

## Omahan's Mother is Killed in Tornado

### OMAHA PHYSICIAN ENJOYING TRIP AND WORK AT BERLIN UNIVERSITY

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Father J. A. Williams,  
Editor Monitor.

Having been a constant reader of The Monitor, through Herbert Wiggins, Jr., every Saturday, I miss "my" paper. This being so, I wish also to be remembered by Ye Editor and readers.

Concerning my stay at the University of Berlin, it is needless to say, I DO miss my many friends and patients. However, I feel sure I am being more than compensated.

Most of my time is spent in the hospital, but on Saturdays and Sundays I go constantly from early till late—very late, to see, viz: The Reichstag, a wonderful structure, looking towards the Konigsplatz, a square with many monuments and the very tall "Column of Victory" of 1871 in the middle. The statue in this column, as well as the dome of the Reichstag, are gilded, and in the sunlight they resemble real gold. The palace of Kaiser William I. The Zeughaus or armory. The museums. Some of the building are more than 600 years old. The Aquarium and Zoo, the most wonderful thing I have ever seen. In the Zoo park there are a number of Arabians and Africans.

### GENERAL ORGANIZER OF PULLMAN PORTERS GIVES TWO ADDRESSES

A. Phillip Randolph and A. V. Totten  
Heard by Good-Sized Audiences  
Sunday Afternoon and  
Monday Night

Despite the torrential downpour of rain Sunday afternoon a large audience was present in St. John's A. M. E. church to hear A. Phillip Randolph, general organizer, and A. V. Totten, general field agent of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, tell the story and present status of the Pullman porters' fight for economic freedom and a living wage. Those who attended were fully repaid by the candid and lucid array of facts which the speakers placed before them.

Mr. Totten stressed the fact that the Pullman Porters' fight is one that affects the entire race. An increase of \$25 a month only, and the Brotherhood is asking more than this, in the wages of the 12,000 porters, would mean an increase of \$3,600,000 per annum in income to the race, the helpfulness of which is apparent.

Mr. Randolph defended the thesis that the laborer is worthy of his hire and should have a living wage. He contended that \$72 a month is not a living wage, and that the tipping system which compels the porter to depend upon the gratuities of the passengers for the balance of his living is fundamentally wrong in principle, is indefinite, uncertain, inadequate, and undemocratic. He outlined the successful efforts for the organization of the porters in order that they might bring their grievances before the United States Labor Board. The Pullman Company having refused mediation and arbitration, the next step is to show an emergency, which will bring it before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Pullman porter is discriminated against by the company in the matter of the hours of employment as well as in wages. These evils can only be corrected by organization.

Monday night, another audience heard these speakers, and a citizens' committee was organized to co-operate with the local representative of the Brotherhood, Bennie Smith, and the national organization, in creating a public opinion favoring the demands of the Brotherhood for a living wage and better working conditions.

Memphis, Tenn.—A devastating fire, which is believed to have been started by the spark from a chimney, threatened to wipe out a colored settlement on the outskirts of the city recently. Twelve houses were destroyed by the flames and damages amounted to nearly \$20,000.

It is very interesting to see them do their Mohammedan ceremonies, using the camels, etc.

Before I return I hope to visit Tripoli and Alexandria, North Africa. Mine Vaterland? (Or was I there when I was in Ireland?) At any rate, to be sure I shall see Africa. Also Jerusalem, Damascus, Athens, Naples and Rome.

Sunday, I heard the German preacher at the Dome, a very beautiful edifice, a good second for the Abbey, seating (Dome) about four thousand, and about half that number standing in the aisles, which, by the way, was "my seat," since most of the pews were paid for annually. Now the text: "Die witive klene gabe" (the widow's mite). At first I was able to keep up, but when he waxed eloquent in his "mother tongue" he shot constantly over my head for more than twenty minutes. However, when the excess energy was spent and he came down, I got on again, which pleased me much. Am unable to say all, but do think I have said enough.

I wish for you and family as much health and happiness as I could for myself.  
Yours,  
WESLEY JONES, M. D.

### ABYSSINIA ASKS FOR LEGATION

Plea Made for U. S. Help and Co-Operation. A Diplomatic Representative Will Be Sent

Washington, D. C.—The United States will have a diplomatic representative in Abyssinia, it was stated at the State Department, following the call of Dr. C. Martin, personal representative of Ras Tafari, prince regent of Abyssinia, at the White House.

