

# Negro Is Appointed Judge by President

## EUROPE WELCOMES NEGRO AMERICANS AS ENTERTAINERS

Many Centers of European Culture Seek to Obtain Talented Colored Americans for Long Engagements

### VIEWED AS PROMISED LAND

Cordial Treatment Accorded Race in Vienna and Other Foreign Cities in Striking Contrast to American Attitude

New York—Europe, rather than Liberia, according to present indications, is the place toward which American Negroes will in the future turn as their land of promise. In particular is this true for those who have a talent for the stage.

Throughout Europe "the color line" is a thing unknown while in European theatres a colored skin is a real asset.

### Popular in France

For years past colored Americans have been extremely popular in France and other Latin countries. They have been welcomed into society, feted as war heroes and otherwise given a status equal to that enjoyed by people with white skins.

Since the war this popularity of Negroes has spread to other European states. There is hardly a city of any size where a few American Negroes are not to be encountered every day, especially during the summer months, and there is no national capital which does not welcome the Negro traveler as cordially as it does the white tourist. The time is long past when a black-skinned man attracted undue attention as he walked along the streets and dined in restaurants of Europe.

In its hospitable treatment of the colored races Vienna has led rather than followed the procession. As the meeting place of east and west—"the eastern outpost of western civilization", the Viennese call their city—Vienna has for centuries been accustomed to entertain people from every clime and continent. To welcome the Negro today she considers only a new development in her traditional life.

### Actors Are Sought

On the part of the theatrical world this welcome to Vienna has been particularly cordial. Theatre managers have turned to Negro artists from America (and to many who were not even half-artists) as an innovation which would swell boxoffice receipts; actors and actresses have gladly fraternized with their colored colleagues because they have found in them something new to study; while patrons of the theatre have not only exchanged their money for tickets night after night without stint but also have fallen over themselves seeking introductions to the most prominent of the Negro visitors in order that they might invite them to teas and dinners.

Both in troupes and as individual entertainers Negroes are to be found throughout the year in one or more cabarets. Occasionally some well known race singers give concerts, on which night the sign "ausverkauft" (sold out) is always hung before the box office window long before the curtain.

### HELD FOR SWINDLING

Ft. Myers, Fla.—Four West Palm Beach white real estate salesmen held here on charges of swindling colored citizens on land deals, have been bound over to circuit court under bonds totaling \$16,000 by County Judge Stout.

### TEAR BOMBS USED TO ROUTE DELEWARE MOB

Georgetown, Del.—More than a score of tear bombs were thrown into a crowd of a thousand who attempted to storm the courthouse here Monday and lynch Harry Butler, colored, who a few moments later was sentenced to hang for criminally attacking 12-year-old Lenora Steinmetz.

## MARCUS GARVEY'S PLEA FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY HAS BEEN REJECTED

U. N. I. A. Leader Must Serve at Least One-third of Five-year Sentence—He Will Then Be Deported

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has denied the petition of Marcus Garvey, president general U. N. I. A., for executive clemency, which sought to free Garvey from the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., where he has served one year of his five-year sentence.

In his petition for clemency, Garvey also asked to be allowed to remain in the United States ninety days in order to straighten up some "business affairs" before being deported. This request was also denied by Secretary of Labor, who declares that Garvey would be immediately deported to British West Indies, just as soon as he is released from Atlanta prison.

Garvey began his five-year sentence on February 8, 1925, and will be eligible for parole October 7, 1926, under the one-third term. After that time he may be paroled, but will be immediately deported, according to officials at Washington.

### ALLEN'S RELATIVE DEAD

New York City—Mrs. Lena Allen Johnson, great-granddaughter of the late Bishop Richard Allen, founder of the A. M. E. Church, is dead at her home here. She was the wife of ex-Assemblyman Edward A. Johnson.

### OFFER \$1,000 FOR RACE NOVEL

New York City—Albert and Charles Boni, publishers, are offering \$1,000 for the "best novel of Negro life written by a man or woman of Negro descent." All manuscripts must be submitted before September 1, 1926.

