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## A RACE CONGRESSMAN FROM ILLINOIS

The death of Congressman Madden insures the election of a Negro congressman from the district which he so long and eminently represented in Illinois. The only reason that the district has not, long before this, chosen a representative of our race was the loyalty of our group to Congressman Madden, who was so eminently fair and broad-minded in his attitude towards and dealing with our people. Undoubtedly there will be some dissatisfaction with the choice of Oscar DePriest by the committee as the nominee, the feeling being that Dawson, who polled such a heavy vote in the primary, was the logical candidate. This is our own opinion. We hope, however, that before November matters will so adjust themselves in the Windy City, that Illinois will have the signal and significant honor of being the first northern state to send a Negro to

congress. It is not without significance that this honor should fall to the state of Abraham Lincoln. Within the next five years New York and Missouri will also be represented by Negro congressmen, followed a few years later by Michigan. Illinois has her opportunity to choose the first Negro congressman from the north.

## GAMBLING DENS

Is it true that there are nine gambling houses conducted by Negroes in Omaha? This is a statement that was made the other day. It is said that one of these is on South Thirteenth street, one on South Fourteenth street, one on Cuming street and six on North Twenty-fourth street. If this be true we cannot but believe that they exist with the knowledge of the police authorities and of the sheriff's office. If these places are being operated they are being run in violation of the laws of this state. Such places are

not beneficial to our people, but detrimental. Unless their consciences are seared, those who run them, if they will honestly state their convictions, will admit that they do a vast deal of harm. They make money for a few higher-ups and go-betweens, while the patrons of such places are impoverished. People who think and the honest, upstanding, hard-working, self-respecting members of our race in this city want such places closed and kept closed. Gambling dens by whomsoever operated, white men, black men or yellow men, should be closed and kept closed.

## WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

### Race Pride

The Bremen, the first aeroplane to successfully negotiate a nonstop flight across the Atlantic from east to west marks another great era in aeronautics that will add history to the many almost superhuman feats and accomplishments of this comparatively new method of transportation.

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The facts of their racial identities have been advertised and emphasized all over the world and Germans and Irishmen everywhere—the world over have taken exceptional pride in the achievement of their racial representatives.

Those who are ashamed to be identified with and be proud of their racial identity, or those counterfeit souls, who, for one reason or another, desire to "pass" for what they are not; or those who are ambitious to be known under various aliases or disguises should see that racial identity means much to a race; and most especially if that race has been held in public contempt or widespread prejudice has been rife against it. Be proud of your race and your race will make you proud of it.—Chicago Bee.

## CLARENCE DARROW AND THE NEGRO

By George H. W. Bullock

Speaking before the Washington, D. C., branch of the N. A. A. C. P. a few Sundays ago, Clarence Darrow, the noted criminal lawyer of Chicago, took a fling at the church and the Christian religion for not doing more for its most consistent and devoted element, the Negro race. He accuses the influence and practice of the white part of Christendom of setting up an artificial barrier between those

whose skin is of a darker hue and those who are lighter, calling the latter "superior."

He arraigns the Deity for His apparent disinterest in whatever happens to his colored children and directly lays the blame for their hindrance in the way of their civic and economic advance in the world to the bad faith and indifference of the Deity. He says that if there is a God, He must be white because He seems to use the white race for His favorite agents on earth to propagate His doctrines. He then simmers his argument down to this simple advice: that it would be far better for us as a people to do less praying and worshipping the "unknown Deity" and get out and do more hustling for our own social and economic advancement.

With the purpose and end Mr. Darrow has in mind, we all heartily agree. But with the method of reaching that end as advanced by him, we differ. Mr. Darrow, as you know, is an agnostic and speaks from that viewpoint. An agnostic is on who professes ignorance of the existence of any Deity or any life after this one on earth. The word "agnostic" comes from a combined Greek word meaning "know not." Let us not confuse the agnostic with the atheist. The latter denies absolutely the existence of God while the former professes to not know whether there is a God.

Granting that we are hindered by those who champion the Christian faith in getting our just share of the world's material benefits, we cannot afford, nay, more, even consider throwing to the winds our faith in God and the efficacy of the Christian religion upon which our consolation rests. We attribute our material shortcomings, not to the nonexistence of God, nor to the ineffectiveness of the religion He founded, but rather to the lack of the true Christian spirit in many of those who are chosen to carry the gospel. For example, we elect congressmen for the purpose of enacting laws for our civic betterment. They go about this in their own way. This way may prove to be as it is the case in a majority of instances, quite contrary to good and sound judgment. But we cannot throw away our belief in this method of enacting laws. A democratic form of government means a government of, for, and by the people. We have here in the United States that kind of government. Now because that is greatly misused by those who predominate in its administration is no

good reason why we should lose faith in the form or institution itself, but rather in its mistaken administration. The same reasoning must be brought to bear upon the Christian faith. We cannot throw away our very foundation of life—faith in God—for material accumulations—the imperishable for that which perishes.

Mr. Darrow is a much better Christian than he is willing to admit, because Christianity is best manifested by the deeds we do, and not by the profession we make. Mr. Darrow is a materialist and sees things through material eyes only. The Negro is fundamentally a spiritualist and believes in eternal reward in the future life.

No one doubts Mr. Darrow's personal interest in the colored race. We are indeed grateful that we have

a Darrow with us who is candid enough to speak his mind on these matters.

Much of what he says we shall appropriate to daily life, but we must point any doubter of the existence of God to what he sees around him in the material manifestation of His wonderful presence in the grass that grows, the astral phenomenon of the heavens, the animal life which is beyond man's understanding. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

Mrs. T. P. Mahamitt entertained a few friends Wednesday night at her residence, with an illustrated travelogue complimenting Mrs. Marie M. Conway of Chicago, Ill., guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Hawkins.

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