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THE PASSING OF "UNCLE TOM"

By M. FRANKLIN PETERS

It has been said and written down in books that "Uncle Tom," with all of his bowing and scraping, his cringing and humiliation is passing, and that his place is to be filled by a New Negro. It is true, and it is not true. If it is true, then there goes out of the life of this nation an interesting and unique personality.

Broken away from the sacred relationships of his own people, brought to a strange land among strange faces and other minds, tutored under the lash of an alien civilization, wonderful in forbearance, courageous against odds and magnificent in faith, he has left his stamp upon the life and institutions of this nation.

All of the wealth and splendor of this republic are largely due to the sweat of his brow. He came to a wilderness and made it a garden; he found a forest and turned it into cities, and for three hundred years he has filled the coffers of his white masters.

The New Negro looks upon the passing of Uncle Tom as a distinct gain. For, it is said, that with him goes all of the cringing and humiliation of a great people. The white south, on the other hand, regards the passing of Uncle Tom as an irreparable loss. For, with him goes all of the chivalry and romance of a once glorious south. May it not be that his passing is also a loss to the New Negro?

"Uncle Tom" was a man. Honest and sincere to the bone, he never felt it a disgrace to work with his hands. His word was his bond. If he contracted a debt, he paid it. Deprived of the means of an education, stories are told of how he would frequently walk twenty miles to hear a man read. If he believed a thing, he believed it and was willing to suffer under the yoke of oppression for that belief. His stability was remarkable. With all of his shortcomings he was the greatest specimen of Negro manhood produced on this side of the Atlantic. And he did all of this in the face of great odds and in spite of slavery.

"Uncle Tom" has not left the New Negro without a heritage. All of the wealth accumulated by the Negroes in the last fifty years was begun by Uncle Tom. He did not have an education himself, but he worked his fingers off to give one to his sons and daughters. Afraid of the treachery of his former masters he buried his money in the bowels of the earth and saved in spite of them.

"Uncle Tom" is passing, and with his passing it is said that a New Negro has come to take

his place, a Negro of another caliber and another mind. Much verbosity has been wasted on what the world may expect from this New Negro. Who is this New Negro? What is he thinking, or, is he thinking at all? Whatever he is doing, it must be greater than what Uncle Tom did, for he has greater opportunities than Uncle Tom had.

Those who have any high hopes, or who are optimistic and overenthusiastic over the progress of the New Negro need a tonic—they must see him as he is. Let them go down to the nearest station and purchase a ticket to Hawks Nest, West Virginia, or Cripple Creek, N. Y., or to New York City, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Cleveland or anywhere, and there they will find this New Negro in all the glory of his indifference and unpreparedness, loud in his denunciation of discrimination and injustice, frantic in his appeals for help and full of promises of what he is going to do, but wholly incapable of participating in any co-operative and constructive action.

It is said that there exists a great deal of restlessness and dissatisfaction among the Negroes of the United States. How true this is can best be determined by what the New Negro is doing. Is it possible for a dissatisfied people to spend the greater portion of its time in frolic and carousal? Who crowds the dance halls and pool rooms of our cities? The New Negro. Every people has its songs and its dances. These are just as much a part of its life as its religion. But when a race of people is willing to spend all of its time in frivolity, it has no right to be dissatisfied. The New Negro will not stay in school for money or God. And this is said with all the appreciation for the courageous struggle of a small minority who believe in themselves and in their people.

The New Negro spends much time reviewing what his fathers passed through. This is no time for history, but work. A great day it will be when the American Negro really becomes *constructively dissatisfied*. When that day comes we may expect a step forward. The Negro is a slave, not in chains, but a slave of indifference and braggadocio. This is no time to shake our own hands, we must work. It is time enough to receive laurels when we are victors.

The passing of "Uncle Tom" leaves the field to us. He passed through much, but what he passed through can not be compared with what we must and will pass through in the years that

are to come. The darkest day of the American Negro is before him. And God grant that he may wake up in time to face it with determination and preparedness. This is no time for idle talk and fishing. Flattery and lies must be thrown to the winds and truth must be our

light. For, in it alone is freedom. If there is a New Negro, let him act new, think new and fight new. If there is not, then there must be. Let Ethiopia throw away her harp and gird on her sword, for it is day and the enemy stands without her gates!

TALKING POINTS

Brazil plans to establish three lines of steamers to United States ports. The first steamer left August 15 for New York. Sailings will be monthly. One line will consist of express steamers from Rio de Janeiro to Barbadoes and New York, the second of four steamers will call at Buenos Ayres (Argentine), Montevideo (Uruguay), Brazilian ports and New York, and ships of the third will ply between Brazilian ports, Havana and New Orleans.

William Moseby, of 598 Cortlandt avenue, New York, is in the market with a rheumatism cure said to be very effective.

The ground has been broken and work begun upon the People's Theatre, which is to be erected on Seventh avenue, at the corner of 137th street, New York, by the Sarco Realty Co., Inc.

The Harlem Community Enterprises Corp., which has the lot next to the Sarco people, has

put up an open air photo play theatre for the summer.

According to a Constantinople dispatch, Mustapha Kemal, the Turkish Nationalist leader, has issued his first Bolshevist proclamation.

A new Negro steamship line has been organized under the name of the Liberian-American Steamship Company, and with a capital stock of \$500,000, divided into 100,000 shares of the par value of \$5.00 a share. The corporation proposes to take over a 3,000-ton ship at an early date.

In the present Congress the Republican majority of the Representatives and the Republican majority of the Senators opposed and killed the bill providing for the extinction of the jim-crow car. Roosevelt (when President) expressly refused the request to send a message to an earlier Congress asking the destruction of jim-crow service in interstate travel.

