

Merry Christmas to All

HOUSTON MARTYRS HONORED BY LARGE BOSTON AUDIENCE

Stirring Memorial Meeting Held in Prominent Church For Soldiers Who Resented Insults and Threats of Mob Violence

PRESIDENT IS PETITIONED

Pres. Coolidge and War Secretary Weeks Asked for Christmas Pardons—Whole Race Asked to Write Chief Executive

(Special to The Monitor)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21, 1923.—The 12th Baptist Church was the scene of a stirring meeting Tuesday night with a big audience, to honor the memory of the 13 martyrs executed for resenting the insults and beatings put upon them and race in Texas six years ago. Resolutions were passed urging President Coolidge, and Secretary of War Weeks, to recommend pardons for Christmas.

The keynote was sounded by Rev. D. S. Klugh, Executive Chairman of the Boston Branch, which held the meeting, on "Eternal Vigilance—the price of liberty." He introduced Pres. E. T. Morris, who spoke out manfully. James J. Mullen, chairman of the Mass. American Legion's Speaking Bureau substituted for Gen. Edwards.

Rev. H. D. Green, holding a photograph of Sergt. Vider Henry, leader of the fight, another soldier and himself, gave details of the trouble as he knew them on the spot in Houston where he lived in 1917, "not murderers but martyrs," he proved. Monroe Mason, national league publicity director and world war veteran, read a letter from Fort Leavenworth showing the men had been disarmed and a shout arose that the mob was coming and it did come. Mr. Mason said the League was not clashing with any other organization working for pardons, but wished all every success in their efforts.

Rev. Thos. S. Harten was given an ovation, telling how the League delegation saw Pres. Coolidge and how it was first to get Pres. Coolidge to speak fully on the race question which fore-shadowed his message. Rev. Mr. Harten was the spokesman. Mr. Harten said the race was to blame for its condition because it would not organize under its own leaders. He delivered a remarkable appeal for release of the Houston soldiers.

Secretary Albert G. Wolff read the resolutions to Pres. Coolidge for pardons. It was voted to write Sen. Weeks also Rev. Mr. Swain raised \$25.00 toward expenses. Capt. L. Hewitt and Capt. Simmons spoke very briefly.

CHRISTMAS PARDON LETTER SHOWER

It was also voted to ask the race to give a Letter-Shower for the soldiers for Christmas, by every member sending a letter to President Coolidge asking a Christmas pardon, including request that he abolish segregation of clerks as Christmas boon to the race. Letters to Hon. John W. Weeks, Secretary of War, to recommend the pardons for Christmas are also urged.

PEAT, PROGRESSIVE RESTAURANT MAN, WILL CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

Peat is going to give all his help an opportunity to get off Christmas Day so they may go to church Christmas morning and then eat dinner at Peat's home free. He employs only ten people so meet me at Peat's home, for Christmas dinner after church.

Why is it that Peat's Restaurants are never advertised in the papers? Well, those meals he puts out advertise the place.

Say, Mr. Peat has done more in working his people than other cafe proprietors. He has been a great help to his race, since he has been in Omaha. He is only working ten people now.

Mr. Peat is all right. He is in earnest. His credit stands high in this town. He will pay his bills. If any one owes this man why not pay him and give him your trade. Eat at his places when you get hungry, 1401 and 1710 North Twenty-fourth street. You all are welcome. I do wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Peat's two places will be closed all day Christmas from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m.—Advertisement.

Mrs. Maggie Brown, 2875 Wirt St. who has been very ill at her home for the last 10 or 12 days is reported improving.

TEXAS COLLEGE BEGINS WORK ON ADMINISTRATION HALL

Texas College of Tyler, Texas, has let the contract for the erection of a new Administration Hall costing \$85,000. The Windham Brothers' Construction Company of Birmingham, Alabama, have charge of the work which was actively begun December 4th. The construction will be rushed as rapidly as possible with the hope that it will be ready for occupancy by May 1, 1924. The building is to contain the offices, class rooms, laboratories, library and auditorium. The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 1200. The building will be modern in every detail and appointment.

The growth of Texas College in recent years under the efficient management of President W. R. Banks has been so rapid that this year more than 200 students were turned away for the lack of room. The erection of the new building will make it possible for the institution to care for 150 additional students.

