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"Jim-Crowed On Ship" Says Officer

The Treatment Accorded Brave Black Heroes on Their Return to the Land Which Went Into War for an Ideal.

IS THIS TO BE REWARD?

Segregated on the Olympia by "Southern Commander," Who Dodges Issue When Men Make Manly Protest—Colors Lost, the Charge.

By Philip A. Payne.

NEW YORK.—Negro officers of the 365th infantry, Chicago's Negro draft regiment, who returned from France today, charged they had been "Jim Crowed" on the transport Olympia and that a brigadier general and colonel, ranking officers aboard the ship, had refused to rescind an order segregating them from the white officers.

Their charges, made in writing and presented to newspaper men by a Negro Y. M. C. A. secretary, acting on behalf of the officers, were substantiated by Negro officers of the 350th Field Artillery, the 367th Infantry and the 317th Sanitary Train, the other Negro units on the transport.

Officers Refused Justice.

They said Brig. Gen. Charles Gaerhardt, commanding all troops on the Olympia, and Col. George H. McMaster of the 365th Infantry, were "southerners of the old school, with all the old traditions, and refused to see justice done the Negro officers."

British naval officers commanding the Olympia, told a delegation of the protesting Negro officers the segregation order had been issued to them by their white commander.

Twelve Negro officers of the 365th and the other organizations gathered in the cabin of the regimental chaplain while the Y. M. C. A. secretary gave a copy of the charges to reporters. The "Y." man said he was acting for the officers who feared court-martial proceedings if their names were used. They substantiated his statement.

"Fair Play Denied."

Their specific charges were:

That Negro officers of the 365th Infantry, 317th Sanitary Train, 367th Infantry and 350th F. A. were grouped together, irrespective of rank, in a separate dining room on board the Olympia, while white lieutenants, captains and field officers of the same organization, with nurses of enlisted men's rank, Y. M. C. A. secretaries and field clerks were seated in the main dining room with passengers.

That the demand of the Negro officers for fair play in letters to Commander General Charles Gaerhardt resulted in his dodging the issue by saying the Negro officers go the same service as was given in the main dining room.

That feeling among the officers is aggravated by the fact that the regimental flag and colors of the 365th Infantry were lost. The Negro officers say this is the result of negligence and lack of regard for their flag.

Negro Captain in Tears.

With tears rolling down his cheeks, a Negro captain said if the regiment paraded in Chicago it would march without its colors.

"These colors which were paid for by the pennies of little Negro children in Chicago and formally presented to the regiment at the Coliseum, were taken away from us after hostilities ended to be salvaged," he said.

Every Negro officer and enlisted man in this regiment—and many of them have been cited for bravery—burns with indignation because of this added insult."

Scores of enlisted men verified the statement made by the captain.—Chicago Herald-Examiner.

MRS. ASTOR THROWS KISSES

TO NEW YORK'S FIFTEENTH New York.—Bullet-dented "tin" helmets crowned the woolly heads of Col. Bill Hayward's "hell fighters," New York's old Fifteenth (Colored) regiment, as they marched up Fifth avenue the other day amid the plaudits of great throngs of white and Colored people.

Mrs. Vincent Astor thrust her head through a window of her home and treated all and sundry who might care to look to the sight of the wife of one of the world's richest men showering kisses with both hands to the dusky heroes who had done so much to uphold the honor of America and the freedom of the world.

SEEKING TO SAVE SNOWDEN'S LIFE

Remarkable Effort Being Exerted by Members of Both Races in Maryland to Save Convicted Negro From Execution.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Baltimore, Md., March 6.—The city and the whole state are aroused over the refusal of Governor Harrington to commute the sentence of John Snowden to life imprisonment.

Snowden was convicted of the murder of Lottie Brandon, white, a year ago. The case was appealed and the decision of the lower court sustained. Final appeal was made to the United States supreme court this week, on the ground that Snowden was not tried by a "jury of his peers," that is that there were no colored men on the grand jury or the trial jury.

It is also alleged in the appeal to the highest court of the land, that excitement and race prejudice were so rampant at the trial that the proper form of indictment and passing of sentence were not gone through by the court.

Should this case be passed favorably by the supreme court, Colored people will no longer be barred from service on coroner's and petit juries in the state.

Late Monday the governor was visited by representatives from the jury, which passed sentence on Snowden, and presented a petition signed by eleven of them praying commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment. Petition was also presented by sixty white business men of Annapolis where the crime was committed. Four hundred persons, mostly white, filled every available space in the governor's private office and urged that Snowden's life be spared.

