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## Colored Troops Defeat Germans

Sweep Back Huns—Take 300 Prisoners—Capture Many Guns—Occupy Important Tactical Position—Inflict Severe Defeat on Enemy.

### WINNING FAME IN FLANDERS

Sable Sammies Sustaining Traditions, and Writing Another Brilliant Page of Achievements in the Military Annals of the World.

#### BULLETIN

WITH the American Expeditionary forces in France, June 11.—The French-American forces to night struck the Germans a hard blow all along a front of twelve miles between Rubescourt and St. Maur, the Colored American troops showing conspicuous daring and bravery, recapturing Belloy, Gentils Wood and the heights between Courcelles and Mortemer. Our boys inflicted heavy loss upon the Boches, delivering a brilliant counter tactical attack upon Gentils Wood, recapturing it, thus cutting the enemy off from its shelter and exposing them to the concentrated deadly fire of the heavy allied artillery and machine guns.

Seeing their progress hindered, the Germans turned toward the other flank and nearly reached Ribecourt to the north of which place the hottest encounters occurred in the woods of Decasin Court.

The enemy was forced to debouch on the plain near the Oise river where he found himself without shelter.

The Germans found it necessary to bring forward more divisions to fill the gaps in their ranks caused by the terrific gunfire of the Colored troops.

The enemy's possession of the height of Ecouvillon, below Thiescourt, enabled him to filter troops through the small valleys, making the position of the allies occupying the small hillocks perilous and causing them to retire.

The whole countryside hereabouts is dotted with these small hills, which are called mountains, forming a kind of bastion, which, when turned from one side or the other, become absolute traps for the occupants. Most of the valleys between run toward the banks of the River Oise.

Hence the importance of the bravery of our Colored troops in clearing Gentils Wood, leaving the enemy with no vantage point from which to enfilade the unprotected inhabitants, is not hard to estimate.

Of the 1,000 prisoners captured by all our allied forces on this front 300 Boches were taken by our Colored soldiers and many guns. The Colored soldier is just beginning to write another brilliant page in the history of his country.

### CAPTURE GERMAN DESPATCH DOGS

With the American Army in France, June 7.—A wise Alabama Colored soldier in an organization with the French troops used a novel means to capture German dogs employed to carry despatches to the front line from the enemy rear posts.

The soldier got leave to go hunting and killed a fox. Then he crept across "No Man's Land" at night and dragged the fox back along the ground from the German trenches. The following day six German messenger dogs came bounding into the American trenches and were captured by the soldiers.

### NOMINEE FOR CONGRESS NAMED AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., June 12.—Colored men of the First Congressional district under the leadership of Oscar De Priest, have nominated James A. Scott, former Asst. States Attorney for Congress, on the Republican ticket, in opposition to Martin B. Madden, the present incumbent. Edward H. Morris, the well-known attorney, had been selected but refused to run.

### HOWARD UNIVERSITY GETS BUST OF FOUNDER

Washington, D. C., June 21.—Mrs. Elizabeth H. Bancroft, daughter of Gen. O. O. Howard, the founder of Howard university, has just loaned the bronze bust of the benefactor to that institution, and the figure will adorn a prominent niche in the Carnegie library of the school.

### COLORED GIRL BEST WRITER IN EIGHTH GRADE

Alice Watson of Howard Kennedy School Carries Off Premium Honor in Penmanship.

### GEORGE GOFF RANKS FOURTH

ALICE WATSON, eighth grade graduate of Howard Kennedy school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watson, 2925 Grant street, is the champion writer in the Omaha grade schools, according to awards announced last week, by J. A. Savage, writing supervisor.

The next best nine writers in order of excellence with their respective schools, are: Ruth Cunningham, Walnut Hill; Heinrich Heine, Vinton; George Goff, Lincoln; Bessie Handler, Mason; Sarah Roitstein, South Central; Beatrice Canfield, Florence; Emma Ritchie, Columbian; Dorothy Steinbaugh, Webster; Frank Maritsas, Central.

Supervisor Savage issued 113 certificates of excellence in writing with gold seals, the highest honor a grade pupil can receive. Gold seals are issued only to eighth grade graduates. More than 1,400 certificates of proficiency in writing were given during the school year.

George Goff, who ranks fourth, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goff of Forest avenue.

### Highly Honored by 367th Regiment

Charles W. Anderson Is Made Honorary Colonel of Famous New York Military Organization for Loyal Services to Government.

