

GROWING,
THANK YOU!

THE MONITOR

A NATIONAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF COLORED AMERICANS
THE REV. JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS, Editor

LIFTING.
LIFT, TOO!

\$2.00 a Year 5c a Copy

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, MARCH 17, 1921

Vol. VI No. 38 (Whole No. 298)

PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA VISITING UNITED STATES

DRAMA LEAGUE HONORS RACE STAR

Charles Gilpin, Famous Actor, Attends Banquet at Fashionable New York Hotel as One of the Distinguished Guests and Receives a Remarkable Ovation at the Beginning and Close of His Brief, Well-Chosen and Unaffected Address—Not a Jarring Note Disturbs Function.

RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT BANQUET

The Unprecedented Number of More Than Six Hundred Gather Around the Festive Board Despite Presence of Black Artist, Who Was "Joyously Welcomed, Enthusiastically Acclaimed as a Great Actor and Made to Feel That Art Knows No Barrier Either Sectional, Geographical or Racial."

NEW YORK CITY, March 17.—Threatened dissension among members of the Drama League because Charles Gilpin, the Negro actor in "The Emperor Jones," had been invited to the annual dinner, evidently failed to materialize, for the dinner, held Sunday night, March 6, at the Hotel McAlpin, was one of the most successful in the history of the league insofar as attendance was concerned. If any members refused to attend because of the presence of the black actor, it was not apparent, for the number on hand was so large it became necessary to place twenty additional tables in the ball room adjoining the main banquet hall where the dinner proper was held.

More than 600 members and their friends appeared and Gilpin himself put an end to all speculation as to whether he would be an hand by appearing at 7 o'clock, one of the first of those honored by the league to arrive. He was cordially greeted on all sides, and was seated between Lee Simonson, who was honored as a scenic artist for his work in "Heart-break House," and Gilda Varese, honored for her work as an actress and as co-author of "Enter, Madame."

Miss Varese was one of the staunchest defenders of Mr. Gilpin as an artist entitled to receive recognition. She had telegraphed the league during the discussion that she would be proud to sit next to him and deplored doing American art a wrong by excluding him.

When his turn came to speak he was greeted with a storm of hand-clapping

and some cheering which quite eclipsed that accorded Dudley Digges, Gilda Varese, Lionel Atwill, Margaret Severn and others who preceded him. And the artists who had spoken first did their best to make his greeting the most hearty.

Kenneth McGowan, dramatic critic acted as toastmaster. In introducing Mr. Gilpin he briefly reviewed the actor's work and said: "I take pleasure in introducing the greatest actor of his race, Mr. Charles S. Gilpin."

The applause greeting this introduction was enthusiastic and lasted for fully three minutes. The star of "Emperor Jones" was visibly affected by such a rousing ovation, and said:

"This is one time when I am hardly able to go through with a monologue, and they say I do a pretty good one. There is a fancy among the Orientals, you know, that the dead must cross a bridge of red-hot iron, and that is the way I feel. In facing an audience of this kind I feel as nervous as a girl. "An artist, I always thought, was something a long, long way off. I never expected to reach that height, but you have called me that. I am so glad, if I have given you an evening of pleasure, and I am happy to be among you and have you know my work."

Mr. Gilpin concluded his remarks by promising to try to make his work stand out as prominently in the future.

When he sat down the applause was even greater than at his introduction, and he was forced to bow several times.

JURY DISAGREES IN McCLURE SUIT

Case Tried Before Judge Fitzgerald Who Instructs Jury to Find For Plaintiff and Assess Amount of Damages—Cannot Agree Upon All Persons Who Should Pay Damages Case Will Be Retried

McCLURE'S CHARACTER CLEAR

After deliberating for twenty-seven hours the jury disagreed in the \$25,000 damage suit brought by Charles McClure and wife against J. Dean Ringer, police commissioner; Marshall Eberstein, chief of police; H. L. Mossman, former city attorney; Police Officers Olaf Thestrup, John Herzina and Ed Farrell, Orkin Bros. stores and Julius Orkin, which was tried last week in the district court before Judge Fitzgerald. The suit was brought by the McClures as the result of a raid on their home in the Kingsbury apartments at 2538 Dodge street, May 7, 1919, supposedly for liquor, but in reality for a suit of clothes, alleged to have been lost by Kenneth Trutoc, a delivery boy from Orkin Bros. store. The McClures alleged in their petition that the police officials used illegal proceedings, wrongfully, fraudulently and maliciously to gain access to their home by issuing a "whiskey warrant."

