

# General Race News

## AFRICAN METHODISTS ELECT BISHOPS

Philadelphia, June 3.—There were thirty aspirants for the bishopric, the general conference of A. M. E. church having decided upon the election of two men to that high office. The election occurred on Thursday, the fifteenth day of the twenty-fifth quadrennial conference, the balloting consuming the entire day.

On the third ballot the Rev. William Wesley Beckett of South Carolina received 377 votes, the Rev. Isaac Nelson Ross of Baltimore, 312, the number necessary to elect being 306. Dr. Beckett and Dr. Ross were declared elected. The Rev. W. D. Johnson of Georgia, an unendorsed candidate, received 260 votes, while the Rev. W. A. Fountain, also of Georgia, and endorsed by the conferences of that state, received 173.

Bishop Beckett was born in South Carolina, and except for four years in New York as missionary secretary, has lived practically all his life in that state. He is president of Allen University at Columbia, S. C., the school from which he graduated.

Bishop Ross is a native of Tennessee and has pastored some of the largest churches in the denomination. He came to the conference from Ebenezer A. M. E. Church of Baltimore.

The bishops-elect were ordained on Sunday with impressive ceremonies, which lasted more than three hours. Taking part in the services were Bishop B. T. Tanner (retired), Bishop Evans Tyree, Bishop Charles S. Smith, Bishop L. J. Coppin, Bishop C. T. Shaffer, Senior Bishop B. F. Lee, Bishop H. B. Parks and Bishop J. S. Flipper.

## COLORED YOUTH IS PRIZE ORATOR

Mt. Vernon, N. Y.—Charles S. Morris, the young 16-year-old boy orator and son of the famous Dr. Charles S. Morris of Norfolk, Va., who was sent by the faculty of the Wilson Academy, Nyack, N. J., where he is the only Colored student, to Mt. Vernon high school recently to enter the preliminary oratorical contest under the auspices of the Hamilton College. Nine white students representing as many high schools sought to win the first prize, which was \$20 in gold. Subject for the contest, "A Plea for Cuba." Each speaker was allotted five minutes. By the unanimous decision of the judges young Morris was given the first prize. Judges were Rev. Robert G. McGregor, Hon. H. Dorsey Spencer and Conklin Mann of New York.

## COURT FINDS FOR RAILROAD PORTER

Columbus, Ohio, June 3.—The suit of Nathaniel Marable, a porter, against the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad company, went to the jury after a long argument on the part of the attorneys. The suit sought to recover \$2,646.57, as difference between the wages of porter and brakeman, which he asserts that he should receive. The jury was out just an hour and returned, awarding a verdict to Marable, giving him \$2,600. There are five porters who are suing the road and Marable's case was the first one to come up.

## COLORED AUTO RACER IS KILLED IN CUBA

Fourteenth Anniversary of Island's Independence Ends With a Tragedy.

Havana, June, 2.—The fourteenth anniversary of the independence of Cuba was enthusiastically celebrated Saturday, May 20, by the unveiling of a monument to General Maceo. A military parade in which 4,000 soldiers and sailors marched took place. There was also fire works.

Auto races took place on the race-tracks. Maximo Herrera, a Colored citizen, the winner of the recent Guanajay auto race, was killed in one race while driving a Stutz by a collision with a National driven by an American, Albert Guillot, who owing to the collision came in second. The Colored citizens who regard Herrera as a racial hero, sought to lynch Guillot. The rurales and police reserves were called out to protect him.

## EMERSON SEEKS TO BAR PICTURE FILM

Washington, June 3.—Congressman Emerson of Cleveland has introduced in the House a resolution directing the District of Columbia commissioner to forbid the further display of the motion picture film, "Birth of a Nation," which for more than three weeks has been drawing capacity audiences at one of Washington's leading theatres. Emerson recently attended an exhibition of the film, which has been barred from Ohio by Governor Willis and Attorney General Turner. His resolution charges that its effect is to engender prejudice against the Race.

## COLORED STUDENTS ARE COMMENDED

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 3.—The members of the Cincinnati Ministerial Alliance late Monday, May 22, inspected the building of the Colored Industrial school on West Sixth street. Students at work during the inspection were commended.



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