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FIGHT FOR CUSTODY OF COLORED BOY

Child Abandoned by Parents Ten Years Ago Is Object of Unusual Suit in New Jersey Courts—Attracts Wide Attention and Interest.

FOSTER FATHER

Court Rules That Abandoned Boy When Months Old Shall Not Be Taken From Guardianship of Foster Father.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 16.—A colored people from Mount Holly crowded the court of chancery to hear the unusual case of a white husband of a colored woman in an appeal for custody of a little colored boy whom he had cared for as a son since infancy. His appeal was successful and the boy will be taken from his colored parents and given over to the care of the man who acted as his guardian almost his entire life.

George Tomlinson, a painter, 197 Chestnut street, Mount Holly, about thirty years ago married a young colored woman and they have had four children, all girls. Tomlinson desired a little boy and when about ten years ago, Harvey Still, colored, was arrested and his wife ran away, leaving a baby boy six months old with no one to care for him, a neighbor took him to the Tomlinson home, where he has since lived and has come to be regarded as one of the family.

The Stills some time ago became reunited and decided they would like to have their son, now ten years old, to live with them. Tomlinson, however, refused to consider parting with the youngster, and his parents accordingly had recourse to legal proceedings.

The fight between the Tomlinsons and the Stills for the boy has aroused intense interest in Mount Holly, and sympathy generally has been with Tomlinson, a man of fifty years, who enjoys a good reputation in the town. Tomlinson will immediately begin efforts to recover the custody and will go to New York and employ detectives to aid him in his search.

MEMBERS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CHARITY DRIVE

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 16.—A complete division of colored men were organized by Dr. J. L. Leach, a prominent physician of this city, to take active part in the united charity drive for \$72,500 for the benefit of the poor. The drive was conducted by the Chamber of Commerce, of which Dr. Leach and several other colored men are prominent members.

CHURCH GIVES PRIZE FOR SCHOLARSHIP

HAMPTON, Va., Dec. 16.—St. Philip's Church of New York, a colored Episcopal church which recently celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation as a parish, has given to Hampton Institute money for a prize, which will be awarded next spring to the member of the senior class who has the highest scholarship record.

Dr. James E. Gregg, principal of Hampton Institute, made this public announcement at the time of the re-

cent visit of Rev. Dr. Hutchins C. Bishop, rector of St. Philip's church, who spoke on "The Right Kind of Leadership." Dr. Bishop said:

"Any group of people must look for leadership to men of outstanding ability—men not only of intellectual attainments, but men also versed in secular affairs—men of capacity for doing things that need to be done. I suppose there never was a time in the history of the world when men of this type were so much needed as they are today."

LEAGUE PRESIDENT MAKES WESTERN TOUR

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 16.—Rev. M. A. N. Shaw, new president of the National Equal Rights League, has begun a tour of the middle west, for the purpose of acquainting the people with the plans of the organization in the fight of the league against discrimination and injustice. A strong defense fund has been raised.

BILL PROPOSED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY

Massachusetts Congressman Questions Constitutionality of Elections in South Where Race Is Deprived of Suffrage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The resolution introduced in the house of representatives on the opening day of the short session of congress by Representative George Holden Tinkham of Massachusetts proposing to cut down the representation of the southern states in order to "do political justice to all the state in the union" is of much interest to the colored people throughout the United States since such a resolution is a vital thrust at the flagrant violations of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution of the United States.

In a statement with invective against the way, he declares, the constitution has been defied, Representative Tinkham threatens that if the house attempts to make a reapportionment under the 1920 census, "which is plainly unconstitutional by avoiding the enforcement of the fourteenth amendment," he intends to appeal to the supreme court to decide the constitutionality of the next house. He declares his determination to make it his first and principal duty in congress to work for the "restoration of political equality and justice in the United States." Representative Tinkham explains that "under the constitution representatives in congress are apportioned every ten years in accordance with the population of the several states, but congress is directed to reduce the representation of any state in proportion to the disfranchisement of any of its citizens."

