

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE GREETES NEGRO HERO

STATE DEPARTMENT GIVEN MEMORANDUM BY HAITIAN DIPLOMAT

Pierre Hudicourt Submits Document Asking Withdrawal of United Armed Forces from Island

WANT THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT

Patriotic Union Making Withdrawal Demand—A Non-Partisan Organization With Membership of 20,000

New York, June 5.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has announced that Pierre Hudicourt, former member of the Hague Peace Tribunal and now a member of the American Institute of International Law, who is representing the Haitian Patriotic Union in the United States, has sent a memorandum to President Coolidge and the Secretary of State asking the withdrawal of armed forces of this country from Haiti.

The memorandum charges that in violation of the Haitian constitution the country has been governed without regularly elected representatives of the people, by a council of state nominated and dismissed by the President. Mr. Hudicourt charges that President Louis Borno of Haiti on March 18 of this year dismissed seven members of the council and appointed seven new members more favorably disposed toward himself, in order to make his continuance in office more certain.

Despite the fiction of a Haitian government, Mr. Hudicourt charges that General Russell, the American High Commissioner in Haiti, "concentrates into his sole hands all the powers of the country. The de facto President Borno depends upon him for all and everything."

Urging restoration of representative government in Haiti, Mr. Hudicourt says:

"The U. S. Government has always given the assurance that it does not intend to confiscate or to attempt to confiscate the sovereignty of a weak neighbor. Recently Secretary Hughes said: 'We recognize the equality of the American republics, their equal rights under the law of nations.'"

"There is no reason not to believe such official declarations. However, the Haitian people believe that after almost ten years, time has come for this Government to prove the efficiency of those various promises and declarations."

The Patriotic Union of Haiti, in whose behalf Mr. Hudicourt drew up and presented the memorandum, is a non-partisan organization with more than 20,000 members throughout the island of Haiti.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE COMMENDS HERO'S ACTION

Thomas Lee Received at White House—Entertained by Tennessee Association of the District of Columbia

Special to The Monitor by Walter J. Singleton.

Washington, D. C., June 5.—Thomas Lee, Memphis hero, credited with saving the lives of thirty-two persons when the steamer Norman went down in the Mississippi river recently with the loss of more than a score of lives, was received by President Coolidge at the White House.

Accompanied by the owner and editor, respectively, of the Memphis News-Scimitar, who arranged for Lee's trip to Washington, he was ushered into the President's office, was commended by him for his bravery, and was later photographed shaking hands with Mr. Coolidge.

The Tennessee association of the District of Columbia met Lee at the Washington Post building and entertained him until 3 o'clock. He was taken to the Arlington National cemetery, where he placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He was then conducted on a sightseeing tour of the city, and finally turned over to the Rev. F. I. A. Bennett, an Episcopal clergyman, with whom he remained until his departure.

Before returning to Memphis Lee expressed his pleasure at his reception in Washington, and was especially desirous of returning here to educate himself and his two sons, Thomas and Woodrow. He also expressed his gratitude for his treatment by the citizens of Memphis. He has been recommended for a Carnegie medal award for heroism.

The American public spent \$250,000,000 on radio equipment last year.

RADIATESS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA

Among the graduates of the class of 1925 of the University of Omaha are Misses Grace Dorsey, Frances D. Gordon and Cecelia Starks. Miss Dorsey receives her certificate from the Primary Kindergarten department. The Misses Gordon and Starks receive their B. A. degree from the College of Arts and Sciences. The Misses Dorsey and Gordon are daughters of Omaha, having been born, reared and educated here. Miss Starks is a native of Texas and took her preliminary training in the schools of that state. Miss Dorsey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dorsey of 3643 Parker street and Miss Gordon of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson D. Gordon of 2416 Binney street. All these young ladies plan to teach.

Miss Dorsey is a communicant of St. Philip's Episcopal church; Miss Gordon attends St. Paul's Presbyterian church and Miss Starks Pilgrim's Baptist church.

The commencement exercises of the University were held Thursday night.

