

## DARROW BEGINS BATTLE FOR NEGRO'S LIFE

### Congregationalists Take a Firm Stand Against Race Discrimination

#### DUAL PERSONALITY PROVES PUZZLE TO PSYCHOLOGISTS

Aged South Carolina Ex-Slave Who Is Illiterate When Awake Appears Well Educated When in Trance

#### SPEAKS SCHOLARLY ENGLISH

Various Theories Are Advanced to Explain Perry's Possession of Peculiar Power

Leesville, S. C.—A strange case of apparent dual personality is attracting such attention here that a committee of physicians and psychologists is preparing to examine the subject, Major Perry, 90-year-old Negro and former slave, who is illiterate when awake, but who delivers scholarly sermons in perfect English when asleep.

Major Perry lives four miles north of Leesville in the lower edge of Saluda county. In appearance he is a typical ante-bellum Negro, "ceremoniously polite to all white folks," and quaint and engaging in his manner. While awake he speaks in dialect of the unlettered Negro, and finds it impossible to quote even so much as a verse from the bible. But when he drops into the strange trances that he seems able to summon at will, he becomes an entirely different person. He speaks with the precision of a student of English, and quotes entire chapters from the bible without error or hesitancy.

These statements are vouched for by the Rev. Frank M. Graham, evangelist of Greene county, Georgia, who recently visited Major Perry at his home near here; J. G. Holder, who prepared an article on the strange old Negro for the Twin City News of Leesville; and by the editor of the Register-Record at Wagner, S. C., who went to the little cabin of Major Perry to study the Negro who preaches in his sleep. Many others also have heard the messages that fall from the lips of the old man as he lies in a trance.

Evangelist Graham has known the old Negro for years, and believes the man endowed with two personalities, one being in control when he is awake, and the other when he is asleep.

The more superstitious advance the theory that Major Perry received a "call" to preach, but refused to heed the call. The Holy Ghost, however, not to be outdone takes possession of him when he is asleep, they say, and uses him as a mouthpiece to deliver messages from God to men upon the earth.

The suggestion has been made that Major Perry has learned a sermon couched in chosen words, which he delivers while shamming a trance. The answer to this is that no two of his sermons are the same and each contains different quotations from the bible.

#### COLORED CONGREGATIONALISTS THANK PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Washington, D. C.—Colored representatives at the National Council of Congregational Churches which met here October 29th-31st, called on President Coolidge, Saturday, October 24th, and praised him for his speech against intolerance, delivered at Omaha this month. Doctor Henry H. Procter, of Brooklyn, New York, who acted as spokesman said: "In behalf of the 15,000 colored Congregationalists of the United States, we greet you as a fellow-Congregationalist in whom we have full confidence, not only because of your traditional background, but also because of your example as a Christian and your acts as a President.

"Particularly do we want to thank you for that great word you spoke at Omaha, the bravest word spoken by any Executive for three-score years. It sounds like Lincoln.

"Our prayer is that God may use you to promote that good-will between white and black in America that speaks interracial co-operation, and that peace among all the nations of the earth that means they will study war no more."

#### BRITISH TAKE STEPS TO REMOVE THE LAST VESTIGE OF SLAVERY

Geneva—The last spot on the British empire's map where slavery exists is said to be the Hukawing Valley in the upper portion of the Indian province Burma. By next May Britain hopes to have removed the last vestige of degradation from the dominions and colonies directly under her control, and from those bordering as well.

#### APPOINTMENT OF RACE LABOR LEADER URGED BY LEAGUE

American Federation of Labor Would Win Confidence of Colored Workers by Practical Recognition

#### UNIONS USE DISCRIMINATION

Washington.—Appointment by the American Federation of Labor of a black man as executive adviser to counsel with the officials of the labor movement on organization problems affecting workers was urged today by T. Arnold Hill, director of the Urban League.

The confidence of black workers throughout the country in the American Federation of Labor, he pointed out, can be brought about if the appointment suggested to President Green is followed.

Insisting that the forthcoming campaign for members for the American Federation of Labor will have every prospect of success through the assurance that such an individual can give to black workers, Mr. Hill said that black men are denied membership in ten of the 110 labor organizations.

#### Practice Subterfuge

Others, while not actually barring workers from the organization, practice subterfuge with which the workers are familiar to keep them out of the locals in different parts of the country, Mr. Hill said.

