

## WILL INVEST \$100,000,000 IN LIBERIA

### Costly Chicago Church, Owned by Negroes, Is Wrecked by Bomb

#### LIBERIAN REPUBLIC TO BE DEVELOPED BY AMERICAN CASH

Firestone Tire Company Invests Millions in African Lands for the Production of Rubber  
POSSIBILITIES ARE UNLIMITED  
New Field of Opportunity Will Undoubtedly Be Developed for Qualified Negroes from America

New York City.—(Staff correspondence for the Associated Negro Press.)—There is an old adage that "All things come to those who wait." Some one added, "But you must hustle while you wait." Liberia waited, and hustled, and now is coming into her own. Blocked by democrats and republicans in their effort to borrow \$5,000,000 for internal improvements and to tide them over a distressing period, they have come back with a private realization twenty times as large, and which, under the plan of action, will be twenty times as valuable in the prosperity and general development of the western coast republic.

It further goes to show that the American business man will go anywhere to get what he wishes, and he will meet on a high business plane any one who will furnish him with the things he wishes. The Firestones of Akron, Ohio, want rubber. For quite some time they have been investigating and negotiating with Liberia on a program of rubber development. They have found, to their own satisfaction, that Liberia affords the most advantageous place in the world for the production of rubber, and so they are going after the job in a big way.

This tremendous deal, negotiated between a white man, H. S. Firestone, representing rubber industries, and a black man, Edwin Barclay, secretary of state for the Liberian republic, is undoubtedly the most gigantic business transaction ever enacted between the two races. It affords an entirely new outlook and a real inspiration for those who have been skeptical about racial futures.

This new field will afford a real outlet for those who have qualifications, and who have adventurous ideas. A new harbor is being constructed at Monrovia, the Liberian capital, and there are to be twenty separate communities developed simultaneously. It has been further announced that skilled artisans, mechanics, physicians, bookkeepers, stenographers and others will be taken from this and other countries into Liberia for the promotion of the necessary detailed work. This will mean that other business will follow—stores of various descriptions. There will be additional schools, churches and building operations for, it is understood, the people will have to have places to live, and it is known that housing facilities are altogether inadequate at present. Because of climatic conditions, the types of houses are somewhat different from those to which Americans are accustomed, and hence will not require as long to construct.

With American skill in handling sanitary projects on a large scale, it is believed that Liberia will be made one of the most healthful places in the world to live. African fever has been the most dreaded disease, and even the Liberians have found a way to reduce the dangers of this infection. It is, to say the least, romantic, to consider what may be the probable outcome of a new "door of opportunity" where thousands of Negro Americans may be induced to return to the land of their fathers, and become a definite part of a new economic development, free from American prejudice and handicaps.

It is remarked in passing that Haiti, for the present under an American protectorate, affords another unusual opportunity for commercial development on a large scale.

#### C. M. E. OFFICIAL DIES

St. Louis, Mo.—Dr. R. S. Stout who for twenty years has been the general secretary of the Church Extension Department of the C. M. E. church, died in St. Louis at Barnes hospital recently. Dr. Stout has been one of the most prominent ministers of our group for many years and has a long and successful record as a high churchman.

#### LINCOLN CONFERENCE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH CLOSES SESSION

Rev. J. H. Ellis Is Assigned to Grove for Another Conference Year—Delegates Are Pleased with Hospitality

The twenty-fourth session of the Lincoln annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, Bishop Keeney presiding, closed Sunday night at Grove M. E. church, with the reading of appointments, the Rev. J. H. Ellis being reassigned to Groves for another conference year. Gratification was expressed for the manner in which the conference was cared for by local citizens.

The conference was a markedly successful one from every point of view. There were all told 160 delegates, ministerial and lay, present and the reports presented showed substantial and encouraging growth. Among the outstanding general officers in attendance were the Rev. Dr. L. H. King, of Cincinnati, Ohio, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate; the Rev. Dr. E. M. Jones, of New Orleans, La., secretary of the Pension and Relief Fund; and the Rev. J. W. Golden of Philadelphia, representative of the Evangelistic department.

At the service Sunday afternoon Mrs. Peachie Ecton was ordained as a deacon.

#### DR. MOTON PAYS TRIBUTE TO EPISCOPAL CHURCH

New Orleans, La.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, in a speech at Jerusalem Temple under the auspices of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, in session in this city, said that he "would rather be a black man in the United States than any human that walks", because he would rather have the chance to work with his people than to be any other human being.