McClure testified that after gaining access to his home or apartments, the police began inspecting articles of women's apparel, mens clothing and shoes, and that one officer looked in an empty revolver for booze, and searched shirts, camisoles, ties and hats, being careful to note even the trade marks. Some merriment was created when Officer Herzina testified that in the thoroughness of his search he looked under the bed, when subsequent testimony showed that it was a Murphy-in-a-door bed.

Attorneys Lynch and Murphy, retained by the McClures, demanded that the search warrant be produced. Attorney H. L. Mossman, after some delay, produced it. Judge Fitzgerald ruled that the warrant was illegal on the face of it. Officer Olaf Thestrup testified that the warrant came from

John Dunn, the then chief of detectives. Mr. Ringer and Chief Eberstein also stated that such warrants came from John Dunn. The attorneys for the plaintiffs called John Dunn to the stand, who testified that he had never issued the warrant or given any order for searching McClure's home. Several character witnesses were introduced for the McClures. Mrs. McClure made a good witness and was complimented for the clearness and directness of her testimony.

Judge Fitzgerald instructed the jury to return a verdict for the plaintiffs, informing them that their only duty was to fix the amount of damages and name the defendants against whom the damages should be assessed. The trial was begun Tuesday and the case was given to the jury at 10:30 Friday morning. At noon Saturday the jury was dismissed, being agreed as to the amount of damages, but being unable to agree as to the principals against whom the damages should be assessed. The case, it is stated, will be retried.

SHOOTSELF TO ESCAPE BURNING

(By The Associated Negro Press) BEAUMONT, Texas, March 17.—Rather than be burned to death Monroe Gilder shot and killed himself. He had barricaded himself at his home after he had killed three men in an altercation. Citizens surrounded the home of Gilder and in the effort to capture him fired the house. Finding escape impossible, Gilder shot himself.

MAKE PRELIMINARY PLANS BUSINESS LEAGUE MEETING

(By The Associated Negro Press) ATLANTA, Ga., March 17.—Reuben Black and Charles A. Shaw have returned from a visit to Principal Moton at Tuskegee, with whom they practically closed the arrangements for the meeting of the National Business League which convenes in this city during the month of August next. An industrial exhibit is to be the chief feature of the convention. This exhibit will include models of Negro inventions, samples of manufactured goods, agricultural products and live stock. The local committee promises many surprises for the occasion.

LIBERTY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY SECURES QUARTERS

(By The Associated Negro Press) CHICAGO, Ill., March 17.—President Frank L. Gillespie of the Liberty Life Insurance company has announced that the company has leased the entire second floor of the magnificent Roosevelt State Bank that is being erected at the corner of Grand Boulevard and East Thirty-fifth street. This is an unusual departure for "big business" even in Chicago, and when the building is completed Liberty Life will have one of the most beautiful office locations and equipment in the entire city.

PITTSBURGHERS ARE ENJOYING PROSPERITY

(By The Associated Negro Press) PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 17.—The colored people purchased more than \$500,000 of proper last year and their three banks did a business of over \$1,500,000. These facts were brought to light at a recent meeting of the common council's committee on public safety by the Rev. J. G. Austin, a colored preacher of this city.

DISCHARGED BY JURY

(By The Associated Negro Press) THOMASVILLE, Ga., March 17.—John Wilson, charged with assaulting a white woman, was discharged by a jury in Judge Thomas' court last week. The accused man established a good alibi and the woman declared that she was not sure that he was the man who assaulted her.

RAISING FUND FOR CLARA JOHNSON

(By The Associated Negro Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Five hundred dollars have been raised to help Clara Johnson, a victim of last year's race riot, to procure her freedom. Prominent Washingtonians are interested in the woman's case.

ORGANIZE TRUST COMPANY

(By The Associated Negro Press) SPARTANSBURG, S. C., March 17.—Negroes of this city have organized the Woodward Trust and Loan company with a capital of \$10,000. The company was organized by L. H. Woodward and will engage in the handling of real estate.

