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## Persistent Prelate Prods President

Bishop Walters Requests President to  
Put Question of Negro Office-  
holders up to Senators.

### MAKE RECORDSHIP TEST CASE.

Open Letter Quotes Wilson's Pre-  
election Promise to Give Race  
Absolute Fair Dealing.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—Since President Wilson has informed Bishop Walters that to nominate a Negro for the office of Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia would engender a bitter fight in the Senate, increasing and intensifying race prejudice, many have come to the conclusion that the President was simply using that argument as a basis for following out his own inclination.

Bishop Walters is not of this mind, and seems to be placing much confidence in the letter written by Governor Wilson from Trenton, N. J., on October 16, 1912, in which he declared that if elected President the colored people might count upon him for absolute fair dealing and for everything by which he could assist in advancing the interests of the race in the United States. In order that this opinion may be confirmed, and that the Negro Democrats may know just their status in the councils of the party, Bishop Walters has addressed an open letter to President Woodrow Wilson, begging that he nominate a Negro for the office of recorder of deeds, and put it up to the Senate to go on record as to its attitude toward Negroes holding important offices. The letter is as follows:

#### Open Letter to President Wilson.

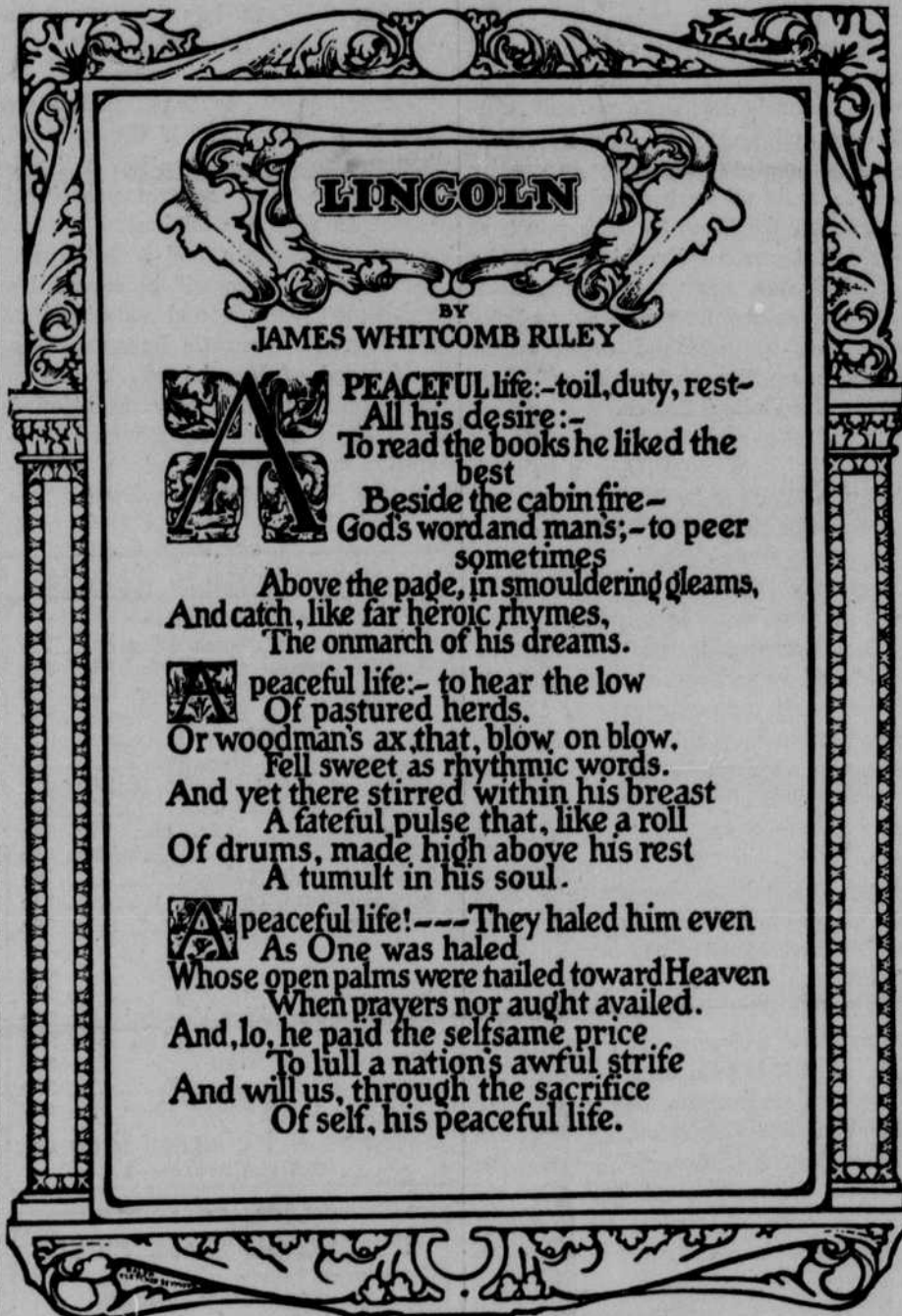
Honored Sir—In this open letter I desire to thank you most heartily for audiences granted and favors given me since your election as President of the United States; and further I thank the heads of the departments for appointments and promotions made in their several bureaus.

