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## AGRICULTURE FACE DEMORA

**CASTLEBERRY, Ala., May 21.**—Strawberries on the berry plantations in this section are rotting on the vines, and farmers are standing to lose thousands of dollars because of the sudden and almost complete exodus of colored farm hands from this county following the intense race feeling and threatened mob violence on account of the killing of a white farmer by two colored boys.

**Excitement Followed Killing.**  
Dan Whittle and Willis Whittle engaged in a fight with Charles Saren, white, resulting from an automobile collision, and killed him. The two men escaped to the swamps heavily armed, and all efforts to locate them have proved futile, although the country teems with armed posses intent upon dealing summary justice to the two colored men. Following the killing, feeling between the races ran so high that riots were narrowly averted several times.

**All Colored Residents Threatened.**  
Failure to capture the slayers so infuriated the whites that threats were made that unless they were captured every colored man in town would be whipped. These threats had an unexpected result in the fleeing of practically all the colored farm help of the county. Agriculture is now at a standstill, and unless the colored farmers can be induced to return, all crops will be practically a failure.

## OLD MAN SAVES CHILD

**TAKEN OFF BY HIGH WINDS**  
Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 12.—A small cyclone passed over part of Tuscaloosa last week. That part of the city known as Alston's quarter, a place settlement, was hit hardest. A colored Baptist church was moved about six feet. A little girl was picked up off her feet and was hurled in the air some two or three feet above the ground, when an old colored man by the name of Tom Carpenter grabbed her and kept the child from being jammed against a house.

## THINK BRITISH TROOPS TO

**AID SULTAN'S FORCES**  
Constantinople, May 27.—British troops, it is believed, plan to support the sultan's forces in the movement against Turkish nationalists in Asia Minor, and even join in an aggressive offensive against Mustapha Kemal.

## TRADES CONGRESS

**FAVORS PROHIBITION**  
Dunfermline, Scotland, May 15.—The Scottish Trade Union Congress has passed a resolution in favor of liquor prohibition.

## TO TEST JIM CROW SCHOOL LAW

**Threaten to Take Case to Court, if Necessary, and Cite Fourteenth Amendment.**

**Okmulgee, Okla., May 27.**—The colored public schools of this town have not been closed as ordered by the Board of Education.

The Board ordered the white school to take a full nine months' term and the colored schools an eight and one-half month term.

At a mass meeting of citizens under the auspices of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People the teachers were asked to continue at their posts of duty until the end of a full nine months. At the end of that time pay will be demanded, if refused citizens announce their intentions of taking the case to court and testing it under the Fourteenth Amendment.

Opinion was expressed that if the eight and one-half months' school term were accepted without protest, the school term might be further shortened next year.

## OPENS FIRST STANDARD

**Y. M. C. A. BUILDING IN SOUTH**  
(By Associated Negro Press.)  
Atlanta, Ga., May 27.—The Negro branch of the local Y. M. C. A. was formally opened on the 16th of May with imposing ceremonies. This is the first standard building opened for the use of Negro men and boys in the south.

## FOR MEMORIAL BUILDING

(By Associated Negro Press.)  
Columbia, S. C., May 27.—A colored commission has organized a state wide campaign in the interest of a colored Soldier's Memorial building to be created on the campus of Claflin University. Prof. J. L. Washington is the secretary of the commission. One hundred thousand dollars is needed for the building.

## ORGANIZE POST OF

**AMERICAN LEGION**  
(By Associated Negro Press.)  
Chattanooga, Tenn., May 27.—The "Thomas Freeman Post," No. 82 of the American Legion, was organized here last Friday night. The members of the Davis King Post were present in large numbers and assisted in the organization. The Freeman Post is the only post of colored men in this section of the state.

## EXPERT PRINTER JOINS

**DALLAS EXPRESS FORCE**  
(By Associated Negro Press.)  
Dallas, Tex., May 27.—Alfred Clyce Washington has recently been appointed superintendent of the Dallas Express Publishing Company. Mr. Washington is a graduate of the American Printers' Cost Commission and has had a wide experience in the mechanical department of printing. He will bring to his new position modern methods of workmanship as well as new business ideas. He is very popular in the state of Texas.

## PROVIDING PROPER

**HOUSING CONDITIONS**  
(By Associated Negro Press.)  
Washington, D. C., May 27.—Senator Wesley L. Jones has introduced a bill in the senate which provides for an appropriation by congress of a municipal bond issue for the construction of 4,000 model, sanitary and fire-proof homes for poor white and colored tenants, the same to be rented or sold to them at cost. It is thought the measure will pass the senate.