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MORTE D'ANGLAIS

By BEN E. BURRELL

You spread your pall of power across the world;

You flung your standard o'er the Seven Seas;

Your power was felt with every passing breeze;

On every race your cannon balls were hurled.

The nations trembled at your mighty name,
Kings bowed in awe and chieftains homage paid,

The wealth of all the darker tribes was laid
Low at your feet. Your poets sung your fame.

Today dissension tears thy ranks at home,
Abroad thy subject tribes are armed for war;

The Muscovites are thund'ring from afar;
The sons of Erin fight for rights at home.

Far India no more hears thy name with awe,
Egypt rejuvenated, flushed with pride,
With bolder Soudan arming by her side,
Defies thy sceptre, and thy sword, and law.

Britain, oh Britain! All thy lust for gold
Has brought the nations' hate upon thy head;

Even the men'ry of thy mighty dead
This great catastrophe cannot withhold.

The blood of centuries upon thee falls,
Europe's great wars thy bold intrigues have wrought,

Oppressor and oppressed have for thee fought,

The mangled forms of men from red earth calls.

Hearing thy voice the black man no more quakes,

Gone is his reverence for thy king; and he
Is sick of thy brazen hypocrisy,
And armed, into thy face his brand he shakes.

You flung upon the earth your pall of power,
The nations heard thee, and their kings obeyed,

Great chieftains to thy sovereign homage paid—

But speak, oh Britain! Is not this thine hour?

Some of the Colored Juvenile Artists who have astounded audiences by their professional perfection.



The little lady at the top smiling the charming smile is Miss Adele Sealey. Below, with a Berry and Ross Brown Skin doll is Miss Wynema McCray.



Photos
By
Walter
Baker



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The lady directly above engaged in speculation of a diminutive bouquet probably from a diminutive Romeo is Miss Dorothy Dennison.



The lady to the left at the perfect professional pose and smile is Miss Lillian Jones, one of the most popular stars of the juvenile galaxy.

EDITORIALS

THE U. N. I. A. CONVENTION

The U. N. I. A. Convention in New York City is by far the most important event in the history of the Negro since the economic war which destroyed the South's advantage of slave labor and incidentally freed the American Negro.

Coming at a period of world-wide unrest and occupying the stage with the Asiatic and Arab renaissances, the Labor, Socialist and Bolshevik movements, it is both pregnant with great opportunities of race service and fraught with catastrophic dangers to the Negro. Up to the time of our going to press the tendencies fortunately have been toward the utilization of some, at least, of the many opportunities existent for race service. There has been a noticeable infiltration of liberal ideas as evidenced by the scrapping of the potentate proposition and the open nomination for the election of the various leaders.

While it is not as large and as representative as it might have been, the convention is, nevertheless, the biggest thing that Negroes have yet accomplished or attempted in the line of propaganda and the first really definite steps taken by any large proportion of New World Negroes towards a solution of Negro difficulties.

While at times wobbling under the sway of narrow-minded autocracy and unintelligent fanaticism, the U. N. I. A. movement is, nevertheless, moving forward toward the goal of Negro liberty upon which are set the eyes of all intelligent and race-proud Negroes. Naturally the movement is away from the old fogie ideas of our lick-spittle serviles—and, naturally, these creatures will oppose the movement. However, really patriotic Negroes will continue to wish the movement the greatest possible success, even though they maintain at the same time the right to indulge in friendly and constructive criticism of its phases.

AFRICA CAN BE WON

Shrewd white gentlemen and foolish Negro intellectual gnats to the contrary, Africa can be won!

Africa can be won from the domination of the white man whose hold upon the continent has always been precarious; extremely precarious in the interior of the vast area between the thirtieth degree of latitude north and the twentieth degree south, and only less so in the southern tip where

Europe has large resident colonies and in the northern end, where proximity to the seat of European power enables comparatively easy control.

Africa as a continent was not conquered by force, has never been held solely by force and can never so be held by an alien race. Fraud, hypocrisy and the insidious doctrine of caucasian Christianity (widely differentiated from the early Christianity), together with the fact that the natives have not yet as a general rule recognized the necessity for united action against the invader, have proven far more potent factors in holding Africa under European domination than have the vast European fleets which cannot, because of rapids and cataracts near the sea, ascend the African rivers, and the great military machines of Europe which melt away like snow before the coastal climate of Africa and are barred in heavy equipment and with their big guns from the healthy African plateaus with protecting scarp of precipitous mountain walls.

The military experts of Europe recognize the futility of attempting to hold an aroused Africa by force. If the old-time Negro editors who hold otherwise do not know this it is because they suffer from the usual predilection of old-time Negro editors, viz.: to write upon subjects with which they are totally unacquainted and on which they have made no effort to post themselves. The shrewd white gentlemen whom they are imitating in declaring impregnable the white domination of Africa know better, but are serving what they consider the best interests of their race by attempting to discourage Negro dreams and aspirations for a free Africa and powerful and progressive Negro states in that vast and rich continent. The old-time Negro editors are, as usual, serving the best interests of their white masters.

It is quite natural that white men the world over should be opposed to any action of Negroes toward redeeming the Negro Fatherland. It may be expected, too, that the old-time, truckling, lick-spittle politicians and editor-politicians of the Negro race would be opposed to any movement out of this country of the suffering Negro masses. That would be robbing them of their bread and butter since depriving them of the privilege of selling their brothers for insignificant political jobs and profitable po-

litical advertising, it is not likely that in a Negro State, with degrees of merit and not degrees of servility ruling, that these half-baked intellects would escape the necessity of turning to honest manual labor for a livelihood. No wonder the creatures are opposed to a plan that would cut short their posing, on an ounce of brain and less of training, as editors and leaders of their race!

