

## General Race News

### RACE PRESS COMMENT ON PRESENT CRISIS

#### Will Protect Country, Though Denied Rights.

If the Negroes were so void of manhood as to forget the injustice of the present administration against them they would not be possessed of that loyalty to the American flag which they have defended with honor in all of this nation's conflicts and always respected in times of peace. This is the only home of the American Negro and he will defend it, though denied his rights.—Twin City Star, Minneapolis, Minn.

#### Above All, Be Loyal.

Colored folks should be patriotic. Do not let us be chargeable with being disloyal to the flag simply because a democratic administration is in control at Washington. They are making many blunders up there, but it is because they are new at the business. Above all, be loyal! If you wish to express your feelings, do so behind closed doors.—Richmond (Va.) Planet.

#### Can Be Relied Upon.

The spontaneous outburst of patriotism on the part of Colored people in every section of the United States is evidence of a loyalty and devotion to the flag of the country unexcelled by any other element of the population. The Negro is the true American and can be relied upon to do his duty in every emergency.—The Citizens' Advocate, Los Angeles, Cal.

#### How They Must Feel.

What must the "white portion of American citizenship" think, when it is brought face to face with the fact that the very people who are despised, mistreated and denied their rights as men, are the people after all whose devotion to the country and whose loyalty to the flag cannot be shaken?

How they must feel, it will take the Divine Maker to tell. It certainly must be a mean feeling for a fellow to suddenly realize that he has been abusing and villifying his best friend.—St. Louis Argus.

### MILITARY TRAINING AT UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, Pa.—Despite the fact that Negroes are denied admission to West Point and Annapolis, the University of Pennsylvania, this city, has opened a department of military science and tactics which was instituted under the provisions of an act of congress approved June, 1916, and Major William Kelly, jr., of the United States cavalry, was appointed as head of this department.

This is a chance for young Colored men to get four years' course which is prescribed by the War Department to prepare the students to perform the duties of commissioned officers in the armies of the United States.

### MISSOURI WILL NOT HAVE "JIM CROW" CARS AT ALL

Jefferson City, Mo.—The state legislature will not enact a "Jim Crow" law during this session, according to democratic leaders who have given a delegation of Negroes such an assurance. Even if the bill passed in the house it would fail of passage in the senate.

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN WASHINGTON

Washington.—The annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be held at Metropolitan A. M. E. church on May 16, 17 and 18, instead of at Cleveland, O., as had at first been planned. Roy Nash of New York, secretary of the association, was here this week making final plans for the meeting.

Prominent speakers of both races are expected to address the meeting and a large attendance is expected. The Spingarn medal will also be awarded during the session.

### CORNELL STUDENTS ARE PREPARING FOR WAR

Ithaca, N. Y.—The fever of preparedness has taken a firm hold of the many students from all parts of the country gathered at Cornell university. Military drills are being carried on with unflagging zeal and efficient drillmasters. Eight of the Colored students are strenuously drilling, in anticipation of going to the front. They bid fair to make good material to supply the need of officers of the race to command Negro troops.

### TO MOBILIZE VIRGINIANS

Richmond, Va.—The thousands of Colored people living in the rural sections of Virginia are to be "mobilized" in a general preparedness campaign, according to State School Inspector Arthur B. Wright.

A large part of the work of getting the masses in line for the campaign will fall upon the shoulders of the fifty Colored supervisors of county schools.

### WASHINGTON WOMEN FORM RED CROSS BRANCH

Washington, D. C.—The Colored women of the District of Columbia have organized the Harriet Tubman Branch of the Red Cross and are preparing to be ready for any eventualities of war. The officers are as follows: Dr. Marie B. Lucas, chairman; Miss Bertha McNeill, secretary; Mrs. S. C. DeNellotiz, vice chairman; Mrs. J. Hayden Johnson, treasurer.

### MASONS TO BUILD

Philadelphia, Pa.—Local Masonic lodges are planning to build a large hall, and have already filed notice for the incorporation of the Masonic Joint Stock and Building Association.

N. Z. Crawford, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been appointed a deputy sheriff of Noank, Conn. He is the first Colored man to receive such an appointment.

### OPENS SHOE SHINING SHOP

William H. Brooks has opened an attractive and well equipped shoe shining shop at 1504 Harney street. There is a private stand for ladies and special attention is given to white and fancy shoes. Clarence Brooks is manager. Mr. Brooks has secured a splendid location in the very heart of the business district and deserves to succeed. Courteous attention is given to all patrons. The Monitor extends congratulations and wishes the new business venture success.

### GENERAL RACE NEWS

Mayor Curley of Boston has approved of the appointment of Lucius Sumner Hicks as assistant registrar of voters at a salary of \$1,400 yearly.

There is considerable talk of sending a Colored man to the city council from the Eighteenth ward, Nashville, Tenn. This is a Negro ward, and if not for their vote it would be democratic.

A certificate of incorporation has been issued to the Texas Polytechnical Institute, which will be devoted to the higher training of Negroes in Texas.

A. T. Hedgebeth, 78 years old, enjoys the distinction of being the oldest employe in point of service on the payroll of Henderson-Ames company, Kalamazoo, Mich. He went to work for the firm February 2, 1882.

Plans are under way to organize a grocery store in San Antonio, Tex., with a capital stock of \$5,000. G. W. Bouldin, the moving spirit of the project, says the Colored people of that city spend \$15,000 monthly.

At the instance of Governor Bickett Planting Day was observed in Greensboro, N. C., Thursday of last

week. The students of the A. and T. college were given plots on which hundreds of gardens were started.

Through the efforts of the Negro Business League of San Antonio, Tex., Spanish will be taught in the Douglass High school.

A memorial to the spirit of service of the ante-bellum Negro will be erected at Durham, N. C., in form of a hospital for members of the race. James N. Duke, the tobacco manufacturer, has given \$40,000 and the remainder of the \$50,000 required has been pledged.

W. J. Johnson is a second-class machinist aboard the torpedo boat destroyer Monaghan. He has been in the United States navy twelve years.

The D. & H. railroad has brought 150 Colored men from the South to work near Saratoga Springs, N. Y., as section hands and take the places made vacant by Italians who went back to Italy to fight in the war.

The Colored Citizens' Patriotic League of the United States was recently organized in Richmond, Va. One of the aims of the league is to arouse the Negro in the interest of national defense.



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