Since 1913 American affairs in Abyssinia have been in the hands of the British Minister although previously the United States was represented in the capitol by a consular commissioner.

Dr. Martin presented to President Coolidge a gold shield, such as are worn by Abyssinian warriors. Although the president was unable to accept the gift personally, he expressed his appreciation, and the shield will be kept with other decorations and gifts made by foreign governments to United States officials in the archives of the State Department.

A plea was made by Dr. Martin for the help and co-operation of the United States.

Last year the State Department asked for an appropriation to re-establish a legation at Addis Abeba, but the request was not approved by the House Committee on Foreign Relations. This year, if the appropriation is not granted, the State Department will send one of its representatives as charge d'affaires, an act which does not require a special appropriation from congress.

### MOB STORMS FLORIDA JAIL TO SEIZE NEGRO

Fort Myers, Fla.—A mob of several hundred white men, women and children stormed the Lee County jail here recently in an effort to seize and lynch Will Johnson, who was locked up in the jail as a suspect in connection with an attack upon a 50-year-old white woman. The iron spike fence that surrounds the jail is all that prevented the mob from carrying out its plans.

### HAITIAN JOURNALISTS ARRESTED FOR SEDITION

Port au Prince, Haiti—Three Haitian journalists were arrested here recently for the publication of sensational articles charging that the United States was negotiating secretly with the Haitian government for the establishment of a powerful naval and military base at Gonaives and the District of Artibonite.

### EDITORIAL

Believing, as we do, in the general disposition of the police authorities of this city to be fair towards our people, we are at a loss to understand their apparent inactivity in the case reported to them Friday of the attack alleged to have been made upon two colored girls early Friday morning by five men who represented themselves as officers. According to the story of these two young women, one Mrs. Viola Wright, aged 26, who is married and highly respected, and the other Pearl Irvin, aged 14, also a respectable girl, they were standing on Sixteenth and Douglas street about 2 a. m., waiting for a street car to take them home, when five men drove up in a car, represented themselves as officers and demanded what they were doing out so late. Mrs. Wright replied that they were musicians coming from their work and waiting for the street car to go home. The men forced the girls in the car, drove east to Thirteenth street and turning north on Thirteenth, took them out near Carter Lake where they assaulted and robbed them. Up to the present time nothing much has been one about it. We are wondering why. Such a crime ought to be rigidly investigated and every effort made to apprehend the guilty parties.

We cannot but believe that had it been charged that Negroes had been guilty of a like crime several "suspects," would have been rounded up and held for investigation long before this time.

### CONFERENCE MAKES CHANGES IN OMAHA METHODIST CHURCHES

New Pastors to be Assigned to Bethel and Allen Chapel—Grant, Adams and Kidd Elected Delegates to General Conference

The Nebraska Conference of the A. M. E. church, which met in Kansas City last week, has made changes in two pastorates here. The Rev. Thomas W. Kidd, pastor of Bethel, and the Rev. S. D. Rhone, pastor of Allen Chapel, South Side, have been transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference. Appointments for these two churches have not yet been made. The Rev. John H. Grant, pastor of St. John's, and the Rev. John Adams, presiding elder, have been returned to their former posts here. In the spirited contest for General Conference delegates, Omaha fared well.

The following were elected to the General Conference, which meets in Chicago next year: The Rev. W. T. Osborne, Kansas City; the Rev. John H. Grant, the Rev. John Adams and the Rev. Dr. Isaacson, Kansas City.

### ADMITS HE ACCUSED NEGRO TO SAVE SELF

Washington, D. C.—Grilled by headquarters detectives after he had reported that he was held up by three "Negroes" and robbed of \$330 at the point of a pistol, George W. Sullivan, white, 1620 Wisconsin avenue northwest, changed his story recently and admitted that the holdup report was "faked" to cover a debt he owed, according to police.

Sullivan, in his original report, gave a minute description of each of the three men he said had robbed him, outlining in detail their approximate ages, weights and manner of dress. He said the holdup took place at Thirty-third and U streets northwest and that the men escaped in an automobile.

### TWO-HEADED CHILD

Americus, Ga.—Medical authorities here were baffled by the birth of a freak child to a Negro mother here recently. The child was born dead. The baby had two perfectly formed heads and four arms while the other parts of its body were perfectly formed. Hundreds of persons viewed the body which has been preserved for study by medical men.