Dr. Moton paid high tribute to the Episcopal Church for its assistance in helping the Negro to better conditions and pointed out that this church did not split over the civil war and its problems regarding the Negro.

Continuing, he said: "The Negro is putting more and more trust in the white man every day; we don't want to be white—all we ask is for you to help us fit ourselves to help ourselves, and you are doing it. We do want decent coaches to ride in; decent living conditions in a decent part of the towns and an equal chance to make good."

The history of the church institute was reviewed by the Rev. Robert Patton, D. D., white, director of the institute. He said the institute originated twenty years ago with a board composed equally of northern and southern men. Progress for the first few years was slow, the Episcopal church siding but two schools to care for 10,000,000 Negroes. Today it has ten on its list.

The aim of the church is to put one school in every southern state and these schools are to be devoted to the selection and training of Negro leaders.

#### RESCUES BOY CLIMBER

New York, N. Y.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—A seven-year-old boy, who escaped without giving his name, was rescued by Sidney Fisher, colored building superintendent, who reached the roof of the building just in time to grab the boy who was hanging from the cornice.

Indianapolis, Ind.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—A new indictment charging conspiracy to commit a felony has been returned by the grand jury against D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana.

#### CLARENCE DARROW TO HEAD SWEET'S DEFENSE; DETROIT

National Advancement Association Retains Famous Chicago Lawyer as Chief Counsel in Important Case

#### STRONG LEGAL STAFF SECURED

New York.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has announced that the celebrated lawyer, Clarence Darrow, who was chief counsel in the Tennessee evolution case, has been retained to head the defense of Dr. O. H. Sweet and ten other Negroes charged with murder for defending Dr. Sweet's home from a mob in Detroit.

Arrangements were concluded with Mr. Darrow recently and he left Chicago to go to Detroit and prepare the case for trial. Associated with Mr. Darrow will be Arthur Garfield Hayes of New York, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The staff of counsel retained for the case, who will work under the leadership of Mr. Darrow includes a well known white Detroit attorney together with the colored counsel who have been associated with the case from the beginning.

In making the announcement of Mr. Darrow's association with the case as chief counsel, James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said:

"The Detroit case involves the third and most dangerous phase of segregation. The N. A. A. C. P. has fought and won a victory in the United States Supreme Court, in the matter of segregation by ordinance or law. We shall very soon argue in the supreme court the question of segregation by private agreement among whites property owners. We are now facing in Detroit, segregation by mob violence.

"If in the Detroit case the Negro is not upheld in the right to defend his home against eviction by a riotous mob, no decent Negro home anywhere in the United States will be secure. In the Detroit case where the colored people are being tried on the charge of murder in the first degree, because they did exercise the right of defending their home, the Advancement Association has secured the best legal talent that the United States affords.

"The N. A. A. C. P. will spare no effort and, so far as our resources go, will spare no money. The amount of work the association can do on this case, the case now pending in the supreme court and other cases, will depend on the financial support the colored people of the country will give.

"The N. A. A. C. P. wants money to fight these cases. These two segregation cases, together with the vitally important Texas disfranchisement case, which has now also reached the supreme court, obligate the N. A. A. C. P. in the sum of approximately \$20,000. Will the colored people of the country furnish the ammunition for this fight upon which one of their most fundamental rights depends? We want contributions of from \$100 to one dollar. Send checks to J. E. Spingarn, treasurer of the N. A. A. C. P., 69 Fifth avenue, New York City."

#### ONE MAN HOLDS MOB AT BAY

Birmingham, Ala.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—After having been cornered by a mob of more than 500 whites, John Asbury, with an ax in his hand, held the crowd at bay until police officers arrived. He surrendered to them without a struggle.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RENDERS ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

Complete Report of All Money Received by Citizens' Committee Appointed to Cooperate with Roosevelt Post

The finance committee of the citizens' committee appointed to co-operate with Roosevelt Post No. 30 of the American Legion to raise funds for the entertainment of the Legionnaires respectfully submits and makes public its report of all money received and expended, receipts and vouchers being available for inspection.

The finance committee was composed of M. F. Singleton, chairman; R. L. Williams, R. C. Price and Allen Jones.

