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## WOMAN GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

### CLAIM SENSATIONAL WAR-RISK SCANDAL

Will Be Revealed War Risk Investigation Asked by President Harding. Alleged by Persons in Possession of Important Facts. Cases of Discrimination Against Colored Soldiers Will Be Brought Before Commission.

### LIEUTENANT CLIFFORD HAS COLLECTED DATA

Former Officer Who Served in War Risk Department and Resigned Because His Petitions for Relief of Men Were Ignored Will Present Facts in His Possession to Committee on Investigation of which Roosevelt is a member.

(By the Associated Negro Press)

Washington, April 7.—Startling information will be revealed in the War Risk Investigation asked for by President Harding. General Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, heads the Commission, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt is one of the members. The Commission is now sitting in Washington, and during its sessions it will be disclosed that Negro soldiers, in that department, under the Wilson administration suffered shameful and unbelievable treatment.

One of the former officers who served in the War Risk Department, Lieutenant J. Williams Clifford, has gathered a fund of data on this subject, and he will offer it to the Commission.

In an exclusive interview for The Associated Negro Press, he declared: "It was because my petitions for these suffering men were practically ignored that I resigned from the department some time ago. The people will be aroused to action when they know what these brave boys are going through."

"What we need is close, sympathetic contact with all former soldiers. There are thousands of opportunities to be helpful that thousands of soldiers do not know anything about. We must educate them into the advantages of war risk, but the discriminations must be stopped."

Lieut. Clifford showed the Associated Negro Press representative letters that he has received from various soldiers. Only brief quotations from a few of them can be given here. The following are representative of scores of letters in his possession:

#### Quotations From Soldiers.

Oscar Flewellen, of Waco, Texas: "I have asked these doctors here in camp to send in my medical record but they will not look after the interests of the Colored boys. Colored boys are treated like cattle and dogs. The officers are low bred, uncouth, and if they are not careful a race riot is liable to occur as these boys have all decided to stick if anything occurs."

S. H. Cavitt, Houston, Texas: "I write you in the interest of our Colored returned soldiers and the treatment that is given them as to their

just compensation and hospital treatment. It is quite evident that they are not getting what the government gives to them, owing to the fact that there is no one here to represent them in their grievances as the doctors and nurses turn deaf ears to their pleadings."

Lloyd Bates, Texarkana, Ark.: "I have just received the letter stating that you have cut my compensation from \$20.00 per month to \$18.00 per month. I want to know why you cut the Colored boys and allow the whites in the South to get \$90.00 to \$115.00 per month. I am asking how I am to work when I lost my chances when I entered the army, for I am now unable to walk and work and I am a cripple. I want a new rating from some doctor who does not call us Nigger and make us wait two hours until all the whites are waited on. I have proof from over 500 Colored men in Camp Logan who will say the same."

Augustus Stanberry, Dallas, Texas: "It seems that all these white doctors here are giving us a raw deal, they will not send in our medical reports so that we can get our compensation."

Theodore Roe, Halley, Ark.: "I have waited patiently to hear from my medical report but it seems that no one in this camp will write or send in our reports for compensation. We do know they will write to the Bureau for the white boys but not for us."

J. E. Davis, Y. M. C. A. secretary, Marshall, Texas, wrote: "I do not know how it is in other states, but may I say to you that hundreds of Colored people hereabouts in the State of Texas are being robbed, cheated, deprived of the things rightly due them from the Bureau. I have just received information of a man's having secured an agreement from the War Risk policies for the payment of a considerable sum of the proceeds if he will adjust it or get them the money."

There are scores and scores of cases similar to these, many of them unprintable in their scandalous debauchery. In the matter of neglect, covering up and studied insult, it appears that thousands of disabled Colored Americans have suffered untold agony.

### STRAWS THAT TELL HOW THE CURRENT OF RACIAL PROGRESS FLOWS.

The Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, Va., during 12 weeks of business passed the \$100,000 mark. Depositors numbered 1174 and deposits totalled \$61,000.

Howard University has 1,721 students: college, 878; law, 161; religion, 232; medicine, dentistry and pharmacy 450.