### SENTENCED FOR FORTY YEARS FOR MURDER

Cleveland, Tenn.—A. N. Riley and E. J. Suggs, two white men who were convicted of the murder of Charles Waterhouse, colored taxi cab driver, and sentenced to forty years in the state penitentiary by a jury here, have begun to serve their term.

### SUCCUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS

Frank J. Liverpool, who had been a resident of Omaha for nearly forty years and was well-known in Pullman circles, died at his home, 1117 North Twentieth street, early Thursday morning, after an illness of several months. Eight years ago Mr. Liverpool became blind and subsequently became a victim of creeping paralysis, which for the last year confined him to his home. He was a native of Columbus, Ohio, and came to Omaha in 1888. For several years he was the headwaiter at the University Club. Twenty-five years ago he married Miss Ella Lynch, who with two daughters, Mary Ellen and Teressa survive him. He was one of Omaha's oldest Masons, under whose auspices the funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Masonic hall at Twenty-fourth and Parker. He was a communicant of St. Philip's Episcopal Church. The burial office of the Episcopal church will be said before the Masonic rites.

### CHILD KILLED BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Carlisle, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Devereaux, a pupil in the Lathrop school, died as a result of injuries sustained Monday afternoon when he was run down by an automobile driven by Miss Elizabeth Howard, a teacher at the Saratoga school. Miss Howard was placed under a \$2,500 bond pending the inquest which was held Thursday afternoon, when she was exonerated by the jury. According to the testimony of eye-witnesses little Carlisle ran out into the street in front of Miss Howard's car which was not being driven at a high rate of speed.

## EDITORIAL

The Negro population of Omaha is a little above 15,000 or about 7 1/2% of the total population. Excluding Omaha and Lincoln, there is only one city or town in Nebraska that has a population of 15,000 and that is Grand Island. If we as a group were suddenly transplanted to some section of this rich state where we had a city of our own it would be the third or fourth city in size in the state. Have you any conception of the amount of money spent in a city of 15,000? Have you any idea of the amount of money our race spends annually in Omaha not for luxuries and amusements, but for the absolute necessities of life, such as food, clothing, fuel, light and housing? Get pencil and paper and try to make an estimate. You can readily understand that it will amount to several millions of dollars, for necessities alone, mark you. Add to this the money spent for amusements and luxuries and it will total other millions.

Suppose we say, simply for the sake of argument, that our race here spends \$3,000,000 annually for these necessities. How much of this amount is spent among legitimate enterprises of our own, which are struggling to build up business which will afford employment to our ambitious youth whom we are educating? It is safe to say that not 5% of this sum, or \$150,000, is spent annually among our own people. Suppose one tenth of this \$3,000,000, that is to say \$300,000, a year were spent in buying groceries and meats and clothing and coal and drugs and toilet supplies from our own people in these lines, can you not see how speedily we would advance in the business world? Can you not see that we would soon have business establishments that would need clerks and bookkeepers and stenographers and other employees giving opportunities for business training and experience which are now denied us.

We do not realize or use our economic power. We will never get anywhere in this commercial age in the commercial and business world, so long as we spend ALL our money with white firms and business enterprises and neglect those of our own. We ought to judiciously divide our patronage giving it to those firms which appreciate our patronage and spending a share of it with our own worthy business enterprises.

You will note we say "worthy business enterprises". What do we mean by "worthy business enterprises"? Simply this: Business ventures, where though the stock may be small, it is well selected, the place is kept neat and clean and the proprietor is doing his best to supply the needs of his customers by courteous and prompt attention.

It is about time we stopped tying our own hands and restricting our opportunities by continuing to be buyers and not sellers, spenders and not savers.

Remember please that if you buy only ten per cent of the things you need from some member of your race who has it to sell you are helping yourself to find a place in the business and commercial world.

We have splendid opportunities for business and commercial development right here in Omaha if we will only use them.