But shrewd white gentlemen, interested in discouraging the Negro for the protection and continuance of white domination of Africa, and foolish, truckling, servile little Negroes interested in conserving their Judas opportunities, to the contrary, **AFRICA CAN AND WILL BE WON!**

AGAIN THE OLD CONTEMPTIBLES

Several race papers have carried the report (from what source and for what compensation we do not know) that "there has been a noticeable let-up in the barrage of criticism by the newspapers and leaders since the candidates of the Republican ticket made their speech of acceptance. A majority of the newspapers have grown eloquent in their approval of the utterance, and speak of them as "the dawn of a new era," "a new emancipation," and similar terms."

This report, published simultaneously in several race papers is only too true. The barrage has been lifted. Yet every intelligent Negro knows that there was nothing in the speeches of either of the Republican candidates that would furnish a basis for one per cent of the simulated enthusiasm displayed by the ancient hide-bound and perennially servile Negro newspapers. There are not even the usual number of easy campaign promises which every Republican candidate from time immemorial has carelessly thrown our way to satisfy our demands for promises, and scrupulously broken upon his election.

For example, one of the "promises" with which Senator Harding sent the old hide-bounds into hysterics of ecstasy dealt with his personal belief that the rights and privileges of our group should be "guaranteed by the Constitution," which, as *The Tulsa (Okla.) Star* comments, puts him down as dodging the issue: "On this instance, Senator Harding is an 'artful dodger,' for he expresses belief in the Constitution, 'GUARANTEERING rights and privileges' already guaranteed us by the XIV and XV amendments. These amendments were adopted years before the Senator made his speech at Marion and although we have had Republi-

can Presidents backed up by Republican Senate and House of Representatives with strong Republican majorities, they have failed to pass the necessary legislation to ENFORCE these amendments. To guarantee is one thing; to ENFORCE is another."

Yet the Old Contemptibles can see only the Republican ticket—or are they seeing only what's passing into their itching palms?

IS THE AMERICAN NEGRO SATISFIED?

To be satisfied with the conditions in which he exists in this country, the American Negro would have to be less than human. To continue loyal to a country that is never loyal to him, and to institutions that are openly opposed to him, the American Negro would have to be more than a fool.

That he is neither less than human nor more than a fool is evidenced by the many signs of dissatisfaction and unrest evident to even the casual observer, and by the vast exodus that is still going on from the South. That with increasing education and self-respect he will not strike out to elevate his status is exceedingly unlikely and contrary to all human experience. That action to elevate his status may take the form of migration to Liberia and the South American countries is shown to be probable by the thousands of cultured Negroes who have already left for those countries.

White men are in the habit of pulling up stakes and leaving the country of their birth when all other means have failed to better their economic and political status. Why, then, should it be assumed that Negroes will always continue in the capacity of doormats in a country the population of which is preponderantly of a race that is deadly opposed to the Negro?

TREND OF WORLD EVENTS IN THEIR RELATION TO THE NEGRO

The most important of world events which may be adjudged favorable to the aspirations of the Negro Universal are the failure of the imperialistic League of Nations and the successes of Soviet Russia in the numerous wars engineered against her by the Entente nations, especially Britain and France. Both of these events, with the train of minor events which they have started, are pregnant with gigantic possibilities that may soon be opportunities for the Negro.

In the Near East there is rising upon the horizon the flaming dawn of a terrible

Jehad, or Holy War, which is rapidly eliminating or forcing to the background the various differences between Turk and Arab Mohammedans and bringing into line the Persian and Egyptian Nationalists. For this rejuvenating union of Islam the grabbing and selfish policies of the Entente nations are largely responsible. During the war Arab fought against Turk, and Persian was willing to do the same upon condition of Persian independence. The Entente refused the proffered aid of Persia because Britain would not consider releasing her strangle hold on Persia. The Entente double-crossed the Arab because both Britain and France wanted to control the rich lands and oil fields of Mesopotamia and Syria.

Further East there is India chafing under "Brutish" rule, and near-by ready Afghanistan as a link between Asia Minor and southern Asia and again between these two sections of Asia and Soviet Russia.

In Farther Asia China is undergoing a metamorphosis from the most pacific of nations to the most militaristic. In the Celestial Empire the fervor of Nationalism, fired by European aggression, is so great that the volunteers for military service cannot be accommodated in the Chinese armies, and, as a result, many are taking service with the Russian Bolsheviks. Every town of importance is engaged in the manufacture of arms and munitions. Every square resounds to the martial tread of drilling soldiers.

All of these conditions, with the spread of Bolshevism, whether by force of arms or by the effective propaganda of Lenine, are favorable to the aspirations of the Negro. The disposal of Poland (and should the Russo-Polish war continue she will be disposed of in spite of recent Polish-French successes around Warsaw) and the diversion of Bolshevik forces southward to crush Wrangel and cross over into Asia Minor to join hands with the Turkish and Arab Nationalists would be the signal for a general uprising and *Jehad* against the infidel from the Straits of Malacca to the Straits of Gibraltar, and possibly enlisting even China and Central and Southern Africa in the onset against the European.

In the past there have been rebellions against European domination in both Asia and Africa. But these were separate, sporadic and far apart, having none of the co-ordination and vastness that the coming uprisings will have. Furthermore, Europe is in a greatly weakened condition as the result of the late world war and the present series of minor but destructive

wars. She has neither the vitality nor the man-power to withstand the coming onslaught. Too, aligned with Asia and Africa is Soviet Russia. Moreover, Asia, or a great part of Asia, is now possessed of all the engines of modern warfare. And, in the background, Japan mayhap awaits her opportunity. All in all, an interesting situation and one promising of genuine world democracy.

