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HOTEL PROPRIETOR MURDERED BY AN OKLAHOMA MOB

Man Who Employs Negro Porter Pays With His Life for Opposing Sentiment of Benighted Community.

EDITOR SCORES RACE HATRED

Incident May Awaken General Public Attention Favorable to Dyer Measure Now Pending in Congress.

(Preston News Service.) Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 27.—The sad plight of supposed super civilization manifested itself in a very uncivilized manner last Tuesday when a mob formed and killed A. W. Birch, a prominent hotel owner (white) and seriously wounded Robert Jerigan, an employee whom Birch attempted to protect.

The mob was unmasked and composed of more than a score of men, who went to the hotel where Jerigan was employed 3 days before and shot Birch down when he attempted to persuade them to desist from their attempt to lynch Jerigan.

It is said that Marlow is one of the several small towns in Oklahoma, which have not permitted a Negro to settle in their vicinity, and not to remain in town after night fall. It is said that on Saturday Birch brought Jerigan to his hotel as ported. A letter was sent to Birch ordering him to discharge the Negro and send him out of the town. Birch ignored the letter. The mob went to the hotel and called loudly for Jerigan and stated their intention of lynching him on the spot. Birch with Jerigan at his side hurried into the lobby of the hotel to intercede, but was shot dead before he could speak, and Jerigan fell, critically wounded. Mrs. Birch told state officials that she thought she could identify the man who killed her husband.

Combining Country for Alleged Leader

The civil authorities of Stephens county are combing the surrounding country in a search for Marvin Kincaid, aged 20 years, wanted in connection with the slaying of Birch and wounding of Robert Jerigan. Kincaid has been accused by Mrs. Birch as being the leader of the mob that killed her husband in an attempt to lynch Jerigan.

Kansas City Times Scorns Race Hatred

Commenting on the deplorable condition in a supposedly civilized country such a dastardly deed is perpetrated the Kansas City Times says editorially under the caption: "The Harvest of Race Hatred."

"The death at the hands of a mob of a white man and a Negro at Marlow, Okla., is the logical outcome of the racial prejudice that had gained headway in that town. Marlow is said to be one of several small Oklahoma towns that have refused to allow Negroes to live within their boundaries. When a Negro went to Marlow and engaged in honest labor, he was shot down, along with his employer, who was trying to protect him.

"Such lawlessness and racial antagonism are utterly un-American. Any man, regardless of race, has a right to live in any town so long as he conducts himself properly and is law-abiding. When he becomes an unsafe person in the community, it is the duty of constituted authorities, and not a mob, to take action. Racial hatred and discrimination breed strife and lawlessness; they have their origin in ignorance and a false conception of right. Any community that sows the wind of racial hatred may expect to reap the whirlwind of violence and mob rule."

May Help Dyer Bill

It is believed by proponents of the Dyer Anti-Lynching measure that this Oklahoma incident may arouse public attention to such degree as to secure favorable action in Congress on the Dyer Bill. It is believed that the death of a prominent white man will cause persons heretofore, not interested in the measure to give serious thought to the diabolical consequences that could be allayed, if not avoided by the enactment of this measure into a national law.

Washington, Dec. 28.—On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 27, 28 and 29, the American Negro Academy which has for its object the promotion of literature, science and art, the fostering of higher education, the culture of a form of intellectual taste, the publication of scholarly works, and the defense of the Negro against vicious assault, holds its annual meeting in this city.

RACE MINISTERS JOIN WHITES TO AID IN SUPPRESSION OF CRIME

(Preston News Service.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—The colored ministers here took an active part in the unified campaign in co-operation with legal authority against lawlessness and violation of the prohibition laws. The ministers pledged themselves to do all possible in the pulpit and in private life to check the enormous crime wave that is sweeping the entire country and especially in this vicinity. It was pointed out at the general meeting of the ministers that conditions in Atlanta are no worse than in other cities of the same size, but "there is too much crime and disregard for law and it is time for the best people, ministers, laymen, and members of all races and sexes to put up a concerted effort to suppress crime" declared the pastor of Big Bethel A. M. E. Church.

TENANT FARMER BATTLES 1,000 MEN

Accounts for Twelve Before Falling Victim to Machine Gun Fire.

