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Black Hero Gives His Life Saving White Child

Scrapped by Shrapnel, Survives and Sings

Sergeant Frank Mason Has Scars of 350 Shrapnel Wounds and Wears Ten Silver Plates to Cover Holes in Head, Shoulder and Leg.

WOUNDED IN THE ARGONNE

Uses His Fine Baritone Voice in Raising Patriotic Funds—It Credited With Selling \$8,500,000 Worth of Liberty Bonds.

Special to The Monitor.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—Scrapped by shrapnel, survives and sings, accurately describes the case of Sergeant Frank Mason, Colored, who is attracting attention here, where he expects to remain for some time, pending complete recovery from his wounds. It would be safe to say that Sergeant Mason bears the record for wounds. As one sees him slowly navigating on his crutches, it is hard to believe that a human being, or any other living animal, could have received the number and character of wounds that he has, and survive. He bears the scars of 350 minor shrapnel wounds. Ten silver plates cover holes in his body; three in his head, three in his left shoulder, one in his right shoulder and three in his left leg. Despite this he is a man of sunny and cheerful disposition and does an incredible amount of work for patriotic and charitable objects. His career as a soldier is most interesting.

Serving primarily upon the Mexican border, he was one of the first to be sent to France in the A. E. F. Then, following days of training, he was sent to the front and was one of the first of the American soldiers to help stem the tide of the Hun, and received most of his wounds in the Argonne forest. With a good baritone voice, he has done much to help put over the cause of various war charities. He is credited with having sold over \$8,500,000 worth of liberty bonds and wears in testimony of this the United States treasury department medal. He has addressed large audiences in most of the cities between New York and Ogdenville, Utah, and now is here to help raise funds to entertain the fleet.

NATIONAL HOME COMING FOR VIRGINIANS

Native Sons and Daughters of "Old Dominion" Are Planning to Meet at Norfolk in September; Thousands Expected from All Sections of the Country.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 20.—Coincident with the meeting of the National Baptist convention here, September 10-15, there is to be observed a national home-coming week. This project is being promoted by the business men of Norfolk, who are co-operating with the local ministers, who propose to make the week of the National Baptist convention greater in point of attendance and in interest than the celebration that was held here some years ago to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrims, known as the Jamestown exposition. The sons and daughters of Virginia have scattered to the four cardinal points of the compass, and when it is known that there is to be a home-coming and that Virginians from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the lakes to the gulf will return during the five days to shake hands with friends and commemorate this week a great rush is expected.

NO MORE WANTED IN NAVY

(By Associated Negro Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 20.—No more Negroes will be accepted for service in the navy, according to instructions received at local navy recruiting station. Experienced Negro cooks will continue to be enlisted to handle the cooking, but even Negro mess attendants will not be accepted after this date.

FROM POST AMERICAN LEGION

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 20.—Named after the first Negro in Mobile to have been commissioned in the army, Carter Brown, a post of the American Legion has been organized of all Negro ex-service men of this city who have been honorably discharged from the army. Sixty members have already been enrolled.

LOUISIANA HAS CHANGE OF HEART ON EDUCATION

Attempting to Make Amends for Her Disgraceful Neglect of Schools For Colored Children.

(Special to The Monitor.)

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 20.—Louisiana, which has been notorious in her neglect of school facilities for Negro children, has at last seen the light and has begun to make amends for this great wrong. This state has the largest amount of illiteracy of any state in the union. Parish after parish has had no schools for Negro children and many others only one. Of the total amount raised by taxation for education, a large proportion of which has come out of the pockets of Negroes, 95 per cent has been used for the education of white children and only 5 per cent for that of Colored children. If with this disparity in the expenditure of school funds ignorance prevails among whites, what could be expected of the Colored people. Louisiana is realizing not only the injustice but the danger of this state of affairs and is making strenuous efforts to secure and train teachers to meet the situation. Bearing upon this the official report of B. C. Caldwell, field agent for the Jeanes and Slater funds for the training of Negroes, says:

"Louisiana needs 1,000 more Colored teachers to carry out to the full the program of education for the Negroes, but the state is doing something which is highly commendable, even though she is handicapped by lack of suitable instructors in this work. The state superintendent of schools has issued a call, which is being widely answered, for young Negro men and women to apply this summer for training in the normal schools throughout the state. By giving these applicants, who have grammar school education and other necessary qualifications, three months' intensive training they will be ready for ordinary teaching work in the fall. Next summer they can add three months' more training and so on each year and advance themselves step by step.

