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A Very Merry Christmas to All of Our Readers

MARINES IN HAITI ARE ENLARGELY EXONERATED

Secretary Daniels' Naval Court of Inquiry Reports That Charges of "Indiscriminate Killing" Against Marines Are Absolutely Unwarranted—Brigadier General Barnett, Former Commandant of Marines, a Much Mistaken Man, According to Report

COURT DOES NOT RECOMMEND COURT MARTIALS

Claims to Find That Only Two Unjustifiable Homicides and Sixteen Other Acts of Violence Have Been Committed by Marines Against Haitians—Adequate Punishment Has Been Administered in Each Case Reported—Qualify for Lime-Kiln Club

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The naval court of inquiry which investigated the conduct of the marines in Haiti reported to Secretary Daniels Saturday that there "had been no proper grounds" for the statement by Brig. Gen. George Barnett, former commandant of the marine corps, that the force had been guilty of "practically indiscriminate killing" of Haitians.

After a careful survey, the court, presided over by Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, found General Barnett's charges were "ill-considered, regrettable and thoroughly unwarranted reflections" on the work of the marine corps in Haiti, adding that the corps had performed difficult, dangerous and delicate duty worthy of the highest commendation.

The marines virtually were given a clean bill by the court, which declined to recommend trial by court-martial of Freeman Lang of Los Angeles and Doras Williams of Birmingham, Ala., charged by native witnesses with the murder of Haitians. Indeed, the Lang and Williams cases were not mentioned.

In all "isolated" cases of unjustifiable conduct by marines, the court found disciplinary action had been

taken. The findings as made public were approved by Secretary Daniels and Maj. Gen. A. Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps.

"The court finds two unjustifiable homicides have been committed, one each by two of the personnel of the United States naval service which has served in Haiti since July 28, 1915, and that 16 other serious acts of violence have been perpetrated against citizens of Haiti by individuals of such personnel.

"The court finds that these offenses were all isolated acts of individuals and that in every case the responsible party was duly brought to trial, convicted and sentenced.

"The court has found no evidence of the commission of any other unjustifiable acts of oppression or of violence against any of the citizens of Haiti or unjustifiable damage or destruction of their property caused by any of the personnel in question.

"In view of the fact that the only justifiable acts found to have been committed are those wherein disciplinary action has been taken and where no further proceedings could be had in the matter, the court has not deemed it necessary to report further as to responsibility."

WILL CONSTRUCT

MODERN HOTEL

(By the Associated Negro Press)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 23.—A new and modern hotel for colored people is to be constructed here in the very near future. Dr. W. H. Bruce, local physician, and Bishop L. W. Kyles of the colored Methodist Episcopal church, now a resident of St. Louis, but owner of considerable property in this city and section, have procured a site and are now having plans prepared for the building. Architect Gilbert C. Humphries expects to complete the plans in the next few days, after which the preliminaries to construction will be worked out.

KENTUCKY GIRL CHARGES

NEGRO WITH ASSAULT

COMMITTED BY LOVER

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 23.—While Miss Fannie Brasher, night telephone operator at Middlesboro, Ky., was talking on the wire after midnight, November 29, to a girl operator at Pineville, twenty miles away, she whispered: "Some one's breaking into the office." The Pineville girl responded: "Connect me with your police station."

As the connection was made the Pineville girl heard Miss Brasher scream. The station is a block from the telephone office, and when officers reached the place Miss Brasher was found on the floor unconscious with a gash in her head. Held tightly between her teeth were many strands of red hair.

When Miss Brasher recovered her senses she declared a Negro had attacked her. After an all-day search proved futile the girl's attention was called to the red hair she had in her mouth. She admitted then that James Thompson, a sweetheart, she had killed, had committed the assault, after telling her he intended to kill her.

NOTICE

The Firemen's Ball at the Auditorium is NOT postponed.

COOKS GET \$1.50, LIVE

IN MAHOGANY HOUSES

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 23.—There is no high labor market in Haiti. The man working by the day gets one gourde, which is 20 cents, and sometimes a gourde and a half. Cooks are to be had without advertising. Most of them earn \$1.50 a week, and in addition get 6 cents a day on which to feed themselves and their flock. You do not have to include car fare in the weekly wage down here.

At some points in the interior wages for cooks are even lower. Many of them live in mahogany houses, at that.

Haiti's population is estimated at around 2,500,000. Ninety-seven per cent of these people are classed as illiterate, which may account for the size of the pay envelope.

LEILA WILSON SEEKS

\$300,000 INSURANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Leila Walker Wilson of Irvington-on-the-Hudson, who inherited the bulk of a \$1,000,000 estate from her mother, Mme. C. J. Walker, reputed to have been the wealthiest woman in the country at the time of her death in May, 1919, has applied to life insurance companies for policies aggregating \$300,000.