No such demonstration in behalf of a Colored man convicted of crime has been witnessed before in the history of the state.

The governor remained obdurate in his refusal to commute the sentence, and it is said that he is influenced in his decision by his southern wife.

White and Colored people so far have raised more than \$3,000 in fighting this case through the supreme court. The conviction is state wide that the woman's husband committed the crime.

TO PROTECT COLORED GIRLS

Memphis, Tenn.—The association for the protection of Colored girls is pushing a vigorous campaign for \$5,000 in the Memphis territory to be raised this month. This is a movement in harmony with similar plans by the federal government to safeguard the health and morals of the cities.

ONE REAL GEN. IN DEMOCRACY

Washington, D. C.—Gen. H. L. Scott must be given credit for recommending to the war department the admission of Colored women into the Red Cross as nurses, both at home and abroad.

Under General Scott a number of military officers in command of Colored troops were court-martialed for calling soldiers "N—."

UNION PACIFIC PRAISES COLORED OPERATOR

Omaha, Neb.—Alexander Travis, employed recently as an operator by the Union Pacific and placed in charge of the Lane Cut-Off station, is reported by the railroad to be a most efficient man. Mr Travis came Omaha several months ago, having been employed on the Big Four as operator for several years.

FIRST NEGRO TO SIT ON JURY

Milwaukee, Wis.—The first case of a Colored man sitting on a jury in Milwaukee circuit court occurred recently when Lawson Forde, 724 Winnebago street, was selected as a venireman in a case being tried in Judge Turner's court. According to the deputies and judges of the court it was the first time to their knowledge that a Colored man had sat in a jury box in that city.

COLORED GIRL APPOINTED

For the first time in the history of Illinois a young Colored woman, Miss Lillian M. Hunt of Chicago, has been appointed one of the clerks and stenographers of the Fifty-first General Assembly of Illinois. There are about seven other ladies holding such positions, but they are white.

LEADERSHIP AND RACE BUILDING

College and University Training Eloquenty Urged by Head of Howard University as an Essential for the Important Task of Efficient Leadership Among Race.

MUST GUIDE OWN PEOPLE

President Durkee Outlines a Broad Program for Higher Culture for Negro Race—Essence of His Progressive Program for a "Greater Howard University"—Thoughtful Men Approve Policy.

(Special to The Monitor by R. W. Thompson.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—At the session of the Conference on War Problems of Negro Labor, held last Monday at Carnegie Public Library, under call of Dr. George E. Haynes, director of Negro Economics, Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, the new and forward-looking president of Howard University, in discussing the general topic of "Education and Negro Workers," delivered the following address, which has been generally accepted and endorsed as the essence of the progressive program adopted by Dr. Durkee in his announced plan for a "Greater Howard University."

Dr. Durkee, being introduced, spoke in part as follows:

If a pure heart be the portal of vision, then surely a cultivated mind is the compendium of wisdom. When I try, as I often do, to come into that state of vacuity possessed by those who have no education whatever, or that state possessed by those who have just learning enough to make them egotistical, then I realize, as in no other way, what a college and university training really means. Not that I would declare all those people, or only those people, educated who pass through the courses offered by our higher institutions of learning. Many a father and mother, receiving a boy back from graduation, has been forced to say with sadness of Aaron, "I put in my gold and there came out this calf!" All I am saying is that for one to have an increasing appreciation of his world, of his place in that world, and how to make that world yield him health, happiness and peace, he must have a brain and a soul ever enlarging by the acquiring of knowledge gained by others and by exploration into that great unknown mental world which stretches away beyond us to measureless horizons.

You will see at once that by education I mean not certain acquired facts, but a continually enriched mind fed by constant streams of incoming truth. I am not, therefore, thinking of a mere human animal simply taught how to gain its food, clothing and shelter in an easier way, but of an immortal being growing into larger immortality while that being eats and drinks and wears clothing and lives in a house of greater comforts and conveniences than did those of the generation before him. The first kind of being is of the earth, earthy. The second possesses both earth and heaven.

"That has the world here, Should he need the next? Let the world mind him. This throws himself on God And unperplexed, Seeking shall find Him."

Such trained men have, through all history, been the leaders of the human race. The heights we have climbed have been climbed because such a leader has gone before crying, "Excelsior, Excelsior." The battles we have won have been won because such a leader has shouted "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." The salvations we have gained have been gained because such a leader has "given his life a ransom for many."

Let us make no mistake in this late date of history. Every race that fulfills its destiny must be led to that destiny by its own leaders who can see. Such is the word of history! Who disputes it?

