

### Colored People Are to Organize

Women Will Have Red Cross Unit and Men a Food Saving Club.

#### ORGANIZER AN IOWA BOY

Herbert Wright Had Interesting Career as Consul in Various Countries.

#### VENEZUELA IS PRO-GERMAN

Wright Declares Also There Must Be 100,000 Huns Residing in Province of Mexico.

**COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA.**—The Colored people of Council Bluffs are organizing for more effective work in food conservation and Red Cross activities. Herbert R. Wright, a special organizer for the United States food administration, with headquarters at Des Moines, held a meeting with local representatives of the Colored people Monday night, July 8 and a preliminary organization of both the men and women was effected.

The Colored women will organize a Red Cross auxiliary and will undertake to do their share of the Red Cross work of the community. The men will form a food conservation organization and will do all in their power to see that the food regulations are observed among their people, as well as to promote the production of food. Rev. W. H. Moore has been chosen president and James Bryant secretary. Quarters are to be secured and a complete organization effected.

Herbert Wright, the organizer, is an Iowa boy who has had an unusual career. He was one of the youngest Colored men in the state to be admitted to the bar, having read law in the office of Judge Sutton of Marshalltown years ago. Then he got an appointment as United States consul to San Domingo, later being transferred to Honduras, where he spent four years, and was then sent to Venezuela. He spent nine years in Venezuela, and passed through many exciting times incident to the numerous revolutions, which he says are very frequent and for the most part of the comic opera type.

In the case of one revolution Wright said the port was closed, not a ship of any kind being permitted to leave. This was done he said to prevent interference with the revolution on the part of the United States or other nations. Wright thought that the commercial interests of the United States might suffer, so he managed to get away unobserved in a sailboat and at the nearest station forwarded a message to the government. A few days later the cruiser Des Moines steamed into port and the revolution was called off.

**Venezuela Pro-German.** Venezuela, while pretending neutrality, Wright says is pro-German due largely to the fact that German commercial interests predominate. When war broke out he said the vessels in port immediately got busy with a view of supplying coal to the German raiders. As an instance he cited the case of one captain whose vessel was already laden for a European port. He had sealed orders which he opened as soon as he heard that war had been declared.

The vessel sailed to a neighboring island, discharged the cargo of coal and immediately returned to the German raiders, which were finally discovered by the British fleet and destroyed. All German captains of merchant vessels Wright said, had sealed orders to be opened only in case of war.

Wright says thousands of Germans left Venezuela after the war was declared. Most of them, according to Wright, went to a Cuban port and thence to Mexico. He thinks there are 100,000 Germans in Mexico now.—The Nonpareil.

#### WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

**Wonders Will Never Cease**  
"Wonders will never cease." The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as represented by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and the Booker T. Washington ideas, as repre-

sented by Dr. R. R. Moton and Hon. Emmett J. Scott, supplemented with the association of Hon. Harry C. Smith, a "free lance," as to speak, and as unbridled in his thought and ideas as a Texas mustang—all meeting together and reaching a harmonious conclusion relative to affairs affecting the race and agreeing upon a joint statement—is one of the anomalies and surprises of present-day happenings.—Richmond Planet.

#### No Color Line in Our Army

A court-martial at a Southern camp has dismissed from the service a captain who insisted on drawing the color line. The justice of the action is plain. A man who undertakes at this time to discriminate against another because of his color is unfit to wear the uniform of an American soldier, much less to represent the government as an officer. If our fight for freedom means anything at all, it includes every race, tribe, kindred, sect or creed under the sun. We cannot say to this, "We recognize you as brothers and the proper object of our sacrifice," and to that, "We know you not, your skin is red, or black, or yellow, and you have nothing in common with us." Liberty to all men is our aim. To achieve it we have taken into our army men from every quarter of the world who are physically and morally fit; not only this, but for many years we have granted all the rights and privileges of citizenship without regard to "age, color or previous condition of servitude." Old Glory knows no color line, and men called to service under that flag must understand the fact.—Omaha Bee.

#### "Dago" No More

How those Italians do fight! All America rejoices in their courage, their ability and their victory. Let us blot forever from our lexicon the foul word "Dago." America will honor and love Italy, even as it honors and loves France; and there is now and forevermore a new bond between the two countries, as there will be a finer appreciation of the high qualities of the people of Italy.—Omaha Nebraskan.

#### THE NEGRO'S CHALLENGE

**O**UR country's voice is pleading. The call to arms has come, And we are not unheeding— We've answered every one. We're with the old red, white and blue; You need from us no vow; We've always to our trust been true And we'll not be less now.

When duty call'd for men who'd brave  
The despot's angry wrath,  
Their lives, their all, they gladly gave;  
Theirs was the martyr's path.  
They fought for justice, truth and right;  
They'd not to tyrants bow;  
The Lord God helped them in their fight,  
And He will help us now.

On Massachusetts' wind-swept plains,  
Where freedom cried for birth;  
At Pillow and at New Orleans,  
There fought the "brave of earth";  
Amid the rain of shot and shell,  
Up San Juan's bloody brow,  
No foe could stop them, though they fell,  
And none can stop them now.

From east to west they hear the cry;  
From north to south they come,  
To live, to fight, to fall, to die,  
Nor die 'till victory's won.  
For country, God and fireside reside,  
To strike one might blow,  
The flag is our's, whate'er betide,  
And we'll protect it now.

