

## BLACKENS FACE; COMMITS OFFENSE

### CONFESSES TO SEVERAL CRIMES; WERE CHARGED TO NEGROES

John Sexton (White), of Mississippi, Claims to Be One of Gang Who Blacken Their Faces When Committing Crimes

### CHILD VICTIM OF HIS LUST

St. Louis, Mo.—One of the most important arrests made by the St. Louis police recently was that of John Sexton (white) of Leland, Mississippi, who has admitted committing many robberies and criminal assaults on women and girls during the past seven months he has been in St. Louis. He was arrested in a Market street pawn shop when he returned to obtain more money on two rings he had previously pawned said to be a part of the loot he obtained through robbery.

### Assaults 15-Year-Old Girl

Among the crimes admitted by Sexton is that of luring a 15-year-old girl to a house at 1610 Pine street on the promise of work and criminally assaulting her. He has also been identified by three more girls as the man who on Wednesday night stopped them at Oakland avenue and attempted to drag one of them to a lonely spot when he was frightened by approaching motorists. This was near the spot, and on the same night, that a Negro was charged with having taken a girl from her escort and assaulted her. The girl assaulted, after seeing Sexton at police headquarters with his face blackened, has partially identified him as her assailant.

### Blackens His Face.

In an interview with a representative of the St. Louis Argus, Sexton at police headquarters talked freely about his masquerading under the guise of a Negro when committing crimes. He said it was easy to fasten crimes on Negroes. He denied he was the man who took a Miss Rose Mary Sullivan from her escort in Forest Park and criminally assaulted her. When asked directly by an Argus representative did he commit the assault on Miss Sullivan, Sexton said: "I didn't do it. You see I am a southern white man who wouldn't put a crime like that on a Negro because it would endanger his life. I would rather take my own medicine. You know if I confessed to assaulting a 15-year-old girl, I would confess about this case. It may be that some of the other fellows did it." When asked what he meant by "other fellows," he said that there was a gang of white men with whom he was associated, who blacken their faces when committing certain crimes.

And while the police have not been able to fasten this particular crime on Sexton, yet, it is generally believed that with a black face committed the crime which has been so widely published as having been committed by a Negro. Three girls have identified Sexton as the man whom they supposed to be a Negro, that attacked them and attempted to drag one of them into hiding but was frightened away, just about an hour before the assault on the other girl which took place in the same vicinity.

Other jobs done by Sexton under the cover of a blackened face were some eight or ten oil station holdups.

### Y. W. C. A. SECRETARY HAS RETURNED FROM EAST

Miss Edna M. Stratton, secretary of the North Side Branch Y. W. C. A., has returned from her two months' vacation and absence in the east. Six weeks of this time was spent in attendance at the National Y. W. C. A. Training School in New York City. There was a total enrollment of 98 "Y" workers taking the special course provided at the school, twelve of whom were colored. Miss Stratton spent two weeks with her parents in Pittsburgh.

Relics of a people who lived in the valley of the Nile about 14,000 years ago are now on view at University college, London.

### HOLDS A POSITION OF TRUST

Among the number of colored men and women employed in the various business houses of Omaha who are holding positions of trust today, is the young man, Bill Holt, whose picture appears above. Bill has been in the employ of the Hartman Furniture and Carpet company for 10 years and one must render satisfactory service to remain in the employ or one firm for that length of time. Bill holds the position of "superintendent of building" for the Hartman company, is entrusted with the keys and superintends the work during periods of alterations on the interior of the building or the elevator equipment. When such work is being done at night, it becomes necessary for Bill to look after his regular duties during the day and to oversee the work being done at night. Besides being super-



intendent of building, Bill has complete charge of the cleaning and dusting of the entire store, having a force of six people under him to do the work. This work consists of general cleaning, the dusting of furniture and keeping the store tidy and attractive. Bill owns his own home at 2507 Indiana avenue. His wife was Eunice Anison before she became Mrs. Holt and they have a splendid family of three children. The Holts belong to the St. John A. M. E. church.

The Hartman Furniture and Carpet company employs a number of colored help and have always treated this help with the utmost consideration and by speaking words of praise for the firm, this help has brought much business from colored people to the Hartman store.—Adv.

### NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD REPORTS

Indianapolis, Ind.—(Special)—Millions in periodicals circulating throughout the United States indoctrinating Baptists at home and abroad in their tenets and principals was told here in the National Baptist convention of America in Tomlinson hall by Henry A. Boyd, the secretary of the biggest Negro printing plant owned, operated and controlled by Negroes in the world. The Rev. Mr. Boyd gave facts and figures touching upon the work of the institution founded by his father nearly thirty years ago. He also presented a resume of the work accomplished in the Twenty-first Annual Session of the Sunday School Congress.

