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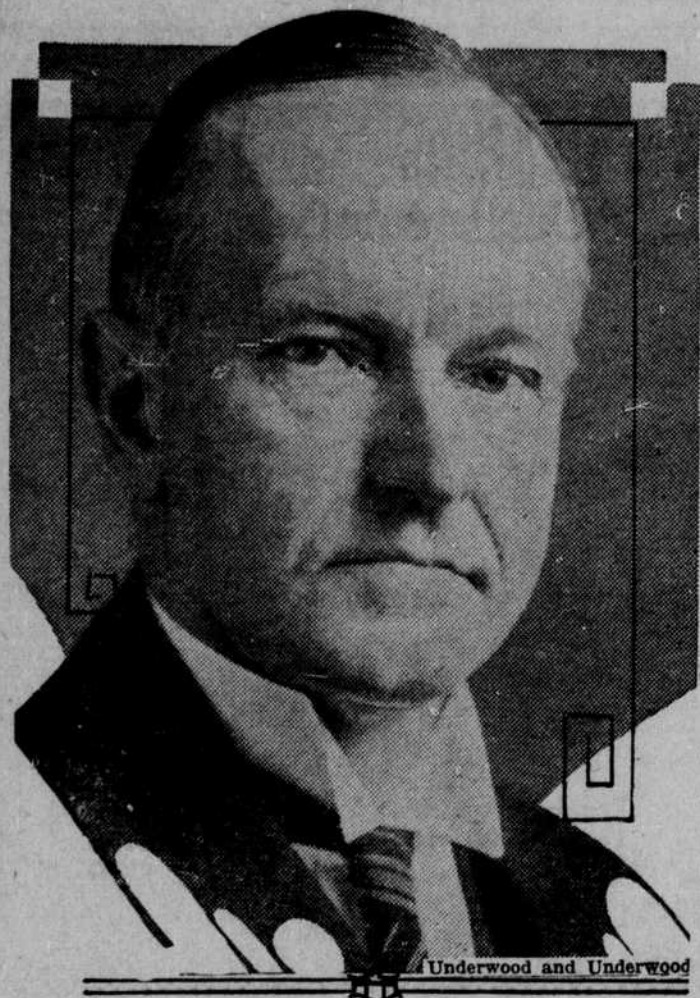
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HON. CALVIN COOLIDGE  
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### NEGRO ADVANCES IN BUSINESS AND FINANCE

#### Survey Shows Great Strides of Colored People In Business and Industrial Field

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 7.—(By the A. N. P.)—A survey of the city of Louisville, Ky., shows a Negro population of 40,087 in 1920. In this city Negroes own and operate the following retail outlets:

- 6 drug stores
- 12 groceries and markets
- 3 music shops
- 1 haberdashery
- 30 restaurants
- 2 other retail stores

Negroes also own and operate:

- 30 barber shops
- 12 beauty parlors
- 1 laundry
- 2 banks
- 2 loan associations
- 4 printing establishments
- 2 newspapers
- 5 public dance halls
- 4 theaters
- 1 ice factory

is evident from the survey that the city has a number of leading spirits.

New York.—At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Victory Life Insurance company in this city, a report was filed showing that the company has paid \$147,000 in salaries and commissions to its workers in the New York office during the past year.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The entire business assets, etc., of the Community Mutual Life Insurance company, a newly organized company in this city, have been purchased by the Mammoth Life & Accident company of Louisville, Kentucky. The latter company, with assets of more than \$470,000 was recently authorized to do business in the state of Indiana.