Conferences will be planned to bring this participation in industrial centers in the East and Middle-west, he declared, and out of these conferences a more amicable relation between black workers and the American Federation of Labor will follow.

"The appointment of a capable, industrious, and tactful Negro," he added, "to take general charge, under the direction of the A. F. of L., of your colored work, will insure the needed confidence of his race in the personality and integrity of the A. F. of L."

#### NATIVE NEBRASKAN WORLD WAR VETERAN STATE CIVIL ENGINEER

New York—Clyde R. Brannon, whom Uncle Sam called from his studies at Howard University for World War service, after being honored with a First Lieutenant's commission, plunged into the European conflict never thinking that he would see the good old U. S. A. again. Young Brannon, like many others, was spared, however. He returned to school and obtained his degree in civil engineering and was forthwith appointed, after competitive examination, as a civil engineer with the New York State Highways Commission, with whom he has made an enviable record on survey and construction work. Brannon was in the first civil-engineering class graduated from Howard University, and his rapid development, along with that of his class-mates, means that the inclusion of competent colored engineers in this important profession will grow larger and larger with time.

Clyde R. Brannon is a native Nebraskan, a graduate of the Fremont High school. His relatives reside in Fremont and Omaha.

#### HOWARD GRADUATE AWARDED STATE BRIDGE CONTRACT

Indianapolis—The firm of David Jenkins and son, contractors and builders, of this city has been awarded a bridge contract by the Indiana State Highway Commission. In speaking of the success of the company, the Indianapolis Recorder says: "Mr. Jenkins has been building bridges for the state a number of years, and has now formed a partnership with his son, Martin, a Howard graduate of the class of 1925." This latest contract is for the construction of a \$21,000 bridge in Whiteley County, Indiana.

#### CONGREGATIONALISTS SEEK CANCELLATION OF COLOR DISCRIMINATION

National Council Adopts Sound Social Creed Which Calls for the Practice of Christian Ideals

Washington, D. C.—(A FRO Bureau)—The National Council of Congregational Churches, in session here at Washington Auditorium, adopted a social creed last Saturday night which calls for the elimination of all racial discrimination, by a sweeping majority.

The two clauses with reference to racial discrimination in the "statement of social order," are as follows: "The elimination of all racial discrimination and the substitution of full brotherly treatment for all races in America."

"The removal of every unjust barrier of trade, color, creed and race, and the practice of equal justice for

#### SEVEN YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AMPLY REWARDED

Lexington, Ky.—Twenty thousand dollars is the reward rendered for seven years as butler and cook by Lev Johnson and his wife, Eliza. Lev and his wife left Versailles in 1918, and went to Columbus, Ohio, where they were employed by Miss Martha Green Desher. Two weeks ago Miss Desher died. The servants were left a legacy of \$20,000.

#### TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS GIVEN TO EDUCATION

Cleveland, Ohio.—St. John A. M. E. Church of this city, of which Rev. Edward A. Clarke, A. M., D. D., is pastor, has given over \$10,000 to the cause of education during his pastorate of the last five years. This is probably a larger amount than any other colored church in the country has given.

#### BEAN EATERS RESENT JIM CROWING STUDENT OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Doors of Several Exclusive Clubs Are Opened to Negro Gentlemen in Defiance of Race Prejudice

Boston, Mass.—Adverse public sentiment aroused by the action of the Boston Athletic Association in barring Charles Oswell, colored fullback of Boston University from the main dining room of the club at a team luncheon, has resulted in a staunch condemnation of such discriminations by Boston's most exclusive clubs, and the apologetic withdrawal of such policies by the B. A. A.

The centers of Boston's most aristocratic club life, the Somerset Club, the Union Club, the Algonquin Club, the University Club and the Boston Art Club, as an answer to the challenge of prejudice, sent out statements that their doors were always open to welcome colored American gentlemen. The superintendent of the B. A. A. in a weak way declared that the act of discrimination was a slip-up, and that no rule against the entertaining of colored guest exists at the club.

#### LOUISVILLE UNL AUTHORIZES EXTENSION OF COURSES

Louisville—Widespread enthusiasm has followed the action of the Board of Trustees of Louisville University, who, at their meeting on September 15, 1925, authorized the statement that there will be provided out of the proceeds of the Bond Issue of \$1,000,000, if voted, a laboratory building for use in giving extension courses for colored students under University control and supervision, for which courses full credit will be given; this building to be erected at some convenient place so that its facilities may be combined with other facilities with the view of coordinating all available agencies for offering complete courses to colored young men and women of Louisville and nearby Kentucky points.