Mme. Walker started her meteoric rise in 1907, when with \$2 and a formula perfected through much study, she started the manufacture of products which afterwards made her famous. When she died she was proprietor of the Mme. Walker Beauty Corporation, Indianapolis, and of hairdressing parlors throughout the country. She left a \$250,000 home, Villa Lewaro, at Irvington, N. Y., to her daughter. She gave liberally to all purposes in aid of the race.

CENSUS GIVES CHICAGO

LARGE COLORED POPULATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The colored population of Chicago increased 65,491 in the last decade and now is 109,594, the census bureau has announced. The percentage of increase was 148.5. The total white population is 2,589,104, an increase of 450,047, or 21 per cent, and all others numbered 3,007.

FIVE SUSPECTS ARE RELEASED

Men Were Held in Connection With Alleged Assault Which Caused Lynching.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 23.—Five circus employees held since last June in connection with the alleged assault on a young white girl were released late last Friday when their cases were dismissed on motion of the county attorney. Three Negroes were lynched as a result of the alleged assault and the prosecutor declared this had "removed" material witnesses in the cases pending without whose evidence he could not hope for convictions.

JOHN C. DANCY'S WIDOW

GIVEN \$1,500 YEARLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The will of John C. Dancy, former recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, was filed for probate last week. Its chief provisions were an annuity of \$1,500 for life to the widow, Mrs. Florence Dancy, and contributions of \$100 each to the Zion A. M. E. church and Livingston College of Salisbury, N. C.

Mrs. Dancy was also devised two premises in Washington, and a daughter, Lillian, is to receive an annuity of \$50 monthly and a premise in the northwest part of Washington.

Real estate was devised to a son, Joseph, and John Dancy, the other son, is to receive a piece of property in the northwest part of the city. A bequest of \$500 was made to the sister, Mrs. Ella E. Boyd; and \$100 to another sister, Martha Dancy.

ORGANIZE STORY

TELLERS' LEAGUE

(By the Associated Negro Press)
HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Harry G. Peffer, president of the eastern district of the National Story Tellers' league, has organized a colored branch of the league in this city, to be known as the Paul Laurence Dunbar Story Tellers' league. This is the second branch of its kind in the United States, the other being at Louisville, Ky.

Stay to Progress

The world will never progress as fast as it might along Christian lines, as long as our own headache is more important to us than a neighbor's loss of his farm.

Wolsey's Grave.

Somewhere amidst the ruins of Leicester abbey, which the earl of Dysart has presented to Leicester, lies the dust of the great Cardinal Wolsey, but the site of his grave, like that of Moses, is unknown.

WHISKEY SUBSTITUTES ARE CAUSING INSANITY

Superintendent of City Hospital Reports Startling Increase of Insanity Among Colored Population of Kansas City, Directly Traceable to Intoxicating Beverages Concocted as Substitutes for Banned Liquors

FRESH CORN WHISKEY IS THE MOST POISONOUS

Doctor Thompson, Prominent Race Physician and Specialist, Declares That the Past Six Months Record Exceeds That of Preceding Twelve Years—Majority of Cases Treated in Hospital Are of Violent Nature

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—There has been more insanity among the Negro population here in the last six months than in the previous twelve years because of substitutes for liquor, Dr. J. Thompson, superintendent of the city hospital for Negroes, told members of the hospital and health boards. He said that fifty insane Ne-

groes had been treated at the hospital during the past six months. Virtually all were of a violent nature, he said. Recently, Dr. Thompson said, twelve cases were received within twenty-four hours.

Drinks concocted to revive the banned intoxicants, he said, cause the prevalence of violent insanity.

"Fresh corn whiskey is one of the most dangerous beverages," said the doctor. "When drunk after recent distillation, the corn product contains unneutralized fusel oils which causes violent insanity if taken frequently."

PROBABLY ASHAMED OF THEIR INEFFICIENCY

Colored Women Ask Permission to Attend Federation as Spectators to Learn From White Women How to Organize and Conduct Meetings—Request Denied.

(By the Associated Negro Press)
ALEXANDRIA, La., Dec. 23.—One of the interesting incidents of the convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs of Louisiana, held here, will not form part of the records of that organization.

This incident was the fight over the question of allowing a committee of Negro women, contemplating organizing a women's club, to attend one of the sessions of Federated Women's Clubs to "see how the women conduct a convention."

The request to allow a committee of women to occupy seats in the rear of the hall as spectators, came from a number of our women of Alexandria. The question was put up to the council of the Federated Women's Clubs, composed of elected officers and state presidents.

The council was about evenly divided on the question, and when the "yea" and "nay" vote was taken it was believed the question had carried favorably to the Negroes. Those opposing the entrance into the convention hall forced an immediate adjournment, and hurried consultations ensued.

