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GROWING POLITICAL DISCONTENT EVIDENT

The Reaction From Recent Developments And Trend of Policy Has Created Unusual Stir Among Voters and Citizens Generally Throughout Country. Tulsa's Massacre, the Labor Situation and Other Problems Have Disquieting Effect.

COLORED AMERICANS ARE DIVIDED ON POLICY

Two Distinct Opinions Are Being Advanced, One to the Effect That The Republican Party Has Failed to Function on Our Behalf; The Other That It Is Wise to Await Developments. Strong Independent Sentiment Is Being Voiced Throughout North Which Is Giving Politicians Some Concern.

(By The Associated Negro Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30.—President Harding has given assurance to visitors who have discussed the matter of his attitude on racial matters, that he will not "fail" the Colored people of America.

The reaction from recent developments and trends of policy, has created a stir among voters and citizens generally that is almost equal to an election.

The dying embers of Tulsa's massacre, together with the labor situation and the gloomy news of justice, have placed the people in a sorry frame of mind.

It is well that the Executive head of the government, comes forward with a note of encouragement. The question, however, is on the definition of the term "fail".

President Harding may seriously be of the opinion that he has not failed, provided he makes a certain line of appointments, and pursues the policy of experimenting with the traditions of the South on the Negro question.

The Colored Americans of all sections are inclined in two directions: First, there is a growing minority that feels that the Republican party has once more, to use the expression of one, "used Colored people for a good thing"; Second, there is a group that desires to let the people who think they are right, try their hand, until they succeed or fail, and they add, "So far as the South is concerned, we know in advance they will fail."

Rumbblings of Action
Rumbblings of action are being heard in all directions. It is being declared that Charles W. Anderson is to be given the position of Collector of Internal Revenue, as the outstanding slice of Afro-citizenship recognition. The President is formulating his policy, it is declared, and even he has not fully decided just what his course will be, except in one particular, and that is that he will be just.

It is, however, being maintained that the remuneration policy recently given, was the latest thing up to that date, and if there has been a change, it has been due to the pressure

SENSATIONAL DIVORCE CASE COMPROMISED

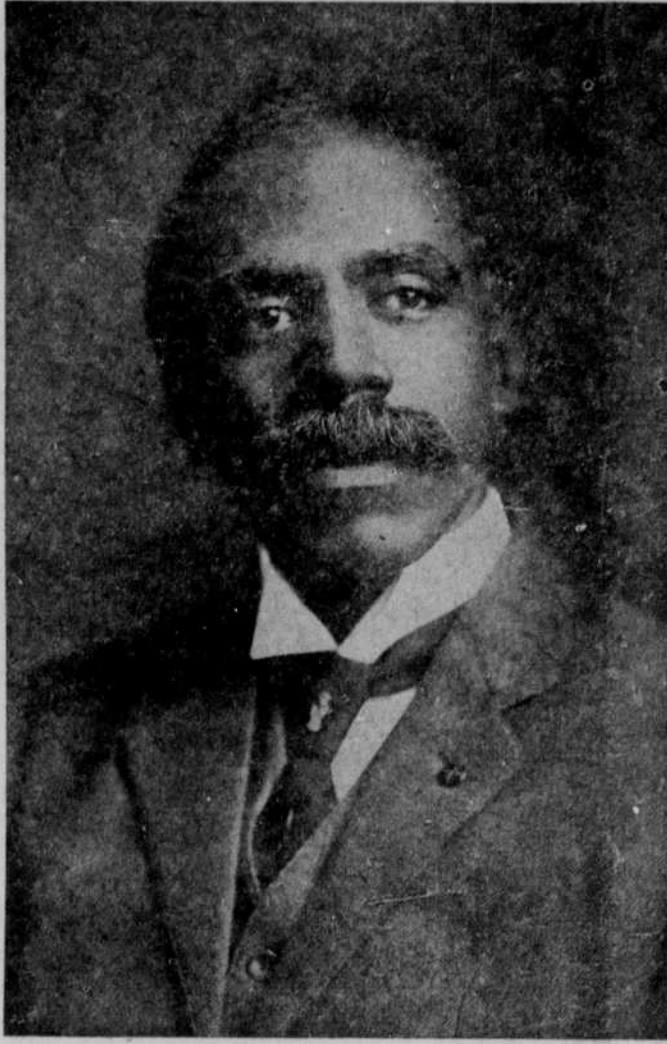
North Carolina "Triangle" Involving Prominent Individuals of Both Races Settled Out of Court. Alleged That Mrs. Varner Has Been Given Satisfactory Settlement. Damage Suit Against McRary Dropped.