#### OMAHA HIGH SCHOOLS FAVOR ALL YEAR SESSION

Washington—In Omaha, all-the-year-sessions have been proposed for the high schools, following the successful experience of the Technical high school, in this city, with the four quarter plan. This school has been operating 48 weeks a year for seven years, and the plan has proved very satisfactory, says a recent issue of "School Life," which adds: "A four-year class is graduated at the end of each twelve week quarter, and bright and energetic pupils may complete the entire course in three years. The other three high schools in Omaha have already adopted an eight week summer session."

#### BROADWAY CLUB CARS ARE MANNED BY FILIPPINOS

Chicago, Ill. (By the Associated Negro Press)—Starting last Saturday, Oct. 31st, the club cars of the BROADWAY, the crack train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, between Chicago and New York, left with Filipino attendants. This is the second time within three weeks that Filipinos have been utilized in Pullman service; a special train to the University Football Game at Campaign being manned by six Filipino porters.

#### BLACKED FACED ROBBER PROVES OWN WHITE KIN

New York—Washing the smoothe covered face of an at first supposed Negro fugitive, the police discovered their captive to be Richard McNamara, 22, (white) of 26 West Sixty-fifth street, the nephew of Mrs. Edith J. Sullivan of 362 Bement avenue, West New Brighton. The woman had sent them after a "colored man" who held her and her eighteen year old daughter Julia, up in their home and fled when a second daughter appeared. The youth confessed that he was the robber.

## SOME COLORFUL NEWS "MOVIES"

By the Cameraman For Preston News Service

#### The High Episcopal Church Speaks

A grave Episcopal Church Congress has just closed at Earlbourne, England, at which solemn words of warning were uttered against the continued arraignment of race against race and color against color. No less Churchman than the known Lord Willington (white), a former governor of two presidencies in India, and J. H. Oldham (white), Secretary of the International Missionary Council, agreed in open conference, that it is impossible to continue the old policy of white supremacy.

"In my view," said Lord Willington, "there is only one solution of the problem. The white races must realize the necessity of treating all colored men in the spirit of absolute equality and give up the attitude of color superiority. Providence long ago placed the white man in the position of a trustee, whose wards, the colored men, are now rapidly growing up. The white man no longer dominates them, even for their own good. At best he can only tactfully guide them past particular dangers. I honestly believe if the whole attitude of the white to colored races could be altered, if the white man would always accept in a spirit of giving equality and opportunity to those who are colored, what appears now as an aggressive and unreasonable attitude on the part of the colored races would entirely change and they would be willing to discuss these important matters in a fair spirit, with a sense of the difficulties surrounding them. The only one way of doing this is by always carrying into relationship with colored races the prin-

#### Building a Race

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#### MATTHEWS APPOINTED SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Washington, D. C.—William C. Matthews, of Boston, Massachusetts, former Harvard University football and baseball star, has been appointed a Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, and immediately ordered to proceed to Lincoln, Nebraska, to represent the Government in certain Federal prosecutions.

#### NO ADULT ILLITERACY

Washington, D. C.—The Virgin Islands, according to a report from the Director of Education of the Islands, are practically free from adult illiteracy. The Danish Government had maintained excellent schools for many years before the islands came into the possession of the United States.

#### FIRST GRADUATE OF OBERLIN COLLEGE DIES

Washington, D. C.—Miss Emma Patterson, who had been placed on the retired list of public school teachers, is dead

ciples of the Christian faith and remembering that there is a divinity who shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will."

A Christian Indian, Shoran Singha, who addressed the Congress in faultless English, said that:

"We have got to get rid of the idea that God sent the white man to rule black. We must get rid of the white man's prestige. Not the prestige of color, but the prestige of character will count in the future."

To say that the Protestant Church will be "rocked" by this announcement of certain notables of the staid but colorful Church of England is to put it mildly. Yet, of all the Protestant churches the Episcopalian has never been the most radical; and were it, with one forward move, to attempt to assert such a fine type of Christianity as that which Lord Willington and his colleague so openly asserted, it might be that the Christian conscience of the church world might arouse itself from its dormant state and begin to practice what it has been preaching for so these many years.