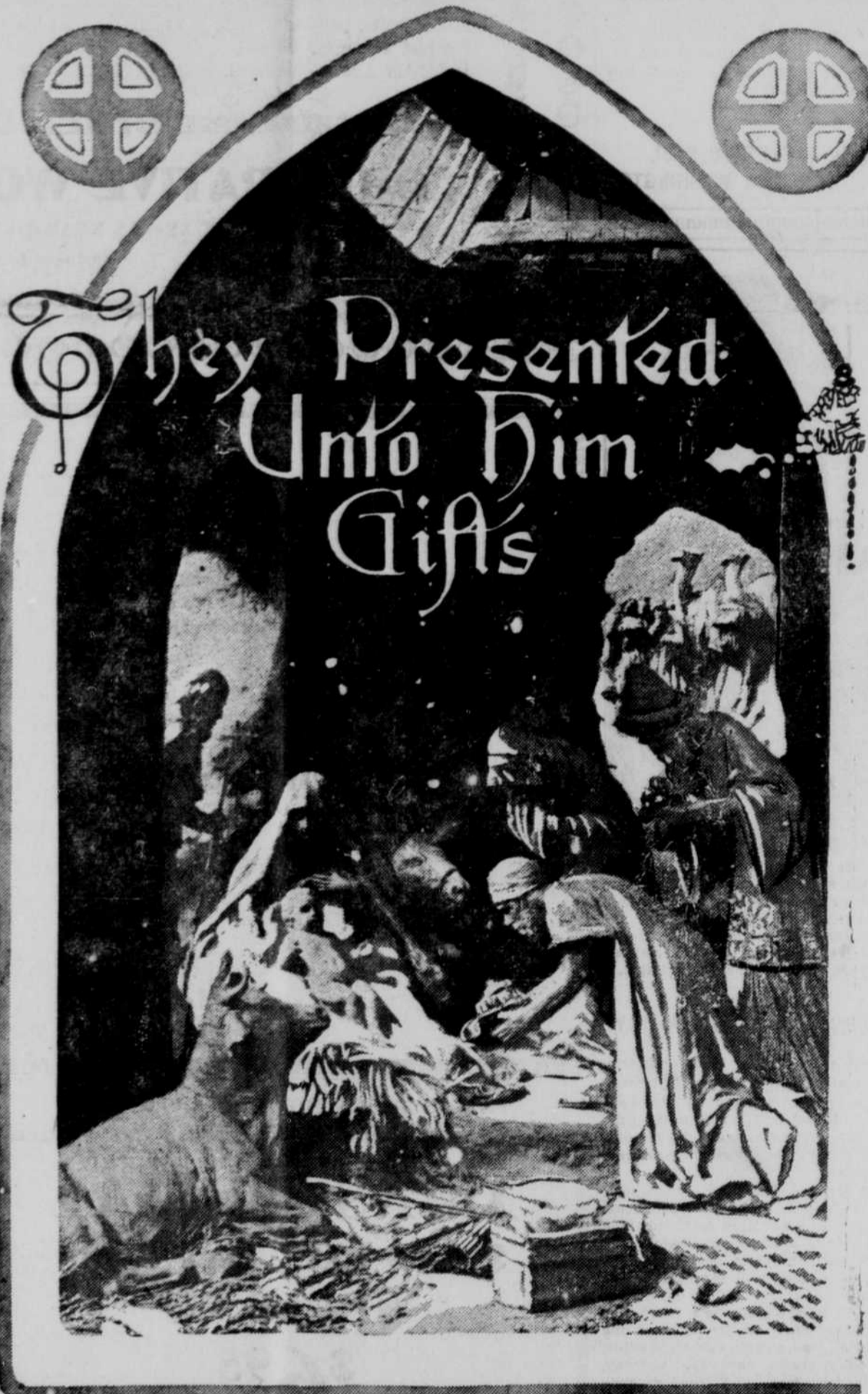
Meanwhile someone notified the committee of women they could enter the hall. After they entered it they were told that a mistake had been made, and that while the council had passed on the question, the general body had not ratified it. The women left the hall and when the question was put before the general body, the question was defeated by a vote of two to one.

The motion to expunge the record of the proceedings on the question from the books of the organization was carried unanimously. According to prominent members of the Federated Women's Clubs who opposed the entrance of the women into the convention hall, an organizer of the Federation of Eastern Clubs, numbering about 6,000 Negro women members, is in Alexandria, organizing women into clubs.

PURCHASE HOSPITAL BUILDING

(By the Associated Negro Press)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 23.—One of the most important financial transactions in the history of the race in Memphis in recent years was consummated by the purchase outright of the large and well equipped St. Anthony's hospital. This institution and its grounds have been acquired by the National Grand United Order of Wise Men and Women of the World for \$11,000.



And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

MATTHEW II : 11.