

SENTIMENT FOR RELEASE OF MILITARY PRISONERS

IS ADMITTED TO BE VALUABLE ASSET TO A COMMUNITY

George Capitalist Declares Prosperity of South Depends and is Linked With Well-Being of the Negro

NORTHWARD TREND A PART

Migration of Negro Has Beneficent Reaction—Spirit of Friendliness Shown Negro Business Enterprises

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 29.—Remarks by Mr. George J. Baldwin, president of the Savannah (Georgia) Board of Trade, in an address before the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce at its recent annual banquet indicated that the migration of the Negro from the South is having a beneficent reaction on that section. A more favorable attitude is being developed in many sections.

Trained Leaders Needed

Declaring that the greatest need of Georgia today is "trained leaders," Mr. Baldwin said: "The highest need of our state is trained leaders, of men of courage. It is not in our fields, our mines and our forests, which make a state prosperous and happy, it is not in our power companies, our railroads, our steamships, our farms and our factories that will make Georgia great. These are the mere tools men use in building their communities and their homes. The true factories of our prosperity are our homes in which mothers and fathers are building the character of our future citizens."

Keep the Negro Here

Mr. Baldwin declared that the prosperity of Georgia and the South depends upon keeping the Negro here. It is either to hold the Negro in the South or to replace him by immigration from Europe, "which brings with it the bolshevism and anarchism," he said. "This economic question will settle itself," Mr. Baldwin declares. "We can afford to pay the Negro as good wages as in any other section of the country, measured by the quality of the services he renders. When this is known the question will be settled."

Mr. Baldwin is chairman of the board of directors of the Savannah Electric and Power Company. During the world war he was president of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and has held many other exceedingly responsible positions.

The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce is composed of 1,500 members and comprises within its membership practically every important business establishment in the city of Atlanta. In emphasizing the place which the Negro must occupy in the prosperity of the state before this important and influential group of leading Atlanta citizens, Mr. Baldwin showed rare courage and frankness.

Chamber of Commerce Meets With Negro Business Men

Co-incident with this banquet was a meeting of a number of leaders of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce with officers of the Standard Life, Citizens Trust, Service Company, triangular group of business enterprises operated by colored men in Atlanta, at which meeting there was a full discussion looking to a closer understanding of the relations between white and colored citizens of Georgia in the matter of co-operation in the industrial and civic problems of the state of Georgia.

Herman E. Perry, who heads this group of business enterprises operated by colored men in Atlanta, in speaking of the meeting, stated that a spirit of co-operation and friendliness was exhibited by each and every member of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce present, and that in his opinion it is the dawn of a new day when the dominant business interests of the south indicate a willingness to co-operate in improving the economic welfare of the colored people through the business agencies set in motion by the colored people themselves.

VIRGIN ISLANDS A DANGER SPOT

Washington, Feb. 29.—In the event of a war with a foreign power, Rear Admiral McKean told the Naval Affairs Committee that the vicinity of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, seemed the likely scene of an initial engagement.

MEXICAN COLONY FAILS

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 29.—The attempt to colonize colored people in a locality in northwestern Mexico is said to have failed. The "brethren" did not relish the sporadic revolutions of the Mexicans.

ENTHUSIASTIC MASS MEETING HELD BY N. A. A. C. P. AT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Contributions Totalling Approximately \$175 in Cash and Pledges Made To Anti-Lynching Fund.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Omaha Branch of N. A. A. C. P. was held at Zion Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon. It was in charge of the Anti-Lynching Fund Campaign committee and in the interest of the drive for that fund. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Asa C. Oglesby, a member of the special committee. Prayer was offered by the Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor of the church. Attorney John Adams made an excellent master of ceremonies. There were musical numbers by the choir, H. L. Preston, and the B Sharp Circle Quartette. There were brief remarks by the president, Rev. John Albert Williams, and soul-stirring addresses by Isaac Konecky, former editor of the Jewish Bulletin and, deputy sheriff, and Judge A. L. Sutton, after which a strong appeal for contributions to help rid America of the menace of lynching by the passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill was made by Mr. Adams. Judge Sutton opened the fund with a contribution of ten dollars. A few others, whose names will be subsequently published, followed with like amounts. Others contributed five and lesser sums. The sum of \$98.99 was contributed in cash and pledges totalling \$75.00 were received. C. C. Galloway, chairman of the committee of five on the Drive, urged the people present to acquaint their neighbors with the necessity of contributing to the fund.