GREENSBORO, N. C. June 30.—The entire book dealing with the sensational Varner litigation, save the chapter concerning a divorce between H. B. Varner and his wife, Mrs. Florence C. Varner, was settled Thursday afternoon, June 23, to the satisfaction of all concerned, when the attorneys agreed, namely, H. B. Varner, Mrs. Varner representing the three parties interested, and Baxter McRary, wealthy colored man, agreed upon the conditions of the compromises, and signed the necessary papers to make the agreements binding.

Proceedings Kept Secret
The suit of Varner against McRary for \$100,000 is withdrawn. Mrs. Florence C. Varner gets a sum of money, said to be about \$20,000, the suit of Fritta vs. Walser is settled, Mrs. Varner is to go to her home in Utah, and it is understood, she will enter suit there for a divorce, which suit it is said, will not be opposed. The exact provision of the settlement of the case are not known, the lawyers agreeing among themselves to keep the terms a secret.

As to the innocence or guilt of Mrs. Varner, the courts have not yet said, and rather than go through the ordeal of another trial and rather than air the nauseating case again before the public, all parties concerned desired to effect a compromise.

PROMINENT EDUCATOR OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY



PROF. CHAS. H. BOYER, dean of St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C.

who celebrated his 25th anniversary during the school's commencement, May 22-25 of this year. The faculty and teachers presented him with many valuable gifts as expressions of their appreciation for his long services at that institution. Among the presents was a substantial purse. The school gave him a trip to Europe recently as a mark of their appreciation.

A PROSPEROUS OKLAHOMA TOWN

Monitor Scribe Visits Eufaula Where He Finds Many Home-Owners and Successful Business Professionals Men and Farmers.

Eufaula, Oklahoma, June 12.—This is a beautiful little town of about 3000, and about 125 colored families, most of whom own their own homes. There are fifteen or sixteen business places among our folks and all are doing a good business, among those of importance are:
D. L. Floyd, gunsmith, who has all of the work of this kind in the town and the county, being the best there is. Mrs. Floyd operates a grocery store in her own building and has a fresh line of groceries of all kinds, they carry a small line of drugs, and she succeeded in getting them to carry a full line of Kaffir Chemical Laboratories' products.

J. E. Price has a grocery store almost across from the Katy station and has a fine line of best brands of goods there are on the market. The pride of the town is the Meat Market owned by Mr. W. T. Barnarm. Mr. Barnarm has the best meat market in this part of the state, and raises and kills his own fine hogs and cattle.

Mr. L. W. Jordan is one of the leading blacksmiths in the city, and has a wagon shop in connection with his shop.
Mr. S. W. Wright is the auto mechanic and enjoys all the work that he can do.
A motion picture house is owned by Messrs Trammel & Goodman and shows every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights. Mr. D. L. Floyd operates the machine.

Henderson and Tomplin have a nice four table pool hall.
There are two rooming houses in the city, one run by Hunter and Tomplin and the other by Henry Black.
Mr. Bob Cook has a modern cleaning and pressing establishment with one Woofman Steam pressing machine.

N. F. Neal is the silver smith and jeweler and has a good business.
L. E. Earnest has a fine selection of second hand goods in his store.
John Wilson has a two chair barber shop.
P. T. Patton enjoys the distinction of being the best boot and shoe maker in the town, and has all of the modern machinery for repair work. Mr. Patton is a graduate of Tuskegee.

The school house is one of the best in the state and has four large well equipped rooms. Prof. C. C. Monroe is the principal and has three able assistants.

There are four nice churches.
Dr. C. L. Cooper is the physician and enjoys a good practice among both races.
Dr. R. B. Taylor is the dentist, and has a very modern equipped office.
Attorney John Epps looks after the legal interests of his people with the assistance of Attorney W. H. Twine of Muskogee.