### COLORED AMERICAN WAS FIRST TO USE U. S. BANK

New York City—A colored American was the first depositor in the first bank to be established in the United States, it was revealed in an article in the current issue of the Savings Bank Journal. Carcis Roberts, a servant in the household of the early French settler, Condy Raguette, one of the founders of the Philadelphia Saving Fund society, is the man whose first silver dollar started that society on the road to deposit more than \$200,000,000.

### PRESIDENT NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION AN OMAHA VISITOR

Rev. L. K. Williams, Pastor of the Largest Negro Church in America, Welcomed by a Large Congregation at Zion

Tuesday night at a special service, the Rev. L. K. Williams, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist church, Chicago, which claims a membership of 11,000, said to be the largest Negro congregation in America, and president of the National Baptist convention, preached in Zion Baptist church to a large congregation. His text was, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem." He drew many important lessons, stressing among them the steadfastness of purpose, self-discipline and self-denial necessary for progress in the Christian religion, either individually or collectively. He urged the congregation of Zion to use their best efforts in clearing their debt of \$50,000 on their property.

The Rev. Dr. Young, white, former state secretary of the Baptist Association, followed Dr. Williams in an excellent address in which he spoke of the progress made by the Negro race and believed it was due to their genius for religion. He is speaking at Zion for the next two weeks in the financial drive.

### ENLARGED ENROLLMENT OF COLORED STUDENTS AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special to The Monitor)—There are fifty Negro students now enrolled at the State University here, the largest in its history. Year by year the number is increasing. Of those enrolled, the largest number is from Nebraska, which has a total of 24, divided as follows: Lincoln 15, Omaha 7, Broken Bow and Beatrice 1 each. Tulsa, Okla., has 6, Kansas City, Mo., 4, Kansas has 4, South Dakota 2, Wyoming, North Dakota, Colorado, Iowa and New York, 1 each. Oklahoma contingent is increased by one from Sand Spring.

The Omaha students are the Misses Evelyn and Inez Battles, Teressa Liverpool, Ione Pinkett, and Messrs. John and Harold Adams and Marcellus Ritchie.

### JESSE BINGA HONORED

Chicago, Ill.—Jesse Binga, banker and community builder, was given a testimonial and banquet recently at the Vincennes hotel and several hundred of the most prominent citizens of the city attended. It was given in honor of Mr. Binga being elected chairman of the board of directors of the Liberty Life Insurance company of Illinois.

Miss Lillian S. Dixon, the charming niece of Mrs. D. W. Gooden, after spending four pleasant weeks with Dr. and Mrs. Gooden, left Wednesday night for her home in Nashville, Tenn., to continue her school work. Miss Dixon's wonderful personality won for her a host of friends. She was honored guest at a large number of social affairs.

### MRS. SAYBERT HANGER'S MOTHER AND SISTER KILLED IN TORNADO

St. Louis, Mo.—Six square miles of fine residence and business section of this city was devastated by a tornado Thursday afternoon. Over 5,000 homes were destroyed, 70 persons were found among the dead, several hundred persons were injured and the property loss is estimated at \$75,000,000.

Many fine residences of Negro citizens were in the path of the tornado and were destroyed. Among these was the residence of Mrs. E. J. Williams, 4038 West Belle, which was totally destroyed, Mrs. Williams instantly killed, and her daughter, Mrs. Susie Hartgraves so seriously injured that she died on her way to the hospital. Others in the house were also seriously injured.

Mrs. Williams was the mother and Mrs. Hartgraves a sister of Mrs. Saybert Hanger of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanger, who was Ione D. Williams, a popular school teacher, were married in All Saints church, St. Louis, June 29, this year, and during her brief residence here she has made many warm friends who deeply sympathize with her in this great bereavement.

### CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

The services at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, Sunday, October 2, the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, will be as follows: Holy communion, 7:30 a. m.; Church School, 10 a. m.; morning prayer, 11; evening prayer at 8 o'clock. It is expected that one of the bishops or clergy here for the consecration of Bishop Casady will preach at the evening service. Specific announcement of this will be made later.