Next Sunday will be the regular meeting of the Branch, which will be turned into a mass meeting. It will be held at Pilgrim Baptist Church. Mayor Dahlman and others will speak.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS LEAGUE

(Lincoln News Service.) Washington, Feb. 29.—A number of prominent local women have organized what is to be known as "The Women's National Business League." The plan of the organization is to create and secure positions for our women and girls; back up and boost our own enterprises; help our business enterprises to advertise; encourage worthy talent, whether through art or business, by giving scholarships or financial support; encourage young men and women who are industrially inclined, to continue their studies in learning how to manufacture cloth, shoes, buttons, matches, etc.; to encourage thrift through the savings departments of our "own" banks, and to have some one from our group study business etiquette, window decorating, etc., in order to aid our enterprises along these lines. Officers of the organization are: Miss Virginia L. Williams, president, and Mrs. Julia H. Hayes, secretary.

WHITELAW HOTEL SAVED

Washington, Feb. 29.—The Whitelaw Hotel, famous hostelry of Washington, D. C., walked right on the auction block and then walked right off again—without being "knocked down." The sale was postponed pending application for a loan to pay interest on \$70,000 in mortgages now past due. Total indebtedness of the famous hostelry is fixed at \$150,000.

SUCCESSFUL WOMEN FARMERS

(Lincoln News Service.) Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 29.—The 114 colored women farm owners and operators in this state will be interested in the report of the Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics, which claims that the 8,789 farms in the state that are farmed or supervised by women are more profitable than are the average farms controlled by men.

HAS EIGHTEEN FARM AGENTS

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 29.—State Department of Agriculture has eighteen colored farm agents at work advising farmers of the State.



ELLSWORTH W. PRYOR

Who leaves the Omaha Chamber of Commerce today after nineteen years of continuous service as steward.

BURCH BALL CLUB NOW IN SPRING TRAINING IN SOUTH

President Burch and Manager Griggs Leave with Squad of Regulars and Rookies for Camp in Shreveport, La.

NEW MANAGER BIG-LEAGUER

Nearly All Candidates are Reporting to Southern Camps. Catcher Geo. Hale is a Hold-out. Culplo Agrees to Terms

Barney (Feagin J.) Burch, owner of the Omaha Western League team and his new manager, Art Griggs, with nearly all candidates for this year's team are in spring training at Shreveport, La. Burch and a few players left Omaha the first of the week and Griggs left for camp from Los Angeles the same day. The first exhibition game will be played March 8 or 10.

The signing of Art Griggs as manager of the club was real news to the baseball squirrels.

Burch paid 4 thousand dollars to the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league for Griggs, who has played first for that club for several seasons.

During 1923 he made but fifteen errors in 153 games, standing fourth in the fielding averages of the entire circuit.

He batted .329, making twenty-one home runs, twelve three-baggers and thirty-five double base blows. He scored eighty-eight runs and batted in 101.

He'll play first for Omaha. McCarthy, purchased from Syracuse last fall to play the initial sack, will be shifted to outfield, Burch said last night.

"McCarthy," according to Burch, "is an excellent outfielder, having had as much experience in the outer defense as he has had at first."

Means What He Says

"Griggs is known for his clean habits, his well-balanced directing and his few words. When he talks he has something to say. He's going to be manager of the club with all the meaning that the dictionary credits that word."

Griggs used to play second for the St. Louis Browns; later he was sold

to Cleveland, where he served until he was sent to the coast. He has been in baseball almost twenty years, much of the time in the big leagues, and is about 36 years old.

Among the other 30 or more players who are working for a berth on the Omaha Club are several rookies whose records we have been unable to obtain, but a short summary of some of the better known men follows:

McCarthy comes from the Syracuse, N. Y., International Club. For him Burch paid 5 thousand dollars cash. He is said to be a wizard. A big fellow, he hits on both sides, round about .300, but throws right handed. He is fast, clean and clever. Experts who watched him at both Syracuse and Columbus rate him high and predict a great future for him.

Chick Thompson, the St. Louis boy, bought from the Grand Island State league club, looked great the short time he defensed second here last fall, and while he still lacks experience, looks like a fixture on the keystone. He is unostentatious in his work, but speedy in getting over the ground. He hit above .350 in forty-two games in the State league. That he can and will go is the belief of Manager Burch.

At short, there are no strings attached to Jim O'Neil of Minooka, Pa., who comes to Omaha via the Washington American league club deal for Byron Speece. Burch predicts that he will be recognized as the Western league ace. At Washington he hit .321 in twenty games. Griffith bought him in 1919 of Scranton for 65 hundred dollars, a fortune for an infielder at that time. He is a right-handed slammer and a terror, looks like Dick O'Connor, and covers as much ground as any young fielder in the game. Loud, noisy and a hustler—a crowd pleaser.

