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LIBERIAN TRADE PROSPECTS

BY G. BASIL BARHAM.

NOW that Liberia, that West African republic lying between Sierra Leone and the French colony of the Ivory Coast, has joined the entente it would seem that there is every prospect of improved trade relations with the country.

Liberia dates from the year 1822, when various philanthropic bodies on both sides of the Atlantic formed a Negro settlement where Monrovia, the capital of the republic, now stands. Primarily intended for freed American slaves, it attracted to itself Negroes from all parts, and in 1847 the state was constituted as the free and independent Republic of Liberia, with a constitution almost identical with that of the United States.

The population is about two millions a fair proportion of whom consider themselves largely independent of the central government, whose control is actually mainly confined to the coastal districts. The Kroomen, who are capital sailors, by the way, come from this part of the world, and, as a general thing, owe more allegiance to their chiefs than to the state itself. Of the coast Negroes about 50,000 may be considered as fully civilized; they speak English in their daily lives and are mostly members of the Protestant church.

The franchise is confined to persons who are landowners, and no one who is not a Negro is allowed a vote, except he be a member of one of the aboriginal tribes. Efforts have been made from time to time to get the franchise extended to white traders, but without success, the chief movers in this agitation being the German houses, who hoped thereby to secure some share in the actual government of the country.

It will be remembered that, mainly through the inefficient administration of the national resources, Liberia had its finances, agriculture and military organization "put into commission," a United States receiver general, who also holds the post of financial adviser to the Liberian government, being appointed administrator. He is assisted in his duties by British and French receivers, and, until recently, a German receiver also interested himself in the administration.

In Liberia, as in the majority of African states and colonies, the German policy of permeation was followed, and it is in the elimination of the German influence that the chief hope lies for an important development of British trade. It was as far back as 1880 that German influence began to make itself felt, and a number of factories were established at various parts, principally along the coast. The Hamburg firm of Woermann played an important part in establishing trade relations with the Negroes, and their example was speedily followed by another Hamburg house, Messrs. Wiechers & Helm. This latter firm commenced trading on a large scale in Monrovia, Marshall and Cape Palmas, and were not long before they built up a large and important connection.

Germany has always realized the great trade possibilities which existed with Liberia, but the Liberian government have kept themselves fully acquainted with German designs and have thwarted them whenever they have been strong enough to do so. The secret history of the affair in 1897, when the German consul offered to put Liberia under German protection, has yet to be written. Practically all that was allowed to be known about the matter was that Great Britain and the United States promptly put a veto on the proposition, and the German consul was immediately censured by Berlin and withdrawn from his post.

Liberia has ample resources, but needs development. Her total yearly revenue stands at about \$300,000 and her foreign bonded debt at \$96,000. She has a floating debt of about \$200,000, of which \$150,000 is held by foreign merchants. Her total debt is only slightly over \$800,000, which, as will be seen by the figures quoted, is equal to only three years' revenue. Her financial position, therefore, is not so bad, and certainly is not nearly so hopeless as has been made out by interested parties. Amongst the principal imports of the country may be mentioned hardware of all kinds, cotton goods, silks, earthenware of fair to medium quality, liquors, guns and gunpowder, rice, stockfish, salt and tobacco. In connection with the import trade, it must be emphasized that hardware of the modern pattern will not sell in the republic; pots, pans, fire irons, everything possible, in short, must be modelled on fifteenth century patterns. Amongst the exports, the more important are coffee, rubber, ginger, ivory, hides, cocoa, kola nuts, palm kernels and oil, raw cotton, peppers, mahogany, teak, copal gum and fibre, and, as showing the fact that since the beginning of the war German influence has received a heavy setback, it is worthy of note that in 1915 the Liberian exports to the United Kingdom were roughly about five times the value of the pre-war average.

Before the war the only direct cable

communication which the republic had with Europe was in German hands, and one of the two wireless stations was also German owned. German firms had also commenced a motor-boat transport service along the rivers of the country, and this would have quickly proved a paying proposition, as the local roads are neither convenient as regards direction nor well made.