George White, a letter carrier at Atlanta, Ga., has been retired after forty years' service. J. Frank Rickards of Detroit, Mich., has also been retired after a like term of service.

A report of The House Committee on Education says "there are over 1,000,000 more white illiterates in the United States than Negroes."

The Standard Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga., has \$19,864,650 worth of insurance in force. This is a Colored company and its policy holders are Colored people. Heman C. Perry is the president.

The Charleston Mutual Savings reports resources of \$120,000 after ten months of business.

James E. Herndon, a retail produce dealer of Baltimore, Md., does an annual business of \$40,000 and employs six assistants.

James A. Jackson of New York City has been added to the editorial staff of the Billboard.

The Special Grocery Company, Inc., has been launched with \$50,000 capital at Roanoke, Va.

Mayor Babcock of Pittsburg, Pa., has reappointed Attorney Robert L. Vann to the City Law Department. He will serve as counsel for the Department of Public Safety. His salary is \$4,250 a year.

### City Primary Winners



James C. Dahlman



A. L. Sutton



Dan Butler



H. W. Dunn



Roy Towl



John Hopkins



D. Ringer



T. Falconer



W. G. Urs



J. F. Murphy



C. A. Grimmel



J. Koutsky



W. G. Urs



J. F. Murphy

### EX-MAYOR DAHLMAN SWEEPS CITY

Slates won at Tuesday's primaries. Former Mayor Dahlman swept the city receiving 10,000 votes more than J. Dean Ringer, the high man on the opposition slate, known as the "5,000."

The entire slate of the Committee of 5,000 was nominated, its six candidates taking sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, 11th and 14th places. The five members of the Dahlman slate on whom Dahlman support centered likewise won, ranking first, third, fourth, 10th and 12th.

Commissioners Ure, Zimman and Butler were the unslated winners both the latter benefitting by slates in certain sections. Ure, who declined endorsement by the Committee of 5,000, was nominated by a scratch. He made virtually no campaign.

Former Mayor Dahlman and Police Superintendent Ringer were the winners of personal endorsements. Dahlman ran away in the lead of all competitors, topping Commissioner Butler, runner-up, by nearly three to two. Ringer led the slate arranged in his behalf by the Committee of 5,000 passing not only Commissioners Fal-

coner and Towl, his colleagues recommended for re-election, but A. L. Sutton, the Ringer candidate for mayor, as well.

All things considered, John T. McDonald, Sr., who was not well-known among our people, ran well, being thirty-fifth man with thirty below him among whom were several experienced campaigners. His running ranked with that of such men as Trainor, Kugel, Bostwick and Best, and outdistanced that of Ray Sutton, Broatch, Bruning, Leeder and a score or more of others. His vote was 1,335.

Following are the totals for all of the 161 precincts in the city for the fourteen successful candidates:

James C. Dahlman	21,402
Dan B. Butler	15,659
Henry W. Dunn	13,786
Joseph B. Hummel	13,571
Harry B. Zimman	12,020
J. Dean Ringer	11,679
Thomas Falconer	11,621
Abraham L. Sutton	11,297
Roy N. Towl	10,433
John Hopkins	9,484
Charles A. Grimmel	8,819
Joseph Koutsky	8,462
W. G. Urs	7,432
John F. Murphy	7,378

## A WARNING THAT MAY BE TIMELY

JUST prior to the Court House Riot for several weeks there appeared a series of articles in the daily press of inflammatory nature telling of alleged attacks by Negroes upon white women. These stories bore the unmistakable earmarks of a common authorship or source. They served their purpose. The Monitor sounds a note of warning to the justice-loving citizens of Omaha to be on their guard against a similar propaganda for political purposes at this time. We also urge our people to continue to be law-abiding and circumspect in their conduct.

### GEORGIA GOVERNOR PROMISES PUNISHMENT OF PEONAGE

New York, April 7.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, has made public a letter received from Governor Hugh M. Dorsey of Georgia, relative to the disclosures regarding peonage in Jasper County, Georgia, which caused the murder of eleven Colored peons. The Governor definitely promised to do all in his power to see that the perpetrators of the system are punished.