### MRS. MAMIE MOORE IS DEAD

The funeral of Mrs. Mamie Moore, aged 33 years, of 425 North Thirteenth street, who died September 25, was held Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. T. E. Orville officiated and interment was in Prospect Hill. Deceased is survived by her husband, J. W. Moore, two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Cannon of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Cynthia Stroud of Kansas City, Mo., two brothers, Rev. C. A. Miller of Denver, Colo., and Frank Miller of Omaha, and a foster sister, Mrs. Delmar Blakemore of Omaha. The Rev. C. A. Miller and a niece, Miss Ethel Poe, of Little Rock, were here for the funeral.

### NEGRO SHOWN ADVANCING BY LIFE INSURANCE STATISTICS

One life insurance company in New York has on its books as holders of policies a fifth of the total Negro population of the United States, and its statistical expert, Dr. Louis I. Dublin, has just issued a notable report on the present state of health and expectation of life among colored people, which shows that the race as a whole is progressing in health matters about as fast as the white population. To those who think of the Negro as shiftless and unprogressive and who see in his presence only a problem, this report from the pen of Dr. Dublin may be commended for careful study. His conclusion and prophecy is that achievements of the Negro in America "will be recognized not only as the greatest experiment in racial adjustment ever undertaken by man, but as the most encouraging and gratifying episode in our national life." The Congregational fellowship has had a hand in the education of at least a million Negroes and may perhaps feel some gratification at the results shown.—The Congregationalist.

Memphis, Tenn.—The case of Elgin Lewis and Aubrey Payne, white taxi drivers, who are charged with attacking two prominent race women of Murfreesboro, Tenn., has been set for early in October. The N. A. A. C. P. is prosecuting the case. Mr. J. A. Martin, official of the association, is heading the fight to imprison the men.

### GRAND JURY INDICTS EX-KLAN CHIEF FOR FLOGGING CRIMES

Ex-Klan Chief and Attorney Held in Beating of Race Farmer and Taking Away His Land

Birmingham, Ala.—A heavy blow was dealt by the Jefferson county special grand jury recently in the investigation of floggings when ten whites were indicted and five held under bonds of \$100,000 on charges of participating in recent floggings in Jefferson county, W. J. Worthington, ex-klan official, was indicted in connection with the flogging of Arthur Hitt, Louis C. Albright, Worthington's white attorney, was also indicted in the Hitt case.

To Stand Trial  
Worthington made bond totaling \$30,000, on a charge of kidnapping, and two on charges of bribery. Albright had \$25,000 bond reduced to \$5,000 in habeas corpus proceedings recently.

Worthington and Albright are both expected to have their cases set for the last of this month or during October, at which time most of those indicted are expected to stand trial.

### Klan Head's Scheme

Hitt's case came to light last month, when he reported that he had been severely beaten by a band of masked whites. He stated that he later sold his farm for a price far below its actual value. The deeds to the land were traced up and found to be in possession of Worthington. In the investigation it was charged that Worthington led the masked gang in its attack on Hitt and then offered witnesses money to refrain from testifying in the case. Albright was accused of being an aid to Worthington.

The other men were indicted in connection with the flogging of John Bolton and Jeff Calloway, whites.

### The Bolton Case

The Bolton case is that of John Lowell Bolton, who lived three and a half miles north of Tarrant City, who charges that he was flogged twice. The second time, he says, he returned to find his home a mass of flames.

The Calloway case is that of Jeff Calloway, Oncoma youth, who was taken from Antioch church to a secluded spot in the woods in Jefferson county and flogged.

### WOMAN IS HELD IN ATTACK CASE

Authorities Refuse to Believe "Negroes" Committed Crime

Hammonton, N. J.—The story of Mrs. Margaret Lilliendahl, 32, white, in which she said that two colored highwaymen attacked her and her husband while they were driving on a lonely road, slaying her husband and assaulting her, has been discredited by the police. The slaying occurred recently and the Lilliendahl woman was held by authorities here and questioned for many hours, but was unshaken.

According to the woman's story, she and her husband, Dr. A. William Lilliendahl, 62, had taken their son to school and were returning home, when two "colored" gunmen jumped on the running board of their car. The gunmen were said to have shot the doctor through the head when he showed resistance and then ordered the woman to drive the car while into an off road where they assaulted her.

Rings and other valuables the woman said the robbers took were found near the scene of the alleged attack. A note was also found, which it is said was written by a man, signed by a nickname and addressed to the woman, requesting a loan of \$1,500 from her and suggesting that she obtain the money from her husband.

Desire to secure insurance money was seen as a possible motive in the slaying. The woman was released on a \$30,000 bond and held as a witness in the death of her husband.