Unfortunate British schemes and proposals some time looked upon with disfavour in Liberia, as a result of the dispute over the northwest boundary of the state. There is no doubt here to go into the circumstances which led to the arrival of British warships in a Liberian port, and the subsequent improvement of the British coastline where Sierra Leone adjoined the Negro state, but it doubtful whether, from a trade point of view, the action of Great Britain was altogether wise. But that is largely a matter of ancient history, and the time is now opportune for British trading houses to step in and establish themselves firmly in the country, and so prevent Hun influence ever again getting into the ascendancy.—African Times and Orient Review.

PALESTINE, TEXAS
A. G. Howard, Agent

Things are looking good around here. All the Methodist people are getting ready to leave town to go to their different conferences and some of them will not get back to this place any more. The Rev. H. McKinna had his last service at the Grant Chapel A. M. E. church Sunday and the Rev. A. W. Williams had his last sermon at Mt. Vernon A. M. E. church Sunday. The Rev. S. M. Bolden had his last service Sunday at St. Paul's M. E. church, and he was at his best.

All of the above will leave for their different appointments on Tuesday.

St. Paul M. E. church raised for their pastor \$84.00, and he will leave his conference well pleased.

We had for our guest Sunday at St. Paul's the Revs. J. E. Lee, J. J. Jordan and E. M. Griggs.

We are having some good weather now, but had a tremendous rain here last Friday, and it is somewhat colder now.

Visitors to the office today were Mrs. Price, Mr. H. L. Price, Mr. Sam Clasco.

The town is getting rid of the influenza and things are looming up now.

LA GRANGE, TEXAS
H. L. Vincent, Agent

Mr. Jas. Kerr Lee, East Bernard, spent a few days in the city on business. Mr. James Henry Robinson, formerly of La Grange, but now of East Bernard, accompanied Mr. Lee. They returned Thursday morning, Mr. Lee leaving a one year's subscription for The Monitor.

Mr. Geo. W. Bratcher, Muldoon, was here last Wednesday on business.

Mr. John Branch, Houston, arrived here last Wednesday night to attend to some business with the war department.

Mrs. Hallie Johnson left Wednesday morning to spend a few days with her husband, Mr. James Johnson in Cuero.

Rev. S. A. Tillman, after spending the week in various places left last Saturday morning for Eagle Lake to preach Sunday and conduct a rally for Mt. Olive Baptist church.

Prof. Stikes, principal of the Columbus Colored high school, passed through the city Saturday en route to Austin, carrying with him his wife who died at Columbus last Friday. She will be buried at Austin.

Mr. Hal Davis and Mrs. Sarah Scott left here last Sunday for Camp Travis, where the latter has a very sick son.

Miss Thelma Leah Sanford is visiting a few days in Smithville.

Mrs. Clara E. Kirkpatrick and her three children of Ft. Worth, returned home last Sunday, after spending several weeks here with her sick sister, Mrs. L. E. Moore.

Sick—Mrs. Julia King and a few families with the "flu."

The Rev. J. V. B. Gains, P. E., of the A. M. E. church, was in town Saturday en route to the Bethlehem community to hold his last quarterly conference.

The Rev. William White was at his post and conducted regular services at St. James M. E. church here Sunday.

The Colored city school here opened Monday morning, 18th inst., after being closed for one month on account of the flu.

Mrs. Lizzie May Jetson of Schulenburg is visiting here.

THANK YOU

To the Editor of The Monitor.

Sir: You will find enclosed a check for \$2.00. I began reading your paper because a blind man asked me to do so, but I read it now because it is one of the best papers that comes to my office. Yours truly,

W. D. WILSON, M. D.,
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COMINGLING OF MANY RACES

In the following quotation from "The Churches at Work," Dr. Charles L. White, the author, describes the mixed relations into which an American enters in ordinary every day contact with people:

"On Monday morning a Roumanian fish-man cleaned his cellar and a Pole whitewashed its walls. A Hollander pruned his vine; a German plumber came to stop a leak in his bathroom and his man's helper was a Dane. He remembered that his cook was a Swede and the waitress was a Norwegian. As he left his home for his office a seamstress entered to help his wife. She was a Belgian, and the man who was painting his front fence was from Switzerland. He left his laundry with a Chinaman. Later he visited his Russian tailor, ordered groceries of a Welshman, meat of a Scotchman, and purchased his fish dinner the next day at a Frenchman's store. As he waited for an electric car an Italian vegetable man passed, while he was talking with an Irish policeman. The next day he bought some hardware from an Armenian and learned that his milkman was a Lapp, and his cobbler was a Hungarian. That evening a Philippine bell-

boy showed him to a room in a hotel and he learned that among its waiters was Slovaks, Greeks and Servians.

