

General Race News

LOSES HEALTH WITH ALLIES

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 10.—Miss Lemy Lewis is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Mr. Willys Mayo, who is in Belgium fighting under the British flag. He is in the hospital and as soon as he is able to travel will return to the United States.

YOUTH EARNS GOLD MEDAL

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—Little Gertrude Hubbard of Dodd road was given a medal for bravery because she saved her 4-year-old sister and 18-month-old brother from their burning home. The Women's Civic league of St. Paul have secured the medal for this 9-year-old girl and it was presented to her by Mayor Powers in his office December 14.

K. OF P. CASE IN SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Attorney S. A. T. Watkins, well-known Chicago lawyer, is here to defend the K. of P.'s in a case pending in the supreme court. The case is expected to close this week and a decision rendered.

SECRETARY TALBERT LEAVES WILBERFORCE

Xenia, O., Dec. 17.—The Rev. Henry Talbert, secretary of Wilberforce university, has resigned. He has been connected with the university for twenty-three years, and has been secretary for eighteen. In point of seniority he ranked next to the president, Prof. W. S. Scarborough.

CUBANS CELEBRATE MACEO ANNIVERSARY

New York, Dec. 17.—Tuesday night, December 7, was the ninth anniversary of the death of the great Cuban general, Antonio Maceo, and the occasion was commemorated in an elaborate manner by the Club Antonio Maceo of New York, which held exercises at St. Mark's hall, 59 West 138th street. Hon. Francisco Taboada, Cuban consul, presided.

WHITE MAN RISKS LIFE SAVING COLORED GIRL.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 11.—Last week Edward Foreman, engine master at the M. K. & T. railroad yards, was severely injured when he attempted to save the life of a girl member of the race who was deaf and dumb. A freight train was approaching and the child did not hear it coming. Foreman was thrown under one of the cars and dragged several yards before the train could be brought to a stop. He succeeded in saving the child by knocking her off of the tracks.

OBJECTIONABLE PART MUST GO

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 10.—A delegation of the citizens of Grand Rapids, led by Rev. Mr. Pettiford, attended the city council on Monday evening in an attempt to prevent the presentation of that base insult to the race, "The Birth of a Nation." An address was made by Mr. Benjamin Mr. Ben Hatchett and Mr. Pantlind expressed themselves as favoring the showing of the picture. After due consideration the mayor gave his

promise that on the first day of the screening of the play, December 24, in the afternoon at Powers theater, it is to be attended by a representative of the council and a number of race citizens. Any parts of the film declared to be objectionable by said representation will be forced to be omitted, according to the promises declared by his honor, the mayor of Grand Rapids, Mich.

EXHIBITION OF FILM PLAY IN DENVER STOPPED.

Denver, Dec. 13.—City officials tonight ordered stopped the exhibition of a motion picture play at a local theater, on petition of Negro organization of the city. The Negroes claimed that the photoplay tended to incite race prejudice and was offensive to their race.

MUSICIAN FOR FORTY YEARS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—Henry Hart, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens, died Tuesday at his home where he has been sick for several weeks. Mr. Hart, for forty years, has been the leading musician of Indianapolis and conducted an orchestra which furnished the music for all of the leading white social functions, including those in which ex-President Benjamin H. Harrison figured during his life time. Mr. Hart leaves a loving wife and five daughters, Mrs. Hazel Hendricks, Mrs. J. L. Fry, Mrs. Daisy Jenkins, Sally, Willie and Clothilde, to mourn his death.

INSURANCE OFFICIALS MAKE TOUR OF GEORGIA

Durham, N. C., Dec. 7.—John Merrick, president, and C. C. Spaulding, vice president and general manager of the N. C. Mutual and Provident association, have returned from a two weeks' inspection tour of the company's work through the state of Georgia.

They held co-operative meetings to which all the business and professional men were invited, including the representatives of the other colored insurance companies. These meetings were held for the purpose of having a better understanding and a more co-operative spirit between the Negro business men generally.

In all places the business of the company was found in flourishing condition.

PATERSON MUSICIAN HERO IN MOVIE PANIC

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 8.—John Van Renssaliere, the Negro musician, who has a local reputation as a pianist and composer, joined the ranks of heroes on Saturday night, November 20, when the film in the moving picture machine at the theater where he is employed caught fire.

Brilliant flashes from the celluloid, accompanied by a nauseating odor, caused patrons of the Regal theater, lower Main street, many of whom were women and children, to become extremely excited. A panic was averted only by the coolness of the Negro musician, who quickly improved a catchy march movement which served to allay their fears.

Van Renssaliere has composed "The Chimes of St. John's" and other songs.

Miss Anna M. McLendon Graduate Nurse

Nursing comes naturally to our women. Their tenderness and sympathy make them the best nurses in the world. Before the days of trained nurses our women were in demand for their skill as practical nurses, not only in the South, but very generally in the North. In later years as the nursing profession has extended, the services of our women as practical nurses, especially in the North, have grown less and less in demand; and our trained nurses, no matter how competent, have found it exceedingly difficult to find employment. Nevertheless, undaunted by the difficulties in the way hundreds of our girls have been trained in some of the best equipped schools and hospitals in the country. Scientific training has increased their efficiency, and whenever they have found an opportunity for employment they have made good.

It is not generally known that Omaha has several competent women who are graduate nurses, although we know of only two Omaha girls who completed such courses. They are Miss Pearl Duncan and Miss Anna M. McLendon.

Miss Duncan was born and reared in Omaha and Miss McLendon, although born in Atlanta, was reared and educated in Omaha. Both girls attended the Franklin and the Omaha High schools and both graduated in the class of 1911 from Provident hospital, Chicago. The ranking graduate from this same excellent institution is Miss Deborah Williams, who has been most successfully engaged in private nursing in Council Bluffs for a number of years. Miss Duncan is in Denver at present. Miss McLendon, whose cut is published in this issue, is on the staff of the City Emergency hospital, where she was appointed by Dr. Connell and where she has served with such proficiency and acceptability that another colored nurse, Miss Wilson, a classmate of Miss McLendon's, has been added to the staff.

Coming to Omaha nearly sixteen years ago, Mrs. McLendon, who is now Mrs. George L. Brown, was bereaved of her husband. She bravely struggled, like so many of our good mothers, to raise her little girl and educate her. In this she succeeded, and was most happy when her daughter returned to Omaha equipped for nursing.

Miss McLendon found it difficult to get employment at her profession and eventually went elsewhere. Subsequently she returned to the city and after a time was given her present appointment. Recently, when nurses were assigned to examine the public school children, Miss McLendon was given her assignment with the rest and did her work with intelligence and efficiency.

We believe that the day is not far distant when in the North as well as in the South, competent trained nurses of our race will find a good field of employment. We are absolutely confident that whenever given a chance to show what they know and what they can do they will prove their efficiency. Private families of wealth and standing in this vicinity have not yet been educated up to the point where they can really appreciate the skill of the BEST NURSES IN THE WORLD—THE TRAINED COLORED NURSE.

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