Among some of the most prosperous farmers are: Messrs E. L. Campbell, Noah Gregory, W. H. Middlebrooks, J. J. Smith, N. C. Child, G. W. Walker, J. Basset and D. G. Garner. All of these farmers own their own farms, and have a good prospect for a good crop year.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ENTERTAINS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The Colored Commercial Club held a goodfellowship meeting last Thursday night at the Y. W. C. A. An excellent program was rendered, refreshments served and a pleasant social time was enjoyed by all present. The commissioner, Mrs. Grace M. Hutten, announced the program which consisted of the following numbers: Piano solo, Miss Dorothy Storms; selection by Taylor male quartette, consisting of the Rev. Russell Taylor and his three sons, Russell, Jr., William and Elbert; solo, Miss Dolores Johnson; address Rev. W. C. Williams; humorous reading, Mrs. Kelly; solo, Leroy Kelly and an address by Mr. S. S. Caldwell of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce who was largely responsible for the organization of the Colored Commercial Club. Mr. Caldwell was introduced by Mr. Alfred Jones, vice-president. Mr. Caldwell presented many practical ideas and his address was highly appreciated and well received.

ENJOY DANCING PARTY

A delightful dancing party was given Monday night for the members of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon at Hanscom Park pavilion. The affair was in charge of Mrs. George Watson and Miss Lottie M. Bryant. Members of the congregation and their friends spent a delightful evening. The young people were present in good numbers. The music was furnished by Green's orchestra.

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WILBERFORCE HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

President Gregg Is Inaugurated And 127 Receive Diplomas From Various Departments.
WILBERFORCE, O., June 18.—At the commencement of Wilberforce University, which is said to be the greatest in the history of the institution, Dr. John A. Gregg, was inaugurated president, there were 127 graduates from the various departments, and Prof. Aaron E. Malone, among others received the honorary degree of master of Arts.

The exercises which lasted one week were all high class, one feature being the meeting of the Trustees of the University in annual session lasting only one day, closing at noon, the first time in the history. Fully three thousand people were present on commencement day.

Dr. Gregg was inaugurated under the Alumni Association, Dr. Reverdy C. Ransom, the president presided, and Bishop B. F. Lee, senior Bishop of the A. M. E. church, made the prayer. Dr. Ransom, delivered an able address, which was followed by music.

Dr. Thomas H. Jackson, one of the first graduates of the university, delivered an address, which was thoughtful and practical. Dr. W. S. Scarborough, ex-president spoke extending greetings to his successor, and wishing him success. It was fitting that he should deliver an address.

The keys, charter, and seal of Wilberforce University were presented to the new president by Bishop L. J. Coppin, and a committee consisting of Presidents, G. A. Edwards of Kirtland college; J. H. Lewis, Morris Brown University; S. L. Green, Shorter college; and E. W. Williams, Paul Quinn college.

In accepting the emblems of authority, Dr. John A. Gregg delivered his inaugural address, which was freighted with good common sense outlining the policy for the future which means a greater Wilberforce.

At 10 o'clock last Thursday morning the commencement day exercises were pulled off, and it will live for many years to come. Several, thousand people were unable to get inside the building. Dr. E. H. Lindley, Chancellor of the University of Kansas, Lawrence, delivered the commencement address. It was wonderful address. "New Present Day Pioneers," was the theme discussed. He pleaded for an equal opportunity in the walks of life for all Americans. It was a heart to heart talk from man to man. The old and the new were the types of pioneers brought face to face, the man who lived for others and not selfish represented the higher life, the life of service.

TULSA CHIEF-OF-POLICE HAS BEEN INDICTED

Grand Jury Probing Race Riot Returns True Bills Against Members of Police Force.

TULSA, Okla., June 25.—Chief-of-Police John A. Gustafson of the Tulsa police department and other members of the department were indicted today by the grand jury in connection with the recent race riot, and on charges of permitting vice. Other indictments in connection with auto thefts were returned against Ray Ward, head of the police automobile recovery department; Roy Meacham, traffic officer; E. F. Waddell, chief of police of Sand Springs, a suburb and F. E. Williams, Sand Springs policeman.

Gen. S. P. Freeling, who conducted the inquiry, told the court he could not fully concur in the report because it did not include accusations he said he believed should have been made against other officials and alleged rioters.

The jury blamed the armed Negroes who went to the court house on the night of the outbreak for the riot.

In the same report the grand jury indicted seven civilians in connection with the race riots. Previously approximately 90 indictments had been returned.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP, THE DEACON

The Church School which meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock continues to grow steadily. Last Sunday's attendance was exceptionally good. Mrs. Winifred J. Johnson has been added to the corps of teachers. The services next Sunday will be as follows: holy communion, 7:30 a. m.; matins 8:30 a. m.; Church school 10 a. m.; holy communion and sermon 11 a. m.; evening prayer 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Virginia P. Smith has been received from St. Philip's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

MANY INDICTMENTS RETURNED IN TULSA

Grand Jury Has Returned Eighty-Eight Indictments. Seventy-Six Colored Persons Are Held For Rioting, An Unbillable Offense, While Only Twelve Whites Are Indicted For Looting, A Minor Offense.

