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## Serious Accusation By Southern Mayor

Openly Charges that Whites Have Systematically Robbed Negroes Since Close of Civil War.

MONTGOMERY MAYOR HAS SAY

if Negro Farmers of South Had Not Been Exploited They Would be Living in Brownstone Mansions.

Montgomery, Ala.—The State of Alabama has lost over 50,000 Negroes since the great migration movement, and many white people have become greatly alarmed over the loss of so many Colored people from this section.

The following startling charge has been made against the white people of the South by Mayor W. T. Robertson in speaking of the unfair treatment to which Negroes have been subjected since the Civil War:

"There is money in farming, lots of it, but the Negro farmer has been systematically robbed by the white man since the close of the Civil War. They haven't been treated right and no one can blame them for quitting the soil. If the Negro farmers would be returned all the interest in excess of 8 per cent. charged them for money advanced them, they would today be living in brownstone mansions, just as the rich white advancers do. How the Negro has been treated is borne out by an instance which happened last week. An old Negro came to me and asked me if I could 'advance' him this year. I asked him if he had a 'falling out' with his white folks. He replied that his white folks, who had been making money off him for twenty-five years, had decided to refuse him any credit this year, as they feared he was growing old and perhaps would die before another crop was made."

## SIX COLORED AMONG 200 DENTAL GRADUATES

At the recent commencement exercises of the College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York, at Carnegie Hall, the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery was conferred on 200 candidates.

Among them were six Colored, Drs. Pottinger and Hansen, from Howard University, and Clifton A. Norman, Louis Corbin, Chauncey F. Levy and Eugene C. Williams.

## NEGROES ROLL UP HEAVY LIST

Original Estimate of 18,000 at Birmingham is Exceeded Probably by Two Thousand.

Birmingham, Ala.—Registration officials here reported that their first estimates of about 18,000 would be exceeded by probably two thousand owing to the fact that a much larger proportion of the Negroes within the specified age limits came forward.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES H. YOUNG  
Only Negro Graduate of West Point Now In United States Army. Roosevelt Wanted Him for Over-Sea Troops. May Soon Be Made Brigadier General.

## "Cut Up the Lynchers' Rope and Put Out the Torch of the Mob"

Roscoe Conklin Simmons Fearlessly Tells South How It Can Stem the Northward Flowing Tide of Negro Migration.

Little Rock, Ark., June 2.—Before one of the largest audiences that ever gathered in this city Roscoe Conklin Simmons, delivering the commencement address for the Gibbs High School, June 2, laid down the terms upon which Negro migration to the North can be stopped.

The audience was mixed, many of the wealthiest white people of the city braving a fierce storm to pay their respects to the famous Negro orator. No braver words were ever uttered before a southern audience than those that fell from the lips of the speaker.

He drew surprising applause from the whites, and, of course, kept his own people in a constant uproar.

Coming direct from Memphis, the burning there had evidently annoyed him, for in a great burst of eloquence he declared that "this wonderland called America is the open door. No man can shut it; the lyncher's rope cannot stay its hinges, nor the torch of the mob burn it away."

Talking about the exodus of the Negro, about which the whites had come

to hear, he said:

"The hand of war has led ten times ten thousand of my people to seek new homes, and tens of thousands more are eager to follow.

"Their leaders make mistakes, but the people do not make mistakes. They follow an Unseen Hand.

"We love our South, and we would stay to till and possess the soil, erect our homes, rear our children, and grow mighty in the place of our nativity, but we know that anywhere beneath the Stars and Stripes is 'Home, Sweet Home' to us.

"I can say for my people that we will stay. The white race asks for terms. I will relate them.

"We will stay if the doors of education are thrown open to the children; if judges speak the language of law, and courthouses become temples of justice; if we are given a part in the government we are taxed to maintain, and the ballot is put in our hands.

"We will stay if the true-blues will cut up the lyncher's rope and put out the torch of the mob."

## Roosevelt Wanted Colored Soldiers

Would Have Organized Two or More Regiments for the Battlefields of France.

YOUNG TO COMMAND REGIMENT

Gallant Negro West Pointer Admirably Fitted for Important Oversea Expedition.

Washington, D. C.—Had President Wilson allowed Col. Theodore Roosevelt to go to France as the Colonel had proposed, it is generally conceded that he would have taken with him at least two regiments of Colored men. This was recently disclosed by a letter to Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Tuskegee Institute in which Colonel Roosevelt makes it known that two such regiments should be organized and one of them at least should be commanded by Lieutenant Col. Young with the rank of Colonel.

Former Premier Clemenceau, in a recent letter to President Wilson, made known the fact that there is much disappointment in France because Col. Roosevelt is not likely at present to be seen in the trenches of France. M. Clemenceau thinks that the name of Roosevelt would be an inspiration to the armies fighting the battles for France. It is generally conceded here that if Col. Roosevelt should yet be called to lead an army to France, large numbers of Colored men will seek to follow him there.

The following is the text of the letter sent Mr. Scott by Col. Roosevelt: "My Dear Mr. Scott:

"If the volunteer organizations, provided for by Congress are allowed, I should like to use at least two Colored regiments. One of these should be under Lieutenant Colonel Young, who is admirably fitted for the work. I should hope he would consult with you about some of the men for officers, but he would himself be the best judge about the officers. The other I should hope would be under another regular army officer with William Jay Schlegelin as lieutenant colonel. I trust you will make inquiries and recommend to Mr. Schlegelin Colored men of the highest standing and fitness for the work, who could be appointed as some of the officers of the regiment.

Faithfully yours, (signed)

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

## PRESIDENT MENOCA'S WIFE COLORED

A writer in Pearson's Magazine for July tells us that all the trouble in Cuba was caused through the ambitions of the wife of President Menocal, who, says the writer, is "a woman of color." Just what her ambitions were, however, and just how they affected the sudden revolt of the natives in the provinces of Santa Clara and Oriente, the writer does not make clear.