## HOLDS JIM CROW CAR LEGAL

(By Associated Negro Press.)  
Baltimore, Md., May 27.—Judge Ambler in the City Court decided last week that the provisions of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway Company for the segregation of white and colored passengers was legal. The decision was handed down in the case of Lewis H. Davenport, a colored man, who sued the railway company for \$5,000 damages for alleged assault by preventing him from riding in a car that the company had set aside for the use of white passengers. The judge declared that the Supreme Court had recognized the lawfulness of segregation of the races on railways.

## COLORED CHILD IS

**CHAMPION BABY**  
**OF MANHATTAN**  
New York, May 27.—The champion baby of Manhattan is Andrey Tripp, three years and nine months old, of No. 41 East 133d street. This Negro child has been awarded a gold and silver medal for being the best prepared school child in his home district and in Manhattan. The awards were made on merits in a physical examination for nutrition, general demeanor, character, feeding and care. They were presented at the Milk and Baby Show in the Grand Central Palace Thursday. The Tripp child won over hundreds of babies entered in the contest.

## MAKES QUICKEST TRIP TO RIO

Rio Janeiro, May 27.—The steamer Vestris has arrived here from New York, having been fourteen and a half days on the voyage. This is a new record, the previous best time having been fifteen days and some hours.

## 40,000 CHINESE HEADED FOR U. S.

Washington, May 27.—Forty thousand Chinese in Mexico without consular protection have petitioned the State Department for permission to cross the border in case they are threatened by the revolution in that country. The request is under advisement.

## ARE LEAVING GEORGIA

(By Associated Negro Press.)  
Thomasville, Ga., May 27.—Negroes are leaving here in large numbers for industrial points in the north and west. Detroit, Mich., and Pittsburgh agents are said to be the most active in inducing the people to leave.

The Monitor office has moved into the Kaffir block, 817 North Sixteenth street, corner Cuming. Temporary phone number, Douglas 7074.

## "The World is Not a White Man's World. The Church of Jesus Christ is Not a White Man's Church."

The Premises From Which the Ecumenical Address Delivered to the Methodist Conference Discusses the Race Question.—Message to the Connection by Episcopal Bench Rings True on Present Day Problems; Deals Frankly With Economic, Political and Religious Crisis and Challenges Membership to Rise to Higher Ideals of Christian Service.

## HOUSTON INFORMER EDITORIALIZES ON REMARKABLE RELIGIOUS PRONOUNCEMENT

Declares the Church Must Become an Aggressive, Potential, Active, Alert, Assertive, Energetic and Militant Man-Redeeming and Re-Claiming Institution. It Must Blaze the Pathway and Lead Both by Precept and Example and Decisively Rout and Overthrow the Forces of Obstruction and Destruction.

THAT the Christian and religious forces of the country are awakening, as never before, to a sense of their duty to assume aggressive and militant leadership in combating the forces of evil threatening the nation has been strikingly apparent in the official utterances, consisting of messages, charges and addresses emanating from representative religious gatherings which have been meeting for the last few months. These pronouncements have been confined to no one denomination. Religious bodies called orthodox and others accounted unorthodox have spoken. Protestants of various names—Jews, Roman Catholics and Episcopalians—in varying degrees, if judged by their official utterances, seem to have awakened to the fact that religion, if it means anything, has to correct conditions here and now; to teach men and women to live as brethren here and now; to see to it that men and women and little children have well-paved and clean streets and live in sanitary conditions in earthly cities rather than having to wait for the gold-paved streets of the heavenly Jerusalem hereafter. It is being gradually driven home that the Church is not to follow public sentiment, but to lead and make public sentiment; not to bow to prejudice, which arrays man against man and class against class, but to combat it. Whenever the religious forces of America really awaken to a realization of this their true mission and faithfully and fearlessly insist upon a consistent practice of its tenets, man's injustice and inhumanity to man will cease. It is therefore a most hopeful sign that official religious bodies are taking high ground in their utterances which we believe must have a salutary effect upon their adherents.

One of the most striking of these encouraging pronouncements is that issued by the Methodist Conference which has just closed its sessions at Des Moines.

The Houston Informer epitomizes many of the salient points of the address and draws significant and noteworthy deductions therefrom with which The Monitor heartily agrees, in the following editorial:

The Episcopal address, presented at the Methodist Episcopal general conference in Des Moines, Iowa, May 2, by Bishop William Fraser McDowell on behalf of the bishopric board of said church is the most fearless, comprehensive, prolific and far-reaching ecumenical deliverance in the history of that church or any church similarly constituted and situated.

Employing as a theme, "What is our chief business at this conference?" the Episcopal address is pregnant and replete with a masterly and able presentation of the duty of the church in the present economic, political and religious crisis.

It deals at length upon the church and the youth, charging that not enough attention is paid to the youths of the country, who (those below 21 years of age) constitute 40 per cent of our entire population.