CROWNS HIMSELF "KING," "REIGNS" IN ASYLUM

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Wearing a crown of brass with tinsel trimmings, Paul Bishop caused no little excitement in the Harlem district Friday afternoon. Bishop was discovered shouting excitedly in West 134th street, declaring that he had been appointed by God a king to redeem the world from sin and wickedness. He was arrested by Officer William Boyden and later sent to the observation ward for insane at Bellevue hospital.

CHARGED BUFFALO ATTORNEY HELD GIRL IN SLAVERY

An Almost Incredible and Startling Story of Involuntary Servitude Has Just Been Disclosed in One of America's Most Populous and Progressive Cities—Claimed Child Brought From South Has Served Eighteen Years as Virtual Slave—Kept From Contact With Race

SOCIETIES INTERESTED IN REMARKABLE CASE

Will Go Into Court in Effort to Collect Wages Claimed to Be Due Young Woman, Who Is Now Twenty-four Years of Age, and Punish Man Who Is Alleged to Have Kept Her in Servitude and Violated the Constitution—Other Serious Charges Are Involved

(By The Associated Negro Press)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The citizens of Buffalo have been shaken by the uncovering of a crime here which has been hidden for 18 years. One of Buffalo's white attorneys went south and brought back a little colored girl six years old. She has lived in his family ever since.

But that was 18 years ago. Last week a 24 year old colored woman none other than this former little girl, ran away from her master, for it has developed that she has been the servant of that family all these years without pay. She has never been inside of a church or even spoken to a colored person. She has been doing all the work of the family of nine adults—washing, ironing, scrubbing, cooking, cleaning—without pay.

When this child was 14 years old she was criminally assaulted by

"some white man," gave birth to a child in the Buffalo poor house, but as soon as she was able she was taken back to the home of her "slave master," and here she stayed until last of which Mrs. Mary T. Talbert is president, strong addresses were made and a contribution was taken up to give this girl protection and provide for her needs. Mr. Cornelius Ford, one of week. Her "master" has invoked aid of the chief of police to get back his "slave."

At the Christian Culture Congress Buffalo's prominent citizens, has done the detective work and it is reported that the Douglass club, Phyllis Wheatley and Culture clubs will go to the courts in behalf of the girl, and try to secure not only her wages for these enforced years, but hope to make this lawyer suffer the full penalty of the law, according to the amendments to the constitution.

destroyed Moon,' was the way he phrased it. Characterizing the republican victory in the state and the Third district as a direct challenge to white supremacy in the South, Mr. Chamlee intimated that the legislators might take it upon themselves to 'tighten up' the election laws so as to prevent a repetition of practices complained of."

JAPAN DOES NOT PRESS ISSUE

GENEVA, Dec. 16.—Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, head of the Japanese delegation at the league of nations meeting, announced that Japan will not press the resolution for "racial equality" at this time, but will defer it in confidence that justice will later prevail in this matter.

DECLARES REPUBLICAN VICTORY CHALLENGE TO WHITE SUPREMACY

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 16.—At the democratic conference in Nashville, Attorney General Chamlee was one of the speakers. The Tennessean, in reporting his remarks, published the following: "Attorney General George W. Chamlee of Hamilton spoke as a high private in the rear rank and pledged the support of the men and women democrats of the Third district to the end that the republicans be driven from power. He was vigorous in his denunciation of the republicans and alleged mobilization of Negroes in Hamilton and in Chattanooga, and charged that the defeat of Congressman Moon was due to the heavy Negro vote. Three "blackbird districts"

JAPANESE NEWSPAPER DISLIKES WHITE SUPREMACY

TOKIO, Dec. 16.—The Nichi Nichi has announced a speech made at the Roosevelt club in Boston recently by United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, in which Senator Lodge declared that the United States, Australia, Canada and New Zealand should have an agreement to retard Asiatic immigration.

The newspaper says one would think the world was created for the white race alone and declares that the Japanese should demand the same rights to migrate as the whites.

