

General Race News

DREXEL HEIRESS DEVOTES LIFE TO WORK AMONG RACE

Philadelphia, Pa.—Another of the wealthy and famous Drexel girls has entered a Roman Catholic sisterhood and is devoting her services and money to the education of Negro children. Miss Lucy Drexel Dahlgren took the white veil in August and is now known as Sister Mary Lucia at the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament at Cornwells, of which Miss Katherine Drexel, her relative who took the vows in 1899, is mother superior and founder.

Her work is with the Negro orphanage connected with the convent, and she has become one of its most ardent workers. She is 22 years old, the oldest of the six daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Eric B. Dahlgren. Her mother inherited \$20,000,000 on the death of the late Joseph Drexel, the novice's grandfather, a few years ago.

FORM LABOR UNION.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 15.—Colored hod carriers and building and construction laborers are being organized to form a union, according to the statement of a Dallas labor organizer Tuesday morning.

"Don't use my name. It might get me in bad," he told a reporter who asked him about it.

The labor man said that the Negro hod carriers and laborers in the building trades had a right to organize for their own protection and the protection of building crafts generally. He said that he expected over 1,000 would join the organization.

There are no Negro labor unions in Dallas and there is a doubt if the Building Trades' Council or the Central Labor Council would seat Negro delegates.

It was suggested that the Negro union might pick white delegates to the central bodies.

NEW ST. LOUIS FIRM.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15.—The Commonwealth Mercantile and Investment Company, a co-operative society composed of more than two hundred shareholders and representing as many families, opened its first store for business on Thursday, September 14, corner of North Market and Goode Ave., with a complete stock of groceries, fresh meats and produce.

Officers: John Hollman, president; H. M. Cloyd, vice-president; Arthur Turner, secretary; L. F. Ford, assistant secretary; Wyatt W. Brown, treasurer.

NOTED CITIZEN DIES.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sep. 22.—Baswell Stillyard, who was born a slave and had the distinction of rising to the important post of Alderman of his ward, died here recently. He was born in Maryland and came to this city in 1882. He was a 33rd degree Mason, a Pythian and a True Reformer. While member of the City Council, he served with credit.

"BILLY" JOHNSON DEAD.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—"Billy" Johnson of the original vaudeville team of Cole and Johnson, was killed by a fall from a second-story window of the Pioneer Club Monday night, Sept. 11.

NEGRO POULTRYMAN WINS COVETED PRIZE

Louisville, Ky.—A prize coveted by poultrymen of all nations was won by Frank R. Willis, a Negro of this city, engaged in business as a contracting painter, who showed at the Kentucky State Fair a chicken of the Dark Cornish breed weighing fourteen pounds.

The heaviest Cornish chicken prior to the showing of Mr. Willis' bird weighed twelve pounds, and weight contests had been held at Boston, New York, Hagerstown and at the Dairy Show, London, England. At the Kentucky State Fair 2,800 fowls were on exhibition, the best breeders in the country having pens of chickens on exhibition. "Mohawk," the Cornish entered by Willis, was two and one-half pounds heavier than any bird in the contest.

COLORED CANADIANS ENLIST.

St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, Sept. 1.—The first batch of colored men who have enlisted for the No. 2 Construction Corps (or Engineers Corps) for overseas duty left on the Halifax express August 11, and were given a grand send-off. There were 15 from St. John and 6 from Fredericton. The St. John Brass Band escorted these soldiers to the train. The colored population were out in force.

Members of the Colored St. John's Brass Band said that three of their members has enlisted and the whole band had offered to go with the corps and might be accepted.

SIXTEEN OHIO MEN INDICTED FOR TRYING TO LYNCH NEGRO

Lima, O., September 15.—Sixteen alleged members of the mob which stormed the Allen County Jail here last week, in an attempt to lynch Charles Daniels, a Negro, and tortured Sheriff Eley until he told where the prisoner was held, were indicted September 7th. The list includes several business men. Thirteen of the sixteen have been arrested and are in jail under guard of 100 policemen and deputy sheriffs.

CHICAGO BOYS GO TO SOUTH AMERICA

Chicago, Ill.—Arthur Scurlock, 6633 St. Lawrence avenue, and McKinley Emanuel, 6350 Rhodes avenue, have gone to South America to enter business. Scurlock will open an electrical supply house and Emanuel will have charge of a branch of the Emanuel Scientific Chiropody Co.

Scurlock was wireless operator on a British steamer returning from Liverpool, and which has a thrilling experience with a submarine.

GIRLS TO WORK IN MILLS.

Hamburg, Pa., September 15.—At a meeting near here of the Pennsylvania Association last Saturday, it was brought out that the scarcity of labor due to the European war had caused a number of mills in Philadelphia and New Jersey to give employment to Colored girls from the South. It is said that knitting mill owners have found this class of help satisfactory and others may try the experiment.

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Recent Segregation Order Rescinded

Obnoxious Rule Withdrawn in Army and Navy Building.

Washington, D. C.—The order of August 9, issued by Col. William W. Hart, superintendent of the State, War and Navy Departments Building, setting aside certain lavatories for the use of Colored men, was recalled September 9. No reasons for said action are given.

The hundreds of employes affected by the segregation are, by virtue of the revocation, now classed as citizens of the United States, so far as public convenience is concerned.

The Colored employes are asking one another why a disciplinarian reformer of the Hart calibre should inaugurate an unprecedented "racial setback" and rescind same exactly one month later.

The destruction of the order was not caused by rank Southerners of the Hart type, because it has been openly boasted of by several of them that they were instrumental in effecting the "Jim Crowism."

It is authoritatively stated that certain high officials, Senators and Representatives have registered protests which reached the Executive Office, and when one is mindful of the present hour as compared with the political situation, it is apparent that "some one" who is in a position to advise the superintendent has intimated that this is not the psychological time to incite race prejudice.

However, segregation orders issued for the Treasury and Post Office Departments have not been revoked, nor is there any indication that they will be, and in this light it appears that the foolish fellows who proposed a mass meeting to be held at the 19th Street Baptist Church, for the purpose of making speeches and drafting resolutions of thanks to members of Congress supposed to be instrumental in bringing about the rescinding of this order would better turn their efforts toward arousing congressional indignation against the Treasury and Post Office heads.

JOHNSON ENTERS UNDERTAKING BUSINESS

Mr. Silas Johnson, who for more than twenty years was head waiter at the Merchants Hotel, and is one of the most favorably known of our citizens, has purchased and taken complete charge of the G. Wade Obee Undertaking Company. Mr. Johnson has employed competent assistants and is ready to serve with personal attention and marked courtesy any and all who may need his services. As a man of standing, character and ability in the community Mr. Johnson merits and will doubtless achieve success.

BANQUET BY PRIDE OF OMAHA COUNCIL

A banquet will be given by the Pride of Omaha Council No. 15, Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem, Friday evening, Sept. 29, 1916, at the residence of Mrs. W. L. Sellers, 2320 No. 28th avenue. A very nice luncheon will be served at 25c a plate.

A program will be rendered. Miss Henrietta Stewart, pianist.

Menu

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