The total receipts were \$250.29 and the total expenditures \$145.00, leaving a balance of \$105.29 which has been turned over to Roosevelt Post. Receipts and expenditures are itemized below.

The committee desires to acknowledge receipt of and thank the following contributors for the sum set after each name: M. F. Singleton, \$5.00; H. L. Preston, \$3.00; E. W. Killingsworth, \$10.00; Dr. J. A. Singleton, \$5.00; T. T. McNeil, \$2.00; William Davis, \$5.00; Dr. W. W. Peebles, \$5.00; James R. Bell, \$5.00; Cunningham Wilson, \$3.00; John A. Gardner, \$3.00; Charles Saunders, \$2.00; James A. Clarke, \$2.50; J. H. Hutten, \$5.00; James C. Jewell, \$5.00; Dr. L. E. Britt, \$5.00; M. Lynch, \$5.00; W. G. Haynes, \$5.00; R. C. Long, \$5.00; P. M. Harris, \$5.00; J. Dillard Crawford, \$5.00; Metz Manion, \$5.00; H. J. Pinkett, \$5.00; W. B. Bryant, \$2.00; T. P. Mahammit, \$5.00; John A. Smith, \$1.00; Douglas Redden, \$3.00; Edward Nicholson, \$5.00; Nat Hunter, \$2.00; Orlo South, \$2.00; Tommy Wilson, \$2.00; A. F. Peoples, \$5.00; Robert Coleman, \$5.00; Olie Jackson, \$5.00; Earl A. Wheeler, \$2.00; James Bell, \$5.00; A. L. Anderson, \$1.00; J. S. Turner, \$1.00; Mr. Rich, \$5.00; Policeman Burch, \$5.00; St. John's A. M. E. Church, \$31.29; John Fawcett, \$3.00; Bud Trent, \$1.00; Joseph Thomas, \$2.00; Reid Duffy Pharmacy, \$10.00; Leroy C. Broomfield, \$2.00; M. D. Colton, \$1.00; W. B. Nichol, \$1.00; U. S. Matthews, \$1.00; Dr. G. B. Lennox, \$5.00; Mayo and Jackson, \$5.00; Dr. Craig Morris, \$2.00; Claude C. G. Stockman, \$2.00; P. C. Perry, \$2.00; Dr. C. H. Singleton, \$5.00; T. C. Ross, \$5.00; Dr. A. A. Foster, \$1.00; Mrs. P. Katzman, \$1.00; H. Dolgoff, \$1.00; D. Schwartz, 50 cents; Liberty Drug Co., \$1.00; J. Eskelson, \$1.00; Carl Franklin, \$5.00; W. C. Saunders, 50 cents; W. O. Dunn, 50 cents; Sol Lewis, \$1.00; total, \$250.29.

The following is a list of the expenditures:

Rufus C. Long, for flags, \$50.00; J. C. Jewell, hall rent and music, \$41.00; Harry W. Long, auto driving, \$20.00; Robert Herrington, decorations, \$15.00; Monitor Publishing Co., printing report, \$10.00; New Era Printing Co., printing, \$9.00; total, \$145.00.

M. F. Singleton, Chairman.  
R. L. Williams,  
R. C. Price,  
Allen Jones.

Dr. J. H. Hutten,  
General Chairman Citizens' Committee.

#### IMPORT COTTON PICKERS

Memphis, Tenn.—Plantation owners in Texas, Mississippi and Tennessee are hoping that the acute labor shortage in the cotton fields will be relieved with the importation of Mexicans and colored families from the North. For sometime there has been an effort to entice Negro farmers back to the South, but it has met with so little success that the cotton magnates feel it may be easier and cheaper to import the Mexicans.

#### MEXICANS SUE U. S. FOR LYNNING

Pueblo, Colo.—The Mexican government has filed a claim of \$50,000 against the United States as a result of the lynching here of Jose Gonzales and Santos Ortiz, September 13, 1919.

#### PIONEER RACE EDITOR SUCCEUMS TO PROTRACTED ILLNESS

Cyrus D. Bell Who Had Made His Home Here for Nearly 60 Years Passes Away at Residence of Daughter

#### FUNERAL SATURDAY P. M.

Cyrus D. Bell, one of Omaha's pioneer residents, and first race editor, passed quietly away Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John Moore, 2629 Seward street.