THANKS N. A. A. C. P. FOR AID IN DISCRIMINATION CASE

New York, June 5.—Dr. Leon W. Headon, Chicago dentist, who recently won a Civil Rights suit against the Tivoli Theatre Co., has written to thank the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for its aid in winning the case and has sent a check reimbursing the N. A. A. C. P., which advanced money to permit a witness from New York to testify at the Chicago trial. Dr. Headon writes:

"In the future, I sincerely hope that I can be of some material assistance in the advancement of the principles of the organization. Until then, please believe that I appreciate and am in sympathy with your work."

ETHIOPIANS NOT NEGROES

(Columbian Press Bureau.) Washington, D. C., June 5.—It is now claimed by Harvard University scientists, headed by Dr. Geo. A. Reisner, who has spent twenty-six years exploring ancient Egypt, that Ethiopians are not African Negroes. He says: "The inhabitants of both Abyssinia and Ethiopia were mixed races. In antiquity, as today, the whole region was inhabited by dark colored races in which brown prevails; but they were not and are not African Negroes, although many individuals show a mixture of black blood through intermarriage." For the benefit of these learned scientists we might add that there is not now nor has there ever been a tribe on the continent of Africa ethnologically classified as Negroes. The term "Negro" originated with the Portuguese and originally meant black.

PULLMAN COMPANY APPOINTS NEGRO EXPERT

(Columbian Press Bureau.) Washington, D. C., June 5.—C. Cornelius Webb, of 1773 Tea street, N. W., veteran employee of the Pullman Company, has been appointed as special investigator and conciliator in the Company's Bureau of Industrial Relations, Chicago, Ill. This appointment was made in order to give the 11,000 Negro service men running on Pullman cars actual representation and a voice in their work relations with the company. Webb will travel through the eight Pullman zones, with the idea not only of improving the service, but seeing that fair play in the matter of wages and conditions of labor is made a positive policy of the company in providing profitable employment for the thousands of Negroes in the Pullman service.

There is one colored retail dealer in groceries to 1,651 colored people, as compared to one white dealer to 407 whites.

THE COMING OF PICKENS

Omaha is to again have the rare and to-be-coveted privilege of hearing the eloquent and scholarly William Pickens, former dean of Morgan College, who resigned his influential and lucrative position in the educational world to devote himself to the work of the National Association for the



Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Pickens will speak in Omaha at a mass meeting at St. John's A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon, June 14. Wherever Mr. Pickens speaks he attracts large audiences. Those who have heard him once want to hear him again.

U. S. LABORER BEST PAID

(Columbian Press Bureau.) Washington, D. C., June 5.—Labor is being better paid in the United States than anywhere else in the world, according to the National Industrial Board, which recently made public a survey of economic conditions in America and Europe. The board said: "The American wage-earner, on the basis of what his pay will buy for him, is paid more than twice as well as his British colleague in London; nearly three times as well as the man in Amsterdam; more than three times as well as the worker in Germany; and nearly five times as much as the worker in Italy."

GIRL BRUTALLY ATTACKED AND BEATEN BY UNKNOWN DEGENERATE ASSAILANT

Miss Bernice Givens, a young girl employed at the DeLuxe Cafe, was attacked by an unidentified man, believed to be colored, at Thirtieth and Ohio streets, about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, as she was on her way home from work, and brutally beaten in her struggle to defend herself from the evident design of her assailant.

According to the young woman's story, she was detained at the cafe, where she is employed until nearly 10 o'clock, when she started for her home at 3008 Miami street, going west on Burdette street. As she reached Thirtieth and Ohio street a man suddenly came up behind her and dragged her into the alley between Ohio and Miami. As she screamed and struggled her assailant beat her. Her screams were heard by people in the neighborhood who called police, but the assailant made his escape. It is alleged that persons who heard the girl's screams hesitated to investigate believing that it was some man quarreling with his wife.

As Miss Givens says she can give a good description of her assailant it ought not be difficult for the police to arrest him.

The average value per acre of farm land in Beaufort county, North Carolina, has decreased nearly \$30 since 1920.

The latest controversy in the Baptist Church (white) is whether the rite of baptism by immersion should be regarded as optional or compulsory.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. COOLIDGE SEE CADETS DRILL

Special to The Monitor by Walter J. Singleton.