### OPENS CANDY STORE

Arthur A. Ware an expert candy maker, who has made candy for some of the best firms in the country, has returned to Omaha and opened a candy store at 1516 North Twenty-fourth street. He plans to do a wholesale as well as retail business. His store is one of the most attractive on North Twenty-fourth street. His goods are of the finest grade and he should and doubtless will receive a liberal patronage. When in need of fine candies be sure to see Ware.

### INDUSTRIAL WORKERS ORGANIZED

GARY, IND.—Under the direction of H. M. Fletcher, organizer and president, the Industrial Workmen's Association, an organization created to "unite all the colored workmen of Gary," is said to be flourishing. The Industrial Workmen's Association is comprised principally of Gary steel workers, skilled and unskilled, who are engaged in the Gary steel plants. The interlocking plan upon which the Gary organization is based has enjoyed marked success particularly where colored workers are engaged in plants, fields and mines. Ultimately living conditions are to be treated with and every phase of work commitment is to be made subject of "round table" conferences.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST, WARM FRIEND OF NEGROES, ABDUCTED BY HOODED GANG

Father Warren, Who Conducts School for Poor Colored Children, Captured and Warned by Mob to Desist.

Norfolk, Va.—The Rev. Vincent D. Warren, a Catholic priest of this city, was taken captive late last Thursday night by a band of hooded men in Princess Anne county, subjected to a grilling in an isolated woods and released with a warning after being held prisoner for two hours. The clergyman was unharmed by his captors, but there were cries of "brand the nigger lover" as he was being questioned. Father Warren (told investigating officers he was questioned about his activities as a patron for a Negro boys' band and other Negro philanthropies.

### Sought With Flashlights

More than 30 white men, all clothed in Ku Klux Klan regalia, Father Warren says, stealthily approached the scene of the concert after the boys had been playing for two hours and were nearing the end of the program. Provided with flashlights the hooded figures started a search of the grounds, locating Father Warren with two friends in an automobile, a position the priest had taken because of missives said to have come from the Klan warning that the colored band must not be brought into the county. The priest was seized, the witnesses say, dragged out of the machine, and forced to enter another automobile in which he was taken to the woods, followed by the rest of the raiding party in automobiles.

He was taken 20 miles into a woods, and warned to desist from educating the Negroes.

### LEARNS FROM COLORED BOYS

Wichita, Kans.—Geniality, deep religious feeling, a devotion to the cause of international understanding, and a spirit of brotherhood—these are the outstanding characteristics which W. A. Visser 't Hooft, of the World's committee of the Y.M.C.A. at Geneva, Switzerland, found in the colored boys he met in his visit to the Booker T. Washington Hi-Y of this city.

"I was greatly pleased by the warm-hearted welcome to a foreigner," he says in World's Youth. "They (the Negroes) impress me as having more natural kindness and geniality than any other race. I have never been in close touch with the Negro race or to put it stronger, I had never talked to a Negro until I was over twenty years of age. I was terribly conscious of being white when I found myself with one other white gentleman in a hall full of Negro students."

Mr. Visser 't Hooft found the colored Hi-Y group intensely interested in boys of other nations. He discovered in them an amazing knowledge of India and its religions, the Balkans and Balkan peoples, the Japanese, various European peoples, and the work of Max Yergan among the boys and young men of South Africa. They spoke to him of education as one means of attaining a high type of citizenship and of giving service to the country.

In return, he learned, they ask for a democracy "in the fundamental sense of the term" as explained by Abraham Lincoln, "a government of the people by the people, for the people." They plead for the leadership of youth, even though youth may be individualistic and self-assertive, for "mental independence, which is the essence of individualism, is necessary to spiritual life."

### ASK NOMINATIONS FOR WALKER AWARDS

New York.—The N. A. A. C. P., 69 Fifth avenue, announces that nominations may still be sent in for the 1926 gold medal, awarded to some member of the N. A. A. C. P. for conspicuous service to the race through the N. A. A. C. P. and the two Madam C. J. Walker scholarships, awarded to the branches for increase in money and members over the preceding year. The scholarships may be presented by the winning branch to any student designated.

### SEEKING COLORED GIRL WHO WILL ATTEMPT TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL

Race Mermaid Will Try to Master Difficult Course; Washington Business and Professional Men Back Venture.