(Crusader Service.) Drew, Miss., Dec. 28.—Three whites were shot to death, another is believed to be dead and seven were wounded—two of them seriously—when a white posse ran amuck in a man hunt for Joe Pullen, colored tenant farmer, who had fatally wounded W. T. Sanders, white, on whose farm he stayed, in an argument over a debt Sanders claimed was owed him by his tenant farmer.

Sanders was shot through the heart and instantly killed when he went to Pullen's cabin to resume the argument over the alleged debt, and R. L. Methewen was shot to death as he approached a ditch which Pullen had taken refuge.

A posse of approximately 1,000 men joined in the man hunt, but this impressive force dwindled considerably when it was found that Pullen intended to sell his life dearly.

One by one Pullen dropped his pursuers from ambush, and by the time he reached his last stand in the drainage ditch had accounted for eleven. His twelfth man fell while aiding in placing a machine gun that had been brought up to rid the thousand to defeat the one.

The fight ended at 1 a. m. after the posse had brought up a machine gun and poured a withering fire into the drainage ditch where Pullen had entrenched himself in his last stand, and four of the posse had braved his unerring fire to storm his position.

ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-sixth and Seward Streets. Russel Taylor, Pastor.

The interest manifested in the Advent services and culminated in the special services commemorative of the Savior's birth Sunday morning. The choir made its debut and acquitted itself nicely. The choir as now constituted consists of the following voices: Sopranos—Mrs. C. H. Spriggs, the Misses Theodocia Taylor, Ethel Speese, Grace Speese, Anna Speese and Jennie Hieronymus; altos—Mrs. H. B. Taylor, Mrs. Mattie A. Johnson and Miss Beulah Speese; tenors—Elbert Taylor and Harry Speese; basses—Russel S. Taylor, William Taylor and George Wheeler, Miss Frances B. Gordon, pianist; Rev. Russel Taylor, director.

The Sunday school had its Christmas tree Wednesday night.

Sunday, December 30, the Sunday school children will occupy the choir loft and sing some of the Christmas carols. The sermon will be of special interest to children.

At 3:00 p. m. this being the Sunday nearest the anniversary of the church's organization, the services will be in reference to that event, and the program will contain the following special features: Anthem, "Hail, Holy Lord"; E. S. Lorenz, Pilgrim Baptist church choir; scripture lesson, the Rev. John Albert Williams, Episcopal church of St. Philip the Deacon; solo, "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace"; Oley Speaks, Mrs. C. H. Spriggs; prayer, the Rev. Wm. M. Franklin, Pilgrim Baptist church; responsive reading, led by the Rev. Frederick Divers, Bethel A. M. E. church; anthem, "More Love to Thee"; Alice L. Woodstock, Pilgrim Baptist church choir.

The Rev. Edwin Harte Jenks of the First Presbyterian church will preach the sermon. This will be a rare treat, and we cordially invite the public generally to be present.

PLANTATION CONCERT

A unique entertainment in the form of a Plantation Concert will be given by the Ladies' Improvement Club of Council Bluffs at Tokio Hall, 138 1/2 West Broadway, Friday, January 4. Prof. P. J. Waddles' band will take part. Mrs. Julia Farmer, president; Mrs. Frances Minor, secretary.

PROPRIETOR OF DOWN-TOWN SHOE SHINING PARLOR

Mr. E. A. Anderson who is one of the proprietors of the popular shining parlor at 1607 1/2 Farnam street, desires it to be known that this firm welcomes the patronage of all citizens. Mr. Anderson is a progressive member of our race who not only has an interest in this shop but is also owner of one in Sioux City, Iowa.

Our Pet Peeve



LEAGUE ASKING CONGRESSMEN TO URGE PRESIDENT TO PARDON SOLDIERS

Proposed United Race Audience Conducted by League and N. A. A. C. P.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22, 1923.—Noting the reports by the Associated Press that the President contemplates hearing the petitions of the N. A. A. C. P. and others for the release of the colored soldier prisoners in the not distant future, the National Equal Rights League, which petitioned President Coolidge in person in the White House for their release and for other redress on October 6th, and which has been waging a resolution campaign to secure these pardons, since, has decided to request every Northern Congressman and Senator to urge the President to grant pardons to the 54 soldiers at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. It urges race individuals to write to their own Congressmen.