It is gratifying to note that the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of Texas, under the supervision of Bishop J. C. Martin of Jackson, Tennessee, raised for Texas College and Missions this year \$30,500. At the recent annual conference, the church pledged itself to raise next year \$40,000.00.

MORRIE SCHLAIFER GETS DECISION OVER PANAMA JOE GANS

Referee Dave Barry Gives Fight to Omaha Welter After One of Best Fights in Omaha's Fight History

SCHLAIFER BADLY GLOVE-CUT Panama Joe Gans, Colored welter-weight champion of the world, lost a close decision in his ten-round fight at the Auditorium last Monday night, with Morrie Schlaifer, Omaha's fighting fool.

While the colored representative lost the fight, and in the opinion of the writer lost fairly, he nor the colored people, have anything to mourn over, for he put up a wonderful fight, and mixed with Schlaifer at every turn. In all it was a great battle, one worth seeing anywhere.

In the semi-final, Battling Monroe, local colored middle-weight, whipped Carl Augustine of St. Paul, almost with a punch. The fight lasted just a trifle over one minute.

The preliminaries were all good. More fights like these and the game will grow better in Omaha.

A WORTHY BLIND MAN

Have you noticed a colored blind man standing daily at Sixteenth and Farnam street? Have you ever helped him? He is worthy of help. His name is Chinn and he has two small children which he sends to school. Would it not be possible for some of us to help provide a little stand for him, where he might sell newspapers, shoe strings, pencils, etc., and thus making a living without his having to stand long weary hours in the cold appealing mutely and too often without any help from the passers by? At all events during this Christmastide, don't pass him by. He is a worthy man.

MOTHERCRAFT CLASS FOR WASHINGTON COLORED WOMEN

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Colored women of Washington, in considerable numbers, attended a meeting last Thursday night at the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A., for the purpose of organizing a mothercraft class.

Mrs. Marjua McAdoo, Executive Secretary of the Association, who with other officials, has just finished an exhaustive study of conditions among local colored women, found that there was an urgent need for instructions tending to fit them for the administering of mental, moral, and spiritual development of children.

EX-SLAVE, 115 DIES

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 14.—John Livingstone, Jr., aged 115 years, is dead here of old age, according to a certificate signed by Dr. S. F. Hale, coroner, who on investigation found that Livingstone was born in Richmond, Va., September 15, 1808. His wife was one of the last slaves brought to this country from Africa and lived to be 115 years old.

Events in the Lives of Little Men



SENATOR KING PRESENTS RESOLUTION ON WITHDRAWAL FROM HAITI

In the senate of the United States, December 11, 1923. Mr. King submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

RESOLUTION

Whereas the relations between the United States and the Republic of Haiti have assumed a condition which is unsatisfactory to the inhabitants of said country and otherwise disadvantageous to the United States, which condition is due in large measure to the presence of the naval forces of the United States in said country and the exercise by the United States of the control of the finances and revenues of said country; and

Whereas the purpose of the intervention by the United States in the

MINISTERS ALLIANCE WILL MEET MONDAY

Because of the fact that Tuesday will be Christmas, the Ministers' Alliance will meet on Monday the 24th. "Dealing with the indifferent or careless" will be the subject discussed, opened by Rev. E. W. C. Cox, pastor of Grove M. E. Church. January 8, 1924, Rev. John Adams is on program to deliver an "Emancipation address" subject, "The way out." January 15, Rev. W. C. Williams will discuss the "Christian Sabbath."

FOUR MEN INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—Junius Jackson, Samuel Todd, James Todd and Mack Hubbs were injured last Thursday when two automobiles in which they were riding crashed together at South Hill on the Great Bridge road. Both machines were badly damaged and Jackson sustained a broken hip.

SIGHTS, EXPERIENCES AND IMPRESSIONS OF A TRAVELLER WHO ATTENDED NATL. BAPTIST CONVENTION, LOS ANGELES

By Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson

(Continued from last week)
FROM COLORADO HOME

One beholding this chain of Rocky Mountains is filled first with awe and then admiration. It is true the external has its charms but the wealth lies far beneath these rugged peaks. The mineral wealth of this region, in volume and diversity, is not surpassed by that of any other locality in the world. Practically every kind of mineral is found in Colorado. It is said to be the leading gold producing state in the Union.