The American people are characterized by the Nichi Nichi as being more dangerous to the world than are the yellow race.

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MAN SHOT SIX TIMES LIKELY TO RECOVER

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16.—Although he was shot six times in four days while resisting arrest on two occasions, the spirit of Climon Murrell is not broken, and physicians at South Baltimore general hospital, where he is being treated, say he will recover. When Justice Rotee and Lieutenant Strott went to the hospital to receive Murrell's dying statement they found him in a surly, and insubordinate mood.

Murrell was shot three times in the chest by Patrolman Crone during a battle in a pawnshop, in which he nearly chewed off the policeman's finger. He was shot three times more in the abdomen by Patrolman Stapleton after he had taken away the policeman's blackjack and had struck him over the head with it several times.

NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR APPOINTS COMMISSION

Will Recommend Measures for Betterment of Race in That State—Several Prominent Men Among Group.

(Special to The Monitor)

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16.—The commission appointed by Governor Bickett, by authority of the general assembly, to study the needs of the Negroes of the state and present recommendations for legislation, met in Raleigh for the first time last week, and after a discussion of the general problem adjourned until the call of the governor.

The commission is composed of Representative W. N. Everett of Rocking, Senator G. V. Cowper of Kinston, Mr. L. R. Varner of Lumberton, S. G. Atkins of Winston-Salem and A. M. Moore of Durham.

Professor S. G. Atkins is principal of the Slater Normal and Industrial school in Winston-Salem, one of the South's most noted institutions. This school was founded by Dr. Atkins and for the exception of a brief period he has been its continuous principal. He is a product of St. Augustine's Normal and Collegiate Institute, Raleigh, N. C., having been the classmate of the Right Rev. Henry Beard Delany, D. D., bishop suffragan of North Carolina, one of the only four of our race ever promoted to that position in the Episcopal church in the United States. Dr. Atkins holds the degree of doctor of philosophy from one of the most noted white colleges in the east. He is very influential in North Carolina and is highly respected by all citizens of that state. The governor showed rare wisdom in selecting him for this commission.

Dr. A. M. Moore of Durham is another noted member of our race selected on the governor's commission. Dr. Moore is a member of the Durham Mutual and Provident Insurance company, the largest institution of its kind among the colored people. He is the company's examining physician in the home office and is a man of considerable means. He is a graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

The commission will undertake to investigate the conditions among the colored people and advise on the proper method of promoting better relations between both races in this state.

JAPAN DROPS RACE ISSUE FOR PRESENT

Delegates to the League of Nations Conference Not to Press Resolution on Present Assembly, But Will Await More Opportune Time.

LEADER OF DELEGATION MAKES POSITION PLAIN

While Not Surrendering Belief That "Equality Should Be Assured to All Men, Irrespective of Nationality, Race and Religion," He Waives Issue Temporarily.

GENEVA, Dec. 16.—Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, head of the Japanese delegation at the league of nations meeting, announced that Japan will not press the resolution for racial equality at the present session of the league assembly.

Viscount Ishii addressed the assembly following a report on the work accomplished by the committee on organization which was read by A. J. Balfour.

"Japan had an opportunity when the league covenant was framed to declare her firm belief in equality before the law," said the Japanese statesman. "We believe that equality should be assured to all men, irrespective of nationality, race and religion."

"The Japanese government and people deeply regretted the original framers of the league covenant refused to accept the Japanese proposition. Japanese delegates gave notice they would continue to insist upon adoption of the proposal. "However, in view of the present circumstances, Japan is strongly persuaded that the league is in a stage where consolidation, organization and actual workings, based upon the present covenant, should be accorded greater attention and deeper deliberation than questions relating to a fundamental principle which might involve revision of the covenant."

"From that point of view, Japan is refraining from making any concrete proposal at the assembly on the question of equal rights and equal opportunity. Japan will patiently bide her time until a more opportune moment."