Democracy, the nations' hope,  
Thou gift of God to man,  
Through all thy broad and boundless scope  
Send peace throughout our land,  
Break down the bars of prejudice,  
Fulfill thine unfulfilled vow,  
Make this the land of freedom's bliss,  
The land of freedom—now.  
—R. J. Johnson.  
Baltimore, June 25.

St. Philip's Episcopal church, Twenty-first, near Paul. Sunday services: 8:30, 10 and 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.; daily, 8:30 a. m.—Adv.

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN HOLD GREAT CONVENTION

(Continued from First Page.)

Lawyer Addie Dickerson of Philadelphia presided at the afternoon session and pledged the first \$100 toward an endowment of the Fred Douglass Memorial Home. The audience rose and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," while thirty Colored women in Red Cross regalia marched down the aisles.

Miss Lettie Welch, director of the Rocky Mountain Bureau of Red Cross Nurses; Dr. Mary Waring of Chicago; Miss Eva Bowles, secretary of the National Young Women's Christian association (Colored department)—these speakers gave very interesting information as to what has been accomplished by the women, and urged a continuance of hearty cooperation.

On the Red Cross program Mrs. Martha Taylor Smith of Omaha delighted the audience with her singing and Mrs. Kate Wilson by her dramatic recital of "The Black Regiment." Representatives from Omaha and Lincoln let the convention know that Nebraska is on the map.

#### Miss Ovington Speaks Thursday Night

Thursday night there was a remarkable meeting—but all the meetings were wonderful and inspiring—held in Shorter chapel, when Miss Mary White Ovington, a wealthy and prominent white lady of New York, who is one of the vice presidents of the N. A. A. C. P., spoke on "The Aims and Achievements of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People."

Thursday with busy with sectional conferences on suffrage and temperance, purity problems, health, education and other vital topics. Mrs. John A. Smith, representing the Greater Omaha Improvement club, made an excellent address on kindergarten work at the educational conference Thursday afternoon and she also spoke for Georgia, her native state, at the banquet given for the delegates in the Baptist church.

Friday night the Thrift club, one of Denver's exclusive clubs of the wealthiest and foremost white women of the city, tendered the delegates a delightful reception in their elegant rooms.

#### Election of Officers

The election of officers resulted as follows:  
President—Mrs. Mary B. Talbert of Buffalo, N. Y., re-elected by acclamation.

First Vice President-at-Large—Miss Hallie C. Brown of Ohio.  
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Roberta Dunbar of Rhode Island.  
Recording Secretaries—Mrs. Alice Webb of Colorado and Miss Theresa Macon of Illinois.  
Treasurer—Mrs. C. R. McDowell of Missouri.

Chairman of Executive Committee—Miss Georgia Nugent of Kentucky.  
Chairman Ways and Means Committee—Mrs. Charlotte Dett of New York.

National Organizer—Mrs. Belle Bennett of Pennsylvania.  
Trustees of the Douglass Home—Dr. Mary B. Waring of Chicago, Mrs. Archibald B. Grimke of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Horton of Oklahoma and Mrs. Mary B. Talbert of life.  
Tuskegee, Ala., was chosen as the place of the next biennial.\*

#### A NEW SOUTH INDUSTRIALLY

A new South industrially is emerging from war conditions, a South that will be more concerned with the future possibilities than with the prejudices of the past. That is the best hope for an awakened popular opinion that will end the lynching disgrace and free the nation from the reproach of racial anarchy. From the depths of despondency at the beginning of the war and the "buy a bale of cotton" period, the South is today experiencing the greatest prosperity in its history.

The northern migration of labor seems now to be the only annoying feature in connection with Southern industry. The fear of losing its staple supply of labor is causing a revolutionary readjustment of racial prejudices. The original explanation that the Negro movement northward was caused by the attraction of higher wages has been found not wholly satisfactory with the advancing labor costs extending into the South itself. The fact has been slowly and reluctantly grasped by the South that there is a deeper and older reason—the violent race prejudice with the consequent denial of law and justice and mob violence to which the Negro population has been subjected.

It is beginning to be understood that, all things being equal, the Southern Negro prefers the Southland, which he loves as his home, but cannot forever submit to the treatment and perils to which he has been exposed by Southern habit and prejudice. When the exceptional labor conditions due to the war offered him an asylum in the north he fled to it. The

South, bereft of its labor, has only itself to blame, it would seem, and it is seeing this today.

One evidence is the stand taken at different places in the South in condemnation of lynch law and mob methods. Self-interest is demanding this reform because it is the sole hope of keeping the labor remaining. It may not be too much to hope that the enthusiasm with which the Negro draftees have taken their places in the army of democracy may also have something to do with it. Men who are good enough to fight for their country are entitled to its protection in their home lives.—Flint (Mich.) Journal Editorial.

#### WASHING EGGS A BAD PRACTICE

Grocers receiving eggs they expect to keep on hand any length of time should not wash them, even if they are dirty. The dirt is wholly on the outside and only affects the appearance of the egg. The shell of an egg contains a gelatinous substance which prevents air and germs from entering the eggs. Washing destroys this substance.

Many customers will not buy soiled eggs, but it is desirable that the grocer should explain these facts to his patrons. The public has been trained to demand and buy clean eggs. It should be remembered that dirty eggs, while not pleasing to the eye, are often the better. According to the department of agriculture, more than five million eggs spoil unnecessarily in cold storage every year because they have become washed or have in some way become wet before being sent to market.

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