### NEGRO COMPOSER SECURES DISTRIBUTION FOR SONG

Chicago—Through the Educational Music Bureau of this city, Hermes Zimmerman, Negro composer, has succeeded in securing national distribution for his march song "America First and Forever." This is the inspiring number that has made such a hit with the school supervisors of Chicago and Evanston that it has been translated into eight languages for use in the public schools by non-English speaking citizens.

It will be particularly beneficial in public night schools where immigrants are receiving free instructions in the fundamentals of Americanism. Musical critics declare that "America First and Forever" is one of the best national march songs of recent years, marking the highest musical achievement of young Zimmerman, who also composed "The Chief Corner Stone", a song of Ethiopia, "I Want to be Ready," and a sermonette song, "Keep on Stepping Along."

### INDIANAPOLIS FREEMAN SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Indianapolis Freeman, one of the oldest publications in the race, and for many years the most widely read, has suspended publication here and has entered a plea of voluntary bankruptcy. The petition was filed by the well known editor, George L. Knox, president of the Freeman Publishing Co., who named as his chief asset the publishing company valued at only \$500. Other assets including personal holdings and a small piece of property under mortgage to the Railroad Men's Building and Loan Association, representing \$200. Debts were listed at \$6,000.

### WILL STUDY AFRICAN ASPECTS

New York—Prof. Henry G. Bayer, of New York University, has inaugurated an intensive study of the physical, economic and administrative aspects of the Belgian and the French Congo, the first course of its kind ever offered in the United States, which began last Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the School of Commerce of New York University, at Washington Square. The course will be open to the regular students of the University and to persons who make application to the Secretary of the School of Commerce.

### GETS AN APPOINTMENT IN STATE LABOR DEPT.

East St. Louis, Ill.—In connection with the State Employment Office at East St. Louis, Mrs. Wm. E. Officer, Jr., has been appointed clerk and has entered upon the active discharge of her duties.

Mrs. Officer has charge of the women's division, as chief executive of that department, and as such, looks after the interest of women, both white and colored.

In making the appointment, Mr. George B. Arnold, Director of the State Labor Department, stated that Mrs. Officer was highly recommended and was fitted for the place by experience and training.

### \$70,000 AWARDED FOR INJURIES

New York City—For injuries received when a Philadelphia express crashed into the Havana special on which they were waiters, Edward P. Green, received \$36,500 and Joshua Goodwin \$6,000. Theodore Williams, white, cook, received \$27,500.

## THOUSANDS OF "WHITE" VIRGINIANS AFFECTED BY PROPOSED MEASURE

Amendment to Racial Integrity Law Would Class 20,000 of State's Distinguished Citizens as Colored

Richmond, Va.—Twenty thousand of the most distinguished people of Virginia would be classed as "colored" under the new amendment of the state racial integrity law now pending before the general assembly, according to Richmond News Leader. Included among this number are at least a dozen members of the legislature and a member of the state Supreme Court of Appeals.

The bill would classify as "colored" or "non-white" all persons who with any known demonstrable or ascertainable admixture of Indian or Negro blood, except descendants of white persons who married before 1619 and of the civilized tribes of Oklahoma and Texas now citizens of Virginia.

As the results of the Richmond News' contention, white organizations all over the state are prepared to stop the passage of the amendment of the state racial integrity law.

### A MOTION PICTURE WITH A GRIPPING STORY

"Capital Punishment," a motion picture with a gripping story which both educates and entertains, is to be shown at the Brandeis theater for eight days starting Saturday. There will be four performances daily.

The picture has been reviewed by Dr. Victor Levine, chairman of the Nebraska Committee for the Study of Crime; Mrs. W. E. Johnson, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, Sheriff Mike Endres and several others interested in the abolition of capital punishment. The group unanimously agreed that the picture should be recommended because of the powerful message it carries.

The leads in the picture are taken by George Hackenthorne and Clara Bow. They are ably supported by Elliott Dexter, Mary Carr, Alec B. Francis, Eddie Phillips and several other well known stars.