Washington, D. C.—An American Negro girl to swim the English channel. This is the hopes of the Rev. Edward Johnson, Baptist pastor, who passed a resolution at the annual session of the White Cross bureau that the organization seek to find the mermaid who will conquer the channel and finance her in the efforts.

The drive to find the race girl that appears as a likely master of the channel swim was started in earnest Sunday at Atlantic City. Rev. S. P. W. Drew, president of the State White Cross Bureau, said that efforts were being made to induce Watt Terry, wealthy race real estate man of New York, to aid in financing the project.

Aspirants for the proposed channel swim met September 6 at 1029 V street, northwest. Several brown-skin mermaids from Baltimore, one of whom is said to have completed a 20-mile swim in Chesapeake Bay last week, were present. A trial swim will be held at Atlantic City.

One year of training will be given the girl selected by the bureau to attempt the channel feat. All her expenses will be paid during the period of training.

### HARROD CONCERT COMPANY DELIGHTS AUDIENCES

The Harrod Concert Company, few in numbers, but great in melody, have been in the city for several days delighting audiences with their artistic interpretation of spirituals, jubilee songs and other soulful music. The company at present consists of Mr. Archie Harrod of Washington, D. C., manager and tenor; Mrs. Harrod and Miss Matilda A. Walton of New York, contralto. Concerts were given at the North Side "Y" Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock; at Calvary Baptist church at 7:30 and at Hillside Presbyterian at 9. Monday noon they sang at the Y. M. C. A. Monday night at Grove M. E.; Tuesday night at Dundee Presbyterian and Wednesday night at the North Side Presbyterian church. At all these places the audiences were delighted. Mr. Harrod, organizer and owner of the company, has had a rather varied career. As a boy for two years he was caddy for President Taft. For eight years he was messenger for Champ Clark, who interested himself in his education, and helped him attend the University of Minnesota and the New England conservatory. Organizing his concert company they have sung on the Lyceum and Chatauqua circuits. The company has made four trips to Europe, two to South America and Bermuda and three to the Pacific coast.

### ELKS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO NEGRO EDUCATION

Cleveland—Outstanding among the constructive policies of the I. B. P. O. E. W., adopted at the most successful Grand Lodge session in the history of Elksdom, which adjourned in this city at the close of last week, was the pledge made by the Elks to the cause of Negro education.

The Grand Treasurer reported a fund of \$16,489.59, already on hand, which is the nucleus of a special education fund to be distributed as scholarships to worthy boys and girls of the Negro race.

This fund is to be gradually enlarged, so as to provide a permanent surplus for the sons and daughters of Elks who qualify for the scholarships. The director of education will supervise the distribution of the scholarship funds, as well as the eligibility of candidates.

### PICKS COP'S POCKET

New Orleans, La.—Victoria Willis was arrested a few days ago for disturbing the peace, and while in the patrol wagon lifted a \$80 watch from the pocket of the arresting officer. For the next ninety days she will be removed from temptation unless she takes the lock from the cell door.

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR BROOKS DIES; A HEART VICTIM

Special to The Monitor

By Walter J. Singleton

Washington, D. C.—Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Brooks, custodian of the White House, passed away early Tuesday morning. A slight hope had been felt, among those near him, that he might recover from the heart attack that prostrated him on August 26th, but without avail, and now the host of friends and admirers who mourn him number into the thousands and are found in every station of life.

Colonel Brooks was appointed instructor of the high school cadets on October 15, 1888, and served continuously as such until November 30, 1918, when special leave was granted him to accompany the late President Wilson to Europe. His work in the National Guard and with the cadets, shaping the manhood of the younger citizens of this generation, stands as a living monument to his rare ability and sterling citizenship. His interest in their development as citizens, their progress as students, and their general wellbeing was highly exemplary.

Arthur Brooks was commissioned captain of Company A, 6th Battalion, known as the Washington Cadet corps, on July 2, 1887. This company was transferred to and became Company A, First Separate Battalion. He was promoted to Major, First Separate Battalion, on December 10, 1897, and was retired as a Lieutenant Colonel on July 16, 1912. In 1914 he was awarded the twenty-five year gold medal for service in the National Guard.

