

General Race News

ANOTHER BLACKED WHITE MAN ROBBS WOMAN

Elizabeth, N. C.—If the man who assaulted and robbed Mrs. Frank G. Congleton, a white woman of this town, of \$702 on Saturday night, November 25, had been more careful in putting on his disguise, it is quite probable that the Negroes here would have received rough treatment from the white people. She was robbed by a man with a black face but white hands.

Mrs. Congleton and husband did not believe in banks and their savings were carried by the woman in a wallet concealed in her bosom. As she was en route home about 8:30 that night the highwayman met her and thrust a pistol in her face, demanding her money. From a pocket in her blouse he secured \$7, but evidently having some knowledge of the hiding place of her savings, he knocked her down, choked her and tore from the inside of her bodice the wallet with the money.

Mrs. Congleton didn't recognize him, but she declared to the authorities that while the man's face was black his hands were the hands of a white man. The police put dogs on the man's trail and he was tracked to the Norfolk Southern depot, where the trail was lost.

LYING BOY MIGHT HAVE CAUSED LYNCHING

Rocky Mount, N. C.—An 8-year-old white boy was the cause of considerable excitement in the Stoney Creek district, about three miles from this town, when he ran to his mother and excitedly declared that a Negro had murdered two white women and thrown their bodies in Stoney Creek. His circumstantial account of how the two women were killed while gathering corn in a field near where he was at play excited his mother and she spread the news.

The chief of police and his entire force, together with the sheriff of Nash county, spent two hours searching for clues on the strength of the boy's imagination before someone exercised common sense enough to go to the home of the two women, where they were found very much alive and equally as much in the dark concerning the report that they had been killed.

Nearly the whole of Rocky Mount's population thronged to the Stoney Creek section, seeing visions of a prospective lynching.

CARNEGIE STEEL CO. EMPLOYS RACE LABOR

Newark, N. J.—For the first time in its history the Carnegie Steel Company of this city is employing Colored labor. Thirty-five men are employed at the Waverly, N. J., warehouse, and officials of the company say that they are all making good.

Nearly all the men are from the South and most of them have brought their families.

GETS \$10,000 ESTATE

Asbury Park, N. J.—By a ruling of Vice Chancellor Foster, Mrs. Mary Hubbert has been given a life interest in the estate of her deceased husband, Lot C. Hubbert, a constable, who died here last February.

SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THEATER

Minneapolis, Minn.—The management of the Pantages theater is this city has repeatedly refused to allow Negroes to occupy seats on the first floor of their building, and they have made it a practice of seating them in the balcony. Attorney R. A. Skinner, a young practicing lawyer, has been refused, also several other respectable persons on account of their color. Messrs. L. C. Valle, Oscar G. Price, Dr. W. Ellis Burton and Miss L. O. Smith were refused admission, having in their possession tickets for seats they were not allowed to occupy. Attorney Skinner has brought suit, and will be assisted by Attorney Brown S. Smith. They intend to make a strong legal fight to overcome this discrimination. A series of suits will be brought individually, and they will present this case to the grand jury.

ST. HELENA ISLAND PLANTERS PROSPEROUS

Beaufort, S. C.—St. Helena Island, a few miles from this city, has a population of 7,000 Negroes and 55 whites. There is never any race trouble and an evidence of the prosperity achieved by the Negroes is seen in the recently announced sale by McDonald Wilkins and Co., of 400 bales of cotton at 19½ cents per pound.

SOLDIERS MADE HAPPY

El Paso, Texas.—An entertainment was given recently by the Negro Red Cross Society for the Colored troopers confined in the base hospital. After an elaborate musical program, a "comfort bag" was presented each of the 40 patients and fruit distributed. Prof. William Coleman delivered an address on "Our Flag and Manhood."

LABORERS ORGANIZING AT PANAMA

Panama, Dec. 6.—Negro workers of the Canal and Panama railroad and unemployed Negroes have taken steps under the leadership of two lawyers to form a permanent organization of workingmen to be affiliated with a similar organization in the City of Colon.

STATES NEEDS OF FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL

Washington, D. C.—The need of a pathological building, the lack of suitable quarters for laboratory study and the need of more laundry space are among the wants of Freedmen's Hospital, as stated in the annual report of Dr. W. S. Warfield, surgeon-in-chief to the Secretary of the Interior.

It is declared the unkempt and unsightly grounds about the hospital cannot be utilized for the benefit of the patients until funds are provided for the necessary fencing and beautifying. A ward for the eye and nervous patients is greatly needed, it is stated, while an increase in the force of employes of the institution is also asked for.

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