Mr. Bell, who with his only unmarried daughter, Miss Bessie, had lived for many years in their home at Thirty-first and Maple streets, and who had been in poor health for the past ten years, was taken to a local hospital early last week, but expressing a desire to go to Mrs. Moore's home, was removed there Saturday night. Although very weak he was conscious until the last, his three daughters being at his bedside when he passed away.

Cyrus D. Bell was born in slavery at Jackson, Miss., about eighty years ago. He came to Omaha in 1868, where he had since resided, with the exception of a few months spent in Plattsmouth during the latter part of that year. Being of a studious nature, and a thoroughly self-made man, he acquired quite a liberal education, and became a fluent and forceful writer, his pen being every ready to champion the rights of his race. Being an independent thinker, he did a bold thing for a Negro in those early days, he espoused the cause of the democratic party, believing in its principles, and that the race ought to divide on public issues just as other elements of the citizenship do.

This position, which he aggressively maintained, did not make him popular with his race, who in those days felt themselves mortgaged to the republican party.

He was a painter and paper-hanger by trade and many of the fine old residences of Omaha were painted and decorated by him. During Cleveland's first administration he was appointed government store keeper. It was about this time also that he began the publication of Omaha's first race newspaper, The Afro-American Sentinel, which he successfully edited for three years. In its early years he was active in the affairs of St. Philip's Episcopal Mission, serving as Sunday School superintendent, organist and lay reader.

Mrs. Bell, who was Miss Cecelia Scantlin, died several years ago. Mr. Bell is survived by six children, Eugene, of Mason City, Iowa; Miss Bessie, Walter W. Mrs. William H. Johnson and Mrs. John Moore all of Omaha; and Mrs. Gordon Hoody of Chicago.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, Rev. John Albert Williams, officiating. Interment will be at Forest Lawn.

#### GRANDMOTHER, OVER 100, DANCES ON BIRTHDAY

New York, N. Y.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Mrs. Francois Levapresto, Staten Island, celebrated her 105th birthday with a party. She shows few of the signs of old age, having just been forced to admit that she was growing old because she found it necessary to buy glasses to read with. She danced with her guests, said she liked automobiles and musical comedies, and went on record against prohibition, short skirts and powder puffs.

#### FISK CELEBRATES JUBILEE

Nashville, Tenn.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Appropriate exercises were held in the chapel of Fisk University recently, celebrating jubilee day. A number of talks on folk music were featured.

#### VICAR OF ST. PHILIPS PARISH CELEBRATES 34th ANNIVERSARY

Tendered a Very Delightful Party by Members of His Congregation and Presented Purse—Old Friends Present

A large congregation was present last Sunday morning at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon when the Rev. John Albert Williams celebrated the thirty-fourth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Members of other parishes who were present at his ordination were also among the worshippers. The sermon topic was "Gratitude for God's Mercies", from the text, "I am not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies, and of all the truth, which Thou hast showed unto Thy servant." Gen. 30; 11-10.

Monday night a pleasant surprise party in honor of the occasion was tendered the pastor by parishioners and friends. About 7:30 he was cleverly dispatched by his wife on an errand which detained him for about an hour. When he returned home the rectory had been taken possession of and decorated by parishioners who crowded every available space. A short program was rendered, including a solo by Mrs. Hattie Brown of Zion Baptist church, after which Mr. Henry W. Black, in a well-chosen speech, presented Father Williams with a purse as a token of appreciation, to which the recipient, visibly touched responded. He was then presented with a large beautifully decorated cake, on which was traced, "Congratulations, 34th Anniversary", made by Mrs. Charles T. Smith. He cut the cake and it formed a part of the delicious refreshment served. The surprise was planned Thursday by the Woman's Auxiliary and was enthusiastically taken up by the congregation.

#### DISCOVER NEW "RACE" ON PURA RIVER, RUSSIA

Moscow, Russia.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Discovery of a new race is reported by Prof. B. N. Gorodoff, the Russian explorer who recently traversed western Siberia.

He found on the river Pura, he states, five clans containing more than 600 people, having a language different from any of the tribes of the western Siberia jungles, and differing from the adjacent Samoyede tribes by their dark hair and complexions.

They have little intercourse with their neighbors, and only a few engage in the fall fishing beyond the borders of their own country. They call themselves the "forest people."