"This is one of the greatest things that has been done recently to advance the education of the Colored people, not alone in Louisiana, but in the entire south, for it is certain that these teachers, as their numbers increase, will spread to other states which are short of teachers for Negro boys and girls and are trying to get teachers from still other states. In some instances southern states have allowed their Negro schools to close for lack of teachers. Louisiana is preparing to meet this condition and overcome it.

"A new spirit of help for the black man seems to be rising in the mind of the southern white man. He is ready to help the young Negro get an education, realizing that by this means, and this alone, he can improve the ability and worth of his labor on farms and in factories. The white man must help the black if we are to accomplish any real good for the Negroes in the south. Industrial conditions have never been better among southern Negroes than they are at present."

Dr. Caldwell, who was formerly in charge of the Louisiana State Normal school at Natchitoches, now has jurisdiction over the Jeanes and Slater funds in sixteenth northern states.

HOME OWNERSHIP TO BE PROMOTED

A \$100,000 Corporation Organized to Supply Funds for Home Building and Ownership.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 20.—With the ultimate view of supplying funds to the Negroes of the south for building and owning their own homes, the United Investment corporation was organized in Atlanta with a capital stock of \$100,000. The most prominent Negroes in Georgia are financing this project, and it is proposed to open branch offices in every southern city.

At present, according to officials of the corporation, the majority of the Negroes in the state are renters, and with the rates steadily increasing the problem is fast becoming a serious one. Their plan is to loan money at a moderate rate of interest to Negroes for building purposes. J. B. Long of Atlanta, one of the most prominent members of the board, is acting president.

National Negro Business League

Twentieth Annual Session Summons Prominent and Successful Business and Professional People from Twenty-six States; Astonishing Wealth Represented.

RECONSTRUCTION IS THE DOMINANT NOTE

President Napier Presides; Secretary Scott States Crucial Time Has Come; League Must Either Advance or Die; Outlines Comprehensive Plan for Future.

(Special to The Monitor.)

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—Delegates from twenty-six states attended the twentieth annual session of the National Negro Business league, which closed here Friday night. It was a notable and inspirational gathering of representative business and professional people from all sections, representing every activity of race enterprise and thrift. The amount of wealth represented by this body ran well up into the millions and seemed almost incredible. Reports from all sections show the race forging to the front in substantial business and industrial enterprising in a way which is most encouraging. Delegates and visitors numbered nearly a thousand. The generous hospitality of all citizens was everywhere in evidence.

The sessions were held in the Coliseum under the auspices of the local business league, of which Mr. A. E. Malone is president. He presided at the opening session, Wednesday morning. Tuesday night, preceding the opening session, the officers of the local league tendered the officials of the national league a luncheon at the Poro.

The formal opening, Wednesday morning, consisted of "America" by the audience, led by Gerald Tyler; invocation by the Rev. J. T. Caston; a vocal solo by Mrs. Zelle Cole-Evans, Gerald Tyler, pianist; an address of welcome by Mr. Malone, and response by the Hon. J. C. Napier, national president. Mr. Malone said:

"Through the National Negro Business League, the men of the race who are struggling, who are trying to do things have been brought closer together, thereby become acquainted with each other rejoiced in success and sympathized in failure, but this contact has prevented many failures.

"We have looked forward to your coming with sweet anticipation and all Missouri rejoices because you are here.

"I pray for the success of this session. It is my belief that, enlightened by our experience of the past, and encouraged by our successes of the present, we shall, as great business armies, in close vital touch, gallantly charge the entrenchment of the forces of opposition, whether they are moral or racial, and capture them, scaling the height of difficulty and placing our triumphant banners on the very apex of the towering peaks of victory, sing loud hosannas to Him who hath promised victory and rest to those who dare to do the right and preserve unto the end.

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Malone presented President Napier, who was given an ovation, and whose remarks thrilled the audience.

One of the most successful business men in the race, T. J. Elliott of Muscogee, Ala., was introduced, and made a short talk, telling of the object of the National Negro Business League its scope of work and what it had been to the whole race. He concluded by appealing to every man and woman to become a member and even take out life membership. To his invitation for life membership by the payment of \$25, a number responded.

Routine business was rapidly dispatched at each session and there was the customary recital of beginnings and achievements of successful business men. This feature was advantageously minimized.

