

NEGRO REFUGEES LEFT IN DANGER

BRUTAL NEGLECT CHARGED AGAINST PLANTATION OWNERS

GOVERNOR'S HELP IS ASKED

Hundreds of Negroes' Lives Imperiled When They Are Neglected and Left in Flood Area

Vicksburg, Miss.—Reports coming from the city state that colored refugees were left unaided with their lives in peril near here due to the action of plantation owners in the vicinity. Only providence prevented scores from being drowned in the raging torrents of the flood, it is said.

2,000 Reported in Peril

The report declared, "more than 2,000 Mississippi colored workers from the plantations between Morehead and Inverness were in a desperate situation Saturday." The report was from Captain McClure, commanding the refugee center at Greenwood, Miss.

The report went on to state that the plantation owners refused to permit the national guard to move these refugees out of the flood zone to a point of safety.

Governor's Aid Asked

Gen. Curtis Green, commander of the Mississippi National Guard, investigating and discovering the plight of the refugees informed Governor Murphree of their perilous situation, reporting that they were housed in box cars like cattle and that the flood waters were slowly rising around them.

Send Launches

On instruction from guard headquarters, Captain McClure assembled a fleet of small gas launches in the vicinity of the concentration ready to take off the refugees only when the plantation owners gave their consent. Little could have been done in handling the large number of people had the flood suddenly gone to greater heights it is said, but the crest of the high waters passed without submerging the site to a much greater depth.

Danger of disease setting in the crowded camp was declared imminent, however, and the Red Cross workers have interceded to remedy the conditions in spite of the opposition of plantation owners.

5,000 at Vicksburg

Vicksburg, Miss.—Over 5,000 colored persons were concentrated in the refugee camp here it was announced Sunday. These refugees are under military control.

CITED FOR BRAVERY

Sergt. Isaac Bailey, retired, has received a certificate of the award of the Silver Star Citation for bravery while serving as sergeant of Troop B, Tenth Cavalry in the Spanish-American War, in an engagement with the enemy July 1, 1898. It will be remembered that it was the famous Tenth Cavalry that saved the Rough Riders under Col. Theodore Roosevelt at El Caney in 1898. Troop B played an important part in that engagement.

Sergt. Bailey, who saw service on the frontier, in the Philippines and in Cuba, who is very modest about his exploits, was accounted one of the bravest and most efficient non-commissioned officers in the United States army.

He has been a resident of Omaha since his retirement about twenty years ago and is the owner of an attractive home at 2816 Pratt street, where he and his cultured wife reside.

OLD FOLKS HOME ADDS TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following members have been added to the Executive Board of the Negro Christian Women's Association Old Folks Home: Milton L. Hunter, George W. Hibbler, Rev. John H. Grant, Dr. Craig Morris and Rev. Russel Taylor.

TWO COLORED GIRLS MAKE HONOR SOCIETY

Scholarship, Service, Character Are the Factors in Selecting Year's Membership in Society

Last Thursday, in a general meeting in the school auditorium, Vice Principal J. F. Woolery of Central High school read the names of the students admitted to the honor society for the year. This is considered the highest award that the school can give to lower classmen. Scholarship, character and service are factors in the award. A large number of Centralites received this honor. Among them were two colored students, Miss Margaret Dallas, who was elected to Gamma chapter of the Junior class, and Miss Ollie Mattson, who was chosen to membership in Epsilon chapter of the Freshman class.

CHICAGO UNI HAS NEGRO TENNIS TEAM CAPTAIN

Chicago, Ill.—Richard Hudlin, better known perhaps, as "Dick" Hudlin, was elected captain of the 1927 tennis team of Chicago university here Tuesday. Hudlin is well known in collegiate tennis circles, having been a member of the Maroon team for three years. He is equally as prominent in amateur tennis circles and was last year one of the most formidable contenders for championship honors.

CHICAGO BOY WINS GOLD MEDAL IN MUSIC CONTEST

Chicago, Ill.—Spencer Odum, 13, 519 East Thirty-sixth street, Chicago, is one of the gold medal prize winners in the annual Greater Chicago's Children's Piano Playing Tournament. Spencer is one of the five in his district, in the elimination contest, and is now eligible to enter the finals, when prizes aggregating \$1,500 will be distributed. Almost 15,000 Chicago children began in the contest, and this little man, who is regarded as almost a prodigy in music, came through the rigid test with colors flying.