Washington, D. C., June 5.—An assemblage of 30,000 persons witnessed the competitive drill of the 24th Regiment, Washington High School Cadets Corps at the Griffith Stadium recently. A distinguished gathering was in attendance, headed by the President of the United States and Mrs. Coolidge, and the Japanese ambassador. Among the other notables present were Lieut. Col. Arthur Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Mrs. Daniel Murry, Dr. and Mrs. Emmet J. Scott, Mrs. Robert H. Terrell, Mrs. George H. Murry and Mrs. Fred T. Smith of Jersey City. They occasion marked an epoch in the history of the cadet organization in that it was the first time the President ever attended the competitive drill.

Company G (of the Armstrong Manual Training school) commanded by Captain Carl E. Darden, was the winning company. Dunbar High School Cadets were awarded second and third places in the company drills, and finished first in the battalion drill which followed company maneuvers. Company F, commanded by Capt. Robert G. Weaver, was the company winning second honors and Company A, commanded by Capt. John C. Payne, won the third place. The battalion commander in this victorious competition was Major John G. Baytop. The entire regiment headed by the cadet band was reviewed by President Coolidge.

Amid stirring enthusiasm the prize winning companies were marched before the committee on awards to receive their hard won trophies. Captain Darden received a valuable diamond studded medal, and the other officers of his company gold medals. Blue ribbons, symbolic of the 1925 cadet drill championship, were pinned on the tunics of the non-commissioned officers and privates. Silver medals and the other officers of Company F, and white ribbons to the non-commissioned officers and privates. Captain Payne and his officers received bronze medals, and the non-commissioned officers and privates red ribbons. The committee on awards, which presented the prizes, consisted of Lieut. Col. Noburn Morits, military attaché of the Japanese embassy; Lieut. Col. Wallace M. Craig, U. S. A., professor of military tactics and science in the Washington high schools, and Dr. J. Hayden Johnson, member of the board of education. Other officials of the education department participated in the presentation ceremonies, among whom were Superintendent Frank W. Ballou, Assistant Superintendents Stephen E. Kramer, Robert L. Haycock and Garnet C. Wilkinson; James T. Lloyd, president of the board of education; Edwin C. Graham, Mrs. Coralle F. Cook and Rev. F. I. A. Bennett, members of the board of education.

The Armstrong and Dunbar high schools, and the Shaw and Randall junior high schools were represented in the drill, there being eleven companies in all. Lieut. Col. Benjamin O. Davis of the U. S. Cavalry, himself a former cadet captain, was the senior judge, assisted by Captains Harry O. Atwood and Sylvester Epps, both of these officers being members of the Infantry Reserve Corps. The line officers of the victorious company (other than Captain Darden) were First Lieut. Othello De W. Branson and Second Lieut. Frank J. Herbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Morton, nee Irene Cochran, who have been touring the west in concert work, have returned to Omaha. Mrs. Morton will fill engagements this summer with Desdunes' band.

Miss Frances D. Gordon left today for Jacksonville, Ill., to bring home her mother who has been an invalid for years but has improved since her trip to her old home.

RECEIVES HER DEGREE AT NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY

Miss Gladys Edrose Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper E. Brown, 2883 Miami street, will receive her B. A. degree from the Nebraska State University, Lincoln, Saturday. Miss Brown was born and reared in Omaha and graduated from Central high school in 1921. She spent her freshman year at the University of Kansas, but entered the University of Nebraska in her sophomore year. She majored in history. Miss Brown plans to teach. She is a communicant of St. Philip's Episcopal church.

WILL SOON ORGANIZE AMERICAN LABOR UNIONS

(Columbian Press Bureau.) Washington, D. C., June 5.—It is announced by the International Labor News Service that the 108 national and international unions are about to launch a great campaign in which colored workers will assist in bringing their labor group into local and national organizations. Talks will be given by organizers during the noon hours near great factories where the organization of Negro employees is much desired, and scenes stimulating unity among all workers will be shown in moving pictures to be used by lecturers who will visit all the important points in the United States and Canada.

DEPT. OF JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE MOB-INCITING NEWSPAPER

New York, June 5.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is informed in a letter from the U. S. Post Office Department that its complaint against "The Argus", a newspaper of Rockaway Beach, N. Y., which published an incendiary anti-Negro editorial, has been referred to the Department of Justice for investigation.