WANT NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

(By The Associated Negro Press) WILMINGTON, Del., March 17.—Wilmington colored people have inaugurated a movement which seeks to procure new school buildings for colored children. The city council has been petitioned in the matter and the colored citizens believe they will get the new building at the coming session of the state legislature.

PROMINENT EDUCATOR GIVEN RECEPTION

(By The Associated Negro Press) NEW ORLEANS, La., March 17.—Public school teachers recently tendered a reception to H. H. Dunn in appreciation of his work as president at the Colored Educational Alliance. Dr. Dunn has accepted a secretaryship in the A. M. A. league.

CONFIRMATION AT ST PHILIP'S

Bishop Shaylor will visit the Church of St. Philip the Deacon Sunday afternoon at 4:30 to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The other services of Palm Sunday will be the holy eucharist and benediction of palms at 7:30 a. m.; church school at 10; holy eucharist and "Story of the Cross" at 11 a. m.

Last Sunday Melba Mary Ellen and Irma Lucille, daughters of Melvin and Edith DeMadden McCaw were baptized at the 11 o'clock services. The usual daily and Good Friday services during Holy Week.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY RETURNS FROM FIELD

Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, general missionary for the Negro Baptists of Nebraska, returned this week after visiting several of the fields over which he presides. His last point of activity was at Lincoln, where he preached for Rev. J. P. Staves of the Morning Star and Rev. H. W. Botts of the Mt. Zion churches. He was guest of Rev. Mr. Botts. Sunday a very sumptuous meal was served in his honor at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Clarke, 663 South Twentieth street. Others present were: Rev. H. W. Botts, Mr. and Mrs. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wyle. The host and hostess covered themselves with glory.

DANGER SIGNAL

A blue pencil mark on your paper means your subscription is due and must be paid at once or your paper will be stopped.



PRESIDENT AND MRS. C. B. KING OF LIBERIA
This picture was taken in 1919 when the president and his wife arrived in this country on their return from the Peace Conference

GUARDS ON WAY TO SPRINGFIELD

Policeman Shot as Threatening Crowds Gather After Eleven-Year-Old Girl is Attacked

MACHINE GUNNERS READY
Extra Police and Firemen Prepare for Action if Mob Forms

BULLETIN

(Special to the Plain Dealer) SPRINGFIELD, O., March 12 (Saturday).—Company C of the national guard is en route to Springfield from London this morning following the formation of a crowd of more than 1,000 persons in front of City hall and the central police station. The guardsmen are expected to arrive before 1 o'clock.

The crowd assembled quickly after it became known a man had shot Patrolman Joseph Ryan when he and a fellow policeman had tried to disperse another crowd a short distance from the police station. A youth was arrested a short time afterward, but police are keeping his whereabouts secret.

BULLETIN

SPRINGFIELD, March 11.—Patrolman Joseph Ryan was shot tonight by a man whom he was searching. The bullet struck Ryan in the breast. His condition is serious.

Two machine gun companies of the national guard of Springfield, comprising about forty men, were ordered out following the shooting of Ryan.

COLUMBUS, O., March 11.—Four

companies of infantry, national guard troops, were tonight under orders to hold themselves in readiness to leave upon a moment's notice for Springfield, to assist authorities there in quelling a riot.

This afternoon Adj. Gen. George Florence received a telephone communication from City Manager Parsons, asking that troops be sent. He immediately dispatched Asst. Adj. Gen. Harry C. Horner, and Capt. Raymond L. Cheseldine of London, O., to view the situation and make a personal report.

These officers at 8:10 this evening reported there were fifty-two policemen and some city firemen available. The adjutant general at 7:50 p. m. telephoned Sheriff David Jones and informed him it would be necessary for him to make a telegraphic request before troops could be sent.

The city manager under the law cannot ask for troops. The request must come from a sheriff, judge or a magistrate. Adj. Gen. Florence directed the sheriff to take every precaution and to exert every possible effort before requesting troops.

Sought Troops at Once
The sheriff informed the adjutant

general that he wanted the troops sent immediately. Two machine gun companies in Springfield under Maj. Arthur B. Bland are being held in its armory in readiness.