THE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT.

The World Convention of Negroes assembled in New York City under the auspices of the U. N. I. A. has elected Marcus Garvey to the office of "Provisional President of Africa." All observers agree that Mr. Garvey's election was never for a moment in doubt. Many hold the opinion that the convention was "packed" for Mr. Garvey. Of this there were not a few indications.

Mr. Garvey, however, deserves great honor at the hands of his race for what he has accomplished in the organization and working of the U. N. I. A. and A. C. L. Considering the Black Star Line merely as an arm of propaganda it may be said to have more than paid its way, and been the means, spectacular and effective, of much of Mr. Garvey's propaganda success. Moreover, Mr. Garvey would almost certainly have been elected under any circumstances wherein the matter was left up to the masses of the Negro people. Whether as provisional president of Africa he is the right man in the right place is a question that the future must decide. We do not know that the African peoples will relish the idea of a New World leader in preference to the very many able native leaders. The African peoples had no adequate representation and no part in the U. N. I. A. Convention proportionate to their numbers and importance, and might well resent this almost autocratic election of a New World leader for them. Yet Mr. Garvey has a large following in Africa itself, where thousands of natives look to the U. N. I. A. chieftain for salvation from the exploitation and slavery of European control. Moreover, the African peoples have gradually come to look to the New World group of Negroes for leadership out of their present state of bondage. It may well be, then, that Mr. Garvey's election to the office of "Provisional President of Africa" will arouse in the breasts of Africans more curiosity as to what he will do with the office than antagonism to his provisional regime.

With the ridiculous potentate proposition

effectively scrapped, the election of Garvey as "Provisional President of Africa" lies well within the realm of the serious. The advisability of Negroes themselves electing or appointing their leaders cannot be questioned. We have had enough of "hand-picked white-men nigger" leaders. Negroes who sit at the feet of white men have no right to be placed at the head of self-respecting Negroes. The issue is now joined; the race given the choice of following the leadership of a Negro elected by Negroes to following Moton and the other white-appointed leaders. Limited as was the electorate, the advantages are with the former.

The "provisional president" idea is also an excellent one, as evidenced by its effectiveness in the case of De Valera and the Irish Republic (that there is any comparison between the election of De Valera by a majority of the Irish people, and the election of Mr. Garvey at Liberty Hall, New York, THE CRUSADER does not claim). As to whether Mr. Garvey is the right man in the right place is, as we have said before, a question for the future to decide. Either way, as failure or success, he would have lots of white company. In the meantime, we may express the opinion that Mr. Garvey has shown himself a master propagandist and political strategist. He has, however, distinctly failed as a business man. As a race man his talk is fervent, but his actions often the opposite. Too, he has shown an amount of narrowness in his views and his dealings with others of his race that, while bad enough in the ordinarily placed man is appalling and disconcerting in the person of the paramount leader of all the Negro people. Unless Mr. Garvey can broaden out to fit his high position his occupancy of that position would constitute a continual menace, not to the enemies of his race, but to that race itself through the dissensions that a narrow-minded and autocratic attitude would breed. Against this catastrophe and for the purpose of further cementing the bonds between the three great groups of the Negro people as well as to share with others the immense burdens and responsibilities of his task, it is highly essential that Mr. Garvey appoint as members of his Cabinet such men as Casely Hayford, Hubert Harrison and Monroe Trotter, with numerical preference, of course, to the African group. Negroes who recognize that they have naught but their chains to lose in the establishment of an African nation are inclined to view with deep sympathy and cordial best wishes the efforts of Mr. Garvey toward that goal. The ultimate attitude of the race toward Mr. Garvey will depend almost wholly upon the

attitude and capabilities of Mr. Garvey himself.

Dr. J. W. H. Eason, elected leader of the American group of the Negroes of the world, will prove acceptable to all colored Americans who prefer to follow leaders of their own choice to following leaders that the white man chooses for them. R. H. Tebitt, of Bermuda, elected to lead the western division of the West Indian Negroes, and J. S. de Borg, of Trinidad, elected to lead those of the eastern division, will no doubt receive the cordial support and cooperation of a section that is slowly but surely increasing in its race consciousness and pride.

A NEW CROP

Deterred for a time from invading Harlem by THE CRUSADER's investigation of the H. V. Greene Co., certain crooked forces (of whom more anon and by name) have launched extensive plans for mulcting operations among the colored people of Harlem, including the publication of a periodical posing as an advisor in "conservative stocks" and carrying a garden of noxious weeds and imitation roses. It is a new crop, and a crop that will be effectively dealt with in the next issue of THE CRUSADER. In the meantime, investigate *before* you invest, and beware of gift-bearing Greeks!

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A HAPPY SOLUTION!

It will come as a huge surprise to many to hear that the Liberia debt of \$5,000,000 to the United States has been paid off by Mr. Garvey and Liberia redeemed from the menace of alien control.

Such at least is the tale at present in use to charm into absolute quiet, blind obedience and unquestioning and fanatical loyalty the cohorts of the Garveyites. The government officials will be as much surprised as any others to learn of this happy solution to the Liberian debt. And, not the least of considerations, Mr. Garvey will no more be annoyed by requests for an accounting.

THE LESSON IS ALWAYS THE SAME; NAMELY, THAT RACE IS EVERYTHING. WITHOUT RACE THERE CAN BE NOTHING EXCEPT THE SLAVE WEARING HIS MASTER'S CLOTHES, STEALING HIS MASTER'S PROUD NAME, ADOPTING HIS MASTER'S TONGUE, AND LIVING IN THE CRUMBLING RUINS OF HIS MASTER'S PALACE.