No special encomium is necessary for Jimmy Wilcox, the Oakdale, Pa., wonder. He has had four years experience now, and showed better every year. A fine reliable all round player, who will be among the big ones in 1925.

Dick O'Connor will be found in right. He has spent the winter here and reports that he has thoroughly recovered from all his aches and pains and is once more sound as a dollar. Joe Bonowitz of Columbus, O., in middle field, has no superior in any league. The one reason why he is not in any of the big leagues is his erratic hitting, and his ineffectiveness on bases.

Henri La Vallie is a new one, but reputed a star. He lives in Wooster,

SENATE TURNS DOWN COHEN'S APPOINTMENT

This is the Second Time He Has Failed For U. S. Collector of Customs at New Orleans.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—The United States Senate last week failed to confirm the appointment of Walter L. Cohen as Collector of Port at New Orleans, La. This is the second time that Cohen's appointment has been turned down by the Senate after his appointment by the President.

It will be remembered that President Harding appointed Cohen twice during his life and that President Coolidge re-appointed him after he took office. The vote last week was 35 to 37 against Cohen. His appointment was bitterly fought by Southern Senators.

COLORED WOMAN APPOINTED ON SCHOOL BOARD

(Lincoln News Service.) New York, Feb. 29.—Mrs. Bessie J. Bearden has been appointed to the School Board of the Fifteenth School District, Borough of Manhattan, for a term of two years by Borough President Miller. Mrs. Bearden is the only Negro board member. She has been chosen Secretary of the Board.

LEWIS SUCCEEDS BROWN

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Morris Lewis has been appointed assistant Commissioner of Conciliation in the Department of Labor to fill the unexpired term of Phil H. Brown, deceased. The appointment was made by Secretary of Labor Davis, and was sponsored by Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois.

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. E. H. McDonald, D.D., Pastor. Decided progress is being made and noted in all church activities. Sunday morning the Rev. T. J. Brown of Savannah, Ga., was the preacher. In his sermon he stressed God's hatred of sin. At night the Rev. J. T. Thomas of Pleasant Green Baptist preached. Good congregations were present throughout the day, many strangers being among the worshippers.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Frederick Divers, Pastor. The services were all well attended Sunday, and there was considerable interest shown by all departments of the Church. During the coming week, March 3-7, Bethel will observe her Second Anniversary. The program will be participated in by all the churches in Omaha regardless of denomination. The program each night will be in charge of one of the auxiliaries of the Church and one or more visiting churches. There will be preaching each evening followed by a social hour. Come to see us during the week.

THE CITY LEAGUE

The City League composed of the Negro Methodist Churches of the city, which was organized a few Sundays ago, has prepared a splendid program which will be rendered at their next meeting to be held with the A. C. E. League of Allen Chapel, 25th and R streets, South Omaha, Sunday, March 9th, at 1:30 p. m. All young people interested in League work are invited to be present.

TEACHERS WANT EQUAL PAY

Newark, N. J., Feb. 29.—School teachers of the race have inaugurated a campaign to secure equal pay for all teachers in the State. At present colored teachers are receiving \$200 less than whites.

Mass., and comes to Omaha from the New York Yankees. The Parisian had no chance against Ruth, Meusel and Witt. La Vallie was a marvel at both Wooster and Pittsfield and had there been an opening in the Yankee lineup he would have doubtless shone as brilliantly there.

Wilder is at his home in Maynard, Mass., but writes he has kept in fettle all winter.

VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CONDITIONS IN NORTH AND SOUTH

The Rev. W. C. Williams, Pastor of St. John's A. M. E., Who Recently Returned From Southern Trip Gives Impressions.

The Rev. W. C. Williams, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. Church, recently returned from a pleasant trip to Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Tuskegee, New Orleans, and other Southern points. It was his first extensive trip there since childhood. Speaking of conditions as he observed them, he said: "In the larger cities like Atlanta and Birmingham, while there are a few outstanding individuals who have acquired wealth and influence, the vast majority show lamentable evidence of the repressing conditions under which they live. In the rural districts the condition of our people is pitiable; school privileges are poor and as a result there is a large amount of illiteracy; housing conditions are bad, crowded cabins and shacks being the rule rather than the exception. Another thing that disgusted me was the fact that in the larger cities in the sections where the Negroes live, they don't pretend to pave or take any care whatever of the streets. Say what they will they are way behind the times. There is no comparison between the advantages our people enjoy up here and down there. There's a big difference. Dissatisfaction as to their condition and the things they have to put up with is rapidly growing among our race in the South as I learned from observation and conversation."

OMAHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAKES DECIDED CHANGES

Women's Division Takes Over the Management of Dining Room Which Affects Several of Our Groups.