Governor Dorsey's letter to the Association reads as follows: "I assure you that all true Georgians deplore the awful tragedies recently brought to light, and I am leaving no stone unturned to put the 'wheels of justice' in motion, and hope to bring about the conviction of the guilty parties. The Governor, as you know, has no jurisdiction. All he can do is to try to bolster up the officials elected by the people."

### JURY FIND MCNICHOLS WOMAN GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Mrs. Mattie McNichols was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in District Judge Troup's court Tuesday afternoon in connection with the killing on January 23 of Mrs. Emma Polke. The case was given to the jury at 9:30 Tuesday morning and a verdict was reached by 12:15. Six ballots were taken before the verdict was agreed upon. Mrs. Polke was killed by a butcher knife in the hands of Mrs. McNichols in the kitchen of the former's home Sunday morning, January 23, in a quarrel that arose over the disappearance of some money concerning which Mrs. McNichols was accused by Mrs. Polke of having knowledge. The husband of Mrs. McNichols is still to be tried as accessory to the crime. The jury debated as to whether they should return a verdict for murder in the first degree, second degree or manslaughter, finally agreeing upon manslaughter. The penalty is from one to ten years.

### MOREHOUSE COLLEGE STUDENTS PRESENT GREAT SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY

On the nights of March 4 and 5, the students of Morehouse college, Atlanta, Ga., presented Shakespeare's "Hamlet" to capacity audiences, which were composed of some of Atlanta's highest literary critics, under the direction of Miss Mary L. Strong. Aside from the strong personality of the whole cast, the audiences were attracted by the stage scenery and the gorgeous costumes which were representative of the Shakespearean times.

The interpretation of A. Jackson Rigell in the leading role as Hamlet was of the very highest quality throughout the play. Special mention should be made of the mad scene of Mrs. J. B. Watson as Ophelia; the queenly bearing and interpretation of Mrs. P. M. Davis; the regal and majestic appearance of W. E. Anderson as king; the impressiveness of the ghost, Ralph Harris; the horror provoked by Charles Perkins as Polonius and Julian Barnett and Burnett Hudson as grave diggers; the dramatic interpretation of H. W. Thurman as Horatio; and the duel scene of E. S. Hope as Leartes and A. Jackson Rigell as Hamlet.

The success of this production was due largely to the untiring efforts of Miss Mary L. Strong who is one of the professors of English.

### CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISES

The Monitor Continues Its Interesting Story of the Business Ventures of Our People To Be found On North Twenty-fourth Street. Factory Building Representing Value of \$8,000 is leased to Manufacturing Firm which Employs Several Women.

### ESTIMATED \$35,000 INVESTED IN ONE BLOCK

Well Equipped Drug Store, a Unique Cafe, several Taxis and an Undertaking Establishment among the Progressive Enterprises in One Short Block. Sidelights on One or Two of the Proprietors Who Cater to the Public.

Last week we ended our trip among the business enterprises on North Twenty-fourth Street on the southwest corner of Burdette Street. Crossing the street to the northwest corner an exceptional building greets one. It is a one story cement block factory building known as the M. E. Smith Company Shrlt Factory Number 7. The building is owned by St. John's A. M. E. Church, and the Rev. W. C. Williams, pastor, and is rented to the M. E. Smith Company for factory purposes. The building is fitted up with electric sewing machines and gives employment to about thirty young women. It is a race enterprise only in the sense that the building, including the ground, all representing a total valuation of about \$8,000 is owned by colored people, which is of itself a strikingly significant fact.

Just north of this the northward traveler can have his thirst quenched at the "Oasis" a soft drink parlor, secure tonorial work or find amusement and recreation in ways that please some of the colored gentry. Next to this is the Bee Taxi Stand and across the street is the "Little Fontenelle" an attractive and popular cafe of which the genial Frank Golden is proprietor, and whose fame as a purveyor of the epicurean tastes of his patrons rivals that of chef de cuisine of the big Fontenelle down town. Two or three taxi stands can be reached here.

