

LOAN TO LIBERIA SHOULD BE GRANTED WITHOUT DELAY, SAYS SECRETARY HUGHES

SPRING CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIP OPENS VIGOROUSLY

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Making Active Canvass for Larger Numbers.

SOUTHERN BRANCHES ALERT

New Orleans Aims to Enroll 5,000 New Members Before Close of Campaign.—Texas Cities Undertake to Revive Branches.

New York, May 5.—"Lynch Law Must Go" is the slogan of the spring drive of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which opened vigorously throughout the nation, Monday, April 24, and which is to culminate in an anti-lynching conference in Newark, N. J., June 18 to 23. Great interest is being manifested everywhere, but in no section is the interest deeper or activity greater than in certain portions of the South.

The entire weight of the association's forces throughout the United States is to be applied in an organized pressure toward the enactment by the senate of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill H. R. 13, already passed by the House of Representatives.

There is no doubt felt in the National office of the N.A.A.C.P. that President Harding will sign the measure if and when the Senate enacts it. In fact, the president's signature is looked upon as a foregone conclusion. The N.A.A.C.P. campaign on the Dyer bill has already been begun in two states, Michigan and New Jersey, where local elections are made to hinge on that issue.

Colored voters and the press throughout the country are being asked to make it clear that the Republican party will be held responsible for non-performance of its duty and its pledge to pass some such legislation as the Dyer bill.

Secretary Johnson's Statement

In opening the N.A.A.C.P. spring drive, James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the association, said:

"The Dyer bill was passed in the house of representatives because colored people in the United States worked together for that end. It will be passed in the senate for the same reason.

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People believes that the Dyer bill is an excellent object lesson in the value of working together. If we can accomplish so much in one direction, we can in others as well. Therefore we want active, enthusiastic members. If half a million colored Americans join the N.A.A.C.P. each individual will be part of an immense power working through organized machinery which will make the Negro's just claims felt in the nation. For the Negro, as for all humanity, 'In Union there is strength.' Join the N.A.A.C.P."

Southern Branches Active

Southern branches are especially active in the N.A.A.C.P. drive this year, among them being the branches in Houston, El Paso, Corpus Christi, and Dallas, Texas. Houston has undertaken to reorganize the branches in Texas that became dormant at the time of the assault on John R. Shillady.

New Orleans, La., branch is in the midst of a canvass for 5000 members and Shreveport has also vigorously entered the drive. Most of the branches in Florida and many Arkansas branches have made their preparations to start at the word "Go." No timidity is being shown by southern branches in the method of their campaign, Houston placing window cards in the homes of their members, inscribed with the words: "This Family 100 per cent. Members N.A.A.C.P."

The branch in the national capitol, Washington, D. C., has set itself the largest quota, seeking to obtain 25,000 members, and Chicago and New York will follow with quotas of 10,000 each.

Great interest is being shown among California branches, Los Angeles preparing itself to reach its quota of 5000 members.

Called From St. Louis by Daughter's Illness

Mrs. Nannie Anderson, mother, and Mrs. Cordella Johnson, sister of Mrs. Anna Griffio of 846 South Twenty-fourth street, were recently called from their home in St. Louis, Mo., by Mrs. Griffio's illness. Mrs. Johnson returned to her home last week, but Mrs. Anderson is still the guest of her daughter, who is so much improved that she expects to resume her duties soon at Drescher Bros., where she has held a responsible position for several years.

PARISH SOCIAL PLEASANT AFFAIR

A parish social for the parishioners and friends of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. T. Walker, was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hicks, 2630 Maple street, Wednesday night. There was a large attendance. The amusements were music, dancing and games to suit the various tastes of all. Whist seemed to be the most attractive of the various games. In this the prizes for the ladies were won by the following: Mrs. E. R. West, first; Miss Anna Logan, second; Mrs. Larry N. Peoples, booby; and for the men, James G. Jewell, first; Larry N. Peoples, second and C. H. Hicks, booby. In the cake and undrum game Thelma Shipman and Jean Dorsey tied, each guessing the same number. As the prize was a cake, there was no difficulty in dividing it. Refreshments were served. The committee of women having the pleasant affair in charge were complimented upon its success.

