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## Monitor Plan Is Proving Successful

Tangible Results Being Obtained After Two Months of National Investigation.

### SOUTHERN LABOR IS WANTED

Race Papers Often Wrongly Informed and Colored People of the South Unintentionally Misled.

About two months ago The Monitor decided to undertake some definite steps to assist the Colored people of the South who intend coming North, and to ascertain just what opportunities were offered. Much had been written concerning the influx of southern labor and while much of it was true, much was also untrue. Many of the larger industries which were reported as having employed large numbers of Colored men, have done nothing of the kind; while a number of new industrial operations that were reported hiring hundreds of Colored laborers proved absolutely mythical. The consequences of these reports has been that hundreds of Colored people have left the South and gone to the larger cities, only to find that things had been misrepresented.

During this investigation, however, The Monitor learned that there are many industries which do want Colored labor and want it badly, and have welcomed our effort to bring them in touch with the same. We can now say confidently that there is room for hundreds of laborers and that when they come North they will find good paying jobs ready for them. The greatest problem which we are facing now is that of transportation. Many of our people in the South are really poor and have not money enough to pay railway fare. This is something of a handicap for the reason that our great industries cannot consider transportation for large numbers of men when there is no assurance that they will be remunerated for the money expended. However, we hope to be able to solve this perplexing problem in some way before spring.

Another difficulty which is confronting us is that of getting in touch with the Colored people of the South who wish to leave. The white South is inimical to any effort being made to bring away the black laborer, and for this reason any propaganda to bring to the Colored man the real opportunities that await him in the North is almost an impossibility. The endless chain letter system is about the best method that can be adopted at present. This system is as follows. Let each Colored man who wishes to leave the South write five letters to five different friends who also wish to leave and request that each of the five write to five of their friends and so on. The form of the letter should be as follows:

"If you are anxious to leave the South and want employment before

leaving, write to The Monitor, Omaha, Nebraska, and enclose a two-cent stamp for reply."

By this method the entire South may be covered in a comparatively short time.

The Monitor is also negotiating with industries that may possibly hire hundreds of families for seasonable work, as well as considering the western colonization of groups of Colored farmers who have a little capital to make such a venture a success.

We are justly proud of the work we are trying to do for those of our race who wish to come North and West, and we want it to be known that we will make no promises that cannot be kept. The labor is in the South and the opportunities are here and it is one of the missions of The Monitor to bring the two together.

## Has More Trouble Been Bought By the U. S.?

Danish West Indies Brings More Colored Citizens and Also Suffragists

### WILL THE PEOPLE SUBMIT?

Washington, D. C.—The purchase of the Danish West Indies presents a new suffrage problem to the Congress of the United States because the women of the islands now possess rights and suffrage equal to those of the men.

When the subject of Danish West Indian legislation comes before Congress officers of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association will urge the retention of the rights now possessed by the women of the islands. They take the position that the United States, the first country to declare that "governments derive their just powers from the consent in the governed" should permit the women of the islands to retain their existing suffrage rights.

Another question is aroused in the minds of both Colored and white citizens of the United States. Will the Colored population of the new possessions, and they are legion in numbers, tamely submit to the insults and humiliation that follows the "Stars and Stripes" wherever a mixed population is found?

There is no color line noticeable now in the Danish West Indies.

The various races mingle and intermarry freely and no man is known by the color of his skin. What will the islanders of mixed blood do when the soldiers and sailors of Uncle Sam arrive with the poison virus of prejudice in their veins?

There is going to be some trouble before these men allow the offscourings of the United States to pose as "Lords of Creation."

### JUVENILE COURT OFFICER

Pittsburgh, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Mollie Durham Randolph has been appointed an officer in the Juvenile Court.

### PROF. ROBERTS SNUBBED

New York.—Prof. James C. Roberts, one of the four commissioners that have represented the Danish West Indies in the negotiations for the sale of the islands to the United States, was snubbed when he went to the Imperial Hotel seeking accommodations. The commissioners had just arrived from Denmark, where they had been in consultation about the sale of the islands. Mr. Roberts was indignant when the hotel clerk gave the other three commissioners rooms, looked at his dark-skinned face and said that there was nothing doing. The commissioners are now in Washington in consultation with officials of the Department of State.

## Mme. E. Azalia Hackley Ill In New York

Famous Race Diva Receiving Treatment From Leading Specialists—Guest of Dr. Lyman Abbott.

New York.—Mme. Azalia Hackley is still in the city receiving treatment for her ear in the hope of evading another operation. Although because of the rare case of inner ear trouble, an operation has been assured her gratis for the sake of science. Ear specialists are much interested in her case. Two deaconesses, one from St. George's Church and one from St. Bartholomew's Church, are looking after the comfort of Mme. Hackley during this trying period.

She spent a pleasant week-end at the home of Dr. Lyman Abbott at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin, brother and sister of Dr. Abbott, whose son is also her medical adviser.

All arrangements for the Folk Song Festival were cancelled, but Mme. Hackley hopes to return to New York City in the near future if her health permits.

### ARTIST GRIEVES OVER LOST PICTURE

Antonio Guarino, a young Italian artist who is now creating much excitement among New York art lovers, is mourning the loss of what he considered his best work, "A Wounded Lascar." The picture represented one of the black soldiers of Algiers who was wounded while fighting for France. The picture was aboard the Ancona when she was torpedoed by a German submarine.

### WILL CHECK SUBMARINES

A demented Colored man sought admission to President Wilson Wednesday with a proposition for drying up the Atlantic Ocean. Perhaps he thought that was the only way to prevent the German submarines from operating.—Baltimore Afro-American.

## Bishop Walters Is Laid to Rest

Large Concourse Pay Last Tribute of Respect to Senior Prelate of Zion Methodist Church

### HAD A REMARKABLE CAREER

Was Elevated to the Bishopric When Only Thirty-three Years Old—Prominent in Church Work.

New York.—A vast throng attended the funeral of Bishop Alexander Walters at Mother Zion church Tuesday of last week. Bishop George W. Clinton delivered the eulogy, and a number of other bishops and clergymen assisted in the services. Interment was in Cypress Hill cemetery.

Bishop Walters died Thursday preceding, following an illness dating from last summer. It was only several weeks ago that he left St. Luke's hospital after a vain effort to regain his health.

He was a little over 33 years of age at the time of his elevation to the bishopric in 1892, being one of the youngest men so honored in this country. He was a noted figure, and probably was more in the limelight than any minister of his denomination since the days of the late J. C. Price.

### Bishop Walters' Career

Bishop Walters was born in Bardstown, Ky., August 1, 1858. He received his early training by private instruction. He began the study of theology at Indianapolis in 1876, and the following year was licensed to preach. He filled a number of important charges in his denomination. He was elected to the bishopric in 1892, and the retirement of Bishop Hood last May made him the senior prelate of the connection.

He was a trustee of the National Christian Endeavor Society, had been a delegate to an ecumenical conference and served for seven successive terms as president of the old Afro-American Council. The last meeting of the Council was held in this city in 1908.

Bishop Walters was an outspoken advocate of the rights of the race. He was one of the Colored men who believed ardently that a considerable number of Colored men should seek an honorable standing in the Democratic party. As president of the National Negro Democratic League, he worked hard to bring this about. The league was active in the congressional elections of 1910 and two years later worked ardently for the election of President Wilson. Despite the hard work done by him and his colleagues he was able to secure but scant recognition for the Colored democrats. It is said that Bishop Walters was offered the position of United States Minister to Haiti, but declined as he considered his work as a bishop of more importance.

During the past years he had fre-

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