Among the many outstanding features of the convention was the report of Secretary Emmett J. Scott, who has held this important position since the organization of the league.

die. He called attention to the conditions and radical changes taking place in this age with a view of causing the league to see the necessity of drastic action in matters pertaining to the forward movement of the affairs of the race. He from excerpts called attention to the necessity of adopting a real program which would give us push in making a forward step, without which we must because of laxity, lose our grip. He called attention to the new methods which had been advised by the president at the last meeting at Atlantic City, N. J., in 1918. The league needs larger and better financial support from its adherents, and the practice of living on the philanthropy of the white race is to be discouraged. He suggested a change of program at this meeting; a change which is to have a far-reaching effect and will be helpful for everyone in the production of visible results.

He proposed as follows:

1st. National headquarters to be located at Washington, D. C. Said headquarters to be conducted along lines of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, which is the like organization of the white race, compatible with the Negro Business League.

2nd. Duty and function to keep the white and Negro press informed and exploit and improve the interests of Negro enterprise.

3rd. Special effort to locate and produce Negro business enterprises and manufactures. Keeping local leagues in touch with the regulation.

4th. Clearing house for Negro labor and employment of all kinds, skilled and unskilled.

5th. Compile a catalogue of Negro business enterprises, institute a Negro mercantile agency. Offer encouragement and make inquiries and find out who is worthy so as to induce expenditure of capital. Warning at the same time against frauds, swindling speculators and wild-cat schemes. Suggested the adoption of a form of inquiry on the order of a questionnaire, which would be very useful in getting results.

6th. Covered the most successful method of building business interests.

7th. Dealt with the method of defraying the expenses of the league under the new systems and methods suggested.

After the offer of the suggestions the secretary made mention of some statistics taken from census reports. His report was full of good information and material for the use of the league in their development to the place where some visible achievement will be accomplished in the progress of the league affairs.

GOVERNOR OF COLORADO URGES CONGRESS TO SUPPRESS MOB VIOLENCE

New York, Aug. 20.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received a letter from Governor Oliver H. Shoup of Colorado commenting upon the address to the nation signed by former President Taft, Charles Evans Hughes, Elihu Root and 150 other citizens, which calls upon congress to investigate mob violence in the United States. The letter follows:

"I am in receipt of your favor of July 25, enclosing a list of signers of an address to the nation in the matter of suppression of mob violence throughout the country.

"I am in hearty sympathy with this movement and especially at this time, when there are so many outbreaks of racial antagonism throughout the country, I deem it essential that the national congress should take some definite action which will tend hereafter to completely eliminate these outbreaks.

"You have my full authority to use my name as governor of Colorado as a signature to this address to the nation that you have so kindly forwarded to this office."

Monitor office, Douglas 3224.

British West Indies Have Grave Problem

Industrial Conditions Temporarily Disturbed by Close of Sugar Crop Season and Return of Large Number of Soldiers from Foreign Service

GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO RETAIN POPULATION

(Special to The Monitor.)

KINGSTON, Jamaica, B. W. I.—In Jamaica at present the industrial condition is feeling the effect of two factors. One is the close of the sugar crop season in Cuba, which reduces the demand for labor there. Very large numbers of Jamaicans have been at work in Cuba in the sugar plantations and more men have been going week by week. The next sugar crop will not begin to be taken off till November or December, and the British consul has warned Jamaicans still in Jamaica against venturing across at the present time. It is not improbable that many hundreds of the Jamaica laborers now in Cuba will return here.

The other disturbing factor is the return to the island month by month of the thousands of men who enlisted in the British West Indies regiment and who are now being demobilized. These men served for the most part as labor battalions in Belgium, France and Italy. Sections of them, however, saw fighting as front line combatants. This was chiefly in Palestine. Returning home now they have to be reabsorbed into civilian life by a community which possesses comparatively few openings for employing labor. The discussion of what should be done for the soldiers, and by them, is animated and general.

The government has earmarked money for certain public works, and is providing for a land settlement. A number of the men have returned to the posts they once occupied; preference is being given to others in the police force; a considerable number have determined to emigrate in search of more remunerative employment than they find obtainable in Jamaica. The problem remains of opening up opportunities of investment of labor and of money which will be attractive enough to keep the men in the island.

DECORATED FOR DEEDS OF VALOR IN FRANCE

Sergeant Clifton Merriomon Given French Military Medal. Has Also Received the Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Cross.

