

\$100,000 CHURCH EDIFICE FREED OF DEBT

(Special to The Monitor by Charles Stewart.)

Baltimore, Mr., June 25.—The unknown has happened in Baltimore, when Bethel A. M. E. church in one rally placed on the table \$30,018.50, this week and by June 29, an additional \$3,000 will have been paid in, which will cancel the mortgage on the church and give to the people one more church of the race out of debt. This is perhaps the largest amount ever raised by one church at a single effort.

To witness the drive there were present Bishop J. Albert Johnson, of Philadelphia; Bishop John Hurst, Baltimore; Bishop L. J. Coppin of Philadelphia; Mesdames Mary F. Handy, J. A. Johnson, K. Bertha Hurst, ministers from Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

The drive was planned by the financial wonder of the race, Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, who has raised in three years over a hundred thousand dollars. The new site for Bethel was purchased at a cost of \$90,000 and is one of the finest church edifices owned by the race. When he was appointed to the charge several years ago, Dr. Brooks declared that the church must soon be out of debt, and his mission was to pay it out, only asking the people to follow his lead. His first drive resulted in \$15,000 being raised, and the one which is now closing will be over \$33,000.

At the meeting of the midwinter session of the Bishops' Council, next February, the church will be turned over to the connection free of debt and the mortgage will be burned. In return for the services rendered in May, 1920, the general conference will elevate Dr. W. Sampson Brooks to the episcopacy.

Dr. Brooks was general chairman of the banking committee; Prof. Howard E. Young, secretary; John H. Murphy, treasurer. The whole Afro-American office force took part in the rally which lasted from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 6:30 the following morning, all of which time was used in counting and collecting money and hearing reports.

NEW LODGE NAMED FOR FOUNDER OF TUSKEGEE

(Special to The Monitor.) Detroit, Mich., June 21.—Booker T. Washington lodge No. 3, Benevolent Order of Peerless Knights, was instituted in this city Saturday night, June 14, by the Supreme Exalted Prelate W. H. King, of St. Louis, Mo. Sixty-seven men, many of whom are among Detroit's most prominent citizens, took the oath and obligation.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., PROTESTS DISCRIMINATION

(By Associated Negro Press.) Martinsburg, W. Va., June 25.—The racial and social equality problems as applied to Martinsburg conditions, was precipitated with a suddenness and a clearness that dazed the finance committee of the Soldiers Home coming celebration when a committee consisting of Revs. Read, Jackson and Johnson, made a statement. They told the committee that the colored people could not give their moral support to the plans of the celebration unless full equality were accorded them in the event.

If this were not granted, they said the colored people could not be counted upon to contribute to the fund. Any distinction in the matter would mean that they would not back the plans, for, they let it be known, the colored citizens of the community are as patriotic and upright as any others.

CHICAGO BUSINESS LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

(By Associated Negro Press.) Chicago, June 25.—The Montgomery branch of the National Negro Business League re-organized in a very interesting and largely attended meeting Thursday night. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. W. F. Watkins, vice president, Lee Jordan, treasurer, Dr. R. T. Adair, secretary, R. H. Harris, assistant secretary, R. W. Harris, chaplain, J. R. Fagin. A membership committee was appointed who will make a drive for new members.

EUROPE'S SLAYER PLEADS GUILTY

Sentenced by Judge Sanderson to From Ten to Fifteen Years. Boston, Mass., June 25.—Herbert Wright, trap drummer of the "Hell Fighters" band, who stabbed and fatally wounded Lieut. James Reese Europe on the night of May 11 at Mechanics hall, was sentenced by Judge Sanderson Tuesday morning to the state prison for not more than fifteen years nor less than ten years.

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE MORTGAGED CHURCH

(By Associated Negro Press.) Elizabeth City, N. C., June 25.—The Mt. Lebanon African Methodist Church is advertised to be sold for a mortgage indebtedness of \$13,000, and the colored people cannot pay the debt. A campaign is being waged here to save the church for them. It is a handsome building, well equipped, and furnishes a splendid auditorium.

LINCOLN LEAGUE NEW ORGANIZATION OF NEGRO LEADERS

Seeks the Co-operation of Whites in Development of Race.

(Special to The Monitor.) New Orleans, June 25.—The Lincoln League of America, to embrace the Negro race in the United States, having as its direct object securing of the ballot to the Negro, and designed generally to further the advancement of the race, has been organized as the outgrowth of the national Negro conference held here Monday and Tuesday.

A general convention of the league will be held in Chicago beginning September 16, 1919, at which time more definite plans of operation throughout the nation and particularly in the South will be worked out. Roscoe Conklin Simmons, chairman of the conference, was elected president of the league in its pre-convention form.

The immediate efforts of the league will be directed toward the formation of subordinate state, parish or county organizations of the league. Subordinate organization may extend to include ward, township and community branches, it was said.

Information on the purposes of the league and the objects sought to be obtained will be spread among the people, particularly, it was said, among white people of the South. Effort to acquaint white persons with the motives of the league will be made, delegates to the convention said, because it is to the white people of the South the appeal for different conditions for the Negro specially is addressed.

A fund of \$1437 was collected and subscribed to form the nucleus of a national campaign fund. Of this amount \$737 was collected in cash.

In a set of resolutions adopted, the convention set forth as vital to the future welfare of the nation as well as to the Negro race itself the need of greater co-operation between the two races.

MISSOURI NEGRO MADE CLERK IN U. S. SENATE

Senator Spencer a Friend to the Race.