LOOK ASKANCE UPON REHABILITATION PLAN

Plans Are Being Rapidly Perfected to Develop Segregated District Two Miles Distant From Former Site In Unhealthy Section. Clever Scheme to Have Race Throughout Country Lift Burden of Building From Shoulders of Tulsites.

(Special to The Monitor by Staff Correspondent.) TULSA, OKLA., June 20.—The Negro was at no time an offender, but acted only in defense of law and order and later of his home, his business and his life.

Will Rebuild in Unhealthy District
"Little Africa" is to be rebuilt; but, please note this significant fact and recall what I said in a former article about unsuccessful efforts to buy out the property owners in this segregated district prior to the riot, not in the same section, but one two miles to the north and east of the lately occupied district. This district lies in low land, with poor drainage and has no sewage or water conveniences and is unhealthy and undesirable. This site has been accepted, largely from duress, after a conference between white business men and "leading Negroes" who "approve (?) of the reconstruction plan and sanction (?) program."

It is alleged that at least two of these "leading Negroes" who have been most enthusiastic in their approval of the site belong to the "Yas-Sah-Ha-Ha-Me-Too-Boss" type, and against whom it has been frequently charged that they have sold their race politically. These have succeeded in associating with them other well-meaning colored men, who are innocent of the tricks of shrewd politicians. However, this is the proposed plan: To purchase the land in the devastated district at a good price and by the help of the bankers to put across a million dollar real estate and building corporation, with shares at \$1.00 each, to be sold broadcast to Negroes throughout the United States, the money to be used to build homes for Negroes in the new segregated district or "Little Africa" of Tulsa.

This strikes your correspondent as a very clever scheme, not only to make the race throughout the country pay for the rehabilitation of "Little Africa," for which Tulsa should pay, and has promised to pay, but also to make the race throughout the country endorse the principle of the segregated district or ghetto, the danger of which and the easy destruction of which has just been so tragically demonstrated in Tulsa. But this, it is alleged, is in substance, the plan or scheme for rebuilding and rehabilitating the thousands of law-abiding, prosperous, self-respecting, innocent Negroes who lost the accumulation of years of frugality and industry at the hands of a mob which not only used torches but dropped inflammable bombs from aeroplanes on their dwellings, churches, schools and business places, and which the business men of Tulsa told the people of the country would be rebuilt by funds contributed by the white citizens of Tulsa.

Tulsa may be penitent and sincere but these two significant events upon which I have dwelt leaves large latitude for skepticism.

RESPITE FOR CONDEMNED MEN IN ARKANSAS

The National Association For The Advancement of Colored People Scores Another Great Victory In Its Legal Fight For Justice For Men Convicted In Connection With Elaine Riots Which Were In Fact A Revolt Against Peonage.

NEW YORK, June 30.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, have announced that a respite had been obtained in the cases of the six colored men sentenced to die on June 10 for their alleged connection with the Arkansas riots.

Unsuccessful appeals were made to Governor Thomas C. McRae to grant a stay of execution pending the result of the trials of the other six men in the Phillips County Court.

Two days before the date set for the execution of Frank Hicks and five others, attorneys for the N. A. A. C. P. applied for a writ in the Pulaski Chancery Court restraining the state of Arkansas from putting the death sentence into execution. The writ was granted by Chancellor Martineau and a restraining order was served upon the warden at the penitentiary preventing the execution pending further

action by the court.
On June 8, the National Office received the following telegram from Little Rock, Arkansas:
"Petition for Habeas Corpus filed Chancery Court which stays execution. (Signed Scipio A. Jones.)"

Meanwhile a writ of prohibition was applied for by the authorities in the Arkansas State Supreme Court, dissolving this last defense of the condemned men. The National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. immediately telegraphed its attorneys suggesting that they apply in the federal court for a writ of habeas corpus to prevent the execution.

On June 21 the National Office received the following telegram from Little Rock, signed Scipio A. Jones:
"No imminent danger electrocution. Possible writ here from Arkansas Supreme (Court) to Supreme Court (Continued On Page 5)"

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