GREAT BRITAIN SEEKS OIL IN WEST AFRICA

Dark Continent Believed to be Rich in Production of High Grade of Oil (Associated Negro Press)

London, England, April 30.—The Gold Coast Colony of West Africa has been invaded by British mining engineers in hope of finding oil. Louis P. Boyler, a mining engineer of London, has made a thorough investigation of the oil prospects in West Africa and believes that pools and possibly gushers of oil will be found in the eastern area. He says that a "well-known" oil group is already on the ground making a serious test of the land. Oil has been struck thirty-three feet under the ground.

Mr. Bowler, according to the New York Times, says that "the development of oil in West Africa, although only one of the country's unscrutinized potentialities, will have a far-reaching effect in its industrial expansion. West Africa is the nearest colonial possession to England. It is a neglected asset which if taken seriously in hand will quickly resuscitate our dwindling export trade and could become one of the greatest purchasing centers of British manufactured goods."

MME. C. J. WALKER'S AGENTS ORGANIZE CLUB

Thursday evening, April 27th, a number of agents met at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Vawter, 1716 No. 28th street, for the purpose of organizing a club. National representatives Mr. J. K. Johnson and Mrs. Lula Hall Alexander were present. Both representatives addressed the agents, telling of the many improvements that were being made by the company and gave new ideas of the latest methods of treating the scalp. Mr. Johnson acting as chairman, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Gertrude Vawter, president; Mrs. Cora L. Owens, vice-president; Mrs. A. P. Garrett, secretary; Mrs. Morris, assistant secretary; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Burleson, chaplain.

The national representatives donated \$50 each to the club. A banquet in honor of the national guests was given at Zion Baptist church Friday evening, April 28th. Quite a number of Omaha's representative citizens were present. The club thanks the pastor and members of the church for the hospitality shown.

Mrs. Gertrude Vawter, Pres. Mrs. A. P. Garrett, Sec'y.

DEATH OF MRS. MABEL BROWN

Mrs. Mabel Brown of 2616 Parker street, wife of Mr. W. S. Brown, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Daniel, in Des Moines, April 23d.

Interment was at Graceland cemetery, Omaha, April 26th, by Ester Temple, S. M. T. Mrs. Brown was well known having been in Colorado for a year on account of her health. For several years past she has been a faithful member of Grove M. E. church its auxiliaries and several local clubs.

Sufficient to say that all who knew her knew the quiet Christian life she lived. The end was a peaceful sleep. A song, "Nothing Between," which she had requested, was rendered by Mrs. Mae Stuart, assisted by the choir. The resolutions and floral offerings were beautiful.

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

The services on last Sunday were well attended. At the 11 o'clock sung Eucharist, Father Williams preached on "The Good Shepherd." The services next Sunday will be at the appointed hours: 7:30, 8:30, 10 and 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. A meeting of the men of the congregation is called for Monday night at the rectory.

TYPES OF OMAHA HOMES



Beautiful home of Sgt. and Mrs. Isaac Bailey 2816 Pratt Street



Handsome residence of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Britt 2519 Maple Street

Last week we published as illustrations of types of the many beautiful homes owned by colored citizens the attractive bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Heady, and the handsome two-story pressed brick residence of Dr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Hutten. This week we present to our readers views of two other homes which speak for themselves and indicate the very substantial way in which our group is contributing toward the upbuilding of the city.

U. S. SEIZURE OF HAITI IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, SAYS BIG DELEGATION

Washington, May 5.—Charges that the seizure by the United States of the Republic of Haiti is "in violation of our Constitution, our treaties, and of international law," and constitutes "usurpation of power" through "mere executive action unauthorized by Congress," were made to Secretary of State Hughes last Friday by a joint delegation of eminent lawyers and the representatives of several national associations, all of which urged the restoration of self-government to the Haitian people and the immediate withdrawal of our military forces.

OKLAHOMA ORDERS KLAN TO DISBAND

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 5.—A general order directed specifically against the Ku Klux Klan and declaring that there is no room in the Oklahoma National Guard for any officer or man who owes an allegiance to any power, secret organization or society that might become arrayed against the United States or the State of Oklahoma and its laws, has been issued here by Governor J. B. A. Robertson.

RETURNS FROM THE NATIONAL Y. W. C. A. MEET AT SPRINGS

Delegates From Every Country to the Number of Twenty-five Hundred Freely Intermingle and Take Counsel Together.