—MADISON GRANT.

THE VOICE OF THE SILENCE

By THEO. BURRELL

SOME years ago I climbed to the summit of the Talamanca Mountains. From the low-lying jungles of Central American forests with their myriad poisonous reptiles to the balmy highlands which might well be called "the portals of blissful scenes! There, on those lower plains and primeval jungles I met some of the most ferocious of wild animals; waded through marshy swamps and inhaled the noxious effluvia from the lairs of the wild beasts. The constant sight of wild boars and jaguars, the many escapades from attacking serpent sent me maddened before the gray mist of an early morn. But my trail led to the mountain's crest and I was determined to sit thereon. On the higher lands I saw the smoke of a thousand villages, and latterly met the inhabitants, who were Indians of the Cholo tribe—little men of whom I had made a study and had lectured on their very interesting civilization—which, from

every angle seems to be the first on this continent. Those were the kindest people I had ever met. From the wisdom they displayed it was easily seen that they are a very old race. Before I reached their mountain habitat, as is customary, I was met by an escort and taken to their chief who, after learning my mission, bade me rest, ordered me food—choice venison of the mountain cow and deer, gave me drink of the crystal waters that flowed from springs, silver streaks from the mountain sides; gold as token of their respect, medicine to protect me from the evil things, and invoked the blessings of the gods who dwelleth in the secret places of the hills. Onward I went to the higher lands, where I met the mountain cow, the wild deer and sheep; heard the parrots chattering and watched the happy monkeys making love to their mates amid the green bowers of trees and vine. Atop the mountain there spread before my vision a scene of exquisite

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beauty. The azure glow of distant mountains streaked with the silver gray of streams, an endless panorama of light and life before which the mind shrinks to nothingness because it cannot conceive language sufficient to express itself. In the distance I beheld the emerald fields of Colombia, the eroded mountains carved in schistose and granite, the dark gray scenery of volcanic peaks. Here was a land of untold wealth in rubber—the *Heva*; vast forests of timber with the stately cedar, the acacia, the mahogany; trees of every specie of hardwood, beautiful in their variegated green, more beautiful in the new morning sun! There was the oil palm, the ivory nut, the cinchona, vari-colored orchids—the most beautiful in the world and billions of Panama hat plants. Volumes could be filled of the fauna and flora of that country. On the natural pastures of the plateau were vast herds of cattle grazing. In the distance I saw the great watershed of the Amazon and Orinoco. The mountains are so arranged as to admit the winds of both Pacific and Atlantic and there was an abundance of rainfall, and a climate in which the plants of these North Temperate regions could flourish. The grandest spectacle was the view of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans from this one spot! Boundless billows of gray rolling away into the immensities! Farther away was the spot where they laid the last remains of that notorious English buccaneer—Drake. In a sheltered nook I looked on in reverence to the place where the great Columbus first blessed our continent and to perpetuate the Christian spirit of the ancient *Conquistadors*, named the spot *Nombre de Dios* (in the name of God). As I stood gazing on these scenes enrapt I was overcome with the dizziness that affects mountain climbers and sitting in a sheltered pass a mystic spell enveloped me. The forms of men I knew were reflected there, their evil deeds and mine passed by in a cloud of smoke and then the good in radiant glow. Then in that silence a voice spoke out and said: "I am the Voice of Silence,

mother of Wisdom and of Ignorance, from which city you came. The unwary soul that fails to grapple with the mocking demon of illusion will continue on this earth a slave. Behold the hosts of men of every shade and color, of cast, of creeds and race. Watch how they hover o'er the stormy sea of Human Life, and how, exhausted, broken-winged, they drop one after another in the swelling waves. Tossed by the same fierce winds, chased by the same gale, they are drawn into the eddies and disappear within the first vortex!" Regaining strength and standing erect I mused. Here upon the mountain all is beauty, joy and light. Here the air is free from the miasma of the plain; the beasts associate and graze side by side; the blackbirds feed contentedly from the ticks from the backs of peaceful cattle, and the lamb lays in quiet by the side of the calf. Here also is a people at peace with the world. They hunt, fish and sleep. Their women are idolized; their morals are one hundred per cent pure. They do not lynch, burn or segregate; their tribunals are founded on the law of right and wrong. There were no special privileges to the sons of chiefs, in fact their civilization is old, very old. They laughed at my apparent nervousness. They had seen the world grow old. They were white men in term of our day, yet they understood me to be a brother of the same Human Family. They were neither Christians nor pagans, but from their thousand shrines they worshipped a First Cause—the god of the Humanities. Below, on the plains were the hunters, poisonous reptiles, ferocious beasts, noxious odours; prospectors murdering one another for the gold they found, bandits, who were afraid to climb the mountains and see Beauty and be reformed; pested cities, vermin-coated dwellings, intriguers, race haters, selfish, pernicious and immoral, all masquerading under the name of class, race, society and supermen. In every nook and cranny were the graves and tombstones of those who for the lusts of this world's goods, kill and were killed.

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SUPPRESSED FACTS

By William H. Dammond

(In the last edition a typographical error wrongly attributed to me the statement that slavery was introduced, instead of re-introduced, etc.)

NEGRO slavery in America was not originated by German, but by Dutch kidnappers. The popular historical mistake which incorrectly accuses Germans and exonerates Hollanders arises partly from the similarity of the English word "Dutch" and the German word "deutsch."

During the American colonial era and the early years of the republic, many thousands of pounds sterling were made in Lancashire, and many thousands of dollars made in Rhode Island and Massachusetts by the slave trade that thrived in that old England county and those New England States.

