

# General Race News

## JAMES L. CURTIS GOES TO LIBERIA

New York City, Nov. 5.—President Wilson announced on Monday, October 25, the appointment of Counselor James L. Curtis, of New York, as American Minister-Resident and Consul General to the Liberian government, to be stationed at Monrovia, Liberia, succeeding the Hon. George W. Buckner, of Evansville, Ind., lately resigned.

Mr. Curtis owes his appointment to the good offices of Bishop Alexander Walters, who was tendered the position by the president in September. Bishop Walters declined to accept, but in declining asked for the consideration of Mr. Curtis, at the same time strongly endorsing his claims. The appointment of Mr. Curtis is a recognition of his services in behalf of the democratic party in New York, with which he has been affiliated for some years.

The former incumbent of this office, Dr. Buckner, left Monrovia in April on leave of absence and returned to this country. While at home he tendered his resignation to the president, but no publicity had been given to that fact other than an announcement by the Evansville Courier that such was Dr. Buckner's intention. It is believed that Mr. Curtis will fill the position acceptably and with satisfaction to all parties concerned.

## REFUSED SERVICE IN RESTAURANT, MANAGER FINED

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 5.—As compensation for an insult, the jury in Judge McDonald's court has rendered a verdict of \$75 in favor of Joseph J. Adams. George A. Fraam (white), proprietor of a restaurant and ice cream parlor, was the defendant. Adams was refused service at the parlors one evening while in company with two young women. The judge reminded Mr. Fraam, who said his father was an abolitionist and Union soldier, that Mr. Adams was an American, and that as long as he was a judge on the bench in that or any other state, such as he would have to respect all patrons that came into their places of business. If he wanted to do otherwise he must move his business down South, because Michigan would be a bad place for him.

## ARKANSAS JAILER DEFIED MOB OF 200

Marion, Ark., Nov. 5.—The nerve and courage of Deputy Sheriff Williford, who also acts as jailer, frustrated the plans of a mob of 200 white men, who were intent on lynching Gene Judah, a Negro, confined in the jail under charge of criminal assault on a young woman at Earle, eighteen miles from Marion.

The mob rode up to the jail at 2 o'clock in the morning and by a pretext got the jailer to open the door. But when the mob attempted to force its way in, Williford thrust his pistol against the leader's side and forced him outside. Then he locked the door and defied the mob, assuring them that he would defend the jail as long as his ammunition lasted.

The members of the mob were cowed by his bold stand and left in their automobiles, going in the direction of Earle.

## RICH INVESTMENTS FOR NEGRO CHILDREN

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 5.—Much interest has been excited by the announcement that the Severs block, located on Broadway, running from Main to Second streets, the most prominent business location in the city, has been purchased for Luther Manuel, a little 12-year-old Negro boy, by his white guardian, at a cost of \$120,000. The investment was sanctioned by Judge Leahy.

Luther Manuel is a youngster whose income from oil lands is piling up at the rate of \$25,000 to \$30,000 a month.

A similar investment was made for Sarah Rector, 15 years old, who has been called the richest Negro child in the world. The Bib Fike apartment and business block, South Second street, was bought for her for \$57,000. This is in a Negro section, but Severs block is in a locality where everything and everybody passes.

## DIES AT ATLANTA, GA.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 5.—Captain Christopher C. Wimbish, formerly surveyor of customs of the city of Atlanta, died early Monday morning, October 18, at his home, Ellis and Fort streets. He was sick just thirty-six hours.

Captain Wimbish was one of the old school of Georgia Negro republicans, and was chairman of the Fifth congressional district for a number of years. He represented the district at four national conventions, and was appointed surveyor of customs by President Harrison. President McKinley appointed him to the same position and he was a clerk in the Atlanta postoffice at the time of his death.

## INDIANS AND EQUAL RIGHTS

Hampton, Va., Nov. 5.—There can never be a question of greater importance to the people of the United States than the one of equality before the law. This question will be laid directly before the next congress at Washington concerning the Indian. The Committee on Indian Relations of the Constitutional Convention, held in New York, have made a strong recommendation to abolish all tribal courts. Indians are not citizens of the United States until they are subject to the general jurisdiction of its laws. Congress has the power to restore them to citizenship which will carry with it equality before every court in the nation.

The sentiment to give all men equal justice—discussed in Southern Workmen Hampton Institute.

## ANDERSON GETS APPOINTMENT.

New York, Nov. 5.—Governor Chas. Whitman has appointed the Hon. Charles W. Anderson of New York city as supervising agent of the agricultural department, with headquarters in New York city. The appointment became effective November 1, 1915.

Mr. Anderson was until recently collector of internal revenue in New York city, which position he held under three presidents. As collector his record was A No. 1, his office handling more money, probably, than any other office in the revenue service.

## COLORED ATHLETES AT CORNELL

The colored freshmen at Cornell university are beginning already to win their laurels in the field of athletics. Mr. Seabrook, formerly of Manual High, Brooklyn, is giving a repetition of his good work in New York city high school athletics. He has had no trouble in excelling in his event, the quarter-mile, so far, and Mr. Waller, of boys' high school, Brooklyn, is a close second. Mr. Daly, the well-known cross-country man, also of New York city, is among the top-notchers in freshman cross-country runners. Mr. McCoy of St. Louis, is trying out for coxswain of the freshman boat crew.

Frank Judkins, New York city's high school cross-country champion, competed in the New York state cross-country championships at Cornell university, Saturday, October 20.

## RURAL SCHOOL FUND LEFT BY BROOKLYN MAN

A bequest of the estimated value of \$10,000 to Booker T. Washington for use in community, country and rural Negro schools is contained in the will of the late Christopher G. Painter of Brooklyn, who died in California June 20. The will as filed for probate in the surrogate's office in Brooklyn. The estate, under the will, goes principally in equal shares to the testator's widow, Mrs. Ruby B. Painter, and his mother, Mrs. Alice A. Painter.

## INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT OF FISK

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 5.—Elaborate arrangements are being made for the inauguration of Fayette Avery McKenzie as president of Fisk university, the exercises running from November 6 to 9.

The inauguration exercises proper will be held Tuesday, November 9, at 10:30 a. m., with an address by Governor M. G. Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania.

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