150 COLORED WOMEN THERE

Every Courtesy Shown to All Delegates—No Segregation or Embarrassments to Colored Attendees—High Ground Taken.

Mrs. J. Alice Stewart, who with Mrs. W. S. Metcalfe, were delegates from Omaha to the Y. W. C. A. convention at Hot Springs, Ark., returned Monday night, she having stopped enroute at Philander Smith College, in Little Rock, where she formerly taught, and was given a reception Saturday night by former students. Mrs. Stewart reports that the convention, which was attended by 2250 women from every country where the Y. W. C. A. is represented, and this includes almost the entire world, was

a great inspiration. About 150 colored delegates were in attendance and they were treated with all courtesy. There was no segregation, either in the street cars or in the meetings. All met together and worked together as Christian women without any embarrassment. Features of the convention were a colored chorus and a white chorus, which rendered special programs, and then united in one program, the first event of its kind in that section. Among the strongest speeches made for race equality was one by Mrs. Luke Johnson of Atlanta, Ga. Colored and white speakers spoke from the same platform. Bishop Jones made a profound impression by his able and scholarly address. Representatives from China, Belgium, Great Britain and India, as well as from all sections of the United States, took the highest ground for the recognition and treatment of all people as children of a common Father.

REMOVES OFFICE TO RESIDENCE

Attorney Amos P. Scruggs has removed his office from Thirteenth and Farnam streets, where he has been located for several years, to his residence, 2310 North Twenty-second street. His telephone number is Webster 0419.

FRANCES GORDON LEADS IN POPULARITY CONTEST

Frances Gordon, 2418 Binney street, heads the list in the Monitor Popularity Contest at the time of going to press with a total of 27 votes.

Cerelda Tucker, 2508 M street, and Louvetta Busch, 5219 So. 29th street, are tied for second place. Much interest has been aroused among the young folks and it is expected that several new names will be added to the list during the coming week. The girl having the most votes at the end of the contest will receive a handsome and useful present from the Monitor. The following is the list to date:

Frances Gordon, 2418 Binney street, 27 votes.

Audrey Truehart, 1443 South 17th street, 12 votes.

Cerelda Tucker, 2508 M street, So. Side, 15 votes.

Louvetta Busch, 5219 So. 29th street, 15 votes.

Ireta Walker, 1926 So. 14th street, 7 votes.

Dorothy Williams, 1119 No. 21st street, 5 votes.

THE N. A. A. C. P.

The Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. met last Sunday afternoon at Pleasant Green Baptist church, Henry W. Black presiding. The Spring Drive for Members was considered and all urged to take a hand in it. A committee of three, M. F. Singleton, Rev. John Albert Williams and John T. McDonald were appointed to personally interview Senator Hitchcock to enlist his support of the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill now before the Senate. The next meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Twenty-fourth and Ohio streets.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC COUNCIL

The St. Benedict Council of Catholic men is very busy these days preparing to launch a campaign to enliven the social work of the city. Five committees are at work and in the next few days from all indications, the work will be well under way. The National Council of Catholic laymen is an outgrowth of the war, being the follow-up of the former War Council.

ZION BAPTIST

Dr. W. F. Botts, Pastor. Services were good and well attended all day last Sunday. The pastor had recovered from his recent attack of the gripe sufficiently to be able to preach two splendid sermons.

There were several additions to the church. The attendance of the Bible School and B. Y. P. U. is growing each Sunday. The B. Y. P. U. punctuality prizes were won by "Old Reliable" Section. A special prize will be given also this Sunday to the section with the largest number present on time. Let other sections take notice.

Sunday, May 7th, from 6 to 7 a. m., Covenant and Baptismal services. Let all candidates be ready. Covenant and fellowship meeting at 10:30 a. m., followed by Lord's Supper.

Strangers are asked to make this their home while in the city.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

5233 South Twenty-fifth Street. O. J. Burckhardt, Pastor.

Sunday was a great day at Allen because it was Women's Day. The women did everything but preach. The program was taken largely by the elderly women of the church and was most enjoyable. The rally will be continued by request. The Sunday School was well attended. At 11 the pastor preached on Woman's Work, from the text, "She was full of good works." The League is doing excellent work and steadily growing.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Thomas A. Tagart, Pastor. Rev. G. W. Kibble has just closed a very successful revival here with many additions to the church. There will be a large baptizing Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All circles, organizations and committees will hold their usual meetings at the T. D. C. hall. Members of the congregation who are ill are Mother Kelly, Miss Geraldine Haux at the Swedish Mission hospital, and Mr. and Mrs. Arduna at Twenty-seventh and T streets.

