

President Pleased With Conference

Warmly Commends "Fine Philosophy of Democracy" Exhibited in Frank and Calm Consideration of War Issues—Sets Inspiring Example for All Patriotic Americans.

Special to The Monitor:

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 10.—President Wilson is greatly pleased with the conference of Colored editors and other leaders of thought and opinion among the Colored citizens of the country, held a short time ago in this city. The report of the conference has been published far and wide and the proceedings have attracted a larger measure of attention than the report of any similar gathering of Colored men since emancipation.

In a recent letter the chief executive of the nation plainly indicates his deep interest and genuine satisfaction with the meeting and its successful outcome, as well as with the practical results that have accrued from the frank and unhampered interchange of views as to how the 12,000,000 Negroes of the country might most effectively aid America to win this righteous war for freedom and world-wide democracy. The president feels that the problems considered by the conference were "grave and weighty," and is cheered by the thought that the whole state of feeling throughout the country will be helped by the broad spirit of patriotism which dominated the conferees in their calm, dignified and high-purposed deliberations.

In no uncertain terms, the president warmly commends the Colored representatives of the press for their timely emphasis of national unity on the vital issues involved in the war and applauds the inspiring example set by them for all Americans who have at heart the welfare of the nation in its present crisis. The full text of the president's letter to the chairman of the conference follows:

PRESIDENT'S LETTER ON SPIRIT OF THE CONFERENCE

The White House, Washington, July 31, 1918.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Your letter of June 26 has been called to my attention, and I am both interested and pleased with the report it gives of the meeting held in Washington by leaders of thought and opinion among the Negro citizens of the country.

The problems considered by the conference of special importance to the people whom they represent, are grave and weighty, and the whole state of feeling throughout the country will be helped by the frank and

calm consideration given these matters.

In the meantime, it is cheering to see that the fine philosophy of democracy, which is at this time the inspiration of the great effort of our country, was felt and expressed by these conferees as the dominating thought which ought to control all Americans in the present crisis.

Cordially yours,
Woodrow Wilson.

To Mr. Emmett J. Scott,
Special Assistant,
The War Department.

This ungrudging indorsement of the Colored editors' conference and sincere tribute to the loyalty of the Colored citizens to the cause held dearest to all Americans will hearten the Negro people all over the land. The president's ringing utterance in denunciation of mob violence, the acceptance of Colored nurses for war service, and a score of advantageous plans for the induction of the Negro soldiers in technical schools and training camps for officers, followed closely by this exceedingly cordial letter of the president, give ground for belief that the Negro-American is, during these days of national emergency and need, coming to be recognized more and more by the general government as a factor of importance in the winning of the war.

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MAKES PRESENTATION TO PRINCESS CHILES

Easter Temple 351 gave a reception July 22 in honor of their princess, Mrs. H. A. Chiles, who is leaving the city for Colorado. Mrs. Joseph D. Lewis delivered the address to about 150 guests. The address was inspiring. Mrs. Lewis stated how best the Negro could help win the war, also what he should do to reach the top. She stressed that we must link our race together and not stand so far apart, let not one link be broken only by death; fight for democracy,

and save all we can to help win the war. At the close of Mrs. Lewis' address she gave to Mrs. Chiles as a token from the temple \$23.30. The committee, Mesdames L. A. Smith, W. Porter and A. Dixerson, made all guests welcome.

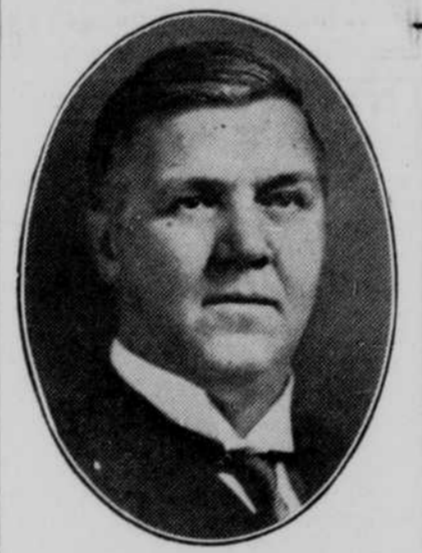
WAR DEPARTMENT BUREAU STEADILY GROWING

Washington, D. C.—When Mr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial institute, was called to Washington last October to serve as special assistant to the secretary of war, he immediately requested the department of commerce to release Mr. Wilson H. Davis, who for many years had been performing stenographic and other technical work in that department of the government, and who for many years has been official stenographer of the National Negro Business league. Mr. Davis was accordingly released and has been serving as secretary and first assistant to Mr. Scott since the beginning of his work in Washington.

The office force was later enlarged by the addition of Mr. Charles A. Wilson of Boston, Mass., a stenographic helper, and within the last few weeks by the further addition of Mr. Charles L. Webb of Chicago, Ill., a stenographic helper, formerly status clerk in the United States general land office, interior department, and Mr. R. W. Thompson, the well-known correspondent, who has been transferred from the treasury department to serve as an assistant in handling the many intricate problems which come to the office of the special assistant, whose bureau looks after matters affecting the interests of Colored soldiers and Colored citizens generally during the period of the present war, and is acting in conjunction with the committee on public information and other agencies of the government in the important work of stimulating the continued loyalty of Colored Americans.

The duties involving upon Mr. Scott have grown steadily in volume and gravity and it has been necessary to steadily increase his office force to keep pace with the overwhelming mass of correspondence that flows daily into the office and to properly care for the welfare of the hundreds of cases that constantly press for attention and touch every possible phase of the activities of the Colored people of the nation.

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