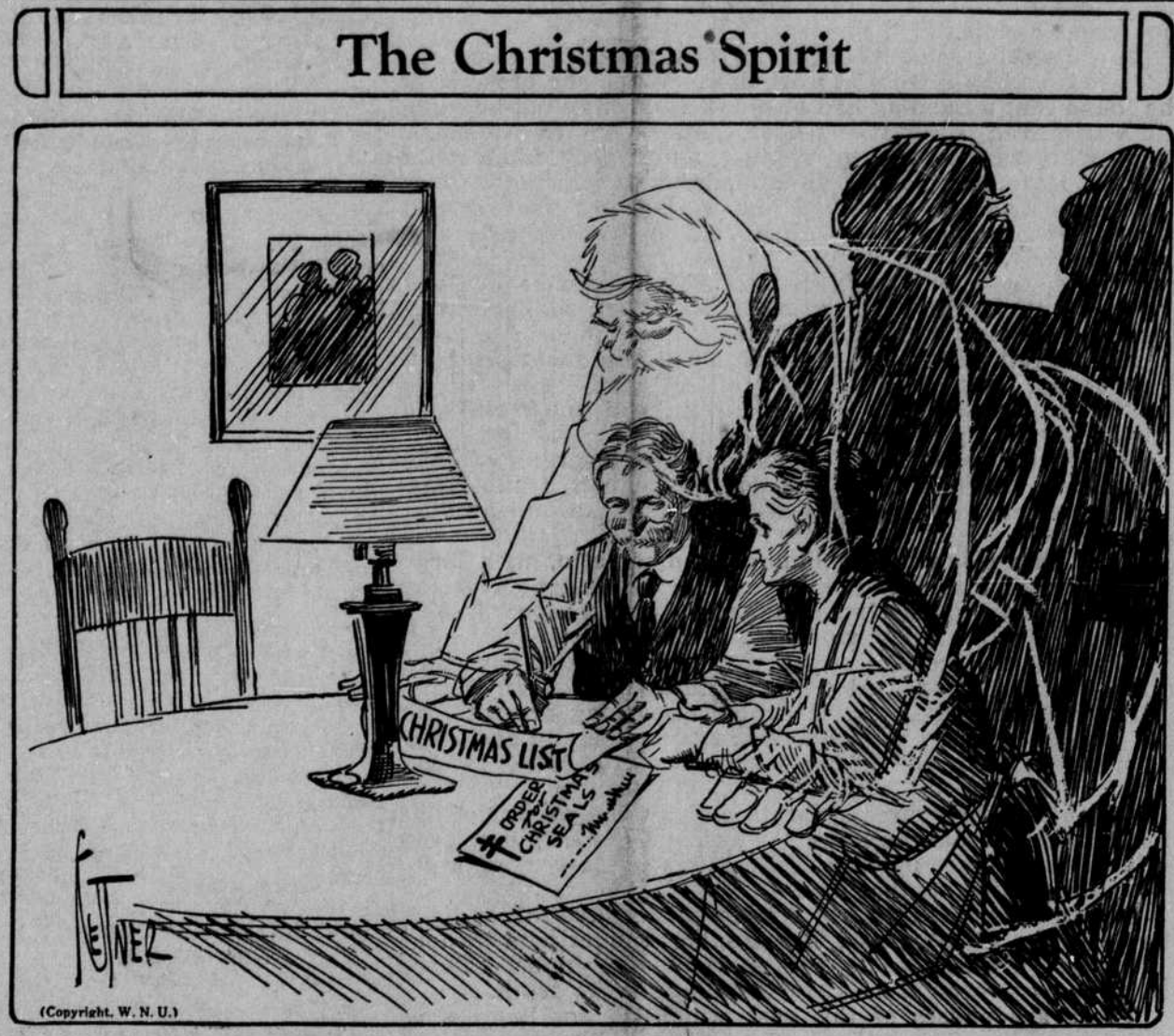
A recent nationwide survey shows that there are only 50 Negro architects, 184 engineers, 145 designers, draftsmen, and inventors and 207 chemists in the United States.

Durham, N. C.—A pamphlet recently issued by the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company, shows that there are eleven Negroes who carry from \$100,000 to \$550,000 of life insurance. Watt Terry of New York leads the list with \$545,000.

Chicago, Ill.—The United States Consumers company, a coal company with headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., has opened offices in this city. The company is headed by C. C. Williams, formerly employed by the Famous Barr company. The company did \$100,000 worth of business during its first six months.

Salem, Ore.—After months of litigation, fighting injunctions and other legal obstructions, Mr. Charles H. Maxwell has succeeded in opening and commencing the operation of one of the finest barbecue emporiums in the northwest.

Keystone, W. Va.—The Pocahontas Transportation company, a Negro owned bus line operating in McDowell and Mercer counties of West Virginia, has recently added another 22 passenger bus to their present fleet.



