# General Race News

WEST INDIES ASK SELF GOVERNMENT

Natives Want American Citizenship on Transfer to Islands to United States.

St. Thomas, D. W. I.-At a mass meeting held here recently the following resolution was adopted and cabled to the home government at Copenhagen:

"The island does not desire to be governed like Porto Rico, but wishes to be permitted to manage its own affairs under the federal government. Aemrican citizenship to be accorded immediately on the transfer, the port to be free and natives to be given preference in appointments to goverrment positions."

A delegation probably will be sent to Washington to support the stand taken in this resolution.

#### KING SAM'S SHIP TO BE SOLD

The Liberia Will Be Auctioned to Satisfy a Claim.

New York .- The steamship Liberia, which took King Sam and his Colored seekers for an African empire to the west coast, where they lost their illusions, was sold at auction at Robins Dry Dock, Brooklyn, on December 21 to satisfy a libel. The owners of the steamship Zealandia, which towed the Liberia back from Africa, claim \$100,-000 for their work, and it is to satisfy this claim that the ship was sold.

The Zealandia is owned by the United States Mercantile Marine Corporation. High shipping rates have made the Liberia of some value now.

#### FIRST COLORED GIRL PASSES MASS. DENTAL EXAM.

Boston, Mass.-The report of the cent dental examination is made public by the board of dental examiners. There is something epochal and noteworthy in the results of this examination in the fact that one of the successful candidates. Dr. Edna C. C. Robinson, is not only a Colored girl, but she is the first young lady of our race who has qualified herself and taken the test in the whole history of this state. The face of a Colored girl is so unusually strange at this gathering, one of the examiners commented on it.

#### COLORED NEWSPAPER MEN TO MEET AT NASHVILLE, TENN.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.-Another annual convention of newspaper men for 1917 is to be held in this city Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 7, 8, 9 and 10. The official call is just being reelased from the corresponding secretary's office of this city, which comes out signed by C. J. Perry of Philadelphia, Pa., as president, Joseph L. Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, as chairman of the executive committee, and Henry A. Boyd of this city as corresponding secre-

## THREE MILLION

UNDER TWENTY

There are 3,000,000 negroes in the United States under twenty years of a final ruling on the question of what age. There are more Negroes in persons are to be classed as "white" America than Canadians in Canada. | in administering naturalization laws

"QUADROON PERIL"

Kentuckian Says Negro Births Must Be Recorded.

Louisville, Ky.-Laxness in the registration of Negro births makes it probable that "our grandchildren and great grandchildren will be marrying persons having Negro blood in their veins," according to a statement of W. L. Heizer, state registrar of vital tatistics, made before a state meeting of city and county health officers which closed here recently.

Mr. Heizer called it a real peril in Kentucky and asserted the number of quadroons and octoroons in other portions of the country as well who could not be distinguished from white persons was considerable. He urged compulsory registration of vital statistics for the whole nation under a card index system supervised by the federal government.—Associated Press.

#### NO DISCRIMINATION IN HARVEY SYSTEM

St. Louis, Mo .- A complaint, made by a Colored patron, of discrimination in one of the Harvey Houses, brought the following letter from Mr. Manager, who has charge of the St. Louis branch of the Harvey system at this time. In replying to Howard's letter, Mr. Manger stated: "It has always been my desire to give Colored people who patronize us, the same service for their money that we give anybody else. I will appreciate it if you can find it convenient to call on me in person, in ored that I may get a little more information first hand."

#### THE NEGROES SHOULD BE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED

Norfolk, Va .- At the meeting of the Southern Congress which convened here reeently, Judge Francis D. Winston, of North Carolina, said: "The complete industrial, intellectual and social development of the southern states can be secured only when the Negro race becomes a part of the citizenship of our sister states, and that we will encourage all movements tend ing to an equitable distribution of our Negro population among the other states of the union."

## RECORD COTTON BALE

Eufaalu, Ala.-The Negro and his cotton are being affected by the world-wide war. A Colored farmer of thi splace recently sold a 770-lb. bale of cotton and the seed, and received for the lot the record-breaking price of \$166,32. It was the largest bale brought to market this year. The lint sold at 161/2 cents per pound, making \$127.05 for the bale, and the seeds at the market price of \$51.00 per ton, yielded \$39.27.

## CLAIM EAST INDIAN NOT WHITE

Galveston, Texas.-When full citizenship was granted to Abdul Ganis Mondul, native of Calcutta, by Judge Clay Stone recently, exception to the ruling was entered by M. H. Anthoni, United States naturalization examiner. Mr. Anthoni said the case would be appealed to the United States Supreme Court in order to get

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