PRYOR QUILTS AS STEWARD

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce has been running behind in its operating expenses during the past three years. Difficulty has been found in increasing the membership and consequently the revenue. For some months there have been rumors of a consolidation of the Chamber of Commerce with the Athletic Club. That such a merger was contemplated was denied. There has been newspaper publicity as to reorganization, retrenchment and other suggestions as to meeting the situation. Commissioner Larsen, whose salary was \$12,000 a year has been cut to \$6,000, and his resignation accepted. It is an open secret that the financial situation of the organization was by no means satisfactory. It is alleged that the dining room, which has been under the capable and efficient management of E. W. Pryor as steward for nineteen years, and which had been made to pay through his successful management previously, last year, ran behind to the amount of \$6,000. The opening of dining rooms in other clubs and cafes was no doubt in part responsible for this. As a part of its retrenchment plan, the Chamber of Commerce has turned over the management of the dining room to the Women's division of the organization and the women have accepted it and have planned to take it over March 15. Through this arrangement Mr. Pryor, who has many commendatory letters from officials of the Chamber and from distinguished guests for his excellent services, is relieved from a position which he has capably filled for nineteen years, and leaves the Chamber March 1. He leaves with the consciousness of having rendered faithful service and without a mark against his character for integrity, fidelity or efficiency.

This change means the loss of positions for several of our men who have been employed as waiters.

Remit for your paper now.

"HOUSTON RIOTERS" HAVE EXEMPLARY RECORD IN PRISON

Soldiers of Ill-Fated Twenty-fourth Infantry Who Are Serving Time at Leavenworth Entitled to Freedom.

SENTIMENT GROWS IN FAVOR

Chicago Tribune Publishes Plea For Release of Prisoners Now Receiving Support From Many Influential Quarters.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—Backing up the plea for the release of the remaining members of the 24th Infantry incarcerated in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, being made by various groups throughout the United States, is an article which recently appeared in The Chicago Tribune headed "Negro Soldiers at Leavenworth Good Prisoners." In The Tribune article the following appears:

"Back in April, 1919, some 1,100 prisoners filed into the Leavenworth federal penitentiary dining room on a certain night for supper. When the guard banged his gavel as a signal to start eating a riot started. The I. W. W.'s were at work again, even behind the bars, for the revolt had been arranged by a group of wobblies sent there for seeking to betray their country in time of war.

"As cups and dishes were hurled at guards one group of prisoners was noticeably quiet. Their activity lay only in trying to quell the riot. They were fifty-four Negroes, serving sentences for participation in the Houston, Tex., mutiny riot of 1917.

Army vs. Prison View. "In army records they are mutineers they are the best behaved and most they are the best behaved and most docile of the convicts. In at least some civilian quarters many of them are looked on as over-sentenced for a riot, into which at least some were unintentionally dragged.

"Two days later another riot was started by the imprisoned I. W. W.'s. Again the Negroes sentenced for murder and mutiny sought to restore order. A guard was knocked down by a wobbly. Other wobblies started for the prostrate form, when several of the Negroes stepped in and saved the guard's life. Some weeks before they had fought bravely in putting out two prison fires.

"The wobblies who rioted have long since been released. The Houston rioters are still behind the bars, despite recommendations from prison officials that their sentences be commuted.

"In the government records at Washington is a letter from W. I. Bidle, warden at Leavenworth, stating that these rioters have at all times shown themselves ready to back up the authorities and that only two have violated prison rules. These two settled a little argument with fists. He recommended, government officials say, that the life sentences be reduced to fifteen years and the fifteen year sentences of other be dropped to five years. No action has been taken."

It is interesting to note that the plea which is being made for the release of these prisoners is receiving support from so many quarters.

CONSTRUCTS FINE UNDER-TAKING ESTABLISHMENT

(Lincoln News Service.) Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Mr. James Cuthbert Campbell, the most successful colored mortician in the State, has just completed in this city a fine undertaking establishment. The building is of colonial design, 75 feet deep and about 25 feet wide, and three stories high, including the basement. The front is graced by four stalwart columns and a balcony above and beneath. The first floor is given over to offices, reception room, display room and chapel. The building also carries a large garage space ample for hearses, ambulance and other cars. Mr. Campbell is interested in other business projects and is one of this city's most prosperous citizens.

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP

THE DEACON The services Sunday will be at the usual hours: Holy Communion 7:30 a. m.; Church School, 10; sung Eucharist with sermon, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and Confirmation instruction at 8 o'clock.

Ash Wednesday the services will be Holy Communion 7:00 a. m.; morning prayer and litany at 10 a. m.; evening prayer, penitential office and sermon at 8 o'clock.

Raising the Family - He fears nothing - of course excepting Sophie!



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