Theodore Roosevelt, Sr., was the grandson of a caucasian slave driver who was of the most rabid rebel type.

When Postmistress Minnie Cox was mobbed by Mississippi crackers Roosevelt did close the Indianola post office, but uttered a batch of his grandiloquent lies. Roosevelt kept the post office closed for a very, very, very short time. He then reopened the post office, and—gave the control over to the In-

dianola gang of caucasian lawbreakers. Miss Cox is a Negro lady.

Dr. Leroy Bundy, than whom a more dauntless hero never faced a martyr's death, would never have been falsely imprisoned in Joliet if the Democratic Ohio Governor had denied, or the Republican Illinois Governor had not requisitioned his extradition.

Several Free Soil legislators of Massachusetts fought against Charles Sumner, illustrious champion of the Negro's civil rights. Sumner, therefore, became a "coalitionist" candidate, and as such was elected to the United States Senate by Democrats and Free Soilers.

Theodore Roosevelt was empowered to appoint eleven students—"midshipmen"—to the naval academy at Annapolis, Md. Roosevelt did not send a single Negro there—neither did Taft nor has Wilson.

The "principles" of the Republican party are, *inter alia*, that the Presidents' cabinets shall always be strictly lily-white and that, throughout the District of Columbia, the Negro's civil rights shall continue to be violated most shame-

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THE N. A. N. M. CONVENTION

Report of the Second Annual Convention of the National Association of
Negro Musicians Which Convened July 27 at St. Philip's
P. E. Church, New York City

By CHARLES A. HENRY

NATIONAL President Henry L. Grant presided at the opening session. Prayer offered by Mr. Sidney Woodward, chaplain of the association. Singing of "Blessed Be the Tie That



CHAS. A. HENRY

Binds," led by Sidney Woodward, followed by roll call and registration by States.

The welcoming remarks were made by Mr. David I. Martin, president of the New York Local, and were responded to by Mr. Henry L. Grant, the national president and a man who is remarkably sensible, full of foresight, vision, pur-

poseful determination, sagacity, method and high intelligence, all of which were a perpetual wonder and delight to all present. Mr. Grant outlined the principles and purpose of the association as defined by the "appeal" which had been sent out. After this the minutes of the first annual meeting were read, followed by report of Chairman of Composition Committee, Mr. Carl Detson. Synopsis as follows:

The musicians of to-day who command attention were called: Helen Hagan, Henry L. Grant, Nora Douglas Holt, Phaon Martin, Roy Gibbs, N. Clark Smith, Gerald Tyler, Harry T. Burleigh, Melville Charlton, Will Marion Cook, F. Hall Johnson, J. Rosamond Johnson, Harry Williams, Clarence Cameron White, Harvey Hebron, Cariss Hardy, Edwin Hill, Senior and Junior, Alfred Johnson, Randolph Smith, Carl Deton, R. Nathaniel Dett. Following this, a list of compositions by above named composers.

At this point the following grouping was made: For piano concertos, we ought to look to Helen Hagon, Grant, Phaon Martin, Smith, Tyler (Burleigh need not be included for he has reached a point that, according to present indications, will not be attained by Negroes for some time to come), Cook, Hall Johnson, J. R. Johnson, Williams, Hebron, Hill, Senior and Junior, Dett and Deton for songs.

To Tibbs, Hall Johnson, N. E. Smith and Deton for orchestra works.

To Charlton and N. Clark Smith for military band works.

To Tyler and Dett for piano sonatas.

To Hebron for violin and piano sonatas.

To Hall Johnson, White, Dett, Hebron, Hill, Jr., Alfred Johnson and Deton for piano works.

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COLUMBIA LODGE No. 85

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UNDER the energetic leadership of Walter T. Dixon, who has twice been elected the Exalted Ruler, Columbia Lodge No. 85, I. B. P. O. E. W., today occupies and enjoys an enviable position among fraternal organizations in the District of Columbia. Having served in various capacities in his Lodge, during which service his rare judgment and business ability were frequently in evidence, the members of this progressive Lodge of Elks elected Mr. Dixon as Exalted Ruler in December, 1919, and re-elected him to that position in June, 1920. Having shown his worth and zeal to his constituents in the management of minor duties entrusted to him and relying upon him to carry those same qualities into the higher office of trust and duty, the members of Columbia Lodge were assured that the future of the organization was destined to attract the attention of the public. Columbia Lodge is reported in the Grand Lodge minutes to be the largest lodge of Elks in the world, with a membership of over 11,000 men. To preside over the deliberations of a group of men of this proportion requires the embodiment in a man of the cardinal executive qualifications, and these are evidently found in Mr. Dixon. A young man still in his twenties, possessing executive ability which enables him to successfully conduct the business of an organization of this magnitude, is indeed an inspiration to the Negro people of America whose supply of leaders seem to be almost exhausted. Columbia Lodge is to be congratulated upon the development of such a character as Mr. Dixon, and the community should take pride in this young man.

Unlike other fraternal organizations, the Elks represent the best people in a community, because it is the most cosmopolitan of them all. Composed as it is of the best citizens, men in all walks of life, this organization, is, because of this fact, in a position to make its influence felt upon all questions of local and national importance. This organization more closely approaches the ideal of the brotherhood of man in the family whose father is God, than any other agency or collection of individuals that is known to exist.

Severe criticisms have been hurled against this organization, and in this respect there is indeed a noticeable similarity with other organizations. These unjust comments have originated from sources where ignorance of the fundamental principles prevailed. Therefore no unfavorable comment could possibly have any effect upon an organization whose primary duty

and object is to dispense charity without ostentation.