#### DAVIS ELECTED GEORGIA NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

Atlanta, Ga.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—At a meeting altogether free from the race issue and marked by harmony of the most wholesome sort, Benjamin J. Davis, editor and owner of the "Atlanta Independent", was placed in the shoes of the late Henry Lincoln Johnson, by being elected, almost unanimously republican national committeeman for the state of Georgia.

The election of the "Independent" editor brings to the fore another of Georgia's fighting leaders. His career has been marked by a willingness to mix it with anybody for principle's sake and by a sanity and conservatism that was oftentimes confusing and maddening to his opponents. He is said to be one of the wealthiest Negroes in Georgia.

#### PARDON BOY TO SEE HIS DYING MOTHER

New Orleans, La.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—An order that he might see his mother before her death, a special pardon was granted to Clay Thompson, a youth of East Carroll, who is serving a year's sentence in the penitentiary on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. When the attorneys representing the accused boy presented a physician's certificate showing the aged mother was paralyzed and near death the pardon board quickly granted the pardon and ordered his release.

#### COWBOY BISHOP SAYS WOMEN "MUST OBEY"

New Orleans, La.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Declaring that nature means for man to lead women, the Right Rev. Irving P. Johnson, known as the "Cowboy Bishop", asserted: "When I am shown a cow moose at the head of a herd, I'll believe woman is fit to be head of the family."

#### BAPTIST CHURCH AGAIN BOMBED AND BADLY DAMAGED

Costly Chicago Structure Purchased and Occupied by Race Shattered By Tremendous Blast Heard Miles Away

#### INSURANCE WILL COVER LOSS

State Attorney's Office Has Begun Rigid Investigation Which Promises Apprehension of Bombers

Chicago, Ill.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—At four o'clock last Friday morning residents within a mile radius of Fifty-third street and Michigan avenue were aroused from their beds by the detonation from a bomb which destroyed the mammoth Bethesda Baptist Church at the confluence of the above streets and broke window panes in houses and stores for six blocks around. The blast was the worst ever experienced in Chicago and carried stark fear into the hearts of thousands who feared that its thunderous voice was the herald of an earthquake.

The Bethesda Baptist Church was recently purchased from a Jewish congregation which had joined with another group of Jews and erected a synagogue in another locality. The purchase price is said to have been \$250,000, which, according to real estate men, was much less than the edifice was actually worth. It stood majestically in the center of an aristocratic settlement of rich Jews and a white bourgeoisie from the merchant and commercial classes. Ten months ago it was bombed and damage done to the extent of \$3,500. At that time the pastor, backed by his congregation, made the announcement that he did not intend to move. He is the Rev. Eli T. Martin.

Several of the richest Chicago Negroes are members of the church, including Anthony Overton, president of the Overton-Hygienic Company and of the Douglass National Bank, and Mrs. Jesse Binga, wife of the president of the Binga State Bank. Mr. Overton stated that the church was insured against bombing for \$225,000 and against fire for \$200,000. The damage done to the structure was estimated to have been \$125,000, which is therefore covered by insurance. Another \$100,000 damage was done in the immediate neighborhood in the breaking of windows and the tearing loose of residence and apartment house foundations. Hundreds of whites were forced to leave their homes and to hire guards to protect their exposed personal property.

The state attorney's office got busy immediately and began an investigation, aided by the Keystone National Detective Agency, which looks more hopeful than any move yet made to apprehend the persons guilty of perpetrating bomb outrages against Negroes in the last seven years. A search was begun for fifteen whites, supposed to be ringleaders in certain protective associations which have been raising funds for the purpose of driving colored buyers from white districts. It is reported that information was given to the state attorney's office by a colored woman who has been "passing" and attending meetings where the plans were discussed. This is expected to prove of inestimable value in apprehending the guilty parties.

#### JAPAN BANS BOBBED HAIR AND SHORT SKIRTS

New York.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Dispatches from Tokio, Japan, indicate that Japan is not going to be led by the radical styles of the Occident. Bobbed hair was checked by an order issued banning all styles of occidental headdress and the women have been forbidden to wear short skirts by the arbiters of fashion in the island kingdom.

#### AGED GRAVEDIGGER SHOT

Rockwood, Tenn.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—An Aaron Roddy, who for nearly half a century has helped to dig every grave in the Glen Alice cemetery, died recently from the effect of a bullet fired into his back by an unknown assailant. There were eighty-four bullet holes in his clothing.

#### UNCLE WIGGLY'S TRICKS