SAMPLE OF "SOCIAL EQUALITY"

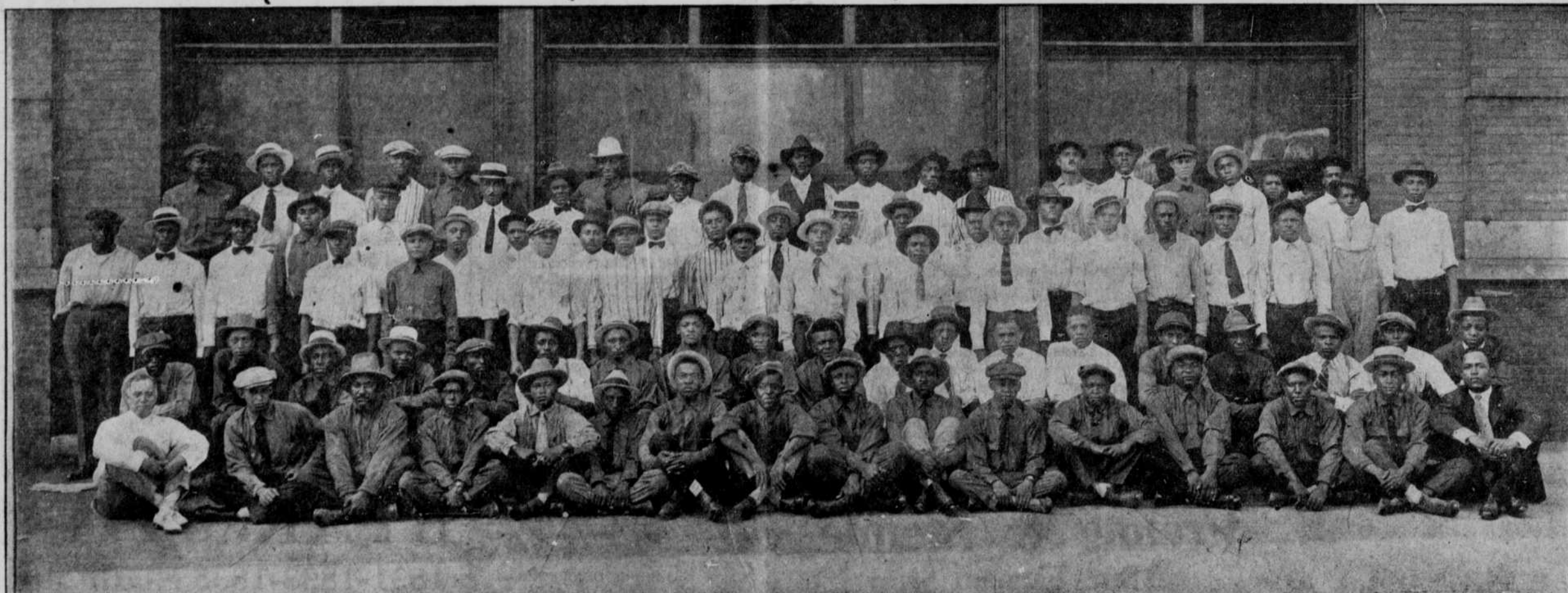
The Kind to Which Certain "Gentlemen," Who Prate About Supremacy, Do Not Object

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 16.—Efforts of the police to clean out the vice district of this city, this week resulted in the rounding up of Rev. C. B. McDaniels, prominent white evangelist of Atlanta, Ga.

The resort has one of the worst reputations in the city and Rev. McDaniels was nabbed while entwined in the arms of one of the dark skinned "vamps." He was hauled into a cell of the city jail and later asked to be tried by a jury of preachers.

His excuse was that he was conducted to the house by a hackman to whom he had applied for a quiet place to rest, and that he was unacquainted with the sections of the city.

When asked what he was doing in the room with the vampire, Rev. McDaniels hesitated for a moment, and was fined \$100.



Do You Recognize Yourself or Any of Your Friends in This Old Picture of Omaha Draftees?