OMAHA YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND FRAT DINNER

A party of young people went over to Lincoln Saturday to attend the annual dinner dance of the Eta chapter of the Kappa Alpha Si fraternity, and returned Sunday afternoon. The young men, members of the frat, who were in the party, were Messrs. Gerald Adams, Mauranee James, Arthur McCaw, John G. Pegg, Weldon Solomon and Ray L. Williams, and the young ladies were the Misses Louise Decker, Myrtha James, Mae Marshall, Melva McCaw, Madeline and Thelma Shipman, Ernestine Singleton and Alma Webster.

WHITE MINISTER IN NEGRO PULPIT

Cleveland, Ohio.—Dr. Dan Bradley, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church (white) one of the largest churches of the city of Cleveland, lived up to his reputation as a friend of the race, recently, when he took his chorus of one hundred and twenty voices with Prof. R. S. Bayham, his well known organist and conducted the services at Mount Zion Congregational Temple in the heart of the colored district. Dr. Bradley is a graduate of Oberlin college, and is associate moderator of the National Council of Congregational Churches.

WAITERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Private Waiters' Social Aid association celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, with a dinner at the Knights of Pythias Temple on Tuesday evening, April 19. Samson G. Ware, vice president, acted as toastmaster. The Private Waiters is a chartered organization, having no connection with any similar organization. The association has been active in training men to be first-class waiters.

EDITORIAL

What do you think the colored people should have in the matter of positions and jobs under the city administration? We were asked the other day. Surely, a fair question and entitled to a fair answer which we shall attempt to give.

Colored citizens constitute, according to the official census, about six per cent of Omaha's population. This makes the ratio about 17 to 1. This means that there is one colored or Negro American to every other seventeen residents. This does not mean, however, that there are seventeen Caucasians or white Americans to each Negro American resident, for there are various race varieties composing this other ninety-four per cent. Our special group constitutes one seventeenth of the population. If, therefore, we were to base our demands upon our ratio of population, alone, which would not be fair, because there are other factors to be taken into consideration, then it might be said that we are entitled to one-seventeenth of the positions and jobs within the disposal of the city and county government. But this should be discounted by other factors such as our per capita wealth and proportion of taxable property.

To claim that we represent one-seventeenth of the wealth of the city or contribute this ratio of taxes is absurd. That we are quite substantial contributors to the wealth of our city and are relatively heavy taxpayers cannot be denied, but let us make no extravagant claims which we most certainly cannot substantiate.

However, when we take into consideration that fact that we are one-sixteenth of the population, and contribute our proportionate share in taxes and in the support of the public utilities, no fair-minded person will contend that 49 out of a total of 2,119 city employees, excluding those of the Board of Education is a fair and adequate representation or four group. Forty-nine are all we have. Expressed in percentage it reads .0023. This means two and three-tenths thousandths.

These forty-nine are distributed as follows:

Public Affairs Department, which includes	
Water, Gas, Health, Library and City	
Clerk Departments	1; total employees, 985
Fire Department	10; total employees, 316
Police Department	10; total employees, 273
Park Department	1; total employees, 97
Accounts Department	6; total employees, 52
Street Department	18; total employees, 226
Public Improvements	3; total employees, 171

The Board of Education employs approximately 2,000. Of this number there are 1,200 teachers. There is not ONE Negro employed by the Board of Education.

We believe, therefore, that with becoming modesty we should ask the employment of 30 of our people in the Public Affairs Department. This would include one sanitary inspector; a foreman and crew of laborers in the Gas Department and in the Water Department; two clerks each or like employees in the Gas, Water and Health Departments; two employees in the Public Library and one in the City Clerk's office. In other words, instead of ONE we should have THIRTY employees in the Public Affairs Department.

In the Park Department we should have at least three permanent employees.

In the Public Improvements Department, we should have one clerk, and two other employees, draughtsmen, or like position, or a total number of six instead of three.

In the other departments we are fairly well represented. The Board of Education should give employment to at least sixty of our people which would include teachers, clerks, janitors and laborers. We ought to have eighteen teachers, three or four clerks or stenographers, three janitors, and thirty-five other employees, such as mechanics and laborers.