Colonel Brooks began his services under the federal government as chief messenger of the War Department, serving under the many secretaries of war from 1881 until President Taft raised him to the position of custodian of the White House, March 4, 1909, a bonded position, and there need be no further citation to prove the respect and esteem he commanded than the fact that he held his position, without further interruption from the date of the original appointment until his rugged health failed him a few months ago. In turn, he served under President William Howard Taft, President Woodrow Wilson, President Warren G. Harding, and under President Calvin Coolidge. Few persons have possessed the ability, tact and force of character to hold with honor a position carrying such intimate contact of great men endowed with such diversified temperaments as these successive presidents of the United States.

Colonel Brooks was as fine in his spiritual life as in his civic activities. He was a faithful communicant and officer of St. Mary's Episcopal church, where he worshipped for thirty years, and where his fellow parishioners shall long feel a sense of personal loss in the passing of this splendid Churchman.

In Colonel Brooks were combined, with unusual and compelling force, the ability, devotion to duty, charity, spirit culture, which beautified by a sweet, yet dignified personality, made him a gentleman of such charm that people of whatever station, or of whatever race, were proud to know him. His memory shall live long among the multitude of his friends.

### "ROLL, JORDAN, ROLL!"

Washington—The Jordan river will soon be rolling for the benefit of industry. Financial plans for the harnessing have been completed, and the Palestine Electric Corporation, which owns the concession, has been notified that \$750,000 is available for the project. This project is part of the plan now being worked out to restore Palestine as the cultural and spiritual home of the Jews, and to bring Jews back to Palestine for industrial and agricultural life.

### SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR PASTORS OF COLORED M. E. CHURCH

Augusta, Ga.—Opening on September 2, and continuing through the 10th, a training school for C. M. E. pastors is being held at Paine college, this city, under the joint auspices of the C. M. E. Church and the M. E. Church South.

### ASIATIC NATIONS BITTER OVER RACE QUESTION

Session of Nations Show Undercurrent of Resentment Towards International Racial Prejudice.

Tokio, Japan.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau)—Bitter resentment over the enactment of English and American immigration laws against the Japanese, Chinese, Hindus and other Asiatic nations of the "oppressed" nationalities represented as was predicted by one Japanese newspaper, "The Mikado," in a complete failure of the recent Asiatic congress held in Tokio, Japan.

Another paper, "The Osaka Asahi," declares editorially that the guiding principles of the Pan-Asiatic congress were but a rehash of those underlying the league of nations and asks whether these principles truthfully represent the spirit prompting the promoters or whether they really are not a blind behind which an attempt is being made to foment discord and foster revolt.

### Immigration Laws "Unchristian."

Calling the American and Canadian immigration laws as "unchristian," the Japan-Methodist-Episcopal Mission, one of the most influential mission organizations in Japan, at their annual conference held at the mountain resort of Karuizawa, moved and adopted a resolution which raps the alien ban and seeks to pacify the orientals 'because their offended pride and disillusionment as to America's sense of inter-racial fairness, we have been somewhat able to assuage indignation with the assurance that whatever unfairness has entered into American legislation will surely be rectified in time when the situation and the implications of the law are more thoroughly understood."

The Mission's assurance that the English-American feeling will be rectified is hardly the consensus of opinion in these countries as stated by another paper which sees behind the Pan-Asiatic congress a reiteration of the cry raised at Versailles for racial equality and thinks that the "oppressed nationalities" are becoming afraid that the world is fast becoming a white man's property.

"This cannot be tolerated," says this paper, "the demand for racial equality should be kept up. Japan happens to be the strongest nation in Asia, a fact which puts upon her the responsibility of claiming racial equality with especial vigor. Racial equality as a theory will be granted readily enough, but this will not conduce to the well-being and happiness of the colored races. The only way is for everyone to improve his or her own condition and Asiatic peoples, while demanding racial equality should also at the same time make indefatigable efforts to increase their own strength."

### COLORED FILM STAR MANAGER OF NEW RACE JOURNAL

Oakland, Cal.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau)—The latest of the race journalistic ventures on the coast, "The Western American," of Oakland, has as its business manager a nationally known dramatic and motion picture actor, E. Richards Abrams, a former idol of the eastern theatre goers.

Mr. Abrams, best remembered by his leading part opposite Evelyn Preer in the Micheaux film, "The Gunsauls Mystery," is a native of San Antonio, Tex., which, by the way, is also the home place of another nationally known movie star, Clarence A. Brooks of the Lincoln Motion Picture company.

In 1915 Abrams started his theatre career as a juvenile actor in Robert Levy's famous stock troupe of Lafayette Players of New York city. Later when Mr. Levy organized the Reel Productions, he selected Mr. Abrams for the leading part opposite Elizabeth Boyer in the Reel Production, "The Sport of the Gods."