

General Race News

BOYS TAKE HAND IN LYNCHING.

Cartersville, Ga., March 10.—Jesse McCorkle, Colored, was taken from jail here by half a hundred men and boys, hanged to a tree in front of the city jail and his body riddled with bullets. McCorkle was arrested the night before accused of breaking into the home of A. T. Heath, attacking Mrs. Heath, whose husband was away. The woman shot the man in the wrist with a revolver, but she was overpowered. When caught McCorkle's wounded wrist was still bleeding and he had the revolver in his possession. He was placed in jail safely despite threats of lynching, but during the early morning the crowd, by the overworked "ruse gag" which should be more properly termed official cowardice, gained admittance to the jail, took McCorkle to the city hall and, hanging him to a tree limb, sent a volley of shots into his body. The coroner returned a verdict that McCorkle came to his death at the hands of unknown parties. At 9 o'clock the next morning the body was still hanging in front of the city hall.

SAYS THE SOUTH NEEDS THE NEGRO.

"To set up that the South can get along without the Negro is ridiculous, and this being true, not a county should be allowed to shirk its share of the problem by the simple expedient of shoving it off bodily into the next one." Suppose that, by some magician's wand, the Negro could be removed from the South. Instead of benefitting that section, the section would plunge it into bankruptcy. The African element is our farm labor—all we have and all we ever will have. If it is incompetent, that is a reason for improving it, not for dispensing with it. The trained Negro "is more efficient instrument than the untrained white man"—and it is because the latter instinctively senses dangerous competition that he moves for banishment of the black.—Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.

EDITORS ELECT C. J. PERRY.

At the recent annual meeting of the National Negro Press association, held in Nashville, Tenn., the following named well known newspaper men were elected officials for 1916:

C. J. Perry, editor Philadelphia Tribune, Philadelphia, president; W. L. Porter, East Tennessee News, Knoxville, Tenn., first vice president; H. M. Gilliean, Chisolm News Service, Denison, Tex., second vice president; B. J. Davis, Atlanta Independent, Atlanta, Ga., treasurer; H. A. Boyd, Nashville Globe, Nashville, Tenn., corresponding secretary; J. A. Hamlett, Christian Index, Jackson, Tenn., recording secretary; W. B. Toliver, Union-Review, Nashville, assistant recording secretary; E. A. Williams, the Brotherhood, Cincinnati, chairman executive committee; advisory board, R. W. Thompson, John H. Murphy, W. H. Steward and M. J. Chisum.

RAIDS BANK; GETS \$1,600.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 10.—A Colored man entered the Mechanics' State Bank here Monday, February 28, and forced the cashier and two clerks into the vault and obtained \$1,600. He escaped.

COLORED MAN HOLDS DIVING RECORD.

Norfolk, Va., March 10.—William E. Booker, Queen street, is a deep water diver. In a recent examination by the United States Civil Service Commission, he attained an average of 90 per cent, said to be the highest mark ever attained in a similar examination. The Labor Board of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, in transmitting to him its report in the examination, stated that the nearest competitor in the same examination had a mark of 70 per cent.

Mr. Booker was employed on the occasion of the Gen. Slocum steamboat disaster in New York some years ago, and in one day's time brought to the surface 366 bodies. His record for deep diving is 110 feet, made on the occasion of an accident between Norfolk and New York. He has been employed by the government on many occasions and is kept busy by local interests in and around Norfolk, especially the Railroad, Steamboat and Dry Dock Co.

BROKER FLEES WITH DAUGHTER

Evansville, Ind., March 10.—Clifton Yarborough, the wealthy grain broker of Pulaski, Tenn., who made an attempt in the Circuit Court here recently to have Eugenia Murray, a Mulatto girl, aged 17 years, adopted, saying that he was the girl's father, has disappeared, and the officials here do not know where he is.

The Murray girl, who came here with her mother, Alice Murray, a Colored woman, on February 7, is also missing, and the supposition is that she has gone with her self-confessed white father. It is believed that Yarborough has taken the girl into some other state and will make another effort to adopt her.

Another theory is that Yarborough has taken the girl to Nashville, Tenn., to place her again in Fiske College, a school for Colored girls. It is understood the girl spent more than a year in this school.

The mother of Miss Murray is still in the city, but she refuses to talk about the disappearance of Yarborough and the girl.

JOHNSON TO FIGHT LANGFORD OR McVEY.

London, England, March 10.—John Arthur Johnson, the heavyweight pugilist, will meet Sam Langford or Sam McVey. He left last Friday for Buenos Aires. "I hope that it will be Langford," said Johnson. "I have accepted Richard Cragin's offer for \$50,000 and the rights of the moving pictures to fight in South America. I will start training at once." Johnson and his wife sailed on the Tubantia.

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD COLORED GIRL HEROINE.

Windsor, Ont., March 10.—Jessie Belford is 15 years old, the eldest of five children. A gas explosion in their home killed her father and wrecked the house. The four smaller children were in an upper bed room, and Jessie, surrounded by the flames, climbed to an extension kitchen of the home, and from its roof reached a window of the extension. The extension in flames, with the baby in her arms, Jessie leaped from the upper room window to safety.

MANY SOCIETIES TO HONOR SHAKESPEARE.

New York, March 10.—At the tercentenary celebration in honor of Shakespeare to be held at the Manhattan Casino, in New York, the last week in April twenty-five societies of various kinds will take part. Mr. J. Rosamond Johnson is chairman of the committee or arrangements for the celebration. Scenes from "Othello," "The Merchant of Venice" and "Love's Labour's Lost" will be rendered.

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