Returning to the west side, there is Williamson's well equipped and up-to-date drug store; with a full line of drugs, toilet articles etc., and a soda fountain, with the genial proprietor Mr. E. A. Williamson always on the job and never singing the blues. If he were inclined to try to sing the blues, the Monitor believes that the unflinching good nature of Mrs. Williamson who helps her husband out would not make this possible.

Just north of Williamson's, housed in an attractive two story brick building, is the undertaking establishment of Jones

### NEW COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT

President Harding Appoints Howard University Trustee Commissioner of the District of Columbia

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—President Warren G. Harding has just appointed two new commissioners of the District of Columbia, namely, Hon. Cuno H. Rudolph, president of the Second National bank, Washington, D. C., and Captain James F. Oyster. Both have served as commissioners before.

Mr. Rudolph is a trustee of Howard university, being a valued member of the finance and executive committees. For many years he has been deeply interested in the work of this important institution for the education of colored youth at the national capital. Serving as a member of the executive and finance committees, he has been of very great help to the university administration in the management of its financial affairs. Officers, teachers, students and members of the alumni of the Howard university very greatly appreciate the high recognition which has come to a member of its board of trustees.

### EDUCATIONAL MOTION PICTURE SHOWS

(By The Associated Negro Press) CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 24.—Fannie Butler, supervisor of schools, has just closed a program of educational motion picture shows. The exhibits were presented in the various school houses and created a deal of interest among the colored people.

and Reed. The offices are done in terra cotta and buff and the large chapel which opens off the offices in a similar color scheme. Heavy French draperies are at the windows and a live business-like air prevades the establishment.

The Monitor is not in a position to say just how much capital is invested in the business enterprises here named, but a conservative estimate would be at least \$25,000. With the four or five taxis, which we failed to take into account in this estimate, perhaps \$35,000 would not be too high.

### PENROSE DECLARES FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

(By The Associated Negro Press) Washington, April 7.—The Senator Penrose Statement. To the delegation of Colored citizens of Pennsylvania who called on Senator Penrose to ask his support in behalf of the civil rights bill before the legislature of his state, the Senator made the following remarkable statement:

"I see no reason why the Colored man or Colored woman should not be able to obtain a cup of coffee at any restaurant if they want to, or for that matter go to the hotels, cafes and other public places frequented by white persons.

"The time has long since passed when there should be any discrimination or repression towards our Colored citizens. They are entitled to their rights under the Constitution. They are free men under the Constitution, and I believe they are entitled to full commercial and political freedom of action, especially in regard to public accommodations and utilities.

"I am glad to be able to use what influence I possess at Harrisburg, where a bill is pending to give equal rights to the Negro race, to secure the passage of the measure, which has been hanging fire too long. It should be passed.

"I am glad to assist the men and women of the Colored race to remove the inequality and discrimination to which they are now subjected."

### BELIEVED TO BE COMING LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION

(By The Associated Negro Press) DETROIT, Mich., March 24.—Harry Cook, a young Negro athlete of this city, is being hailed as a coming lightweight champion pugilist by many good judges of fighters in this section. Cook has won a number of stiff battles during the past year and his manager, B. W. Tanzy, believes he has a good even chance to wrest the crown from lightweight champion Leonard. Mr. Tanzy recently declared: "We are ready to fight the world in the lightweight class."

### PATENTS MACHINE GUN

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 24.—Clarence Gregg has recently perfected and patented a new model machine gun which has several novel features. The gun will carry 1,400 cartridges and can be fired without the immediate attention of the operator. Gregg is making arrangements to take the gun to Washington, where it will be inspected by army officials and if it meets the requirements will be adopted for army use.

### PRESIDENT OF HOWARD PREACHES TO PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

(By The Associated Negro Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—President and Mrs. Harding attended their first church service at the Calvary Baptist church on Sunday, March 13. Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, the president of Howard university, preached the sermon. The burden of Dr. Durkee's sermon was "World Peace."

SLOGAN: "The Monitor In Every Home And I'll Help Put It There"