W. M. Trotter on Monday reached the N. A. A. C. P. with a proposal for an united race audience with the President, to be conducted jointly by the Association with its big petition and the League with resolutions from various bodies, etc., and suggested that a representative of the Association and one of the League at Washington jointly secure this audience in behalf of a Christmas pardon, the day for pardons, citing the pardon last Saturday of the war-objector prisoners at Leavenworth.

The League suggested that all interested national organizations join in the plea made. This specific proposition for united action under the colored and the mixed national bodies jointly which have been the two doing direct work and leading for these pardons, was rejected by Secretary J. Weldon Johnson, as to dates and method.

The League declares that there is no racial disunion in any and every organization and individual appealing to the President directly to pardon the soldiers, unity in the object desired being all that is needed. The League also denied using any blank-sheet petitions to be published in newspapers or sought save individual cards in mass meetings arranged by its National Organizer. Political pressure through various channels is urged as well as combined action under one organization.

Everybody and every body write or telegraph to everybody in power or with influence and sign everything for pardon for these soldiers, is the League's advice to the race.

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FILES SENSATIONAL SUIT FOR DIVORCE

(Preston News Service.) Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Helen La Maie, wife of Elster La Maie, a motion picture and theatrical man, alleges in her complaint in a suit for divorce that her husband tried to sell her to Lou Harris Baker, a wealthy Negro of Juarez, Mexico. It is stated that Mrs. La Maie and Baker were friendly and that her husband was also friendly with a wealthy widow, Mrs. Mary Ella Howe Holder, of Dallas, Tex., and noting the apparent friendship existing between Mrs. La Maie and Baker, it is claimed that La Maie proposed to his wife that since Baker was madly in love with her \$500,000 could be secured from Baker for her. It is claimed that at the time the proposal was made the woman raised no strenuous objections, but when she became suspicious that her husband was endeavoring to get rid of her so he could marry the wealthy Texas woman Mrs. La Maie filed suit for divorce. Hearing on the case will be held at the next term of court it is said.



ACTIVE ALICE LAWLOR Soubrette with "Bathing Beauties", the big musical show selected to stage the extra midnight show at the popular Gayety. Matinee every day.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE SPENDS DAY IN OMAHA

Mr. John D. Gaine, assistant chief clerk at large of the Railway Mail Service, whose headquarters are in Washington, D. C., and who is the personal representative of the Post Office Department, spent Friday here on business connected with the department. Mr. Gaine is on an inspection tour. He has been given special oversight of the 22,000 Negroes who are in the postal service. While here he was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Peables.

TAYLOR BEATS SIKI

Jack Taylor, Omaha light-heavy, broke very much into the limelight Christmas afternoon when he received the referee's decision over Battling Siki, the singular Sengalese, in a ten-round battle at Boston.

Taylor has rounded into one of the most promising fighters in the country and has been going good in the east for some time, and now plans are being laid to bring him to Omaha in the near future as a main eventer in one of the shows. A fight between him and Siki would draw here like a plaster.

TINY HERMAN TO MEET YOUNG JACK McAULIFFE II.

Theodore Roosevelt Post, American Legion, to Stage Big Show at Auditorium, Friday, January 4th, are laying plans for one of the biggest fistic carnivals ever held in Omaha, when these two heavies meet in the squared ring.

MONROE IN SEMI-FINAL

Theodore Roosevelt Post, American Legion, promoting the Tiny Herman-Jack McAuliffe fight at the City Auditorium, Friday, January 4th, are laying plans for one of the biggest fistic carnivals ever held in Omaha, when these two heavies meet in the squared ring.

There has been a demand for some time that Herman, Omaha's heavyweight, meet the Detroit boy, McAuliffe, and this fight will be the culmination of many arguments as to the calibre of the two men who were once matched at the Garden in New York, the bout being cancelled last year because of ill health. Daily newspapers report that bad blood exists between the men, saying that they very nearly staged a free battle in the east some time ago—and should this be the case a real battle is scented. The Gans-Schlafer fight a short time ago in Omaha was proclaimed by fans and newspapers in general to be one of the best ever staged here and Herman and the Detroit will have to get up and travel to keep up the good work.