### FIRST TIME TITLE CONFERRED

Custom Common in European Countries Hitherto Unknown Here—Will Doubtless Establish Precedent of Honoring Civilians.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Charles W. Anderson, Supervising Agent of the State Department of Food for Markets, and who was for ten years Collector of Internal Revenue for the New York district, has been made an honorary colonel of the 367th United States Infantry. Although the custom is common in European countries, this is the first time that any man has been so honored in this country. It was awarded to Anderson as a mark of appreciation of his services in organizing Colored regiments and in recognition of the manner in which he has aided the government in many other ways.

At the outbreak of the war he collected names of Colored men of fighting age and organized a meeting to encourage enlistments. He introduced Colonel Haywood, commander of Negro regiments in the Spanish-American war, to the assemblage, and the meeting marked the formation of the Fifteenth Regiment of Infantry, the regiment which has been mentioned frequently for daring and courageous service in France.

Working with Colonel Moss, commander of the 367th, he has been instrumental in the building of the new auditorium at Camp Upton. Anderson was one of the first to sign the "Stand by the President's letter, and has in every way combated the influence of a few leaders who strove to lessen the participation of the Colored man in the war. He has been rendering service as a volunteer member of Draft Board No. 139 since July, 1917.

### BOMB THROWN INTO CHURCH.

St. Louis, Mo., June 8.—A bomb explosion at 12:30 a. m. Thursday wrecked the interior of the First Baptist church, Bell and Cardinal avenues. The bomb was dropped into a committee room in the basement through a window and exploded there.

Damage was estimated at \$1,000. It was the third attempt in five months to destroy the building. Two other bombs had failed to explode.

Detectives working on the case regarded the explosions as a protest of white residents of the community to the location of the church.

### PUBLISHING HOUSE TO MOVE TO NASHVILLE

Nashville, Tenn., June 21.—The publishing house of the C. M. E. Church will be removed from Jackson to this city as soon as the machinery can be dismantled and shipped without undue interference with the publication work.

## SONGS OF THE NEGRO REVEAL HIS SPIRIT

Harry Burleigh Calls Attention to Plantation Melodies; Hopes Much from War for Negro.

By Minna Lederman in the New York Tribune.

"AN unhappy people—but a people of great faith." Harry Burleigh, singer and composer, characterizes his race simply yet with that poetic grace which is the Negro's gift for expressing himself. "Take all the plantation melodies and I challenge you to find one that suggests retaliation. Vengeance, the mood that creates sharp dissonance in the song of the Indian, is never a motif in the song of the Negro. To peace, to truth, to all the cardinal virtues his musical soul was pledged.

"His is a lovely acquiescence. Sometimes I feel it is too complete. Had the Negro risen to shake off his chains and strike his blow, he might have suffered less.

"But then, of course, he would have sung less. His religion held him in leash. Singing in reverent community with his fellows, he was purged of all pain. In his faith and his music he was solaced."

No one can speak with greater authority upon the Negro spiritual than Harry Burleigh. By his collection and arrangement of this primitive material, he has done more than any composer living or dead, black or white, to focus the serious attention of the public upon it. The very moving melodies, that he or his relatives or friends have heard on the plantations of the south he has furnished with careful yet rich revealing accompaniments.

You may have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Burleigh himself sing these spirituals with great fervor. The stirring exhortation "Go Down Moses," "Deep River" epic, almost in its yearning and sadness, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," "You May Bury Me in the East," the plaintive "By an' By," and that beautiful song "My Lord, What a Morning, When De Stars Begin to Fall," which has caught so exquisitely the hush and wonder of dawn—these are but a few of the treasures for which we are indebted to Mr. Burleigh.

### War Will Help Negro.

Mr. Burleigh feels that America has been unfair to the Negro.

"The public is only just beginning to realize what our musical heritage is. The old minstrels, beginning with Christy's troupe, have done the Negro a great deal of harm. They reflected in exaggerated form the grotesque, the startling features of his dance,

and America with characteristic superficiality seized on these to exploit and imitate. Our songs, with all their inspiration, their true beauty, were muffled, while the buck and wing and the clog spread wildly through every state in the Union. In the popular mind the Negro figures most vividly as a jiggng automaton.

"Perhaps he will be more truly felt now. The war will be a great leveler. It will demand sacrifice from us as from the rest of the continent, and I hope it will somewhat approach equality in its rewards. And then, too, the war will strike a blow at the easy frivolity of the American public. Gravity and somber mood will find more relief in our songs of eternal hope, than in our professional cakewalk.