It lays particular stress upon the kind of literature the children should read, as well as the type of education and calibre and capacity of the instructors.

The message takes up the social and economic conditions; proclaims to the world "no compromise now and no nullification anywhere" on the iniquitous liquor traffic.

The address contained this pertinent truth: "Evasion of laws regularly passed leads to anarchy and disregard of law. Lynching and other crimes follow the evasion of the Fifteenth Amendment. Anarchy will follow the

evasion of the Eighteenth."

In the discussion of the eternal "race question," the Episcopal address was predicated on two negative premises, viz.:

(a) "The world is not a white man's world."

(b) "The church of Jesus Christ is not a white man's church."

It deplores the universality and acuteness of "race misunderstanding, race prejudice, race assertion and race discrimination," and sets forth the fact that a militant and aggressive Christianity is the only panacea for all our ills.

It longs for the day when each professed believer in the teachings of the Lowly Nazarene will daily and hourly apply the Golden Rule, and become fully and completely reconciled and converted to the doctrine of the "fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man."

The Episcopal address took up every phase of church and connectional life and human endeavor, concluding with this admonition: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

Taken by and large, the message is a masterpiece and its main subject matter makes interesting and illuminating reading and nutritious spiritual food for all men, regardless of racial connection or denominational affiliation.

Coming at such a crucial and trying period in our racial, national and international career, the message, and especially the adoption and execution of its suggested, well defined and ably outlined program, is sure to have a sobering and steadying effect.

The church must become an aggressive, potential, active, alert, assertive, energetic and militant man-redeeming and reclaiming institution. It must blaze the pathway and not be content to serve in the role of "second fiddle."

It must not only point the way to Christ, but it must lead both by precept and example, and decisively and permanently rout and overthrow the forces of obstruction and destruction of oppression Pharisaical hypocrisy and sham.

The church has been asleep on its job, apparently, and the cause has suffered as a consequence. It has dealt too much in negative religion and not enough in positive Christianity.

If the civilized world is to be saved from a terrible and terrifying calamity and catastrophe, if the race prejudice, antipathy, antagonism and discrimination are to be suppressed and obliterated; if truth is ever to ascend the throne and justice care naught for the color of the skin or texture of the hair; if swords are to be beaten into ploughshares and the reign of Mars cut short; if man's humanity to man is to cause countless thousands to rejoice and be exceedingly glad—the church of Christ must get on the job now and contend for the "faith once delivered unto the saints," realizing that "God is no respecter of persons."

Unless the church becomes and remains militant, it can never hope to be triumphant.

## SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

**INCREASING IN NUMBER**  
(By Associated Negro Press.)  
New York, N. Y., May 27.—Rev. J. M. Gaston, general secretary of the Presbyterian Board for Freedmen, reports that the number of the Board's day schools for colored people have increased from 127 to 138 during the past year and that the number of teachers in these schools have increased from 480 to 522.

## MAN WITH 23 CHILDREN SAYS BIG FAMILIES PAY

Father of Five Sets of Twins Has Had 28 Offsprings—Older Ones Help Support Others.

## OLDEST IS 50 AND YOUNGEST 2

Third Wife Is Mother of 15 With Three Sets of Twins—Father Is "Chauffeur for a Wheelbarrow" at 68.

From the Post-Dispatch.

WICHITA, Kas.—The average citizen, toiling under the burden of the high cost of living and complaining of the hardship in providing for a family of two or three, should see "Sonny" Smith, 1530 Sherwood avenue. "Sonny" has a remedy.

"Raise large families," he says. And he has practiced what he preaches. Twenty-three of his twenty-eight children are living.

Smith is 68 years old and has been married three times. He is one-quarter Spanish and has just a tinge of Cherokee Indian blood in his veins. Most of the remaining three-quarters of his make-up is Negro. His family is scattered over four states. His first wife is dead, his second wife is divorced, and his third wife lives with him in this city. He has 15 children by his third wife.

## Has Five Sets of Twins.

The large size is not the only remarkable thing about the Smith family. There have been five sets of twins. Two children by his first wife, both of Jefferson City, Mo., are twins. Two of the 12 children by his second wife are twins.

His third wife, with whom he is now living, presented him with three sets of twins, besides nine "regular" children.

"I have tried it all out," says Smith, "and I still believe that a large family is the best. It is no more expensive than a small one, if as much so, for several of my older children are now working and send me money regularly for the support of the others."

Smith works every day at local mills, as "chauffeur for a wheelbarrow," he says. "No one dumps more gravel than he, he boasts, despite his age."

## Awaits Title to Farm.

But the man of many children does not toil hopelessly, although he is nearing seventy years of age and has seventeen mouths to feed and as many bodies to clothe. A rich, 720-acre farm, his wife's dowry, is waiting for him in Oklahoma oil county, and he will receive it just as soon as its title can be cleared. The land's title is clouded. It was sold by his Indian wife's false guardian, he says.