Mr. Richard Taylor was very unfortunate a few days ago.

He bought a large selection of flowers and planted them in his yard on North Twenty-seventh street, but some undesirable person pulled them up the same night. But he was fortunate in trailing the guilty party to a house in the neighborhood. The Apex Dramatic Club will present their first drama, "The Fruit of His Folly," Tuesday, May 16th, at Pigrim Baptist church.

The Monitor is a live newspaper; that's clear from the ads we carry.

LIBERIAN LOAN AN AFFAIR OF HONOR SAYS SECRETARY

The United States Will Stultify Self By Repudiating Promise to Grant Financial Relief to its Ally

WILSON COURTED REPUBLIC

Palm Oil of West African Republic the Great Attraction for United States President During World War

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Urging extension of a \$5,000,000 loan to Liberia, promised in 1918, as a "point of honor," Secretary Hughes told the Ways and Means Committee last Wednesday that there was no foundation for reports that American banking interests would benefit mostly from the transaction. Such reports had arisen at previous hearings of the committee on the legislation.

Explaining that the loan was authorized in 1918, and not put through, Mr. Hughes said, as a moral obligation the good faith of the American Government was pledged to aid the Republic of Liberia, which had entered the war "at the instance of the United States."

"I never heard that any one interested in payment of bonds was behind this proposal," said Secretary Hughes. "The truth is that bonds amounting to \$1,500,000 will be retired under this loan plan. I understand that \$58,000 is the amount, out of the \$1,500,000 total, held in the United States. My personal information is that the figure is nearer \$10,000."

Many Held in Europe

A considerable amount of the Liberian bonds to be retired in event the loan is made by the United States, the Secretary added, are held in Germany, Holland and Great Britain and are widely distributed among private investors.

"Nobody has anything to do with advocating this credit for private advantage," said the Secretary. "We could not get a first lien and adequate protection unless the others holding bonds were paid."

"Failure to make the loan," Mr. Hughes declared, "would be lamentable with respect to the position of the United States before the world and most lamentable for Liberia, which entered the war in 1917 on the side of the Allies."

Four Presidents Agree

Mr. Hughes said the question of helping Liberia was the only point on which President Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson and Harding were in agreement and added:

"There must have been some basis for the credit when it was upheld by such extraordinary concurrence."

Palm oil, a product needed in the manufacture of munitions, found its greatest source in Liberia, and President Wilson sought that republic as an ally so as to get the oil product, he said.

Hughes' Own Opinion

After assuming the office of secretary, Mr. Hughes said he reviewed the case and concluded that after the credit was established, "it was our duty to go ahead and make good our word," and he so informed President Harding.

Asked if there was any precedent for the loan, the secretary replied that he did not know of any case like it; that it was unique.

"It is my duty to present the essential facts to Congress," said Mr. Hughes, "and I cannot believe that in this proceeding Congress will fail to realize how deeply the good name of the United States is involved in a question of national interest and honor. I regard it as a point of honor that the loan be made."

DEATH CALLS PASTOR OF MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. H. R. McMillan Succumbs to a Protracted Illness at His Residence Thursday Morning.

The Rev. H. R. McMillan, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist church, passed peacefully away Thursday morning at his residence, Twenty-fifth and Corby streets, after a protracted illness. Mr. McMillan came to Omaha a little over a year ago from Newport, Ark., to assume the pastorate of Mt. Moriah, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. M. H. Wilkinson to become state missionary, and despite the fact that his health was not robust after reaching the city, he did diligent and faithful work and was much beloved by his flock. He is survived by his widow and four grown sons.

GIRLS!!! GIRLS!!!

The Monitor is interested in a question that has been brought up many times among the young people, and one that is very hard to answer satisfactorily, namely, who is the most popular young lady? We are going to try and answer it with your co-operation.

Have your friends vote for you using the coupon below. The list of contestants will be published each week with the number of votes they receive. No votes will be counted unless sent in on one of these coupons properly signed. There are no obligations attached to this, so get busy and have your friends cast their votes. The young lady receiving the greatest number of votes will receive a handsome present, absolutely free.

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