Battling Monroe, local colored middle-weight, will meet Chuck Lambert of St. Paul, in the semi-final. Lambert is known in his country as a K. O. king, having persuaded several good boys to kiss the rosined canvas. Monroe is going good, and although he has not been looked over a whole lot, he has made a good showing both times in Omaha. Both wins were by the K. O. route, the latest battle being when he stopped Carl Augustine with a punch.

The preliminaries all will be good, one being between Big Munn of Sioux City and Johnny Lee, the Valentino of the ring. This ought to be "good".

All in all, it looks good, and it will be the first fight staged in Omaha under the direct promotion of the colored people, and all should attend the fight. Tickets will be at popular prices at regular places.

WASHINGTON MARKET NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The New Washington Market, a firm whose advertisement appears in this issue, has just opened an up-to-the-minute, well-stocked store at 1201 North Twentyfourth street, near Nicholas street, where they specialize in country produce, meats and groceries. Here can be found everything for the table at reasonable prices. The proprietors are courteous and obliging and customers are guaranteed satisfaction. The Washington Market is offering very attractive prices and goods in their Saturday specials. It will repay you to visit this store. Your patronage is solicited.

Mrs. Fannie Knox of Des Moines, Ia., and Mr. Richard Houston of Norfolk, Nebr., were united in marriage by Rev. M. H. Wilkinson on Saturday, December 23. They met at Council Bluffs. The groom is a staunch member of the Baptist Church in Norfolk, and she of Des Moines. They will reside at Norfolk.

EXTRADITION OF MAN TO GEORGIA HALTED BY JUDGE

(Preston News Service.) Trenton, N. J., Dec. 27.—The extradition of Silas Panmore, charged with killing I. Jefferson Williams, chief of police of Iron City, Ga., last May, was halted Wednesday afternoon after Governor Silzer had announced his determination to honor an application from Governor Walker of Georgia. A writ of habeas corpus was allowed by Vice-Chancellor Buchanan.

It is said that Governor Silzer decided to allow the extradition after being assured by the southern executive that Panmore would be given a fair trial, which was the main point of resistance offered by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. According to counsel for Panmore, the man knew nothing of the crime of which he was accused until ten days after it occurred. It was claimed that Panmore was a rather successful man at Iron City and many white men had made insinuating remarks about the "swell headed nigger." It is believed that the man will not be given a fair trial if allowed to be taken back to Georgia.

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NEGRO WORKERS JOINING COMMUNIST PARTY

(Crusader Service.) Chicago, Dec. 28.—Indicative of the new mental attitude of the Negro masses and demonstrative of the success of radical agitation among Negroes is the following letter which appeared in the columns of the Whip of this city:

Dear Editor: One of the main objects of the Ku Klux Klan is to prevent social contact between Negroes and whites. One of the main objects of the Young Workers League is to organize Negroes and white young people in the same organization, and to have them mingle together at dances, house parties, lectures, gymnasiums, outings, theatre parties, etc. The Young Workers League believes that this is the only practical way of doing away with racial prejudice. Our south side branch has at present two Negro members and a Negro chairman, all of the others being white. A cordial invitation is extended to the Young Negro Workers and students between the ages of 16 and 21 to visit our meetings and join with us because we only know one race, the human race. Yours truly, (Signed) GORDON W. OWENS.

SPENDS XMAS WITH PARENTS

Joseph LaCour, circulation and advertising manager of the Kansas City Call, spent Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaCour, 2421 Maple street. Mr. LaCour who began his newspaper work on The Monitor, while he was a student in Central High school, has been most successful in building up the circulation and advertising of The Call which has grown from an eight-page publication to one of twelve. Chester A. Franklin, editor and owner of The Call, is also a former Omaha boy and a graduate of Central High.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Frederick Divers, Pastor.

We are now in the midst of the holiday season. Sunday was a great day. We had special services Sunday morning. Christmas was the theme of song, prayer and sermon. There were two accessions.