The Monitor desires to call attention to the above article which is reproduced verbatim, headlines and all, from the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer. We wonder if there is anything in it that strikes our readers as remarkable. Please notice that there is no mention whatsoever of the race of the man who shot Patrolman Ryan; nor any reference to the racial composition of the crowds. The Associated Press dispatches gave prominence to the fact that "a negro" shot the police officer, when he was seeking to "disperse a crowd of negroes;" and that had feeling had been caused by "the attack upon an eleven-year-old white girl by an unknown negro." The press throughout the country carried the Associated Press dispatches, and with a few notable exceptions played up strong "Negro," "White" and "Race Riot" in their headlines. When everything should be done to promote good will among America's polygenous and polylingual population, and bring harmony among the races, we submit the policy of the Cleveland Plain Dealer which, by the way, is a democratic newspaper, as an example of how newspapers may help bring this harmony and goodwill to pass, instead of intensifying race hatred and fomenting strife by stressing race rather than crime which is so generally their policy. We commend the example of the Plain Dealer to the Omaha Daily News, the Omaha Bee, which offend greatly in this respect, and also to the World-Herald, which is a less grievous offender in this matter. We thank the Plain Dealer for adopting this wise, just, and pacific policy in repeating news of this character.

MRS. HUBBARD DIES

(National Negro Press Association Service) NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 16.—Mrs. George Q. Hubbard died at 7:30 today. The funeral was held in the Meharry auditorium Thursday, March 17, with Dr. Tillett, dean of Vanderbilt University, in charge. Mrs. Hubbard was 84 years old and had been in the South fifty years. Her husband recently retired as president of Meharry Medical College. She passed away on the eve of entering a home which is being built by Meharry alumni.

FOREMAN OF JURY FIRST IN STATE

(By The Associated Negro Press) BURLINGTON, N. J., March 17.—As a foreman of a jury in the Burlington county courts, last week, Edward Lane enjoys the distinction of being the first man of the race to be honored in this section of New Jersey in the entire state.

LOAN OF \$5,000,000 MAY SOON BE SECURED

Distinguished Citizens of African Republic Have Arrived to Confer With the Department of State Concerning Large Loan to Liberia—Loan Was Negotiated During Last Administration, But Was Limited by Conditions Which Liberians Deemed Too Radical and Inadvisable for Acceptance.

PRESIDENT KING HEADS THE COMMISSION

Chief Executive Tells Purposes for Which Loan Will Be Used—Program of Industrial Development Has Been Outlined by the Government Which Embraces the Opening of the Interior of the Country, Which Is Rich in Natural Resources—Railroads, Telegraph and Telephone Facilities to Be Put in Operation.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A party of distinguished Liberian citizens reached New York on Sunday, March 6, on board the liner Panhandle State. It was headed by Charles D. B. King, president of Liberia, and he was accompanied by F. E. R. Johnson, associate justice of the supreme court of Liberia; John L. Morris, former secretary of the treasury of Liberia, and Gabriel L. Dennis, secretary of the delegation.

The party was met at quarantine by a representative of the department or state of the United States, the Liberian minister and the Liberian consul-general, and were escorted to the Waldorf-Astoria.

The commission is visiting the United States to take up with the administration at Washington the final negotiations for a loan of \$5,000,000 from this country to the African republic, which was granted in 1918, but which has been hanging fire ever since because of the unfair financial conditions which the Wilson administration sought to impose.

Object of Loan
With President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes now holding the reins of governmental control, President King is hopeful that the protracted negotiations will now be brought to an early and mutually satisfactory conclusion.

CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISES

Block Fourteen on North Twenty-fourth Street Contains a Dozen or More Business Establishments Conducted Mainly by Recent Migrants from the Southland