### Mrs. Hankins' Description of Prowler Does Not Square With "Indentification" of Bird

What Is It That Makes These Supposedly Intelligent and Observing Women to So Reverse Themselves as to Wholly Discredit Their Former Testimony?

That our readers may fully appreciate the position taken by The Monitor that we find it difficult to reconcile the discrepancies in the descriptions furnished by Mrs. Stribling of her murderous attacker and that furnished by Mrs. Mary G. Hankins, a neighbor who reported the appearance of a suspicious character at her home the morning of the attack, with their identification of Jake Bird, we print here in parallel columns one article from the Omaha Bee-News and two from the World-Herald, which tell their own story.

#### SAYS JAKE BIRD NOT ONE NEAR LAKE AFTER ATTACK

Woman Tells of Driving Away Negro on Morning Stribling's Were Hacked.

Mrs. Mary G. Hankins, living in Lakeview Park addition, near Carter Lake club, after viewing Friday a photograph of Jake Bird shown to her by Sheriff Lainson of Council Bluffs, stated that Bird is not the Negro who appeared at her home the morning of the ax attack on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stribling.

"The man I saw was a light-colored mulatto, with large lips and a dangerous look in his eyes. He wore a gray overcoat and gray cap," said Mrs. Hankins.

Mrs. Hankins related that at 2 o'clock on the morning of the attack, she was awakened by a noise at a window. When she arose later she found that a hand-ax had been taken from an out-building and left on the porch at the door.

At 7:30 o'clock, after Mr. Hankins had departed, the man came to the door and asked admittance. "First he said he thought my dog, barking in the house, was his," said Mrs. Hankins. "Next he asked to come in and get warm, and then asked for a cup of coffee. When he asked to use the telephone, I got a gun and threatened to shoot him. He walked away."—World-Herald, Saturday, December 1, 1928.

#### HAITI MAKES GREAT PROGRESS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—(A. N. P.)—The high yield of Haiti's leading agricultural crop and favorable markets for exportable products in the fiscal year ended September 30, made that period one of the most prosperous which Haiti has enjoyed, according to the department of commerce.

Expansion of the export trade resulting from greater agricultural returns caused a steady expansion of business, although a seasonal slackening was in evidence in the final quarter of the fiscal year, according to M. J. Meehan, division of regional information of the department. The foreign trade reached a value which has been exceeded only in the year 1919-20 when Haiti shared in the worldwide postwar inflation.

#### DRIVES AWAY PROWLER

Mrs. L. T. Hankins, Lakeview park, Tuesday morning drove away a prowler answering closely the description of the attacker of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harold Stribling, by brandishing a revolver when the young man sought to force his way into her home, it became known Wednesday afternoon.

Shortly after her husband had left for work, and several hours after the ax-fiend had released Mrs. Stribling in a swamp a short distance from the Hankins home, a dark young man answering closely the description of the ax-murderer sought an unlocked door by which to enter the house, Mrs. Hankins reported.

#### Describes Prowler

Mrs. Hankins, whose residence is about five blocks from the Carter Lake club, knew nothing of the assault on the Striblings until late Tuesday afternoon, and failed to notify the police of the appearance of the prowler at her door.

The prowler appeared shortly before 8 a. m. She described him as a Spaniard, Mexican or a very light Negro, about 5 feet 8 inches in height and about 25 years of age. He wore a gray overcoat and cap, and spoke with a refined, soft voice, she said.

#### Runs for Pistol

Mrs. Hankins refused his request of a cup of coffee, as she was in the house alone. After talking with the man for several minutes she ordered him away, whereupon he started into the house. Mrs. Hankins slammed the door in his face, ran for a revolver, returned to the door, and again ordered the intruder away.

He finally left, and disappeared in the bottom land east of the park, Mrs. Hankins reported.—Omaha Bee-News, Thursday, November 22, 1928.

#### FATHER KILLS MAN ABOUT HIS DAUGHTER

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 7.—(A. N. P.)—Thomas Crawford, living in the west end of the city near state fair ground, shot and killed George Bond, who was identified as the man who had assaulted his 13-year-old daughter, Margie. Bond attempted to escape from Crawford when the two met Sunday and Crawford killed him instantly. Crawford was held without bond.

#### WOMAN SAW BIRD IN EAST OMAHA ATTACK MORNING

Mrs. M. C. Hankins Says He Sought Entrance to Her Home at Seven A. M.; Suspect Still Silent; Taken to Ft. Madison.