### Future of Negro Music.

Mr. Burleigh is a man of considerable musical attainment, not to say erudition. Besides his arrangements of the spirituals, he has composed over 100 original songs. They cover a wide range of subjects, and only a few are Negro in their musical content. He has set Walt Whitman's "Ethiopia Saluting the Colors" to a very dramatic accompaniment. A recent work is "The Young Warrior," which has been translated and adopted by Italy as a war song, and has been orchestrated by no less a person than Zandonai, the composer of "Francesca da Rimini."

He has a son of eighteen, in whose promise as a musician and poet he takes great pride. The boy is already his father's collaborator. One Sunday, in an old church of Virginia, he heard for the first time the melody and words of "I Stood on De Ribber of Jerdon." Recording them both, he sent them on to Burleigh, who gave it its present popular arrangement. He has also written a great deal of verse, which his father assures me is, some of it, quite extraordinary.

"The future of Negro music? It will depend, of course, on some Negro. Not me, but my son perhaps, or his son. The progress of art is slow, and extends over many generations. Meanwhile we will go forward developing our old chants.

"Some day, I feel, we may achieve in music a great dramatic form, some new operatic expression. A tremendous merging of dance and verse and song will be our gift to the new world."

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S CLUBS VISITS OMAHA

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, who is the national president of the Colored Women's association, an organization representing over 100,000 women, will be an Omaha visitor next week. Mrs. Talbert will speak at St. John's A. M. E. church and the public should

the Germans in the course of last night and this morning in their new offensive was in the direction of the railroad connecting Estes-St. Denis and Montdidier. The Germans met with such resistance that they renounced for the moment their attempts in this region.

Negro troops, supported by entente allied tanks, which did great execution, delivered a brilliant counter attack in this vicinity and recaptured the forest running southwest of Marquellise, between Perte farm and Loges farm.

### DONS SHROUD AS DEATH APPROACHES

Middlesboro, Ky., June 11.—The undertaking firm of Gibson Brothers, of this city, yesterday received a hurry call for a casket and a shroud, to be sent at once. The undertaker inquired who was dead and was informed that no one was dead yet, but that one Kella Henderson, a Negro woman, was expecting to die and wished to inspect her grave outfit before passing to the eternal beyond. The coffin was delivered and the girl arrayed in her grave clothes and smilingly awaited the visit of the death angel which finally made its appearance and the funeral services were duly held attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. This is the most unique case on record here of its kind.

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES

St. Louis, Mo.—The National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses will convene here August 20, 21, 22, 23, and will be entertained by the local Association of Negro Graduate Nurses.

### COLORED SOLDIERS COUNTER ATTACK

With the French Army in France, June 11 (By the Associated Press; noon.)—The strongest effort made by

### TRENTON HONORS ROBERTS.

Trenton, N. J.—Trenton has gone on record as honoring her son, Needham Roberts, one of the two Afro-American soldiers awarded the gold palms in France, by sending the following cablegram: Private Needham Roberts, 369th Infantry, U. S. Expeditionary Forces, France.

I desire to extend to you the congratulations and thanks of the citizens of Trenton for your inspiring acts of bravery, which have not only reflected glory upon yourself, your city and your race, but which will live forever in the annals of American valor. Trenton is proud of you, her son, who has so gloriously upheld her best traditions on the battlefield. The name of Needham Roberts will have a cherished place in the remembrance of all patriotic Americans long after this conflict shall have ended. Trenton salutes you!

FREDERICK DONNELLY,  
Mayor, Trenton, N. J.

### Asks McAdoo to Cut Out Jim Crow Cars

Ralph W. Tyler Asks for Equal Accommodations on Railroads for Our Soldiers and Speakers Presenting War Aims of Government.

### PRESENTS CURIOUS ANOMOLY

Patriotic American Citizens Compelled to Accept Inferior Accommodations to Which Aliens Are Not Subjected and Pay First Class Fare.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—Recently Ralph W. Tyler, national secretary of the National Colored Soldiers' Comfort Committee, sent the secretary of the treasury, Mr. Adoo, who is in charge of the railroads now under government control, a letter asking that some steps be taken to stop the jim crowing of soldiers and speakers presenting the war aims of the government. It is stated that Mr. Tyler in his letter suggested that since the railroads are under government control and this war is in the interest of the oppressed people of the world for the true spirit of democracy, it was hurting to compel soldiers and patriots to accept inferior accommodations to which even aliens are not subjected. Mr. McAdoo, it seems, referred Mr. Tyler's letter to Judge Prouty, director of public service, who invited Mr. Tyler to call for a conference on the matter.

