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## ARTICLE XIV, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

### Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged

1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

### ROBERT COWELL

THOSE who knew Robert Cowell, the kindly, warm-hearted, broad-minded, justice-loving Christian gentleman who last week was called to rest, can well believe that having served God in his generation he was gathered unto his fathers, "having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope; in favour with God and in perfect charity with the world," to quote the expressive and beautiful language of the Book of Common Prayer. The city which he loved and to which he gave such willing, unstinted and cheerful service is richer for the life and example of Robert Cowell. A business man of the highest ideals, honor and integrity, he did not make business his slave but regarded it rather as a servant of the public, his chosen field in which he could serve humanity. Nor did his engrossment therein prevent his giving generously, most generously, of his time and means for the public weal. Every worthy cause found in him a ready helper. His sympathy was broad. He knew no class or race distinctions. With him manhood, character and worth were what counted. A notable example of this was his appointment some years ago of a competent colored girl to a responsible position in the firm of which he was then vice-president and who remained an employee of the firm until she voluntarily resigned to take a position in another city. Labor, suspicious of capital and employers, trusted him absolutely because of his honesty and high sense of justice. He had the courage to say and do what he believed to be right, a very rare trait in these days. In him our people found a courageous, warm-hearted and sympathetic friend, because his love for humanity was catholic enough to embrace us and he was interested in helping all men attain the highest stature of manhood. Nor did he underestimate our struggle. In our last conversation shortly before his illness he said, "Your people have a hard battle before them and at times it must seem quite discouraging, because of the very apparent unwillingness upon the part of so many to lend co-operation. There seems to be so many things that are wrong and so much selfishness and self-seeking that I sometimes question whether after all our country has made much real progress. It seems that there's a decided lowering of our standards and ideals. This is general. Its bearing upon your peculiar position is obvious. Your fight is a hard one. But, don't give up. With your sunny optimism it's hardly necessary for me to tell you this. Right must eventually prevail, although at times conditions make us doubt." We did not dream that that was the last time we would see Robert Cowell alive. This then was his parting message to us and to our people. It is one that we should cherish and act upon. Personally, we thank God for the life, example and friendship of Robert Cowell, of whom the world has all too few. May others of his kind be raised up to lift the life of our community to a higher plane of brotherhood.

### PLANNING AHEAD

ONE of our racial weaknesses is that of failing to plan ahead or to look far into the future. Carpe diem, enjoy or live in the present day, seems to be our motto. We think in terms

of the present. When we act we act impulsively or without due preparation. This is not the way of the dominant group. They look to the future; they plan far ahead. We must learn to do the same. We must have an objective and work patiently towards that objective. It isn't, for example what the little business venture we may embark upon now will be six months or a year from today, but what it will be ten years hence. This is also true of any organized effort, political or otherwise. It should be planned far ahead. We need far-sightedness. When we look far ahead and plan far ahead we will get somewhere.

### ENDS NINTH YEAR

THIS ISSUE ends the ninth year of the publication of The Monitor. For nine years without missing an issue The Monitor has gone into the homes of hundreds of our people in all sections of the country carrying its message. It has been warmly welcomed and we feel that we have been able to accomplish some little good at least. With proper support and co-operation the publication will be continued and we hope strengthened and improved as the years go by. There are a great many subscriptions due. Those who desire to see The Monitor survive will promptly send in their subscriptions. Thanking subscribers and advertisers for their support in the past and soliciting its continuance in the future we end Volume IX and look forward to entering upon our tenth year.

### THE WAY TO WIN

AS citizens and taxpayers we are entitled to certain considerations that are denied us, or at least, withheld from us. We will not get them by sitting supinely by and expecting them to be given us. We will get them by going after them wholeheartedly and unitedly and by making it clearly understood that we are in earnest in our just demands. This is the only way to win.

### SOMETHING AT LEAST

LILLYWHITISM was swatted by the National Republican convention. That's one good thing to its credit. Then, too, it did come out flatly and without the customary straddle for a federal anti-lynching bill. This is at least something. It was, however, afraid or unwilling to oppose the sheet and slit pillow-slip brigade. Wherefore?