Underlying the surface of various sections of the state are practically inexhaustible strata of coal—anthracite, bituminous, lignite and coking. Petroleum of excellent quality flows from upward of eighty wells.

Colorado is also famed for the quality, beauty and variety of its building stone, granite, sand stone and marble quarries abound.

Denver, Colorado," cried the auditor. Having friends in Denver we had arranged a visit here. We arrived an hour or so late in the evening and found our good friends waiting. Other delegates were there, some coming in and others going out of the Union Station which is a very comfortable and attractive one. Reaching the streets we were animated by the splendor of its bright, cheerful lights. It is said to be one of the best lighted cities in our country.

Partly surrounded by a chain of mountains Denver, the capital of Colorado, is noted as a health resort. One finds many sick there seeking recovery in this salubrious climate.

After having a pleasant night's rest the next day we were taken out sight-seeing.

The capitol is an imposing stone building with a very conspicuous brass dome that glitters in the sun and can be seen from many parts of the city. Nearby is the mint and the public

library. A park called the Silver Center is beautifully located in the proximity of these buildings. The city auditorium is a large, magnificent building covering a square block. City park is a pretty spacious park of 800 acres with beautiful lawns, sparkling lakes and a large zoo. Standing in Cheeseman park we viewed Pikes Peak white with snow eighty miles away.

Our group has some very attractive homes and church edifices that are well attended.

The old Y. M. C. A. was torn down and a new one is being erected at a cost of \$65,000. We were delighted to find the men possessing so much of the association spirit. We were told that this organization grew out of a movement known as the Young Men's Christian Brotherhood which was organized in July 1908, and later was taken over by the Central Y. M. C. A.

The men were truly in the lead. However, Christian womanhood is always alert and progressive and where it does not lead it will surely follow. So the expected thing happened when in 1916 the Y. W. C. A. was organized with a membership of thirty-one in the Shorter A. M. C. church bearing the name The Phyllis Wheatley Center. Their last year's report was very commendable: Membership, 309; girls' clubs, 5; club attendance, 2,511; attendance of educational classes, 1,376; active volunteer workers, 60; girls influenced, 3,224. They have a splendid cafeteria with a patronage of 7,694. Employment was given to fourteen girls. Their most annoying trouble is keeping a secretary. Cupid there never fails in his aim and the wedding bells lure them away to a smaller but dearer association.

What a wonderful change we would experience in our North Side branch if our women and girls could catch the real vision of the importance and magnitude of the Y. W. C. A. and measure up to that vision. Let us

hope that we may. The race population of Denver is not as large as that of Omaha, yet they are very enterprising and are proud of many business concerns.

Have you heard of the Opportunity School? We saw this great school, a large brick structure. The remarkable thing about it is not only Opportunity School in name but in reality, it meets every prospective student without regard to age or sex or color. Many aspiring characters have been helped in realizing their dreams and ambitions in this school.

Leaving Denver we left the Rocky Mountains and their scenery behind us and on we sped over many acres of rich farm land. Apple orchards laden with pretty red apples were seen. Reaching a junction in Kansas the Texas delegation that had made a tour of California and the west changed trains here for the sunny southland.

One dear old sister for sometime had been singing one of the old familiar Baptist long-meter songs. I am wondering whether it was for joy or regret for return to her old homeland. She had experienced so much freedom, comfort and pleasure in her journey, now to return to the Jim crow cars and segregation, to see the infamous sign "Negro" or "Niggers" here was like a liberated bird being returned to its cage.

Objects grew familiar as we drew nearer and nearer to Nebraska. Although we were elated with our trip yet there were home ties that were dear and seemed in the distance calling and beckoning us home. At last we reached Union Station, Omaha. After three weeks' absence things looked new and strange. Like the poet I thought after all there is no place like home be it ever so humble. We all delight in travel and the knowledge and experiences gained. But the real rest and comfort comes when we reach home!