Sunday evening the choir had prepared a splendid program which was rendered in part to the delight and satisfaction of all present. We had with us at that service Rev. Mr. Campbell, evangelist of the Fourth district, who spoke.

The program for Tuesday night was quite a success. The Sunday school children entertained to the delight of their parents and friends, and were in turn given nice things for Christmas by the Sunday school and their friends.

Revival services begin again in Bethel Sunday morning. You are invited.

OLD FOLKS HOME CHRISTMAS TREE

The inmates of the Old Folks Home were made happy Christmas Day by a well laden Christmas tree from which presents from friends were distributed to all. The exercises were held at 8 p. m.

All donations for month will be reported in next week's paper.

The women interested in this worthy cause will keep open house at the Home New Year's Day. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

The S. S. S. will entertain at their annual Christmas party Friday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solomon, 2619 Maple street.

STOCKHOLDERS RECEIVE LIBERAL SLICES OF MELON

Prosperous Concern Has Remarkable Growth—Leading Business Men Compose Board of Directors.

ORGANIZATION IN 4th YEAR

Stock of the Company Owned Largely by Successful Undertakers Throughout Tri-State Territory.

(Preston News Service.) Memphis, Tenn., December 27.—Hundreds of stockholders in ten different states, were made glad for Christmas by receiving checks varying from \$10 to \$1,000, in accordance with stock owned, bearing a seven per cent dividend, on both the common and preferred stock, declared by the board of directors of the Tri-State Casket & Coffin Company at their annual meeting on December 10. The checks were mailed out December 15. The Tri-State Casket & Coffin Company began the manufacture of casket supplies early in 1920, capitalized at \$200,000. The stock of the company is owned largely by successful undertakers throughout the tri-state territory. The promoters hit upon a unique plan, as an investment feature, namely having the stock held largely by undertakers who use the products of the company, thereby enabling the undertakers to practically purchase goods from themselves, which in turn enables them to sell to their customers cheaper than their competitors, who do not share in the liberal discount allowed by the factory to its undertaker stockholders, as well as sharing in the dividend.

The company is now in its fourth year, and unlike many Negro enterprises, has the proud distinction of an unbroken dividend record of seven per cent paid every stockholder since its beginning, besides being able to set aside a substantial surplus each year. The organization has been fortunate in that from the very start it has enjoyed the confidence of thousands of Colored undertakers throughout the South. The growth of the company has been rapid and steady, being based upon a sound business foundation and efficiently managed along the lines of sound business principles. The officers and directors of the company comprise some of the most successful business men of the South. T. H. Hayes, of Memphis, the leading undertaker of the South, is its president; while on the directorate are such men as R. R. Church, a national character and an acknowledged leader; J. B. Martin, president of the South Memphis Drug Company; and Wayman Wilkerson, an acknowledged business genius, is secretary and manager. A. M. Woods is sales manager, and his proven ability along this line makes him stand out as a leading "business getter" of the South.

HOMESTEAD PASTOR PRESENTED WITH PURSE BY CONGREGATION

(Preston News Service.) Homestead, Pa., Dec. 27.—Rev. M. A. Talley, pastor of Clark Memorial Baptist Church here, was presented with a purse of \$1,000 last Thursday night by members of the congregation at a banquet celebrating his successful administration during the building of the new church edifice, said to be one of the finest in Western Pennsylvania. More than a thousand members and friends attended the affair.

INScribe MEMORIAL TO NEGRO FOOTBALL STAR

(Preston News Service.) Ames, Iowa, Dec. 28.—A bronze plate on which is inscribed his last letter has been placed in the gymnasium at Iowa State College by athletic letter men in honor of Jack Trice, star Negro tackle on last year's football team, who died of injuries received in the Minnesota game last fall. An honor "A" was sent to his mother at Ravenna, Ohio.

PETITION COMPANY FOR COLORED PHONE OPERATORS

(Preston News Service.) Washington, Dec. 28.—Asserting that more telephones are used by Negroes in Washington than any other city in America, the Negro National Education Congress has petitioned the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company for the employment of Negro girls as telephone operators and clerks. The telegraph companies and city transit lines have received similar requests from the Congress, of which Prof. Silas Harris is president.