

# General Race News

## AFRICA THE BEARER OF CIVILIZATION

Many very interesting discoveries have been made lately and, rather surprising, they all seem to bear out the ancient legend that the first civilizations were founded by African races. One of the most recent startling claims made is by Edouard Naville, the famous discoverer of the tomb of Osiris, and one of the greatest of living archeologists. The journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute publishes the Origin of Egyptian Civilization by Mr. Naville, and in it the author maintains that the Egyptians were dark skinned people of African race. He closes with the following striking words: "The dawn of Egyptian civilization, which we have to place at a very early date, is certainly distinct proof of the important part played by Africa in the history of human culture. Whether the whole region of the Mediterranean was first peopled by Hamites (Africans), as is now asserted by various authors, I do not feel competent to decide. But it seems to me unquestionable that the Hamitic civilization has been the first in date, and that it has largely influenced the islands and the neighboring nations. We cannot help concluding that the races who were the bearers of the Aegean civilization came from the south."

## COLORED ATHLETE ENTERS

Pollard, Brown Football Star, to Compete in I. A. A. C. Events.

New York.—Fred D. Pollard, the New Brown University football player, who was almost unanimously the choice of the experts for All-American back, has returned to hurdling, the branch of athletics in which he first attained prominence, and competed in the games of the Irish-American A. C. on January 13th in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory. The entry of the Providence football star was received for both the hurdle race and the sprint.

## SYMPATHETIC WORK ON ZULUS

Gertrude R. Hance, an English missionary who has lived among the Zulus for 29 years, has just published a work in England entitled, "The Zulu Yesterday and Today." The author is an ardent admirer of the Zulu and her work shows deep sympathy and sincere friendship. It has been reviewed extensively in the English press and magazines.

## INTERESTING SCENES OF DANISH WEST INDIES

The Sunday New York Times publishes many beautiful scenes of the Danish West Indies in its pictorial section of January 7. In most of them the black natives are very prominent, not only as poor people, but as members of the better class. Many of them appear very handsome and even among the natives there is a distinct show of intelligence in their faces. Two of the groups show an indiscriminate mingling of the darker and lighter races, something, we fear, will be absent, now that the prejudiced American assumes ownership of the islands.

## THE AMERICAN NEGRO AND MILITARY TRAINING

Washington, D. C.—Where is the Colored man going to figure in these schemes for compulsory military training?

This is the question which raised its hand recently at the hearings before the Senate sub-committee which is considering the Chamberlain bill for universal military training. It raised its head, but it was not answered—not so anybody could hear it.

It came about through the formal request, put in by Giles B. Jackson and James Hayes, both Colored, of Richmond, Va., for a separate military school in which to train Colored officers for the Colored rank and file under universal military service. The two spokesmen were accompanied by the editor of a local Negro paper, who declared that the Negroes were fond of military life and that such a school would turn out a good supply of officers.

The sub-committee—two of whose members, Chamberlain and Thomas, are Southern-born—heard the delegation without comment, but the request has gone into the formal record of the hearings to trouble, perhaps, the proponents of a universal system which apparently nobody wants to see really universal.

## REBUKE LIBEL UPON HAITIANS

Quite recently a professor of the Chicago University wrote an article for a Chicago paper concerning voodooism in Haiti and the same was displayed with lurid headlines, extremely unjust to the little black republic to the south of us. Elsie Clews Parsons answers the article in the New York Times and severely rebukes the author and his "utter irresponsibility" for publishing false pictures and untrue statements. She says in part:

"I have traveled in Haiti. I met President Leconte, a gentleman whom I would no more think of describing as a devil-worshipper than I would President Lincoln. I had many opportunities to note the gracious ways of the Haitians, a graciousness to be expected of any people of either French blood or African. Unfortunately I had opportunities, too, to note their sensitiveness and their at times pathetic attempts to make friends with the boorish, the overbearing, and the uninformed citizens of the United States who were engaged in the island in matters of public franchises."

## SLAVES FREED UNDER BRITISH FLAG

Most people have not realized that slavery existed anywhere under the British flag today, so it is a surprise to hear that an ordinance declaring the abolition of the legal status of slavery in Nigeria (Africa) has been promulgated.—Review of the World.

## ASKS CATHOLICS TO WELCOME COLORED PEOPLE

There is no Christian reason why the Afro-Americans who are now pouring into our cities should not be well received by the Catholic clergy

and laity. No opportunity should be lost, nor effort spared to bring as many of them as possible into articulation with the truths and practices of our holy faith. Can northern Catholics neglect to do their individual and collective utmost toward opening up the faith to those who now, in a truer sense than ever before, stand at the door and knock? Shall we allow a glittering opportunity of demonstrating the catholicity of Catholicism to slip idly through our fingers? The new year will answer.—Edward F. Murphy, in America, the Weekly Catholic Review.

## AN OHIO TOWN'S COLORED POPULATION INCREASED

Barbertown, Ohio, Jan. 18.—This thriving little industrial center, situated in the northern part of the state, has had a large influx of Negro labor, brought in by local industrial concerns and corporations. The Colored population now numbers upwards of one thousand. New comers have been cordially received. There seems to be a disposition to surround them with the best moral, religious and educational influences.

Miss Mayme Harvey, 1219 Cass, died last Friday and was buried yesterday at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Banks and Wilks had charge of the funeral.

## MRS. LAWRIE'S BENEFIT KENSINGTON

Mrs. R. K. Lawrie, the well known cateress, gave a large Kensington at her home Wednesday afternoon which was one of the most delightful and largely attended affairs of the season, about 100 persons being present. The house was prettily decorated with cut flowers. During the afternoon an impromptu program was given consisting of piano selections by Miss Madeline Roberts and recitations by Mesdames W. Craig, A. L. Wilson and

W. T. Osborne, each of whom received a dainty gift from the hostess. Prizes were also presented to the two ladies doing the prettiest pieces of needlework during the afternoon, Mrs. Wm. Jackson receiving the first prize and Mrs. John A. Smith second prize. Mrs. Lawrie served a delicious lunch. She was assisted by Mesdames Hieronymous, Dupee, Duncan and Johnson and the president and members of the N. W. C. A. Mrs. Lawrie also entertained a number of young people in the evening. The proceeds of the entire affair which will be announced later, will be given to the Old Folks' Home. Too much praise cannot be given Mrs. Lawrie for the success of this undertaking.

Boys, watch the work of Fred Houston. He is one of the best barbers in Omaha. At Jewell and Phoenix, 105 So. 14th.—Adv.

## GUY B. ROBBINS RETURNS FROM BURIAL OF WIFE

Guy B. Robbins, the well-known real estate dealer, was called to Xenia, Ohio, January 12, by the serious condition of his wife, who has been an invalid for several months and too ill to stand the trip to Omaha. She died January 13, just before her husband's arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins were married in Liberia, where he was secretary to the American Legation. Soon after their marriage she contracted the African fever. He hastened with her to her parents' home in Ohio. Subsequently he was called to Omaha by the serious illness of his father, where he took charge of his father's business. Mr. Robbins returned to Omaha Sunday.

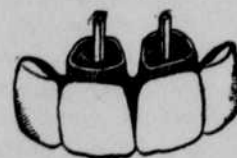
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