Today we are talking of the Negro race and its leaders. Who are they? The ignorant, the stultified, the half-trained? To ask is answer. Who are the white people who give their lives to assist the Colored people to advance? The ignorant, the stunted, the half-trained? To ask is to answer.

If the white race is led by its most highly trained, so will the Colored race be led. Who shall the economic leaders of the Colored race be? Why, the most highly trained men and women of the Colored race. I resent more keenly than my words may express, the assumption that trained white men must always lead untrained Colored men. The assumption is a base travesty on facts. Why, we have at Howard University a dozen Colored educators who are the peers of any white educators in America, and the only reason they are not drawing the large salaries their genius entitled them to, is merely because they are Colored men and thus have not the wide field for advancement.

First, I take it, a leader must know what his task is. A real leader has a definite job. God save us from more of this pretended, aimless leadership. The university trained Colored man knows what his job is, better than does the university trained white man. His is the task of building a race. I marvel what these leaders have done in fifty years—these preachers, teachers, business men, seers. Fred Douglass shouted loud as he took the road of the new freedom. Coleridge Taylor played the marching song. Paul Laurence Dunbar sang to cheer the weary road. Tanner painted the glories which all eyes should see, and the whole race has saved itself by its laughter and its singing. Not just to teach his people to eat and drink and be merry and save some money is the task of the Colored leader of today, but to love righteousness and hate iniquity and to do unto others as he would have them do to him.

Then, the leader must possess the necessary knowledge and skill to accomplish his task. Only a banker can successfully run a bank. A blacksmith cannot do it. Train Colored men for blacksmiths only, and where shall their bankers be? One of the alarming things about the race today is that their savings have outgrown their banking facilities. Here are, for instance, in Washington, 100,000 Colored people, but they are not living like 100,000. Where are the Colored colleges which are teaching them in commerce and finance? Not one in this great race of nearly thirty million! Only last week did the trustees of Howard University vote to take up their eighth grade commercial school into a university course of commerce and finance. If the race shall come to its rightful place in American and world democracy, it must have its broad-voiced economic leaders. I notice that the Colored men of refinement and wealth have no serious complaints against their white neighbors of refinement and wealth.

Again, the leader must have the view-point and spirit and blood of those he leads. I never can be a Frenchman even though I live in France all the rest of my days. I haven't the French blood, the French nervous system, the French outlook on life. The Anglo-Saxon is fundamentally different from the Frenchman. I never can fully appreciate a woman's standpoint of life. I have lived with a lady for these many years, now, but I do not know a woman! Of course I am more and more convinced that a woman does not and cannot know a man!

But there is more to the thought than the laughter. Man will ever look out on life from the masculine standpoint and because he never can be a woman, he, therefore, can never see through a woman's eyes.

The same is true of a white man and a Colored man. God made the difference for His own purpose and

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RACE CONGRESS A FLUKE

Monitor Receives Direct Word From Paris That the Pan-African Congress Is Failure.

Paris, France.—(Special to The Monitor by Paris Correspondent.)—There has been held here a sort of gathering calling itself the Pan-African congress, but the remarkable part of the congress is to be found in the fact that these people are talking about Africa, of which they know nothing whatever and they have never tried to get into touch with those people who really have some information to give them.

In the session there sits a delegate from Hayti (her minister to Paris), a Liberian, a few West Indians and Dr. DuBois of United States. Africa is wholly unrepresented and the real grievances of the Africans are not even known, let alone being discussed.

The native races of South and West Africa have sent a memorial to the colonial office praying that the British plenipotentiaries at the peace congress may be pleased to support any resolution having for its object the removal of race restrictions, while Monsieur Diagne, the black French deputy, is looking after the interests of the French African colonies. Otherwise there is no body or congress concerning itself with the African questions.

"MAKE AMERICA SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY"

This Will Be Slogan of Race for Political Aspirants at Next National Election.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Chicago, Ill., March 6.—Two years from the fourth of March, the next president of the United States will be inaugurated, who will he be? That's the question everyone is beginning to ask. Senator Cummings of Iowa; Senator Harding of Ohio; Senator Watson of Indiana; Gov. Lowden of Illinois, and former Gov. Whitman of New York, are among the republicans who have been mentioned. One of the great slogans of the coming campaign is to be: "Make America Safe for Democracy," and the 12,000,000 Negroes of the country are keenly on the alert to see that real business, and not sidestepping, will be the order of the day, if the activities of organizations and returned soldiers may be taken as a criterion.

