

# General Race News

## NEGRO TROOPS IN BALKANS.

The European press is singing the unstinted praises of the famous French "Seventy-fives," Negro troops brought from Africa to fight the Germans in Belgium, but now transferred to the Balkans to stop the march of the Austro-Germans upon the Serbs. These Africans have distinguished themselves in battle every time they have been called upon to face the enemy, and so brave are they, and so effective are they in action, that the French have sent them to the Balkan front to save the Serbians.

We prefer the report as given by the International News Service to our comment, and herewith quote in part:

"At 2 o'clock the first Bulgarian shrapnel burst over the station. The ground between Valandovo and Strumitza is stony and had been made soggy by rain. Four regiments of Bulgarian troops advanced across this space in close formation, after the German fashion. They were led by bomb throwers and Macedonian comitadji, or irregulars. Many of the officers in the first line were Germans.

"When a few hundred yards away from the one end of the French line there burst forth suddenly a hurricane of bullets. The Bulgarians were mowed down in masses. The advancing line was bent, checked and twisted.

"Then the French 'Seventy-fives' were turned loose and sent a storm of shells into the Bulgarian ranks with uninterrupted fury while machine guns crackled in horrible concert.

"The Bulgarian advance was immediately arrested. Not one out of the 400 or 500 Bulgars who reached the first French line escaped."

Just what these Negroes are doing for the French government, the Negroes of these United States have done for this government, and many victories won for the flag were Negro victories. Does it not seem strange, this loyalty of the black man everywhere? Regardless of the flag he serves, the soil he occupies, or the enemy, his loyalty is one and the same everywhere. His bravery makes him a preferred soldier, and his loyalty makes him trustworthy. If France and her allies win the struggle, France and the allies will take the glory. But the coming generations will know that some of the glory at least belongs to the sons of Africa.

Perhaps another war on this side of the Atlantic is needed to awaken this country to a full sense of its indebtedness to the black man. We hope the far-off arena, and the lesson coming to us therefrom, will prove sufficient for our country and our white brother.—The Pittsburg Courier.

## BURNED TO DEATH WHILE TEACHING

Hannibal, Mo., Nov. 26.—Mr. Henry Henly, son of Mrs. Anna A. Henly, a teacher of domestic science in the public schools here, was burned to death while performing his duty in the school at Jefferson City Monday, November 13, by the explosion of a can of oil. The body was shipped to Sedalia, Mo., for interment.

## WASHINGTON SCHOOL BURNED.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 19.—The burning of the Booker T. Washington school and many homes in that vicinity marks the new line of attack of our formidable and murderous foe, race prejudice. The site of the school is Thirteenth and Myrtle street, and an excellent one; the building was modern and upon the cottage order, and there were 250 children who attended. The East Side Improvement company has endeavored without success to purchase this property, together with other homes owned in the neighborhood.

Mr. George Williams, who lives near the school, coming home about 11 p. m., discovered a fire at the school, and looking toward his home he saw that it, too, was ablaze. Alarm was given, but too late to save the buildings that had been fired, it is believed, by designing hands.

## APPOINTED ASSISTANT MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—Dr. A. M. Curtis, Jr., second son of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis of this city, has been appointed assistant medical director to the Tuskegee Institute Hospital and Training school, and has gone to Dr. Washington's great school to report for duty. Dr. Curtis is a graduate of the medical department of Howard University and served a year as an interne at Freedmen's hospital. He followed this up with post-graduate work at the city general hospital at Kansas City, Mo., from which place he was called to Tuskegee. Dr. Curtis will assist Surgeon-in-Chief John A. Kenney.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE CITY COUNCIL

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 19.—City Councilman Harry S. Cummings, of the Seventeenth ward, has just celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his first election as a member of the First Branch city council. Mr. Cummings has served more than half of the years since as a member of that body, and last May was elected for another term of four years.

Cambridge, Mass., has a colored city councilman, Nehemiah Henry, and Annapolis, Md., one, J. Albert Adams.

## WHY GO TO HAYTI?

A white coffin containing a dummy body and an inscription which read, "When you see this, run. If you don't see it, run anyhow," was the manner in which a few white citizens of Jennings, Okla., had to warn the honest colored men to leave that community. Most of them have gone to Oklahoma City. Thus they are being forced into the large cities for protection. Another chance for the American government to interfere this side of Hayti.—National Baptist Union Review.

## ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL.

Bridgeport, Ohio, Nov. 19.—The colored people of this city have every reason to feel proud of the fact that at the election on November 2 William Goode was elected to the city council here by a large majority over his white opponent.

## JOSEPH CARR.

Among the men who are a credit to our community, although he lives such a quiet and unostentatious life that he is seldom heard from and is little known outside of a warm circle of friends, is Joseph Carr, whose cut appears in this issue. A good face, yes, and it portrays the man.

Joseph Carr is one of the best-read men, along historical lines, of any man in this city. You will notice that we do not qualify the statement by "colored," or any other adjective. He has been an intelligent and enthusiastic student of history since boyhood. And his fund of historical knowledge is astonishingly large. His study has been along comparative lines; that is to say, with a view of applying the lessons of the rise and fall of nations, races and dynasties to the Negro race, not only in America, but throughout the world. He has dug up some mighty interesting facts, too, about the race, from his wide reading, which makes him an optimist of the optimists. It is to be hoped that some day he will put these facts which he can tell so interestingly to his friends in some permanent form. He lays no claim to literary ability, but studies and studies and makes notes of what he reads simply because he loves to.

Joseph Carr was born February 13, 1857, in Boston, Mass., and is the second child and son of John and Maria A. Carr, who had been slaves and, although illiterate, were people of character and ambition. Joseph was sent to school, when four years of age, at Cambridgeport, Mass., and attended school until a little past seventeen, when he enlisted in the United States army, January 7, 1870. He was in the army for seventeen years, serving respectively as corporal, sergeant and post quartermaster sergeant, also acting clerk and sergeant major. He was honorably discharged August 26, 1887, and came to Omaha in September of the next year, where he has since resided. For a number of years he was janitor of the public library. He studied law at the Omaha School of Law in 1897-9, and passed the state bar at Lincoln June 17, 1899, and was admitted to practice.

Mr. Carr is a taxpayer and has devoted a good deal of his time to real estate. He is a pleasant, affable gentleman, kindly and charitable, and always anxious to interest young men and women in good literature.

## LYNCHED FOR FREE SPEECH.

Aberdeen, Miss., Nov. 19.—John Taylor was lynched by a mob of masked men for expressing an opinion concerning a (white) woman's wearing apparel. This is a new angle to mob activity; it is not the usual charge of "assault." The freedom of speech can never be a violation of law. At last the mob attacks the right of free speech! What next?

## MISSOURI METROPOLIS TO BUILD Y. M. C. A.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 26.—A campaign is under way to raise \$125,000 for a Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Julius Rosenwald of Chicago has promised to give \$25,000 towards the building if \$125,000 can be raised otherwise.

Hopkins, a colored boy, is playing a star game with the Barnholzers, a St. Paul team. Solon of 1915 Minnesota fame, and McGovern, an All-American quarterback of 1909, are on the same team.

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