Jake Bird was identified Saturday as the man who attempted to force his way into the home of Mrs. Mary G. Hankins, in East Omaha, on the morning of the Stribling attack.

Mrs. Hankins made the identification in the offices of County Attorney Northrup in Council Bluffs.

"I am positive Bird is the man," said Mrs. Hankins, "and since seeing him with handcuffs about his wrists, a feeling of safety has come over me."

#### There at 7 o'Clock

Mrs. Hankins told authorities that about 7:30 a. m., just after her husband, Lee, had driven away to work, a man came to her door and asked to see her dog, explaining that his dog had run away and that the dog in her home might be his.

"Let your dog outside," he asked, she said.

"I refused and told him that we had had our dog for several years. Then he asked me to let him come into the house for a cup of coffee. "I'm near famished looking around here for my dog," he told me. I told him we did not drink coffee. Then he asked to come in to get warm. I told him that the fire was out in the stove.

#### Then She Got Pistol

"He insisted on coming into the house. I got a revolver and told him to move on and if he wanted coffee to go into the park and get some from the caretaker.

"Instead of going where I directed him, he went across our lot to the road and walked east."

#### KILLS MAN; ESCAPES

Alexandria, La., Dec. 7.—(A. N. P.)—Judge Lathay was shot and killed Saturday by George Brown in a gun battle, during which seven shots were fired. Brown, after the shooting, went to the residence of Armstead Burgess, woke him up and informed him that he had killed a man. He then escaped and has not been arrested. Lathay died instantly.



THE REV. JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS  
Retiring Editor of The Monitor

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### NOTED WRITER SHOWS NEGRO VICTORIOUS IN DEFEAT

#### Neval Thomas Proves Negro Won Prestige By Breaking With Republican Party While Losing Election for Al Smith

BY NEVAL H. TOMAS  
(For A. N. P., Dec. 7)

Thou we lost, we won! No longer will we be able to tell a man's political opinion by his skin. Hereafter when we want to know what a black man is thinking about, we must ask him. We will always be thought children if men can divine our thinking by such a badge as color. I am happy to have been a part of black America's great revolt. It has brought us into the human family. It attracted the attention of the leading writers and thinkers of the nation, for they filled their columns with guesses and speculations about the depth and breadth of our discontent, and encouraged our ancient enemy to offer us ever the American congress for our alliance with them. In feature writing and in editorial comment black men and women in both parties were given credit for statesmanship, for serious political thinking, and gifts of leadership. It forced the republican party to invest more money to hold the lines than ever before in its history, and gave our country the unprecedented scene of two great parties in titanic struggle for the Negro vote. America now knows that a party can lose us, and another get us.

ancient bugaboo of Negro domination. The Ku Klux Klan attacked with millions of papers and pamphlets the presence of Negroes enjoying civil rights and high offices under Tammany Hall, and proclaimed the Pope as the American ruler in case of a democratic victory; and by this misrepresentation a great statesman, who reached the inner hearts of mankind, was kept from his deserved goal.

Mr. Hoover is not the president of the republican party, but the servant of all of the people, and I, for one, shall appeal to him for full justice to the Negro with as much earnestness, and as great expectations, as I would had I urged his election. Whoever is president leaves my duties one and the same, for the reformer cannot sheath his sword from war until he has won every right for his people that all other races enjoy, and neither of the two old parties is willing to take that forward step in government. Then, more and more of the militant spirit among Negroes! Let us join all of the other discontented groups in the world, for our cause is one. Let us vote and play political parties against each other; let us agitate, boycott, and appeal to conscience; always having but one thought—the good of our fellowman.

#### STRIKE MAN WHO CRITICIZES MUSIC

New Orleans, La., Dec. 7.—(A. N. P.)—Johnnie Handy, musician, has been detained by the police awaiting the outcome of injuries received by Gray B. Amos, a white man, who is suffering from a fractured skull. According to witnesses, Amos visited a soft drink parlor where Handy was engaged as a piano player, 1815 Gravier street, and made deprecating remarks relative to the quality of music being turned out. Handy claim that Amos struck Handy with a blunt instrument, Amos is in a local hospital in an unconscious condition.