An incredulous smile may curl the lips of some when they read these demands, requests, suggestions or whatever, one may wish to call them; but The Monitor challenges anyone to deny that these requests are reasonable and just.

This is a specific answer to the question, "What do you think the colored people should have in the matter of positions and jobs?"

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

Eighty mothers and daughters enjoyed a delightful entertainment in the Guild Room of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon Thursday night, in observance of Mother and Daughter Week. Mrs. Craig Morris, who was chairman, was ably assisted by an efficient committee. The program consisted of several songs, an excellent address by Mrs. L. E. Britt on "Being a Mother," in which she emphasized the importance of study, keeping mentally alert, and co-operation with teachers by attendance upon parent-teachers' meetings; a thoughtful paper on "The Girl and Her Mother," by Miss Madeline Shipman, in which she stressed companionship, confidence and sympathy; a joint recitation, "Mother," by six little girls, Jacqueline and Norma Bullock, Mary Ellen Britt, Ethel Terrell, Irene Harrold and Mary Heddy Wiggins; and a side-splitting comedy, "The Fatal Necklace," by the Misses Sylvia Adams, Lavina Scott, Celestine and Elaine Smith and Catherine Williams, in which all the participants displayed unusual dramatic ability. Refreshments were served, and all present were enthusiastic in their praise of the successful affair.

AT THE PUBLIC MARKET

In the advertisement of M. Jacobsen, the well-known fish merchant, published in last week's issue and again in this a serious mistake was made. It gave Mr. Jacobsen's location as being with the "Central Market." Mr. Jacobsen is still with the Public Market, 107 South Sixteenth street, where he will be pleased to serve his old customers and welcome new ones.

GIRLS' TEAMS WILL PLAY BASEBALL

The Girls' Friendly Society of St. Philip's Episcopal church, and the Girl Reserves of the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A., each of whom have a live team, will play a game of baseball Saturday afternoon on the municipal playground at 22nd and Seward streets.

The Omaha lodges of the Mosaic Templars of America will fittingly observe Founder's Day with appropriate services and exercises Sunday, May 22nd, at Cleaves Temple, C. M. E. church, Twenty-fifth and Decatur streets at 2:30 p. m. All Mosaics are expected and urged to attend and the public is cordially invited to be present.

THE CULTURAL CENTER OBSERVES MOTHERS DAY

The Camp Fire Girls of the Cultural Center, Branch of the Social Center, 2915 R street, South Side, had their first observance of Mothers Day in Bethel Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. A large audience was present and an interesting program of music, vocal and instrumental, recitations and addresses was enjoyed by those present.

The program was as follows:

Processional, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," G. R. and C. F. G. Chorus, Camp Fire Group. Duet, "Old Fashioned Mother," Trudie and Lu Helen Morgan. Prayer, For Mothers of the World, Mrs. Lovetta Busch. Welcome to G. R. and C. F. G., Rosalie Oliver. Response, Gertrude Harris. Solo, "Mother O' Mine," Willie Liggins. Poem, Laura May Austin. Double Quartette, Girl Reserves. Poem, Alice Lydell. Duet, "That Wonderful Mother of Mine," Laura Smith and Ernestine Love. Recitation, "My Mother," Cecil Walls. Ukelele Solo, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," Alice Lydell. Chorus, "Mother," Six Juniors. "Mother's Love," Mrs. Grace Hutten. Solo and Chorus, "Songs My Mother Used to Sing," Casena Love and Others. "My Pal," a Daughter's View of Mother, Miss Ruth O. Collins. Double Quartette, Girl Reserves. "Prayer for Daughters and Sons of the World," Mrs. Jackson. Tributes to Mothers, Seven Minutes, Audience. Offertory. The Benediction. Recessional, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," Girl Reserves and Camp Fire Girls.

GREEN AGAIN HEADS LOUISIANA PYTHIANS

Alexandria, La.—S. W. Green of New Orleans, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and grand chancellor of the state of Louisiana, has again been re-elected to head the Pythians of Louisiana at the Grand Lodge session just closed. The annual message showed 9,000 members in Louisiana with assets over \$600,000 and no debts.