There is a sentiment abroad that it is not the policy of the national democratic party to appoint and confirm Negroes to prominent offices. In the light of the following letter and the nominations of Mr. Patterson, Judge Terrell, and Mr. Curtis, it is hard to believe that your excellency shares in this statement:

98 W. State St., Trenton, N. J.,  
October 16, 1912.

My Dear Bishop Walters—I hope that it seems superfluous to those who know me, but to those who do not know me perhaps it is not necessary for me to assure my colored fellow-citizens of my earnest wish to see justice done them in every matter, and not mere grudging justice, but justice executed with liberality and cordial good feeling. Every guarantee of our law, every principle of our Constitu-

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## Something to Make You Think

### Will Engender Common Racial Consciousness.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter bearing upon the very interesting topic, the effect upon new Pan-Americanism upon the African element in the Western hemisphere.

It is a mathematical axiom that the whole is greater than any of its parts and equal to all of them taken together. The sum total of good, therefore, for all of the peoples of the two Americas must, also be good for the various elements of these peoples.

The African constitutes the controlling element in Haiti and San Domingo, and a considerable element in the Southern Republics; and an unconsidered element in the United States. It is but natural that the common consciousness of the African contingent will be engendered by this new Pan-American movement.

The American Negro will undoubtedly be simulated to learn the Spanish language as a medium of communication with his racial brethren south. South America affords a much broader field for the exercise of Negro talent, than the United States, the great difficulty at present being the barrier of language. In my judgment the breaking down of this barrier is a precedent to any general understanding and polling of interest between the Negro elements of the Northern and Southern continents and the adjacent islands of the Western hemisphere."

Yours truly,

KELLY MILLER.

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## Attorney's Eloquence Makes Impression

Lewis Makes Great Fight For His  
Client in the Sensational Mohr  
Murder Case.

### A RATHER STRANGE VERDICT.

Accused Negroes Convicted—Woman  
Charged With Instigating Crime  
Acquitted.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 11.—Aside from the astounding verdict which the jury gave in the sensational Mohr murder trial which ended her last Saturday, the feature of the closing days was the masterly summing up in his case for Spellman Thursday by Attorney Lewis.

Lawyers from all parts of the state were present and were unstinted in their outspoken admiration of his eloquent presentation of the case which consumed two hours.

They marvelled at his eloquence as he denounced Healis, the half-breed chauffeur; pathetically referred to the children of the accused woman; summed up the evidence and scored the police.

"There is a reason," he said, "why there has been no public clamor for life and liberty of man, woman or child because of the Barrington tragedy. It is because the people of Rhode Island realize that behind the man and woman who stray so far from the morality which was taught them at their mother's knee there lurks and stalks forever the spectre of retributive justice. And the joy ride becomes the ride of death."

The mighty voice quickened into a roar as he flayed the police, "who, following upon the easiest course, seized the persons most easily to be followed, charged them with the crime and then moved heaven and earth to convict them—a loving and devoted wife and two servants."

"The theory started with George Rooks," he continued, pouring forth contempt upon the brother-in-law of Emily Burger, the woman wounded with the physician. "Rooks," he said, "while not condoning the conduct of Dr. Mohr, told the suffering wife when she came to him to 'go thou and do likewise.'"

"The beginning and end of the State's case," said Mr. Lewis, "is George W. Healis," and the lawyer proceeded in an eloquent attempt to tear to pieces the chauffeur's story that he had stopped Dr. Mohr's automobile so that the doctor and Miss Burger might be shot to death.

"Healis is a dog," shouted Mr. Lewis, with all of the contempt he could express in his voice. Then he stopped, lowered his voice to a soft, calm tone, and continued:

"No, Healis is not a dog. There was a dog in the automobile on the night of the murder, a gentle, pedigreed

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