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"Lodges and churches are about the only ventures into which the colored people put their whole energy, brains, time and money," he said sardonically as he substituted his bank book for the evening news. "Start a laundry, a boot-black corporation, a cafe or a county fair upon the cooperative plan, and you'd have the time of your life trying to get a dime investment; but just organize the Ancient and Derided Order of the Knights of St.

and had taught school for over forty years. She was one of the first colored students to be graduated from Oberlin College. Although retired five years ago, Miss Patterson died after a brief illness.

#### ODDFELLOWS OCCUPY HALL

New Orleans, La.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—The Grand Lodge United Order of Oddfellows is now occupying its recently completed \$100,000 five-story home in Baton Rouge. Besides offices of the order, the structure has a motion picture theatre, lodge rooms, roof garden and auditorium. The lower floor houses stores.

#### FIRST NEGRO SUICIDE

Camden, N.J. (By the Associated Negro Press)—The first time in the history of this city a Negro committed suicide in the person of Clayton Robinson, aged 34, who, after having shot to death Gertrude Frazer, ended his life with the same revolver. Both were dead when the police arrived.

#### UNCLE WIGGILY'S TRICKS



#### SELECTING JURY FOR SWEET TRIAL CONSUMES TIME

Clarence Darrow Uses Great Precaution in Trying to Exclude Kluxers from Sitting in Case

#### EMINENT DEFENSE COUNSEL

Intense Interest Is Manifested Upon Part of All Classes Who Crowd Court Room—Darrow Cheered

(Special to The Monitor) Detroit, Mich.—Judge Murphy's court room was crowded to overflowing Friday, October 30, when the trial of Dr. and Mrs. Ossian H. Sweet and nine others, charged with first degree murder, resulting from the killing of Leon F. Breiner, September 9, when a mob attacked Dr. Sweet's home, began.

The selecting of a jury consumed practically four days. Great difficulty was encountered in securing a jury and Clarence Darrow, chief of the defense array of counsel, used every precaution to select a jury that would be fair and impartial and to exclude from it members of the Ku Klux Klan. The first panel of 165 jurors was soon exhausted and when court adjourned Monday until Wednesday the second panel of 65 was being rapidly reduced. Nearly one hundred persons were challenged by the defense.

Each juror drawn was questioned as to birthplace, parentage, political and social affiliations and asked if he were prejudiced, believed in equality of the law, and that a man in this free country should purchase property where he chooses and his means permit him. The jury was selected and sworn in Thursday morning of this week and the examination of witnesses began.

When Clarence Darrow entered the court room Friday morning he was greeted with vigorous applause. A brilliant array of counsel is associated with him. They include Arthur Garfield Hayes of New York, Herbert Friedman, of Chicago, who is contributing his services; Walter M. Nelson, Charles V. Mahoney, Julian W. Perry and Cecil Roulette, the three latter being colored, all of Detroit.

Representing the State of Michigan in the prosecution are Robert M. Toms, county attorney, E. H. Kennedy, Jr., and Lester Moll.

A great portion of Thursday morning was devoted to the renewal of argument over the request of the defense for a bill of particulars, which would provide the defense with something definite upon which to base a motion for dismissal.

#### TUSKEGEE'S OLDEST NEGRO EMPLOYEE, 94, DIES

Tuskegee Institute, Ala. (By the Associated Negro Press)—Felix Brannum, Tuskegee Institute's oldest employee, died here at the age of ninety-four. When Booker T. Washington began the work at Tuskegee in 1881, Brannum was working as a cook for one of the white families in Tuskegee. A strong friendship between the two led to Brannum's later employment as a cook when the Boarding Department was begun.

In those early days the cooking was done in a wash boiler in the open air. Because of his faith in Booker T. Washington Brannum practiced the most rigid economies with the food, notwithstanding the fact that his salary was frequently several months behind. Booker T. Washington himself never failed to give credit to Brannum for his self-sacrificing loyalty during the "days of small things" at Tuskegee Institute.

During the forty years of his employment, Brannum saw the Boarding Department grow from nothing to more than \$248,163. In the beginning, he was chef, steward, head waiter, and matron, all combined in one job. "Uncle Felix" as some of the workers called him, was friend and advisor to the one hundred and thirty-five workers now employed to prepare and serve the food for the students and teachers at the Institute.

The deceased was born in Washington, Georgia, in 1831. When emancipation came after Civil War, he remained in the county, a respected citizen. He survived to be a wife, five children and twenty-one grandchildren.

Mrs. Joseph Taylor entertained at luncheon and cards Friday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. Robert Taylor of Davenport, Iowa, at her residence, 2869 Miami street.