

# THE MONITOR

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## Mohr Murder Case Attracts Attention

Former United States Attorney Lewis a Conspicuous Figure at Trial Table.

### TWO RACE TYPES CONTRASTED.

Lewis and Edwards Excellent Examples of Highest Type of Americans, Regardless of Color.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 19.—The Mohr case, now being tried here, is perhaps the greatest legal drama ever enacted in this section of the country. Few trials have contained the complications of this one and never before has this quaint old New England town been so stirred.

The Negro is represented in this case in both its lighter and darker shades. Brown, Spellman and Healis, the three youths upon whom the State is endeavoring to fix the direct responsibility of the crime, are representatives of the shiftless and worthless class of their race while William H. Lewis and John C. Edwards, the brilliant attorneys who are defending Brown and Spellman, are excellent examples of the very highest type of Americans, regardless of color.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr, the wife of the late physician, and the co-defendant of the colored lads, with her weak, passionate face, is not an appealing figure as she sits motionless in the court room between her attorneys. She is, however, the central figure in the case, for it is she, the State claims, who instigated the heinous plot to slay her wealthy husband. At first it was claimed that Mrs. Mohr was actuated by jealousy, but later, it was alleged that she wanted to come into possession of his wealth. Now it is alleged that she has been infatuated with her chauffeur, Healis, and wanted to get the doctor out of the way. Any and all of the reasons may or may not have prompted the woman to be anxious to rid herself of her husband, but if she is connected at all, the first two reasons are the most plausible. Her alleged intimacy with Healis was perhaps a coincidence, and may have aided the original motives.

When Healis took the stand today the first real knowledge of his alleged intimacy with Mrs. Mohr was brought out when two letters were produced, which had been written by Mrs. Mohr to Healis. The letters were not read but counsel for the defense were allowed to inspect them. It was evident that counsel for Mrs. Mohr was annoyed by the presence of these letters. It seemed to have been their intention to prove that the doctor's life was a dual one, and that his alleged intimacy with other women was unjust to his wife; but this testimony of

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## Please Remember This

The Monitor is the only Negro newspaper published, not only in Omaha, but in the whole state of Nebraska. It now has a large circulation in Omaha and vicinity and ultimately will be read by every colored family in the state. To reach the colored people, advertise in The Monitor.



MISS BLANCHE THOMPSON,  
Prima Donna with The Smart Set at Brandeis Theatre.

## Something to Make You Think

### BOOKS BY OUR OWN AUTHORS.

Many people who count themselves well informed know very little after all of the real happenings during and after the civil war, as it affects the colored people. True, the histories give a version that must be accepted for lack of something better. But it must be remembered that most books on the subject were written by white men and women, which would be equivalent to saying that they would be colored more or less to suit their own prejudices.

We are asked, for instance, to criticize "The Birth of a Nation." In a general way we can point out the objectionable parts, but can we intelligently pick out the chaff from the wheat? There are always two sides to every story. We learn the white man's side, because it is forced upon us. In recent years we are beginning to learn our own side because we have within our ranks such eminent writers as Kelly Miller, Professor Du Bois, Major John R. Lynch, and others who have given the world word pictures from our point of view.

"Facts of Reconstruction," the recent classic from the pen of Major Lynch, has found place in the libraries of most of the great universities, which argues well for its authenticity and value as a matter of record. This and other books by race writers should be in the home of every one. We cannot be too well versed on the things that have vitally touched our lives.—Chicago Defender.

### SUPREME COURT DECIDES CASE.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania recently handed down its opinion in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Athens George, sustaining Justice Kephart of the Superior Court, who held in his opinion that theatre managers MUST provide EQUAL and sufficient accommodations and no discrimination on account of race or color will be permitted.

The case was taken up for a final ruling on the matter, and the final word of the Supreme Court gives the Negroes and the theater managers just what

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## Brazil Ideal Country For Colored Man

Equality Everywhere and Foremost Citizens of Republic Are Members of Race.

### ANY PAN-AMERICAN PROGRAM.

Proposed by United States Must Be Prepared to Accept These Conditions.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 21.—Few people in the United States, who have not been to this country, can appreciate the vastness and great growth along all lines of the Republic of Brazil. This country may be said to be the elysian field of the Black people. If any doubt exists in the mind of the American white man that the Black people are incapable of self-government he need only to see and study the Black people of this wonderful republic to be convinced. Here they have attained the highest degree of proficiency in every department of human endeavor. In the city of Rio de Janeiro from which this article is written, Black men are owners of the largest business enterprises, some of which employ thousands of men and women and represent millions of invested capital. This city is one of the oldest in the Western Hemisphere and has grown in importance and population until it is now ranked as the sixth largest city in the world.

It will be of interest to the colored population of the United States to know that among the Presidents of this republic the ablest is conceded to have been H. E. Nilo Pechana, who presided over the destinies of this country as its chief executive from 1908 to 1912. His wise and progressive administration was responsible for an era of development such as the country had not hitherto known. Under his regime six thousand miles of government-owned railroads were built, which connected the capital with every principal city in the republic. Senor Pecanha resides in the city of Rio de Janeiro, and is regarded as the elder statesman whose counsel and advice is always sought and adopted on all great government questions. Notable among the high ranking officials of the government who are members of the Black race are the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Chief Secretary of Foreign Relations, Secretary of the Treasury and Minister of Education. The form of government is identical with that of the United States. The Congress has, out of its 160 members, ninety-two identified with the Black race. In the Senate twenty-two of the forty members are Blacks. The army and navy are thoroughly representative of the Black people. The vice-admiral, who is highest ranking officer in the navy, is a member of the Black race, and offi-

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