CHRISTMAS PARDON LETTER-SHOWER

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21, 1923.—The National Equal Rights League calls upon the race to use the advantage of the custom of granting pardons at Christmas for the prisoners at Fort Leavenworth prison. It urges that everybody mail a letter before Sunday, December 23, addressed to The President, Calvin Coolidge, White House, Washington, D. C., requesting this Christmas Pardon, also to abolish segregation of Colored federal clerks and to include in this Christmas Letter-Shower one to Hon. John W. Weeks, Secretary of War to favor the pardons.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Thomas Taggart, Pastor.

The attendance was good all day Sunday. Rev. Jesse Young delivered an instructive sermon at the morning service. The junior choir is showing marked improvement. The B. Y. P. U. at 5:30 had a helpful session under the supervision of President Landrum. At the evening service the pastor preached. There are several members of the congregation on the sick list. There will be preaching at 11 o'clock Christmas Day.

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Woman's Auxiliary Holds Annual Sale of Fancy and Useful Articles Which Find Ready Patrons

The Girl's Friendly Society of the Episcopal Church of St. Philip the Deacon gave a delightful entertainment before an appreciative audience at the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A. last Monday night. The first part of the program consisted of an original play entitled "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens," written by Catherine Williams and given by the little candidates. The second part was an amusing little play entitled, "The Burglar" given by five of the senior girls, Nonence Gibson, Margaret Murray, Florence, Jones, Grace Adams and Helen Redd. The girls were admirably trained by Mrs. Ada Hill Smith, one of the associates.

There were also recitations by Melva McCaw and Marguerite Howard. Those taking the principal parts in the little candidates' play were Dorothy McRaven, Thelma Morton, Sylvia Adams, Celestine Smith and Catherine Williams. At the close of the program refreshments were served by the girls.

In connection with this entertainment the Woman's Auxiliary held a sale of fancy and useful articles of which they had a pleasing display at prices which brought ready sale. Those in charge of the sale were Mesdames J. W. Gatus, Andrew Harrold, John Dixon, C. H. Hicks and H. R. Roberts.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Omaha branch was held at Grove M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Russel Taylor, vice-president, presiding. Routine business was rapidly dispatched. A report was made of an alleged effort to have recent migrants return to the South. A committee was appointed to investigate and report upon the same.

FAMOUS ARTIST IS MADE MEMBER OF FRENCH LEGION

Henry O. Tanner Signally Honored by French Government in Recognition of His Painting Achievements.

TREATS BIBLICAL SUBJECTS

Rearred and Educated in Philadelphia Has Long Been Accorded First Place Among American Artists.

Paris, France, Dec. 15.—Henry O. Tanner, American artist and one of the oldest members of the American art colony of Paris, was recently accorded the Legion of Honor by the French government in recognition of his achievements in painting. Mr. Tanner has long been recognized in art circles as among the foremost American artists, his work having won numerous prizes in exhibits in France, England and the United States. His work is represented in the Luxembourg in Paris, the Royal Galleries in London and the Metropolitan Art Museum in New York City. Two of his most famous pictures, "The Three Marys at the Tomb" and "The Apostles at the Tomb" are in the permanent collection of the Art Institute of this city.

Mr. Tanner has specialized in the painting of biblical subjects and in this his own particular field, he is considered a master. His handling of lamp-light in his paintings is especially noteworthy and is considered classic by the foremost art critics of America and Europe.

Mr. Tanner is the son of the late Bishop Tanner of Philadelphia and is the brother of the Reverend William Tanner of this city. He received his early education in the public schools of Philadelphia and began his art study in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Later he went to Paris to complete his study and set up his studio in the Latin Quarter there, where he has remained ever since. He is at present in the United States visiting his friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Lawrie J. Wallace, the well-known Omaha artist was a class mate of Tanner at the Philadelphia Art School.

THE N. A. A. C. P. HOLDS BI-MONTHLY MEETING

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OF THE FATHER'S LOVE An Ancient Christmas Hymn

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the ending He
Of the thing that are and have been
And the future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

O that Birth forever blessed,
When the Virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving
Bare the Saviour of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him;
Angel hosts His praises sing;
Powers, Dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Thee let old men, Thee let young men,
Thee let boys in chorus sing;
Matrons, virgins, little maidens,
With glad voices answering;
Let their guileless songs re-echo
And the heart its music bring,
Evermore and evermore!

Prudentius, A. D. 348-41.