(Special to The Monitor.) Washington, June 25.—Prof. J. Silas Harris, of Kansas City, Mo., president of the Negro National Educational Congress, was sworn in Tuesday morning as a clerk in the U. S. Senate. The appointment of Prof. Harris was due to the splendid efforts of Senator Selden Spencer of Missouri. Prof. Harris is one of the best known leaders of the race beyond all question its ablest politician. He is quiet and unassuming, yet the very incarnation of force and power. It has been the good fortune as well as the pleasure to have known Prof. Harris for many years, and we predict that his coming to the Nation's Capital will mark the beginning of a new political era for the Negroes of the United States. Senator Spencer has the thanks of thousands of Negroes for the appointment of Prof. Harris, and the time may not be far off when they will have an opportunity to prove the same.

PROF. J. W. DACUS GETS GOVERNMENT JOB

Prof. J. W. Dacus, formerly of Burton, Ala., and a resident of our city for about 14 months, has been appointed railway postal clerk at terminal station Council Bluffs, Ia.

NORTH CAROLINA ELECTS COLORED SUPERVISOR

(By Associated Negro Press.) Raleigh, N. C., June 25.—The state board of education has elected A. T. Allen to succeed E. E. Sams as supervisor of colored normal schools and secretary of the state board of examiners. Mr. Allen is a member of the state board of examiners.

NEBRASKA SECOND IN W. S. S. SALES

During April Nebraska nosed out all contestants in per capita sales, except the States of Ohio in the sale of War Savings Stamps. The per capita sales in Nebraska were \$1.04, while in Ohio they were slightly higher.

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TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY FIRST TO CROSS THE BORDER INTO MEXICO

Put Enemy to Flight.

(Special to The Monitor.) El Paso, Tex., June 25.—The 24th Infantry, Colored, together with cavalry and artillery, crossed into Mexico Sunday night and pursued the Villista band about 30 miles before being ordered back on American soil. The American soldiers clashed with Villa's men early Monday morning and more than a score of the outlaws fell victims of shrapnel bullets.

A battalion of the Twenty-fourth was the first to cross the border. They opened up with a terrific rifle fire on the trenches flanking the Juarez race track. They advanced in open order and succeeded in dislodging the Villa forces who held the strongest position. The Villistas were routed and driven into the hills. Two of the colored soldiers were wounded.

This is the second time that colored soldiers have been sent into Mexico after Villa. The famous Tenth Cavalry, in 1916, made a record two hundred mile drive, to rescue a colony of Mormons, was trapped at Carrizal and a general massacre followed.

NOTED NEGRO SINGERS HOLD SANG-FEST

(By Associated Negro Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., June 25.—A notable demonstration of the ability of the Negro race in choral singing was offered at the Academy of Music by 400 Negro singers led by Carl R. Diton and Alfred F. Johnson, with W. Franklin Hoster at the piano. Compositions of S. Coleridge-Taylor, Harry T. Burleigh, R. Nathaniel Dett and Frank Williams were sung, together with "spirituals" delivered with that enrapturing and communicative fervor only attained by that race for whom such songs provide a natural and inevitable mode of expression. "I Want to be Ready," "My Lord's Done Just What He Said," "Little David, Play on Your Harp," "Shout All Over God's Heaven," "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," "My Soul is a Witness for My Lord" were sung with a large measure of the fine sincerity and spontaneity that mark the work of the Bach Choir at Bethlehem, whose performance that of these colored singers immediately preceded. They sang as if the music lifted them above toil and travail to a dreaming vista of a promised land of opportunity sans prejudice and discrimination. The audience itself was an object-lesson in its orderly and appreciative demeanor. In two of the songs, "Steal Away to Jesus" and the final singing of "America," the audience heartily participated.

(By Associated Negro Press.) St. Augustine, Fla., June 25.—The colored people of Florida wish it generally known, according to a statement issued by a committee of citizens, that they are wide awake with reference to the "White Man's Republican Party," recently formed here by a group of "Lily Whites."

This effort has been tried before, but it has never gotten very far, and it is our belief that the National Republican party is too deeply concerned in giving what others have promised, "equal and exact justice," to tolerate this sort of thing.

THE OLD REGIME DIES HARD

(By Associated Negro Press.) Hampton, Va., June 25.—"Uncle" Jesse Hightower, an aged and respected Negro, died at the home of his grandson, Will Hightower, a tenant on the plantation of Charles H. Griffin. "Uncle" Jesse was 112 years old, and was a familiar figure, peddling brushbrooms in the community.

He was born in North Carolina, but spent most of his life in Upton, Pike and Henry counties. He is the last surviving member of his family. Grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren survive him.

FREIGHT HANDLERS ORGANIZE

(By Associated Negro Press.) Pine Bluff, Ark., June 25.—The Negro freight handlers of Pine Bluff have organized a branch of the American Federation of Labor, to be known as the Federal Labor Union. The Union now has a membership of 95 members.

ESTEEMED RESIDENT OF OMAHA DIES

Omaha greatly mourns the loss of Augusta C. Parker, wife of the late Abram W. Parker, one of our oldest and most respected citizens. Mrs. Parker has been in poor health for a number of years, and about a year ago she totally lost her sight. She suffered a stroke of paralysis last Wednesday night and has been lingering between life and death ever since.

Mrs. Parker was born in Charles-town, South Carolina, on February 23, 1858. She came to Omaha in 1877 and was married here. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom are living now. All are here now except Ray, who is with the A. E. F. in France. The hope of seeing him again, many think, is what prolonged her life.

The funeral was held from the house on Wednesday by the Rev. T. A. Taggart. She was buried in the family lot in Forest Lawn cemetery by the side of her husband.

Mrs. Parker's passing is bemoaned by her many friends and acquaintances.

SURVIVED BY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

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