

General Race News

THE NEGRO MIGRATION.

There is much talk in the South-east of another Negro migration in the spring. When the migration began a year or more ago the South said it would be a good thing; that the Negro loafers would go North, be fooled and mistreated and would come back sadder and wiser men.

But, instead, Negroes kept on coming North and only a few went back. Reports have it that many of them did not stay with their first jobs, but they stayed in the North. In fact, the first 1,000 carefully selected Negroes brought North by the Erie railroad are practically all in the employ of that road yet.

Now, the South has begun to look into the question and the various cities have quit passing foolish ordinances prohibiting labor agents from employing Negroes and the police have quit arresting Negroes that gather at the station to see a Northern train depart.

The major proposal now put forth is to stop lynchings. This move is very strongly supported in Georgia, where the white industrial leaders lay the migration troubles chiefly to lynchings. The press of the State is practically a unit in demanding a fair trial for all Negro offenders. Added to this plan of the "keep them at home platform" are demands for better housing and schools. It is generally admitted that unless the spring movement can be headed off the State is going to be in a bad way for labor. To this is added a suggestion of better wages.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

INTERVENTION IN LIBERIA IS ASKED

Washington, D. C.—England has made informal inquiry of American diplomatic agents respecting the possibility of American intervention in Liberia, the African republic formed on the model of the United States.

It is understood this Government will make representations to Liberia, as next best friend to the republic, strongly recommending and also demanding institution of administrative reforms. If Liberia refuses to effect the reforms urged, this Government may withdraw its traditional friendly attitude, it is reported.

Minister Curtis has notified the State Department that the affairs of Liberia are in a bad way. The European war is said to be responsible for conditions.

COLORED HEIRS LOSE BECAUSE OF QUESTIONABLE BIRTH OF DECEASED.

New York.—By the unanimous decision of the Appellate division of the supreme court recently, the cause of woman suffrage becomes entitled to the \$1,500,000 residuary estate disposed of in the will of Mrs. Frank Leslie, widow of the publisher, and known as the Baroness de Bazus. Court upheld the decree of Surrogate Fowler admitting the will to probate and refusing to entertain proceedings brought by the grandchildren of Frank Leslie to establish their right to the bulk of the estate on the ground that Mrs. Leslie's antecedents were such that she could not make a valid will.

SOUTHERN WOMAN APPEALS FOR NEGROES SUFFERING FROM FLOODS

To the Editor of the Sun:

Sir: Cold and want equal to that being endured by the Belgians is now killing off hundreds of Negroes in Alabama. Beggared by the recent flooding of creeks and bayous, these poor creatures have no houses, no clothes, no food.

Owners of plantations in these districts are doing all they can for them, but they need, and must have, help from the outside as well. Money is not asked for; it would help them little under present conditions. The way we people of New York, especially Southerners, can help them, however, is by sending our warm cast off clothing. Anything and everything of the kind is most acceptable.

Donations of such articles may be sent to my residence, 14 East Sixty-eighth street, New York, and I will take pleasure in personally expressing them to Mrs. D. W. Powell, of Dayton, Ala., who is in charge of the relief work.

(Mrs.) Helen S. Woodruff.
New York, February 10.

FIVE INNOCENT MEN LYNCHED

In Georgia a sheriff was murdered a year ago. Suspicion fell upon six Negroes. Promptly the usual Georgia mob formed and five of the Negroes were lynched. Jim Keith, the sixth Negro escaped lynching, but was afterward captured and under protection of the authorities was tried, found guilty and sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary.

Scarcely had Jim Keith begun to serve his lifetime sentence when new evidence came to light which indicated that he was innocent. The supreme court gave him a new trial and at that trial, which has just ended, it was proved that Jim Keith was innocent, and that the five men who were lynched a year ago were innocent. There was not a scrap of evidence to even point the finger of suspicion to those six Negroes, but, the proof was that another Negro, Mozelle Lake, had done the murder alone. But Lake has gone, no one knows where.

A jury of white men acquitted Jim Keith and gave him his liberty; but what of the five Negroes who were lynched?—Editorial in Kansas City Star, February 16, 1917.

COLORED PEOPLE FIGURE IN VANISHING PROTESTANTISM

"Apparently these figures indicate two tendencies in our American social life. First they indicate that the white race is slowly supplanting the Colored in population; and, secondly, that the foreign-born whites are supplanting the native born. In this latter fact lies a great danger of American Protestantism. The majority of our foreign-born population are Jews, Catholics, or Freethinkers. The growth of the Roman Catholic Church is largely due to the greater portion of births among immigrants. Protestants frequently let the children get away from them and then hold big revivals to bring them back. We need an evangelism which will hold the children quite as much as one which will bring them again into the fold."—Christian-Evangelist.

SOUTHERN RACE PAPER SPEAKS OUT

In Atlanta there are high schools, technical schools, grammar schools and all other kinds of schools for white children. The Colored children have no high school and now their grammar schools are being gradually reduced to mere primary work. Against this high-handed action the Independent comes out in a strong editorial in which it says:

"There is no need of parleying, no need of yes-sir, boss, with hat in hand, no need of cringing, but like men and citizens, meet the Board of Education and tell the authorities what is in our minds. Not insultingly, not offensively, but stand upon our rights as men, as citizens and as taxpayers and ask that we be given that which the law provides for us. The Board of Education has no authority in law or morals to withhold from the Negro any rights granted the white child. We ought not to stand for it, and we will not stand for it.—Atlanta Independent.

MANY AMERICAN NEGROES FIGHTING FOR FRENCH

Correspondent Says Are Nearly 700,000 of Them With Army in France.

Zurich.—A war correspondent of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung, who returned from the western war theater recently, after spending two years in the field with the French and British troops, reports that the African Negroes in the French army now number 700,000

About 200,000 of them are stationed on the southern wing of the line, near the Swiss border.

The Colored soldiers came from Algiers, Morocco, Dahomey, the French Congo and other African colonies of France, and are to a large part semi-savages, but always give a good account of themselves when they go into battle. As a rule they have no fear of death and they willingly bear all privations and face the greatest dangers without flinching.

Colored People Intending to Come North or West--- Take Notice

FARMERS, farm laborers, skilled and unskilled workmen, who intend leaving the south should protect themselves against swindlers and chance conditions.

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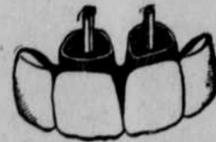
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