"I think everyone should see the picture," said Dr. Levine. "The eastern critics who lauded the picture are absolutely right. It is more than a message. It has a sensational romance which keeps the spectator interested until the very last minute."

### WOMAN ADMITTED TO U. S. SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Violette N. Anderson, of Chicago, has been admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court. She is the first woman of the race to receive this distinction. Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and has practiced for six years.

### POSES AS NEGRO LAWYER. FORGES CHECK AND FLEES WITH A \$4,000 PACKARD

Detroit, Mich.—The Packard Motor Car Co. was defrauded out of a 1926 sedan by a white law student, who posed as a popular young Negro attorney of this city.

The student, who went by the name of Harold Hergoz, resided at 204 Josephine street. Through a casual meeting he became acquainted with Attorney Herbert White. Through the knowledge that he gained of the colored lawyer's business during the time he was associating with him, he was able to carry out his scheme.

Hergoz visited the offices of Attorney White, at 212 State street, at an hour when he knew that he would be in court, with a demonstrator for the Packard Motor Car Co.

He forged Attorney White's name to a check for \$1,400 for a car without arousing any suspicion on the part of the salesman. When a representative of the automobile concern came to investigate the sale later, the forgery was discovered, but Hergoz and the \$4,000 Packard could not be located.

## COOLIDGE APPOINTS COLORED ATTORNEY MUNICIPAL JUDGE

James A. Cobb Is Named as Successor to Judge Terrell on Municipal Bench of District of Columbia

### APPOINTMENT WINS APPROVAL

New Appointee Man of Character and High Standing and Unselfishly Active in Racial Affairs

Washington, D. C. (By the Associated Negro Press.)—The recent death of Judge Robert H. Terrell created a vacancy on the Municipal Bench of the District of Columbia, a position which had been held by him for nearly twenty-four years. Upon Judge Terrell's passing, President Coolidge promptly decided to appoint a colored man of similar high character and standing. After full consideration of the claims of the various persons whose names were presented to him, he decided to appoint Honorable James A. Cobb, an able and experienced lawyer and a man of the finest character and connections. This was done Monday, February 15th.

### Influential Backing Given Cobb

Mr. Cobb had the support of several important groups, including Senator William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican National Executive Committee; leading members of the Legal Fraternity, influential senators and representatives and men and women of his own race representing various schools of thought and influences.

### Mr. Cobb's Civic Interests

Mr. Cobb's name was presented at the White House and to the Department of Justice, and to Senator Butler by Dr. Emmett J. Scott, member of the Advisory Committee of the Republican National Executive Committee.

Mr. Cobb has been connected with every movement that has been concerned during the last twenty years with the civic interest of the Colored people of the District.

In 1907, at the personal request of President Roosevelt, he was appointed by Attorney General Bonaparte as special assistant to the Attorney General and was assigned to the U. S. Attorney's Office in and for the District of Columbia, having special charge of the pure food prosecutions, naturalization and forfeited bonds. Later revenue cases were added to his duties. How effectively this work was done the records in the Department of Justice, as well as of the United States Attorney's Office, and the records in the Courts, including the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, speak for themselves.

In August, 1915, he resigned from the Department of Justice and again took up the practice of his profession, which is illustrated by the wide extent of his various connections. He has served at Washington as counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; as trial attorney for the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa, of which organization Honorable S. W. Green is Supreme Grand Chancellor, and of which organization Honorable S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago is Supreme Grand Attorney; as attorney for Howard University, and as attorney for the Standard Investment Corporation, which owns more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of real estate in the District of Columbia, and as an attorney and director of the Prudential Bank of Washington. The letters filed at the White House and at the Department of Justice include the most formidable group of worthwhile endorsements, it is said, ever filed in behalf of a colored citizen whose name was under consideration for appointment to high position.

Mrs. Thomas Buford, who resides with Mrs. Willis, 2712 Maple street, has returned from Kansas City, where she went on business.