the water, and very interesting things about them have been told by Col. Hayward, late public service commissioner in New York, now in command of 2,000 Negroes, who come mostly from the big city. In a letter to a western friend—where the colonel of today is remembered as the one-time football star of Nebraska university—Col. Hayward tells about his men, and how he is realizing more than ever "the tremendous responsibility of being on this great and wonderful adventure in command of 2,000 singing, laughing, fighting children—for after all that is what they are, and I pre-

sume that is the reason I love them everyone—good, bad and indifferent." But Col. Hayward's faith in the men under his command is strong. "I feel more and more certain they will give a tremendously good account of themselves when the big crisis comes. I am postive they will be greatest shock troops ever known, and personally have no fears of the tremendous noises of heavy artillery and bombs destroying their nerves, as has been the case with colored troops from Asia."

Not only are Col. Hayward's men higher in the scale of civilization and training than the colored troops he speaks of, but he points out that life in the heart of New York city has been something of a preparation for their present environment, and that his men exhibited fine quality during the passage over seas. The statement covering these two points is worth reproducing as constituting a praiseworthy chapter in the progress of these Negros oldiers.

of these Negro soldiers:

"A lot of these boys of mine were born alongside the noisy elevated roads. All of them have dodged traffic most of their lives. They stood the protracted firing on the range extraordinarily well and I don't believe any new strange noises will produce anything more than funny remarks about stage thunder. Perhaps I am more sanguine than I should be. I must say, they were the calmest and most social lot of men on the ship in the hours of peril, real or fancied, that I could imagine. The captain of the transport pronounced them the cleanest, most dignified and best disciplined soldiers he had ever seen on a transport."

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