(By the Associated Negro Press.) Boston, Mass., Aug. 20.—An honor was conferred upon Sergeant Clifton Merriomon for heroism on the battlefield when General Edwards, commander of the Northeast department, pinned the French Military medal on his breast. Twice before recognition for his heroic service had been expressed through the presentation of the Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Cross.

The French Military Medal is possessed by few French generals and by no American high officer. General Edwards in fastening the decoration on Sergeant Merriomon, said that his brave feats were the most unusual that had come under his observation.

The deed of gallantry is enounced in the citation, as follows: "On September 19, 1918, Corporal Merriomon, near Bussey Farm, France, single handedly attacked a German machine gun killed the gunner, put the gun out of action, reorganized the remnant of his company and conducted a successful attack on the enemy."

Sergeant Merriomon is married, lives at 39 Tremont street, Cambridge, Mass., and is a letter-carrier at the Harvard Square postoffice of that city.

PLAN FOR BEAUTY AND SANITATION

Anniston, Ala., Aug. 20.—The plan for a general cleanup in every part of the city by the progressive Negro citizens of Anniston is creating the greatest amount of interest on the part of the Colored people. Prizes for the best kept yards and alleys for the greatest number of tin cans assembled by the children and for many other feature efforts to improve local sanitary conditions are offered.

Joseph Perry, Who Heroically Rescues Four-Year-Old White Child from Vicious Dog, Dies of Rabies.

PAYS SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR ACT OF HEROISM

Was Given Pasteur Treatment, But Disease Developed Too Rapidly for Toxine to Combat the Virus.

(Special to The Monitor.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 20.—Were evidence wanting as to the willingness of our race not to consider themselves or their personal safety when others are in danger and it is within their power to rescue them it would be supplied by the case of Joseph Perry, who died last week at the General hospital from rabies resulting from a dog bite received a few weeks ago when he rushed to the rescue of a little 4-year-old white child whom the vicious beast was attacking.

Perry, who lived at 2410 Flora avenue and was employed in a packing house, was passing Twentieth and Summit streets on the afternoon of July 25 when he heard the frightened cries of a little child, who was trying to get away from a dog which was barking and snapping at her. Several times the dog's teeth pierced the child's flesh. Perry rushed to the child's rescue and seized the maddened animal by the throat, when it sank its teeth into Perry's forearm. An ambulance was called and Perry and the injured child were taken to the General hospital. Hydrophobia developed. He had been taking Pasteur treatment at the hospital until Monday, when he left. Tuesday relatives returned with him to the hospital after his right arm and the muscles of his throat had become paralyzed. He escaped from the hospital again Tuesday night, but was returned Wednesday morning, August 13. He died at noon. It was said by the hospital authorities that the bite was so deep that the disease developed too rapidly for the toxine to combat it.

It is said that a score or more of persons stood by while Perry was battling with the dog.

Perry was a member of the Amos Johnson Lodge of Masons, under whose auspices he was buried Sunday afternoon. A large number of friends paid respect to the memory of this unassuming hero, this brave black man who gave his life to save that of a little white girl.

The local press carried no big headlines calling attention to this Negro's heroic deed, but had been accused of some crime it would have been made a front page article under a sensational scare-crow headline.

"CONTEMPTIBLE AND TYRANNICAL," SAYS WM. MONROE TROTTER

(By Associated Negro Press.) Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 20.—William Monroe Trotter appeared at Massachusetts Avenue Baptist church last Thursday. A large and appreciative audience listened to his experiences of his endeavor to reach France to petition the peace conference for justice for the race.

The pastor, Rev. George Washington, referred to Mr. Trotter's sacrifice as creditable as of those who shouldered the guns in going across to the battlefield.

Mr. William Brigham, white, likened the speaker of the evening to the "plumed knight," Henry of Navarre, whose persistence overcame obstacles.

When alluding to its refusal to give passports to Colored delegates, Mr. Trotter characterized the administration as "contemptible and tyrannical."

"While allowing such privileges to the Irish, Jewish and women suffrage representatives, they denied us, the only element in this country really in need of democracy, the right to go and ask for it," said the speaker.

AMERICAN MUSIC COMPANY TO PUBLISH RACE COMPOSITIONS

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 20.—A new company will open its doors for business at 501 South 16th street, operating under the name of the American Music Company, under the direction of Robert W. Ricetts, a graduate of Oberlin university. The object of this organization is to publish musical compositions of Negro composers.

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