

## General Race News

### APPROPRIATES \$165,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT.

Raleigh, N. C.—The state legislature has appropriated \$165,000 for race development. Of this amount \$25,000 has been given to the Negro Agricultural and Technical College, which has an enrollment of 529 pupils.

### NEGROES NOT WANTED AS NAVAL RECRUITS.

Washington, D. C.—The story is told of three Howard University sophomores who offered to join the navy. When they asked what service would be required of them they were told they would be assigned to the "mess department"—that is, to the dining room service. The young men declined. They were not burning with desire to serve the nation in war times as servants for naval officers, and they were quite right about it.

### CANADIAN SOLDIERS PRESENTED WITH SOCKS.

Owen Sound, Canada.—The W. C. T. U. has sent 289 pairs of socks to the members of Construction Battalion No. 2. Handkerchiefs and other articles of wearing apparel have been sent to the colored Canadian troopers, soon to sail for Europe.

### MISSOURI PYTHIANS FIGHT FOR CONTROL.

St. Louis, Mo.—The colored members of the Knights of Pythias are engaged in a legal controversy for control of the order. An attempt is being made to unseat Aaron W. Lloyd, who has been grand chancellor of the state body for sixteen years.

### ORGANIZE TO FIGHT RICHMOND SEGREGATION.

Richmond, Va.—The Negroes of Richmond have organized to fight segregation, and the Civic Improvement League has registered a strong protest against Richmond's segregation ordinance.

### LEAVING GEORGIA BY THOUSANDS

Albany, Ga.—A careful compilation of records available in the offices of railway agencies shows that the total movement of colored citizens from this immediate section of Georgia to northern and western states from June 1, 1916, to March 1, 1917, was approximately 4,500. This ratio is maintained throughout the state and shows the alarming numbers in which the south's best labor is leaving the country.

### ATLANTA ALBINOES HAVE MORE DEFECTIVES THAN NEGRO.

#### Report of Medical Director Great Surprise to the Citizens.

Atlanta, Ga.—The board of education received with great surprise last week at its meeting in the Chamber of Commerce assembly hall the information from the report of Dr. W. N. Atkins, former medical director of schools, that 74.6 per cent of the albino children in the city public schools were physically defective, and that only 36.6 per cent of the negro children were lacking physically. Dr. Adkins' report was from September 1, 1916, through March 1, 1917.

### LOUISIANA ALBINO SERVES THIRTY MINUTES FOR MURDER.

Mansfield, La.—The shortest sentence for murder on record is that served by E. L. Calhoun, an albino, convicted of the murder of a colored man named Green Columbus, who is alleged to have made improper advances to Calhoun's daughter. The murderer spent thirty minutes in a cell and was discharged. It is remarkable that an albino should be even convicted for the murder of a Negro in the south.

### FIFTEENTH REGIMENT NATIONAL GUARD READY.

New York.—The Fifteenth Regiment, National Guard, New York, the new organization of colored citizens, was inspected Sunday morning, March 25, in Lafayette Hall, 132d street and Seventh avenue, by Col. William Hayward, Lieut.-Col. Lorillard Spencer and Capt. Hamilton Fish, officers of the regiment. The state has accepted the regiment, but cannot muster it in until the federal government has accepted it.

### AFRICA FURNISHES WORKERS FOR EUROPE

The native labor brigade of South Africa has furnished over 10,000 volunteers for work in Europe. They have uniformed, drilled, and organized. The Cape Colored Corps has been serving with the English troops in East Africa. The Swazi chiefs have sent their young Paramount Chief and a number of his companions to be educated at Lovedale. Khama, the aged chief of the BaMangwato, being seriously ill, has become reconciled to his son. Chief Lewanika, of the Barotse Nation, has been succeeded by Chief Leita.

### ROSAMOND JOHNSON WRITTEN UP IN TRANSCRIPT

A lengthy and interesting article, "From Vaudeville Turn to Composer's Desk—The Rise and Progress of James Rosamond Johnson Into Writer and Apostle of Negro Music Taken Seriously," is published in the Boston Transcript of February 17. A group of Negro melodies, freely developed for concert use by Mr. Johnson, is soon to be published by the Oliver Ditson Company.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT FOR AMERICAN NEGROES TO DEMAND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

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have the courage to say to the white American people, 'Give us the same rights which you enjoy, and then we will fight by your side with all of our might for every international right on land and sea.'

"If this kind of talk is not loyalty, then I am disloyal; if this is not patriotism, then I am unpatriotic; if this is treason, then I am a traitor. It is not that I love Caesar less but these black Romans more, who have been true to the flag for two hundred and fifty years. It is infinitely more disgraceful and outrageous to hang and burn colored men, boys and women without a trial in the days of peace than it is for Germans in time of war to blow up ships loaded with mules and molasses."

## South Side Notes

(Mrs. Lulu Thornton, Correspondent)

Little Miss Amy Fisher is still quite sick at the home of her mother, 5907 South Fifteenth street.

Mrs. Alyce Tapps entertained at lunch Easter Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Kelley and son. She also entertained Mrs. Vaughn and daughter, Mrs. Ora Custer, Mr. Stout of Wichita, Kas., and Mr. Clayborne were present. She also wishes to thank Undertaker Johnson for the beautiful Easter token.

Mrs. Lulu Thornton of 4607 South Twenty-fourth street is on the sick list this week.

Miss Coreasia Broomfield celebrated her sixteenth birthday Wednesday evening, April 11, at the Odd Fellows' hall, between N and O streets on Twenty-fifth street. The hall was beautifully decorated and there were thirty-two young people in attendance. The evening was spent in games and music. Those present expressed themselves as having had a delightful time. Miss Bloomfield was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

Mrs. W. H. Scruggs returned home last Sunday from Kansas City, where she went to consult a specialist.

Don't forget Mrs. V. Hill of 5310 South Twenty-seventh street serves Sunday dinner every Sunday.

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## AFRICA.

A slave, and old, within her veins  
There runs that warm forbidden blood  
That no man dares to dignify  
In elevated song. The chains  
That held her race but yesterday  
Hold still the hand of men.  
Forbid

Is Ethiop. The turbid flood of prejudice  
Of prejudice lies stagnant still.  
And all the world is tainted. Will  
And will lie broken as a lance  
Against the brazen malled face  
Of old opinion.

None advance  
Steel-clad and glad to the attack,  
With trumpet and with song. Look  
back!

Beneath yon pyramids lie hid  
The history of her great race.  
Old Nilus rolls right sullen by,  
With all his secrets.

Who shall say:  
My brother clipped the dragon's wings,  
My mother was Semiramis.  
Yea, harps strike idly out of place;  
Men sing of savage Saxon kings  
New-born and known but yesterday.  
—Joaquin Miller.

### ANNIVERSARY OF EMANCIPATION

The forty-fourth anniversary of the emancipation of slaves in Porto Rico was celebrated March 22 under the auspices of the Laborers' Institute of Social Reforms, with the co-operation of the authorities of the Island.

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