BLACK KU KLUX KLAN FAILS

Los Angeles, Cal.—Among the recent attempts to corral and control a majority of the Negro vote before the election in May was a movement started by the Ku Klux Klan to organize Negroes into an order somewhat similar to the Klan, aiming their fight against Jews, Roman Catholics and such candidates as did not meet with their approval.

Of the large number of Negroes approached, only 20 or 25 joined the organization. Certain so-called reforms were to be made through the ballot and the usual furtherance of the Negro's interest was held out as an inducement.

Knights of the Black Circle or some such name was to be given the order but the idea was so obnoxious to the average intelligent Negro that those who joined were ashamed to stay and with the opposition and ridicule it met the order died before election day.

MORGAN COLLEGE GETS \$125,000 APPROPRIATION

Baltimore, Md.—May 6.—Through a bill, which has just been signed by Governor Ritchie, Morgan college will receive an appropriation of \$125,000 to be used to build a new science hall. The bill also provides for an increase of \$10,000 in the annual appropriation to the school.

WILL PRESENT PUPILS IN PIANOFORTE RECITAL

Mrs. Florentine F. Pinkston will present her pupils in a pianoforte recital at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, at Hillside Presbyterian church, 30th and Ohio streets. There will be two contests by her advanced pupils, one in which Dorothy Allen and Wills Hayes will compete, and the other in which Sarah Brown and Catherine Williams will be the competitors. The judges will be Miss Bernadine Gilman and Mr. Karl Tuneberg. The public is cordially invited.

NEGROES DONATE FUNDS TO PRESS PROSECUTION

Seek Vindication of Race of Charge of Crime that Resulted in Race Riot on March 18

PETITIONS CIRCULATED; WHITE YOUTHS ACCUSED

Evidence Pointing Towards Guilt of Whites in Race Riot That Blame Upon Negro Race

Coffeyville, Kans.—Vigorous and unrelenting demands for an investigation of the story of two white girls of an attack upon them by three Negroes, which resulted in a race riot here March 18, became more tense here Tuesday when petitions were circulated urging a sweeping grand jury probe of the incident.

Demand Probe

Colored citizens of Coffeyville have been the principal exponents of the proposal that a searching inquiry be made of the girls' story. Colored citizens, as well as whites, believe that the assault upon the girls was really committed by white youths, who blackened up so as to look like Negroes and throw blame for the crime upon the race. Negroes are urging the investigation because they feel that it will mean a vindication of the members of the race.

Nearly a thousand dollars has been raised by the colored inhabitants of Coffeyville to help push the prosecution in the case.

Name Prominent White Youths

Members of prominent white families and some officials have been named in connection with the crime. At one time a local minister announced that he would reveal the facts in a sermon the next Sunday, but when that day came nothing was said about it. Although many Negro suspects have been brought before the girls none of them has been identified by the two as their assailants.

It has been pointed out by authorities that all things indicate that the attack might have been committed by whites. One of the most convincing evidences was the finding of soot smeared on the bed clothes in the girls' room. It has also been pointed out that the alleged attack occurred in the girls' room sometime before dawn and that they would have hardly been able to distinguish blackened faces of white youths from Negroes.

Law Takes Little Action

Last week three colored persons, who were injured by the rioters, filed damage suits amounting to \$35,000. Warrants were served against persons said to have participated in the riot, but most of those who were arrested have been released and none has been sentenced.

SOUTH MUST SOLVE RACE PROBLEM, SAYS ALEXANDER

Nashville, Tenn.—The practice of "the brotherhood gospel" in addition to the preaching of it was advocated as a means of solving the race problem, by Dr. Will W. Alexander, of the Southern Inter-racial Commission, in addressing 240 country ministers and religious workers here Tuesday.

Dr. Alexander, who received the Harmon award for his work in developing a more friendly attitude between the races, declared that the Protestant church and the South must do something definite in the solution of the problem and in promoting the brotherhood gospel, and urged the re-awakening of the spirit of democracy that existed during the great World War. "The old cries," said Dr. Alexander, "of self-determination, the right of the minorities and the slogan of make the world safe for democracy have dimmed in our minds. We fought and bled and died for these things and then on November 11th, 1918, democracy died."

Mr. A. L. Rouhiac of Los Angeles, Cal., enroute to Florida, is visiting his sons, William and Robert.