Columbia Lodge is but one of the many subordinate lodges all over this country trying to do its bit toward the emancipation of the people from discriminatory laws and edicts to which they are so often subjected. True to its race, firm in its determination and fixed in the principles it seeks to promulgate, Columbia Lodge continues to move onward, never looking to the rear, but pressing forward with that zeal and vigor which is so essential to all successful endeavors. During the war recently closed, her records show that the hand of Providence favored her good work by the return to the fold, after due and diligent service rendered this country, by the hundreds of her members who fought for the much-vaunted "world democracy." Not only did she supply her full quota of men, but she bought several thousand dollars worth of government bonds, and paid for them and has not since sought a market for them, preferring to await the government's convenience in redeeming them. The conclusion of such an act is readily seen.

Among other things accomplished, she has not been unmindful of the duty she owes to the members of the lodge. The acquisition of property suitably located for the purpose of providing entertainment of its members has been made and today this lodge owns in fee simple a beautiful home at 911 T street, N. W., in the City of Washington, which has been rightly termed the Y. M. C. A. of Elkdom. Here members meet and exchange fraternal greetings and the association stimulated here and the friends made here supply memories for those

whose days are fast bringing them nearer the end of well spent lives. This home is located in the residential section of Washington and is conducted much on the order of a private home. In fact, the scenes thereabout remind one of a very large family. The most noticeable feature about it is the unstinted interest each individual member exercises in the management of it.

The recently elected delegates consisting of the Exalted Ruler, Mr. Dixon; Attorney Chas. S. Williams, Attorney John E. Collins, and Mr. John Ross will soon journey to Kansas City to represent the lodge at the Grand Lodge Session which convenes there in August. In view of the fact that this lodge has not been represented in the Grand Lodge Officers for a number of years, they are determined, and that determination seems to be well founded,



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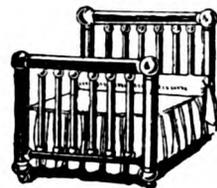
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The lodge ranks high among the leaders in the matter of finance on hand to their credit, and fortunately the larger part of its bank balance rests in the only colored banking institution in the city.

We congratulate Columbia Lodge upon its selection of such an admirable leader and efficient officers, and wish for the lodge a continued success.

The officers of the lodge are as follows:

Walter T. Dixon, Exalted Ruler; John F. Ross, Esteemed Leading Knight; John Sneed, Esteemed Loyal Knight; J. M. Marshall, Esteemed Lect. Knight; Rev. Wm. Ephram, Chaplain; Wm. H. Toliver, Secretary; Lewis Frazier, Treasurer; Geo. B. Hunt, Esquire; Wm. O. Diggs, Tiler; Jas. Carrington, Inner Guard; Jos. Booker, Recording Secretary; Edward Campbell, Asst. Esquire; James Harris, Asst. Esquire; Isaac Young, Asst. Fin. Secretary; Atty. John E. Collins, Chairman Trustees Board; Atty. Henry Brown, Trustee; N. Pelham, Trustee; Jas. Latney, Trustee, and Wm. S. Hall, Trustee.

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS WOMEN

THE subject of this month's cover, Dr. Julia P. H. Coleman, is one of Washington's most energetic and prosperous business women, a pioneer in the business world of the Capital. Dr. Coleman located in Washington ten years ago and established the Hair Vim Manufacturing Company, which is now famous throughout the world.

When interviewed by a representative of this magazine as to the factors of her business success, the doctor modestly stated that what success she had attained had been through her constant and patient efforts.

What immense success these efforts have brought her is evidenced by the fact that the Hair Vim Chemical Company, Inc., of which she is president and manager, now owns the premises in which are located both the Washington office at 1234 U Street, N. W., and the New York office and school at 118 West 130th Street. It has thousands of agents handling the goods throughout the United States, South and Central America and the West Indies, and hundreds of thousands of perfectly satisfied customers rejoicing in the great benefits derived from a use of Hair Vim products. Dr. Coleman has as her immediate helpers and assistants Mrs. Myrtle Brown Robinson, secretary; Mr. Sidney F. Robinson as manager of manufacturing and shipping department; Miss M. M. Kimball, secretary Hair Vim Vogue and School, and Miss Leland Chappell as assistant secretary.

Hair Vim Chemical Company, Inc., has placed on the market four toilet preparations that, according to those who have used them, have no equal as to medicinal value and effectiveness. These preparations are known as Hair-Vim Pomade, Soap, Tonic and Beaute-Vim Cream. All are manufactured on the premises by expert chemists. Dr. Coleman, who was for several years a practicing pharmacist, gives her personal supervision to all parts of the work, and nothing leaves the premises that is not absolutely perfect.

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plying their profession and spreading the advance of the highly successful ideas and sanitary methods of Hair-Vim. Of especial interest to the race in general is the fact that the five-story building occupied by the school is owned by the company, which also owns its Washington premises. The school has the most elaborate fixtures and furnishings.

Branch offices of the company are located at 1103 Pennsylvania avenue, Baltimore, Md.; 323 South 13th street, Philadelphia, Pa., and 98 Bank street, Newark, N. J.

THE CRUSADER wishes for this wonderful enterprise the grand success it richly merits and a large portion of which it has, happily, already achieved.

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fully. Neither "Brownsville" Roosevelt nor a single one of his fellow hypocrites ever deviated by a centimetre from that color line.

American cracker bandits during the past few years have been assiduously engaged in Hayti in murdering valiant Negro men and boys and raping and murdering Negro women and girls. The white Republican and Democratic newspapers tacitly but effectively indorse that villainous criminality.