### IF

IF the Democrats have the courage to come out squarely against the Kluxies and nominate an anti-Klan candidate, their chances for again occupying the White House will be mighty good. "Koons, Keiks and Katholicks" poll a heavy vote.

### REGISTRATION FOR BONUS AT COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Roosevelt Post of the American Legion calls the attention of all ex-service men to the fact that arrangements have been made for them to register for the bonus and receive information relative to the same all next week at the Colored Commercial Club, 1514 1/2 North Twenty-fourth street. This is an important matter which no ex-service man should overlook or neglect.

### A PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM RACE PREJUDICE

By Morney Williams  
(For the Associated Negro Press)

**G**OD, who has made man in Thine own likeness and who dost love all whom Thou hast made, suffer us not, because of difference in race, color or condition, to separate ourselves from others, and thereby from Thee; but teach us the unity of Thy family and the universality of Thy love. As Thy Son, our Savior, was born of an Hebrew mother and ministered first to His brethren of the House of Israel, and rejoiced in the faith of a Syro-Phoenician woman and of a Roman soldier, and suffered His cross to be carried by a man of Africa, teach us, also, while loving and serving our own, to enter into the communion of the whole human family; and forbid that, from pride of birth and hardness of heart, we should despise any for whom Christ died, or injure any in whom He lives. Amen.

### PICTURES OF WINNERS IN RECENT POPULAR BABY CONTEST OF N. A. A. C. P.

Inasmuch as Nos. 2 and 3 were transposed last week, the pictures of these prize-winning babies are republished in the correct order.



MARY HEDDY WIGGINS  
First Prize



CHARLES RICHARD STANTON  
Second Prize



CHARLOTTE A. HICKS  
Third Prize

### Cost of World War Is Fixed at \$80,680,000,000

New York.—A book, "The Inter-Ally Debts," published by the Bankers Trust company, estimates the total cost of the World war at \$80,680,000,000 gold. That sum would reproduce all the railway mileage of the world, with more than \$20,000,000,000 to spare for other uses.

During nearly two hundred and twenty-six years there were eight major wars, such as that which was considered an enormous cost at the time. The war of William III cost \$150,000,000, the War of Austrian Succession \$200,000,000, and the Seven Years' war \$350,000,000. The American war cost \$500,000,000 and the French wars, from 1792 to 1815, about \$6,000,000,000. Later, the Crimean war cost \$350,000,000, and finally, the Boer war cost about \$1,500,000,000. In spite of all that, the total cost of government for Great Britain in that period amounted to but \$53,000,000,000.

As for our own government, the total cost from 1791 until 1914, including the cost of the War of 1812, of the Mexican war, of the Civil war, of the Indian campaigns and of the Spanish war, together with pensions, purchase of Louisiana, Alaska and payment for the Philippines, as well as the cost of building the Panama canal, all combined, amounted to \$24,500,000,000—less than one-third the cost of the World war.

### "Wonder Child" Puzzle to Russian Physicians

Moscow.—Soviet Russia has produced a "wonder child," a boy four years and ten months old, named Victor, son of a Vladivostok physician, who already wears a full beard of whiskers and is able to throw a full-grown man in a wrestling match. The learned professor, Leontief, and his colleague, Doctor Bosik, who examined Victor, speak about hypertrophical development, the thyroid, pancreatic and other glands and a "mysterious malady" from which the child is suffering. But Victor continues to grow despite them and their treatment. The precocious infant, who walks stiffly and stumbly, plays like a child and has a child's mentality, yet he can choke his small playmates black faced. He puzzles professors as the great country where he was born puzzles Western theorists.

### Trees Six Cougars

Montesano, Wash.—For the pelt of a cougar recently killed by himself, Jack Eckstrand of Aberdeen has received from Auditor W. D. Campbell a bounty of \$20. Eckstrand killed the cougar near the headwaters of the Satsop river. He told Mr. Campbell that at the time his dogs had treed six of the animals, but owing to the lateness of the hour the others got away in the growing darkness.