"When that affair is settled," Smith avers, "I'll let some one else worry about dumping gravel."

Smith was a freighter between Denver and Pueblo in the early '70s. He acquired ten teams, which brought him a weekly return of \$360. This income continued for four years, when Smith estimated his fortune at several hundred thousand dollars.

"I lost it all because I got homesick," Smith relates. "Out in Colorado a man was a man, regardless of color, but when I sold out and went south, I soon found that a 'nigger' hadn't the right to that much money. After enduring a lot of prosecution, I became involved in a shooting scrape and had to flee, leaving my money behind."

Prices in those days in Colorado made even those of the present day look slim. Bacon sold for \$1 a pound, corn was \$2 a bushel, flour was \$15 a hundred, shoes were \$20 a pair, while overalls sold for \$9. Common labor was worth \$8 and \$9 a day.

## Oldest Child, 50; Youngest, 2.

Smith was married when he was 17. His wife was 18. He now has a large number of grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. The oldest child is 50 and the youngest 2 years old.

Smith's first children are well educated. When his first wife died, he left their children with his mother, settling plenty of money on them for their care and schooling. They were graduated from a Negro school in Missouri. Smith can neither read nor write.

Smith has borne his family cares well and is spry and good-humored. The family will live here, pending the settlement on the farm when the title to it is settled.

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## WEALTHY FIREMAN KILLED BY POLICE

Lee Turner, Reputed to Have Accumulated \$20,000 by Industry and Wise Investments, Is Shot to Death by Police While Returning Home From Work in Early Morning.

## JEALOUSY ALLEGED AS CAUSE OF ASSASSINATION

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 27.—Lee Turner, fireman for the Illinois Central railroad, reported to be worth about \$20,000, was shot through the heart and instantly killed here May 17 by members of the police force, it is alleged.

**Southerners Jealous.**  
It is reported that Turner, who had made several clever investments, had incurred the jealousy and enmity of the Southern whites by having accumulated too much money.

## Once Robbed of \$9,000.

He is the same man who was robbed of \$9,000 some months ago, while en route to a bank to deposit it. Since his robbery, Turner has always carried a pistol to protect himself from future depredations. Many threats were made against his life, it is claimed, because Southern whites were often heard to say that a Negro had no business with so much money.

## Taunted by Officers.

According to the report of eye witnesses, Turner was returning home from the Illinois Central yards at about 2 a. m., when he was halted by officers who were hiding behind a large bush. Thinking they were robbers, Turner drew his gun to protect himself, but before he could raise it he was shot through the heart.

## Ruse Planned by Police.

It is alleged that the police knowing that Turner always carried a gun, employed this ruse in order to kill him and at the same time have grounds for justifying themselves by saying that they shot to save themselves.

## U. S. HAS MORE MEN ALONG THE RHINE THAN GREAT BRITAIN

London, May 27.—Winston Churchill has announced in the Commons that America has more troops on the Rhine than Great Britain. The figures are: America, 16,000; Great Britain, 14,000; Belgium, 20,000; France, 95,000.

In the foreign office it is said the economic executive of the supreme council is starting immediately for Copenhagen to negotiate a trading agreement with the soviet government of Russia.

The British party from San Remo is expected in London when the whole question of relations with Russia will be taken up.

## BOYS ORGANIZE BANKING LEAGUE

(By Associated Negro Press.)  
Atlanta, Ga., May 27.—Twenty-five colored boys have organized what they call the "Urban League Banking Scouts." Cyrus Campfield, the secretary of the local Urban League, announces that these scouts will be organized in every section of the city. The showing of a bank book by a boy must accompany the application for membership. Mr. Campfield declares that one thousand boys will be enrolled before the first of July.

## NET PROFIT OF WOOLEN FIRM

**FOR YEAR IS \$15,513,415**  
New York, May 27.—Net profits of the American Woolen Company for 1919 were \$15,513,415, less reserves for taxes and contingencies, according to the annual report.

## BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

**GOES INTO BUSINESS**  
Philadelphia, Pa., May 27.—Booker T. Washington, Jr. has resigned as executive head of the Whittier Center in order to go into business here.

## DR. CURTIS DELEGATE

Washington, D. C., May 27.—Dr. A. M. Curtis was elected a delegate to the Republican State Convention at a meeting authorized by the Republican State Committee, to represent Sub-District 8-A.

## CONGRESS CUTS BUDGET IN HALF

Washington, D. C., May 27.—Appropriation of \$520,000 for colored schools of Washington, D. C., was cut in half by the senate last week. The amount may be restored in a conference of the two houses.