The editorial complained of, advised white men to take into their own hands the cases of Negroes accused of annoying women and not to let the cases come before the courts.

FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN THREATENS DWELLING

Fire broke out at 2411 Seward street at 1:45 Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Mamie Atkins was sleeping in the room where the fire originated and could give no information as to the origin of it. Hose company No. 6 was called by a passer by and soon extinguished the fire with little damage to the house and none to the furnishings.

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BROWN'S OMAHA ROYAL GIANTS WILL BE A SUMMER ATTRACTION

A double-header between Omaha's first colored baseball team and one of the fastest colored nines in the National Colored League is scheduled to be played next Sunday afternoon at League baseball park, Fifteenth and Vinton streets.

The Omaha club is to be known as Brown's Omaha Royal Giants, and is to play in Omaha each week-end when the Omaha Western League club is away from home.

Manager Brown is now officing at the baseball park preparing an out-of-town schedule.

TWELVE COLORED STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM CENTRAL AND TECH HIGH SCHOOLS

Central and Tech High schools graduate this year 576 students. Graduates from South High, North High and Benson High bring the total to 734. Twelve colored students graduate from Central and Tech or about two and half per cent of the total number, which is a decided gain over the ratio of former years. From Central the boys are in the majority, which is quite unusual, there being four boys and three girls while at Tech there is one lone boy among four girls. The Centralites are Gerald Adams, Jesse C. Hutten, Martin Thomas, Weldon Solomon, Florence Jones, Melva McCaw and Ruth Pegg. Those from Tech are Mae Allen, Katie Cheney, Cleone Macklin, Helen Redd, Theodore Davis, "Teddy" being the lone "male of the species". Solomon and Thomas have been outstanding athletes at Central, Solomon having been recently awarded six medals and two silver cups for track work and Thomas winning honors in football, track and discuss throwing. They were two of the thirteen outstanding stars of Central who were honored by Coach Schmidt at the class banquet last Friday night at the Hotel Fontenelle.

WASHINGTON COLORED WOMAN BEQUEATHES \$1,000 TO N. A. A. C. P.

Washington, D. C., June 5.—The late Mrs. Bettie G. Francis of Washington, D. C., by the terms of her will recently filed for probate, bequeathed the sum of \$1,000 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was announced recently. Other beneficiaries of the will are: Howard University, \$2,500, and Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A., \$1,000.

Mrs. Francis was for years an active worker in the Washington branch of the N. A. A. C. P.

BRIEFS

(Columbian Press Bureau.)

Mortality is lowest for infants born in August and highest for those born in June.

We are sure that we can pick the winner in the Chicago Defender's "Prettiest Girl" Contest.

Detroit will probably be the leading convention city in 1926 because of certain conditions just across the river.

Colored retail dealers in boots and shoes average one to every 73,169 persons of their own racial group.

The mortality rate for premature infants is over six times as high as that for infants born at term.

In each group of 1,000 colored females, 10 years of age or over, 389 as compared with 172 native white females are gainfully employed.

The chief divisions of mankind are the Caucasian, Ethiopian (not Negro), Mongolian, Malay and American; or, as familiarly called, the white, black, yellow, brown and red races.

Some of our automobile drivers will not be able to qualify as chariot drivers on the golden streets.

G. W. Turner, a young colored man in New York City, is the proprietor of an electrical shop in which he employs twelve men and a female book-keeper.

A candidate for office had been campaigning rather strenuously for several weeks and it was his habit to get home about 1 a. m. with a beautiful jag. Finally his wife got tired of his conduct and concluded to give him a scare. She watched for his home coming and when she staggered from the gate toward the house she jumped out from a cluster of bushes with a sheet over her head and posed directly in front of the old man. He halted and staring as the ghost-like form said, "Who-hic are you?" "I am the devil," growled the ghost. "Oh, that's all right," stammered the husband. "I ain't afraid of you. I married your sister sixteen years ago."

One of the important political speakers addressing a packing house audience was interrupted by a laborer and it made him angry. Pointing his finger in the fellow's face the speaker said: "I don't mind being swallowed by a whale, but I do object to being gored to death by a shrimp. Now you keep still."