### FORGIVE WRECKER OF MANY FORTUNES

### Friends Give Him an Ovation on His Return.

Tunica, Miss.—After an absence of 11 years, during which time he played the role of chauffeur, clerk and merchant in various cities in the United States and Canada, Leo Lesser, former planter, cotton factor, banker, manufacturer and philanthropist, returned home, was forgiven by his legion of friends and the courts and announced his determination to repay his many and varied creditors, dollar for dollar, the almost countless sums, large and small, they lost when he went away and left a score of wrecked business firms and a trail of worthless paper.

Hundreds of Tunica county citizens, apprised in advance of Lesser's homecoming, met him at the train and with one voice bade him welcome. Whatever odium followed in the wake of his departure in 1913 was forgotten in the rejoicing over his return.

Although he was charged in eight indictments with embezzlement, forgery and fraudulent breach of trust, dozens of men and women recall that Leo Lesser had befriended them in the days when his meteoric career was cast across the sky of the financial and business world. Hundreds of notes bearing the signatures of his friends and endorsed and paid by him were found by the receivers who tried vainly to salvage the business enterprises he was accused of wrecking.

Lesser went before Judge W. A. Altcorn to face a charge of embezzlement in connection with the failure of the Bank of Tunica, of which he was the president. A petition signed by 600 citizens of Tunica county, and asking that the charge be dismissed, was presented to the court. The embezzlement charge was not pressed, and Lesser left immediately for Senatobia, Miss., in an effort to effect a reconciliation with his wife, who has been teaching school since her husband's disappearance.

### Balboa Set Precedent for Illiterate Alien

New York.—Vasco Nunez de Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific ocean, seems to have laid the foundation 400 years ago for the admission of an illiterate immigrant woman into the United States.

Mannel Gomez, in a little town in Pennsylvania, decided to marry the girl of his choice back in Portugal. For lovers, separated by thousands of miles, the law of Portugal provides that a relative of the bridegroom may stand beside the bride while a priest, or civil official, conducts the ceremony. The marriage was solemnized in a little Portuguese village and Mrs. Gomez set proudly forth to meet her husband.

Immigrant officials at Providence denied admission to her on the ground that she was illiterate. They pointed out the marriage by proxy was invalid under the law of the United States.

Judge J. A. Lowell in the Massachusetts District court said in part in ordering admission: "Gomez was following an illustrious precedent set in 1516 by Vasco Nunez de Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific ocean, who was wedded by proxy while in Darien to the daughter (who was in Spain) of the royal governor, Pedrarias."

The judge then established in his opinion that the marriage is governed by the law of the country in which it takes place and directs: "Let the writ of habeas corpus issue."

### Discover New Method of Making Crystals

Tokyo.—A startling invention by a Japanese is given prominence in local newspapers. Two professors of the Tokyo Imperial university have perfected a method of manufacturing perfect artificial crystals.

Instead of \$1,500 the new invention brings down the cost of a 5-inch diameter crystal ball to \$1. The artificial crystal is made by melting white stones by electricity at a temperature of 2,000 degrees. The special kind of stone is found in abundance in northwestern provinces of Japan.

The inventor declared: "If we use selected raw material, we can easily manufacture lenses for spectacles, as there is no need of grinding them. It is just as easy for us to make artificial-veined quartz and amethysts by this method as to produce large-sized artificial crystals."

### WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

**Washington Segregation Decision**  
Every Negro living on American soil should join the fight against the new menace of segregation looming in the recent decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

When the Supreme Court of the United States outlawed segregation it was hoped that the American spirit of fair play would have ended forever any attempt to restrict housing based purely on racial considerations.

Negroes have no quarrel with any man or group of men who wish to restrict their neighbors to their own kind or standard of living, by actual ownership, but to lay down a legal barrier against any American citizen which would prevent him from buying any property he has money to buy and whose owner wishes to sell to him, is an abridgement of human rights of Negroes, but for the fundamental principles upon which this government was founded.—The Baltimore Afro-American.

**The Washington Segregation Decision**  
The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia has handed down a decision legalizing the Washington segregation contracts. The court holds that any owners of real estate or group of owners who enter into agreements or covenants not to sell the property set forth in such agreements, are legally bound by such agreements and covenants.

