

# General Race News

## AFRICAN ORIGIN OF EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION

Sir Arthur Evans, famous scholar and archaeologist, delivered his presidential address before the annual meeting of the British Association in October, 1916, entitled, "On the Origin of Civilization in Europe." It has been commented upon widely and is of deep interest to all persons of African descent.

Sir Arthur Evans reviewed the latest discoveries in different parts of Europe and especially the remains of the great Minoan civilization, which was of African extraction, and one of the chief elements in the development of the Grecian civilization. He laid much emphasis upon this Negroid element. "One must never lose sight of the fact," said he, "that from the Early Aurignacian Period onwards a Negroid element in the broadest sense of the word shared in this artistic culture as seen on both sides of the Pyrenees." Again in his address he says: "Of the origins of our complex European culture this much at least can be confidently stated: the earliest extraneous sources on which it drew lay respectively in two directions—in the Valley of the Nile on one side and in that of the Euphrates on the other."

The Illiad, according to Sir Arthur, reflects the Minoan (African) people who inhabited Greece before the invasion of lighter races.—From Presidential Address, London.

## CHICAGO COMPOSER SPECIALIZES NEGRO MUSIC

Mr. Stock's tenth Friday-Saturday program featured a suite called "The American Negro," arranged by Thorwald Otterstrom, a well known Chicago composer. The feature was unique in that it was made up entirely of Negro compositions, with the exception of Weber's familiar overture to "Oberon" and Stephen's composition known as "Music for Orchestra."—Chicago Tribune.

## CAREER OF WENDELL PHILLIPS

In the Eastern and Western Review, Frank P. Stearns is writing an extensive biography of Wendell Phillips. In the installment published in the December number a very interesting account is given of the influences which caused the great Phillips, blue blood and patrician, to become an abolitionist and to cast his fortunes with those noble Americans who fought the curse of slavery.

## TOMBS REVEAL PAINTED BLACK FIGURES

Ancient tombs recently opened at Prevesa, (Greece) show colored figurines of men and animals, and many vases with human figures painted black. They belong to the Fifth and Sixth centuries B. C.—Am. Journal of Archaeology.

## NEW PORTRAIT OF JOHN BROWN

The new portrait of John Brown hung in the Copely Gallery has been approved by Dr. Edward Emerson as a good likeness, and it is very obviously a good piece of portrait painting in the manner of American portrait art of the middle of the last century.—Boston Transcript.

## COLORED PEOPLE LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Many Colored people of Texas are learning the language of Bohemia, the Bohemian farmers having settled in solidly through a section of the state and insisting on conducting operations in their own tongue. The whites refuse to learn the language, but the Colored people are doing so. A similar development has been wrought in the Czech colonies in Virginia.

Since the war stopped the importation of Greek bootblacks, the Greek stand proprietors in Chicago have had to employ Afro-American aids. These Colored lads are learning Greek rapidly and proficiently.—Chamberlain's Magazine.

## CRITIC OF TRANSCRIPT PRAISES BRAITHWAITE

"As I have said in previous years, the twelve years of Mr. Braithwaite's labors have had much to do with the development of our poetry. And now we are at the turning of the ways. We have come to the turn when we must be possessed with the passion of this difference, if we are not to pause and decline, and it is this passion calling for a critic that affords Mr. Braithwaite the new fields for which, in my opinion, he is better fitted through sympathy and experience than any other man."—E. J. O., Boston Transcript.

## THE NATIVES OF RHODESIA

In the November Blackwoods, (London), Ethel Colquhoun Jollie writes a most pleasing article on "Some Humours of Housekeeping in Rhodesia." It is a careful and sympathetic study of the native black South African and closes with the following thoughtful words: "And so we come back to Rhodesia, and begin to plan tomorrow's tasks, and, as Walt Whitman says:

"I do not call one greater and one smaller,  
That which fills its period and place is equal to any."

## NO DISTINCTION IN BRITISH RECREATION HUTS

The Church Army Recreation Huts have been established on the Western Front, in Malta, Macedonia, Suez Canal, Egypt, East Africa, and Mesopotamia. The fundamental rule is that they shall be open to men of H. M. (His Majesty's) Forces, without any distinction of creed or nation.—London Graphic.

(The illustration accompanying this note shows all colors and classes of soldiers mingled together in one of these pleasure huts.)

## A STUDY OF AFRICAN RELIGION

Under the title, "The Black Commandments," Jean Kenyon Mackenzie gives an interesting study of the religious mind of native African tribes in The Atlantic for December. To escape the idea of a man made religion they have no, Thou shalt nots, but teach that God ties men with ten tyings in the "early morning" of his Christian day, and these begin, "He who made you forbids, etc." It is delightfully written and a very illuminating study.

## KANSAS FAVORS SEPARATION

Kansas City, Kansas, Jan. 4.—The city commissioners and Mayor Green have declared themselves in favor of a race segregation law. The mayor says he will wait until the U. S. Supreme Court hands down a decision in the Louisville segregation act.

Webster 248—Western Undertaking Company. Silas Johnson, funeral director.—Adv.

## MANY PATENTS BY NEGROES

St. Louis, Mo.—It was stated before the Federal Council of Churches held here recently that more than one thousand patents, representing inventions of Negroes, had been registered at Washington in the last fifty years.

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