The next day he lunched in a Turkish restaurant, engaged a Syrian to mend his rugs and purchased two more of an Armenian. In the afternoon he met by accident a college classmate, a Bulgarian, who introduced him to a Montenegrin. That evening he learned that the Austrian consul of the city had rented the house opposite. The following Sunday he met a Cuban Protestant at church and found a Mexican, a Brazilian, a Lithuanian, a Peruvian, and a Haitian in a popular Sunday School class of one hundred men. That evening a Japanese merchant and his family attended service and the next day, as chairman of the committee that looked after the repairs of the church, he learned that the Portuguese sexton had died, and he selected a Canadian in his place. The following day the man who washed his office windows proved to be a Spaniard, and a Jew wished him a merry Christmas. Soon after this, in an early train, he counted twenty-eight passengers in the car. Four were reading German papers, twelve Jewish, six Italian, and he concluded that the only American-born man in the car besides himself was a Negro!"

Lincoln News

MRS. SARAH WALKER.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF COLORED PEOPLE**

Masonic Hall, Friday, Nov. 22, 1918.
Meeting called to order by Acting President Harry M. Hill.

1. Song by audience, "America," led by J. E. Jeltz.

2. Prayer by Rev. O. J. Burckhardt.

3. Statement of purpose of meeting and aims and work laid out for the association for the ensuing year by Mr. Hill.

4. Grievance report by Rev. O. J. Burckhardt.

A—Action taken against objectionable discrimination signs, the specific case of Peterson's restaurant, the same having been removed.

B—Protest to Governor Neville and council of defense against such plays as "The Birth of a Nation."

5. Reports on new memberships. Sixteen new prospects by Rev. Mr. Burckhardt and Mr. Jeltz, the latter reporting the name of Governor-elect S. R. McKelvie.

6. Acting President Hill calls for the election of officers which resulted as follows:

President—Rev. I. B. Smith.

Vice President—Mr. M. C. James.

Secretary—Trago T. McWilliams.

Treasurer—Mrs. Maude Gates.

Executive Committee—Mr. William Woods, Mr. J. E. Jeltz, Mr. L. P. Gate, Mr. V. E. Young, Mr. Ray Poole.

Acting President Harry M. Hill was given a standing vote of thanks for the good work he has rendered the association.

The very efficient Lincoln correspondent of The Monitor, Mrs. Sarah Walker, will have charge of the association's publicity department for the ensuing year.

TRAGO M. WILLIAMS,

Mrs. Arthur Patrick went to Chillicothe, Mo., Tuesday to visit her par-

ents during Thanksgiving and the holidays.

Clyde Malone is expected home for Thanksgiving.

Bert Patrick was in the city Tuesday on business for The Monitor.

Mrs. Henry Williams returned home last Thursday from Chicago, where she was called several days ago on account of the illness of her brother, Mr. George Kelley, whom she left in a much improved condition.

Mrs. Alice Perry passed away at 9:10 a. m. Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stella Cruse. She had been ill but a very short time, having contracted pneumonia a little over a week ago. Though she had the tenderest of care, all efforts to save her were unavailing. The body was taken to Salina, Kas., Monday morning for burial.

Mrs. Odessa Johnson, who has been very ill for several days, is convalescing slowly.

Mr. L. B. McGhee, who has been confined in doors for several days, is able to be out again.

The Woman's Davis club gave a supper at Masonic hall last Thursday, which met with a great success.

Mr. Bert Patrick, The Monitor's energetic business manager, was a visitor in our city Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Charles Haynes is very ill at his home this week suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

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