Block thirteen on North Twenty-fourth, we learned last week, was the pioneer block for business ventures of our race. Although this is true, block fourteen, located between Paul and Charles street, has out-rivaled and far surpassed it in the number and variety of its business. For a number of years there was a small lunch room on the northeast corner of Twenty-fourth and Paul streets. This was the lone business place operated by colored people in this block for many years. It did a thriving business. General Scott was the proprietor for a long time. Some months ago it changed hands and is now known as Hall's lunch room. A little over two years ago, this lunch room began to have company. A large number of people who had come from Brewton, Ala., and parts adjacent, began opening up other lines of business in this block. A man by the name of Robbins opened a grocery store; S. W. Mills opened a furniture store; W. M. Franklin, a real estate office and so it went, until now nearly every building on the east side of Twenty-fourth street between Paul and Charles, houses some line of business operated by colored people. There is about a dozen business places in the block, and strange to relate, as evidence of our proudest minister to stomachs the block begins and ends with a restaurant. Not only so, there is one in the middle of the block. This, however, can be said of these places, they are neat and clean and well kept, and there are no loafers hanging around any of these business places, which, as candor compels us to state is a drawback to so many business places conducted by our people. Now these are the business enterprises in this block: Hall's Lunch room, Chicago Cafe, Montgomery & Company grocers, successors to H. R. Robbins & Co.; Cloverleaf Cafe, Benjamin & Thomas' shoe repairing shop, well-equipped with up-to-date machinery; Eureka Furniture store, John Robbins, proprietor, carrying a splendid stock of furniture; Graham tailor shop, with the proprietor always industriously on the job; S. W. Mills, real estate and new and second-hand furniture, and

"The loan is to be used for the purpose of putting into immediate operation a program of industrial development, desired by the government and the people of the republic," said President King. "One of our principal aims is to open up the interior of the country, which is rich in natural resources. Other improvements are projected, such as the construction of motor roads and railways, telephone and telegraphic facilities and industrial schools.

To Increase Exports

With the development of the interior of Liberia, which is about as large as Ohio, the country, according to the commission, will be in a position to increase greatly its exports, consisting of ivory, coffee, oils and piassava brush. Liberia also, said Mr. Johnson, hopes to develop its trade with this country, from which she now receives foodstuffs, in particular.

Liberia lives in a state of contentment and peace, untroubled by revolutions of the type which beset other small republics, said Mr. Johnson. She has neither army nor navy, but maintains a police force for the protection of her frontiers. Liberia is on the Atlantic shore of West Africa between Sierra Leone on the west and the Ivory coast on the east, and has a population of 3,000,000.

the Omaha Wonder Cafe. On the west side of the street in the same block a young man, whose name escapes us, runs a shoe-shining parlor. It is from ventures of this kind that large business enterprises develop. These people are our pioneers in the commercial world and are entitled to the patronage of those who believe in racial development along all lines. Continued next week.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OF N. A. A. C. P.

(By The Associated Negro Press) NEW YORK, N. Y., March 17.—The N. A. A. C. P. drive for 250,000 members is on. Dr. DuBois and Dr. William Pickens are in the southern fields; James Weldon Johnson and Walter F. White are in the middle west, and Mary White Ovington is in the far west. The drive is said to be very successful.

ORGANIZE NEW MASONIC LODGE

The A. F. and A. M. Masons had a big time last Saturday night at Twenty-fourth and Parker. They didn't get home until 8 o'clock next morning. A new lodge was set up, being mostly composed of ex-York Rite Masons. There were about fifty-five men, and Mr. Nat Hunter, grand master, with the help of about 200 brother Masons, helped to put the class through.

Charles H. Bradford was made worshipful master, Rev. S. L. Deas, S. W.; Charles W. Blue, J. W.; W. H. Johnson, secretary; R. L. Turner, treasurer; Ben Banks, S. D., and Fred Huston, J. D. The lodge will meet the first and third Saturday nights of each month.

After all the bills were paid the new lodge had left in the treasury \$267.

IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION DUE?

We are revising our mailing list and cutting off delinquent subscribers. If you fail to receive your paper, it may be because you are delinquent. In some cases mistakes may be made. Kindly call us up and we will gladly make any correction, if the fault is on our side. If it is on yours, then your SUBSCRIPTION MUST BE PAID. All subscriptions are PAYABLE IN ADVANCE. Look at the pink address label on your paper. Each label has a key number, which tells the date of the expiration of your subscription. For example, "John Doe, 229 X St. 3-1-21" means that John Doe's subscription expired March 1, 1921, and that if he desires to receive the paper for another year, or until March 1, 1922, he must send in his \$2.

SLOGAN: "The Monitor In Every Home And I'll Help Put It There"