Neither Wilhelm Hohenzollern nor the distinguished murderer, Dyer, has ever shown more contempt—no person could show more—for self-determination for persecuted peoples than Thomas Woodrow Wilson evinces. But *tout le monde* must admit that there are some differences among this notorious trio: neither Dyer nor Hohenzollern cultivated an international reputation for conscienceless, truthless hypocrisy.

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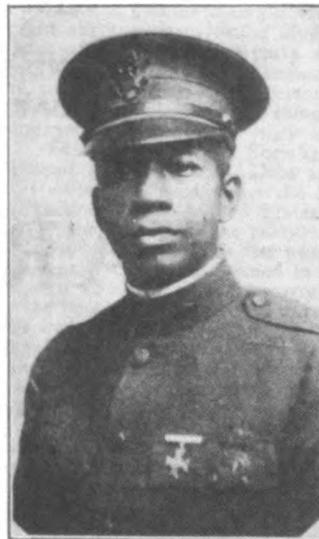
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The Republican party and the Democratic party (both controlled by Wall street) are sending up their Macedonian cry asking the workers of the United States to come over and help them by casting a vote to elect either Mr. Harding or Mr. Cox. There are men of great ability and there are those of little ability telling the working people how much Mr. Cox will do if he is elected

and there are those telling the working people what Mr. Harding will do if he is elected. But they fail to say that Mr. Cox must do whatever the party which elects him wants him to do. It doesn't matter how good or how much he desires to do, he cannot override the party which puts him in the saddle. This is equally true of Mr. Harding.

Therefore, the logical question for the working man to ask himself is how can he throw the parasites off his back? This is easily answered. It can be done by the combined efforts of the working people throughout the United States to elect a candidate who will do what the working people desire to have done. Therefore the working people must elect a Socialist since the Socialist party is the only party at present that has in its platform a prerequisite, namely, workers of the world unite and the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution of wealth. The workers cannot afford to be hoodwinked and led to the slaughter as so many cattle unthinkingly as they have been heretofore. It doesn't matter how good Mr. Harding or Mr. Cox may be, they do not control their parties, but the parties control them. Therefore they must do the bidding of the party, and once the workers get this in their heads and become class conscious to the extent that workers throughout the country unite regardless to race, creed or color, they will be on the road to success and the so-called millennium will soon be ushered in.

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Permit me to say a word about the Negro since he holds the balance of power. My advice to the Negro is to vote the Socialist ticket, not that all Socialists love him any more than do all Republican or all Democrats, but because the Socialist movement is the only movement that has in its platform a resolution to prohibit lynching, segregating, disfranchisement and jim-crowism.

Mr. Benjamin Davis, Editor of the *Independent*, of Atlanta, Ga., in an editorial in his paper for July 14th advises the Negro not to vote for what he terms the Third Party (Farmer's Party) because it was a Republican Party that gave the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution. Mr. Davis camouflages and quibbles to avoid facing facts. He doesn't seem to remember that in 1906, riots in Atlanta, his own city,

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A paper was read by Mr. W. J. Baltzell, "Racial and Personal Notes on Music," full of excellent thought and advice, taking us through different parts of Europe on a survey of music and musicians. This paper will be reproduced in the association's national organ, which will be launched in September. After a "Get Acquainted Luncheon" and recess, which had been prepared by the New York Local, the afternoon session was begun with an open discussion of economic problems and methods of attack and solution. Miss Alice C. Simonds, of Tuskegee, lead off on "Salaries of Private School Teachers."

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the time limit, only Miss Simonds and Mr. Kemper Harrold, of Atlanta, Ga., were heard from. Mr. Harrold spoke on "Appointment of Teachers in the South."

At a special session, with Miss Florence Cole Talbot, chairman, there were addresses from Miss Daisy Tapley, Mr. Kemper Harrold, Miss Lolo Johnson, R. N. Dett, Miss Ella F. Jones, Miss Minnie Brown, Mr. Chas. A. Henry.

The evening session consisted of recitals by the following artists: Mrs. Florence Cole Talbert, R. Nathaniel Dett, E. W. S. Boatner, Edwin Hill, Jr., Carl Deton.

Wednesday, 11:30 A. M.—Prayer and song, roll call and registration. Paper and remarks on "Public School Music Teachers," by Lola Johnson, Supervisor of Music at Minor Normal School, Washington, D. C.

Second paper, on "Musicianship," by Nora Douglas Holt.

Third paper, "Negro Music as a Basis for Symphonic and Operatic Development," by H. Lawrence Freeman.

The afternoon session was also very interesting and instructive with "Remarks on Music from the Viewpoint of a School Official," by Garnett C. Wilkinson, of Washington, D. C. Paper on "The Pioneer's Task," by Harriett Gibbs Marshall. Paper on "Piano Teaching," by Carl Delton, preceded by short musical program. Paper on "Chorus and Voice Work," by E. A. Jackson. Paper on "Teaching of Voice," by H. H. Williams. Paper on "Ear Training and Harmony," by Miss A. Lindsay.

The 5:30 P. M. session, conducted by R. Nathaniel Dett, with a conference on music and hearing of manuscript compositions.

Evening Session—Exhibition of Negro music and youthful Negro talent: Marion Anderson, Revalla Hughes, Ella F. Jones, Junius Maxwell, Carl Diton.

The proceedings of the third day of the convention consisted chiefly of reports by secretary and treasurer, and the election of officers. All officers were re-elected. Clarence Cameron White elected National Organizer.

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However, the opening scenes were almost lugubrious in comparison to what one naturally expects in a show of this kind. The first ray of genius and genial joy came with the appearance of Ida Brown, "The Baby Blues Girl." Then followed some original wit and side-splitting humorous situations by Irving Miller and Emmett Anthony—the latter by far the better comedian.

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