APPOINTED TO STATE AUDITOR

Denver, Colo.—Elbert Robinson, popularly known and highly respected citizen, graduate of East Denver high and Denver university, received an appointment last Monday to the state auditor's department. Mr. Robinson, one of our deserving young men, is a Denverite with a pleasing and attractive personality, and his educational accomplishments, backed up by the environment in which he moves will, we hope, help to establish that prestige on his chief that may tend to the opening of other positions for our people.

EL PASO, TEX., DAILY AGAINST LYNCHING

Houston, Tex., March 6.—The better element of people in Texas are beginning to take note of the infamy attached to this state by the lynching records of recent years. The El Paso Times, white, in a lengthy editorial deprecates the condition of things, and says the "legislature should submit to the people a proposition so to amend the constitution that a lyncher shall be debarred from holding any public office of honor, trust or profit." This state, with others, is very much alarmed at the Negro migration that is starting this spring from the south.

OMAHA OVERSEAS OFFICERS ARRIVE

New York, Feb. 28.—(Associated Press.)—Several Colored overseas officers belonging to Omaha arrived in New York today. The list includes Lieutenants Madison, Johnson and Pinkett.

ALBANY N. Y. TO PRESENT FINE HOME TO JOHNSON

Albany, N. Y.—An appeal, backed by the leading Colored residents of Albany, was made Tuesday for funds to erect a home in Albany for Private Henry Johnson, hero of the world war, and Mrs. Johnson.

Thompson Renominated at Primary

Chicago Mayor, Who Was Criticized and Opposed by Influential Newspapers for Alleged Lukewarm Patriotism, Receives 59,000 Majority.

POLITICAL CONTEST PRESAGED

Chicago Tribune Concedes That the Determining Factor in Future Elections Will Be the Negro Vote—The Second Ward Controls Absolutely City Elections.

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., March 6.—The primary election in Chicago, resulting in the nomination of Mayor William Hale Thompson, on the republican ticket, and Robert M. Sweitzer, on the democratic ticket, promises Chicagoans, and the nation, the most interesting political contest ever held in an American municipality.

It is a well known fact that the republicans of Chicago are placed in a rather embarrassing position, particularly that group who have fought the present mayor and his administration. All through the campaign it was publicly stated that the national republican committee, through Chas. Will Hays, of Indiana, desired to have Judge Olson nominated as the harmony candidate, particularly because, it was stated, that Mayor Thompson had been lukewarm in his demonstration of patriotism during the war. All the great daily newspapers opposed Thompson, and particularly the Tribune and the Daily News, which are Chicago's chief dailies. Notwithstanding, Thompson won out by more than 59,000 votes. Even now there is no general disposition to "bury the hatchet" and support him, and there is expected to be "big doings" politically within the next week.

In it all, the Negro voters of Chicago are "regardless of how distasteful it may seem to some," quoting the Tribune—the "ace in the hole," speaking in one figure; and the "stellar attraction" admits that the nationally famous Second ward, in Chicago controls absolutely city elections. There is more politics to the square inch played in that ward, than in any other section of the city. Every candidate gives the most respectful consideration to the voters therein, and the next mayor, will have to thank the voters of that ward for his election.

But there is going to be something doing in Negro politics in Chicago, henceforward. The nomination of Alderman Louis B. Anderson, present official, for a second term, defeating former Alderman Oscar DePriest, who was ousted from the council on bribery charges, afterward cleared in one trial, but still under pending indictments, has only served to stir up interest among the younger generation of voters, returned soldiers and women. The returned soldiers, who seem to have selected as spokesman Capt. Lewis E. Johnson, a hero of the French battlefields, declare that the time has come for the men who "bared their breasts to the enemy fire should have some say in political matters, and that those who have been living at the public trough for years and years, and enriching themselves, must step down and out."

The boys have all been demobilized, and they have had several conferences regarding their plans for the future, and it is certain that their decisions will have wonderful effect on results.

NOT A BLACK NURSE IN FRANCE

Don't let it be said by the great American historians in the coming years that only the American white women served as nurses in the great conflict. Put in a paragraph that the Colored woman wanted to go, but we wouldn't let her.

But, thank God, she was there, anyhow; over 300 went as white, and our historians will give their names and photos after the war is over.

SENTENCE 15 WHO TRIED TO LYNCH NEGRO IN JAIL

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Fifteen of the sixteen men tried for breaking into the city jail November 17 and attempting to seize Russell High, a Negro, who had attacked a white woman, were found guilty today by a jury in the Surrey county court and sentenced to terms ranging from fourteen months to six years on the county roads.