What is more amazing, the learned court held that such agreements are not "segregation", because Negroes can combine and exclude sale of properties to whites under similar agreements. Segregation has been held by the United States Supreme Court to be illegal, hence, to avoid that rock, the District Court, per force, had to hold that contractual exclusion is not segregation. A wonderful decision, one worthy as a successor of Justice Taney's Dred Scott decision.

In order that there can be no further play upon words by the courts it will be necessary to secure from the United States Supreme Court a full and complete definition of "segregation" as falling within the inhibition of the Fourteenth Amendment, and the federal statutes thereunder.

There is just about as much sense, and no more, in a court declaring that segregation is not segregation when whites segregate Negroes because Negroes can also segregate whites, as there would be in solemnly declaring that murder is not murder when a white man or a mob murders a Negro because Negroes can also murder white men.

This decision by the highest local court in the capital of the nation shows the drift of sentiment among the white people and the intense effort that is going to be made to hedge in and restrict the Negro in his rights and privileges in this country. It is an index finger that points to an attempt to unite and concentrate the white people of this country upon the principle of law laid down in the Dred Scott decision of seventy years ago, that "the Negro has no rights which the white man is bound to respect." It means that, instead of justice plain, simple and unadorned, there is going to be an effort to subvert justice and substitute therefor the white man's will in all matters in which the Negro is involved as a party contestant.

There is nothing left for the Negro but to fight the despicable outrage to the last ditch in every way known to the art of warfare.—The Baltimore Herald.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

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M. C. SANDS, D. D.

### Adv.—

### THE WHATNOT COLUMN

By Robert P. Edwards for The Associated Negro Press.

### WHAT WAS MEROE?

Meroe, the ancient capital of Ethiopia, was a city larger than the famous Memphis. The temple of Ammon, where kings were crowned, was one of the largest in the Valley of the Nile. The great walls of cut stones were fifteen feet thick and thirty feet high. Heaps of iron-slag and furnaces for smelting iron were discovered and there were magnificent quays and landing places on the river-side for the export of iron.

### WHO WAS ANDRE CAILLOUS?

Captain Andre Caillous, hero of the assault on Port Hudson, 1863, was the commander of the color company of the First Louisiana. He was a leader by birth and education, and moved in eager zeal among his men, cheering them on by words and his own noble example, with left arm already shattered, he proudly refused to leave the field. In a last effort of heroism, he sprang to the front of his company, commanded his men to follow him and in the face of a murderous fire, gallantly led them forward until a shell smote him to death but fifty yards from the works. Born free, he raised his own company, and died with them in order that his enslaved brethren might taste of the freedom he had enjoyed.

### WHO IS THE CHAMPION CORN PRODUCER?

A fifteen-year-old colored boy, Walter Fowler, who tenants on a Faulkner county, Ark. farm, with the consent of the landlord planted one acre of corn on the plantation, paying his own expenses. He harvested ninety-one bushels, making a net profit of \$53. This event occurred in 1923.

### PUBLIC PLAY GROUND AT ST. BENEDICT'S COMMUNITY CENTER

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# Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights—Enacted in 1893:

Sec. 1. CIVIL RIGHTS OF PERSONS. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.

Sec. 2. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF PRECEDING SECTION. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denials, shall for each offense be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.

"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. Messenger vs. State, 25 Nebr., Page 677. N. W. 638."

"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in a more private part of the house. Ferguson vs. Gies, 82 Mich. 358; N. W. 718."

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### Man Held Fast in Bed of Asphalt All Night

After being imprisoned in a bed of asphalt a whole night, John Emery of Canton, O., was freed by a rescue crew which chopped at the material with axes for two hours. Emery fell into the pool while it was warm. He was stunned, and the asphalt hardened before he could escape.

### 11,941 Eggs From 100 Hens

Anderson, Ind.—Mrs. Fernando Woods is one farmer who apparently has no complaint to make about a poor year in 1923. She said she gathered 11,941 eggs produced by 100 hens, and churned 1,517 pounds of butter from the milk of five cows. Mrs. Woods lives on a farm just west of Anderson.