The conference was held last Tuesday morning. It is reported that Judge Prouty expressed himself as having always believed our people should have equal accommodations and that he expressed sympathy for the Race and his personal views against segregation and discrimination because of color and promised to take the matter up with Mr. McAdoo on his return from the Virginia health resort, where he is now recuperating. Mr. Tyler advised the director that the subjecting of soldiers especially, and the men who had volunteered to deliver speeches presenting the war aims of the government to grossly inferior railroad facilities was hurtful and directly inconsistent with the President's declaration as to why America had entered this war. Judge Prouty is from the state of Vermont.

### KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Dorey McNeeley, Colored proprietor of a pool hall at 2607 N street, South Side, was instantly killed early Sunday morning when an automobile he was driving crashed into a telephone pole near Twenty-fourth and U streets, South Side. McNeeley's neck was broken and his right arm fractured.

The accident occurred near a curve in Twenty-fourth, at the intersection of U street. Due to high speed the machine is thought to have gotten out of control of the driver and dashing up over the curb struck the pole. Five other occupants of the wrecked automobile escaped with but a few scratches. All were Colored people.

### FORMING WOMEN'S BATTALION.

New York, June 21.—Unit No. 319 of the Red Cross workers are forming a regimental battalion of women. They will be instructed as to the use of rifles and uniforms will be made for them in the near future.

## New York Socialists Nominate Candidates

Prominent and Able Colored Men Are Chosen to Run for Congress, the State Senate and the Legislature.

### REV. GEORGE FRAZIER MILLER

Fearless and Outspoken Champion of Human Rights Is Nominated for Congress From Twenty-Second District, Which Has Large Population.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Friday evening, June 8th, the socialist party of New York designated three of the ablest Race men in the state of New York as the regular nominees of the party. Both races and both sexes participated in the nominations. The men selected to carry the banner were Dr. George Frazier Miller for congress from the 22d congressional district of the state of New York; A. Philip Randolph for state senator from the 20th senate district of New York, and Chandler Owens for assemblyman from the 31st assembly district of New York city. These districts take in the bulk of the population of the Harlem district, where about 80,000 people are living right together and where the largest Colored Settlement in the world is located.

### Socialists Growing Among Race.

The socialist party in New York is growing rapidly among our people. Last year after a strenuous and efficient campaign waged by A. Philip Randolph and Chandler Owen, the socialist ticket polled about 25 per cent of the race vote.

### Candidates Men of Ability.

Dr. George Frazier Miller is one of the most scholarly ministers in New York, who has always condemned injustices to the Race. He is an A. B. from Howard university, a graduate of the General Theological Seminary, a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and a student and writer of rare ability. A Philip Randolph is a political scientist from New York City college. Chandler Owen is an A. B. from Virginia Union university and did special graduate work in the school of political science of Columbia university.

New York has led the way with men of character and ability who have taken part in nearly every real uplift movement in this city for the last five or ten years. Let the Race citizens throughout the country lend all their aid to the election of these men, who will help to strike the blow for the liberation of their brothers and the oppressed peoples throughout the world.

### JACK JOHNSON WANTS TO FIGHT FOR COUNTRY

Undefeated, but Ex-World Champion, an Exile From Home, Anxious to Do His Bit—Seeks Assistance of New York Congressman.

Paris, June 12.—Jack Johnson, the American pugilist, now in Madrid, wants to fight for his country. He has written the following letter to Captain E. H. LaGuardia, representative in congress from New York:

"After my talk with you yesterday it occurred to me to ask you to use your good offices in my behalf. I am as good an American as anyone living and naturally I want to do my bit. I firmly believe I wasn't fairly treated at home.

"All I ask now is a chance to show my sincerity. There's no position I would consider too dangerous. I am willing to fight and die for my own country. I cannot offer any more.

"Will you kindly make my offer known to the proper authorities? I am anxiously awaiting a reply."

Captain La Guardia referred the letter to the adjutant general.

### FIREMAN RESIGNS AFTER LONG SERVICE

St. Paul, Minn., June 20.—P. H. Anderson, lieutenant in Engine Company No. 22, city fire department, has resigned after thirty years and eleven months of continuous service. Lieutenant Anderson was rated as one of the most efficient and daring fire fighters of the department. His name has been placed on the firemen retirement roll and he will receive a pension of \$58 per month. Engine company No. 22, is a complete hose and engine company, with fourteen men, and composed entirely of Colored men and captained by William B. Godette, who has been in the service for nearly thirty-five years.