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A Thirty Year Ambition!
From out of the mass of news of the week nothing impresses me as does the fulfillment of a thirty year ambition by a man—a real man—one that everyone that knows him, love—and my immediate benefactor, Harry H. Pace, president of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company.

Despite the many near-fraudulent advertisements that many of our leading papers carry, success cannot be achieved through any system of following the numbers, race horse tips, lucky stones, incense powders or lucky charms.

Whenever you find a man, or an organization that has achieved success on merits you will find there a certain amount of character and a driving force that permits the human to battle and conquer every known obstacle, natural, and those that are placed in the way by envious and scheming designers who would rather pull a man down than to push him up.

Nothing tells the story of the real Harry H. Pace as does the fulfillment by him of a thirty year ambition. This is written on Saturday (July 1st) and on the Friday evening previous, Mr. Pace received his Law Degree which to him meant the fulfillment of a desire that has taken thirty years to achieve.

On Friday evening, June 30th, in the Chicago Civic Opera House, Mr. Pace, in a class of forty graduates, five of whom were colored, including besides, Mr. Pace, C. N. Langston, William Henry Huff, George W. Kelly, and Melvin R. Grubbs, received their sheepskins. Mr. Pace received an LL. B. degree. Mr. Pace and Mr. Pace and Mr. Langston also received an honorary Cum Laude Degree (only seven in the entire class received this honorary degree) which entitles them to honorary membership in the Order of Lincoln, an exclusive fraternity of the alumni of the Chicago Law School.

The remarkable achievement, and the example that Mr. Pace has set teaches our race an example of perseverance and accomplishment of goals under hardships and against obstacles better than any amount of propaganda protesting against things that can't be done. Somehow or other the man who is capable of doing things, goes right ahead and does them, while others are protesting that they can't do them.

Thirty years ago Mr. Pace was forced to discontinue his college days because of illness—an illness through which his doctors said he would not pull through. From that moment on the actions of Harry H. Pace if recorded in novel form would rival any bit of achievement that is to be found in American literature.

Without going into details on his past career we learn that he has battled every step of the way, in various kinds of enterprises, always giving to same the full benefit of his energy, experience and fighting resources, and always with the secret ambition of taking up his law course.

Popular Society Matron Sues For Divorce

ond to the largest in the country, instead of resting on his laurels, he so organized his routine as to permit him to spend at least four nights a week studying law—for three years. While others were entertaining, socializing and enjoying the pleasures

of life, he studied, and today he probably is the happiest man in the country for he has achieved a thirty year ambition. I congratulate Harry H. Pace—a real man—and my benefactor.

"Organized Minority Can Win Race Battles"—Pickens



William Pickens

Chicago, June 30—A plea for the closer organization of Negroes, for the sloughing off of "slave psychology" and for the training of Negro youth in fighting the cause of the colored race was made Thursday night by William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at the opening mass meeting of the 24th annual conference of the association in Pilgrim Baptist Church, 33rd Street and Indiana avenue.

Pickens, speaking on "The Power of Minorities," declared Society had been originated, preserved and advanced by minorities and that minorities now rule and direct it.

"The Negro must lose the feeling of his old helplessness," the speaker said, "and must realize that twelve million people, over eighty per cent of whom can read and write, are not a weak force, in spite of their situation three generations ago, and that they can command respect if they are but so much as one-tenth organized."

Roosevelt's Statement Rejecting European Plea

London, July 3—The text of President's Roosevelt's message to the world economic conference today follows:

"I would regard it as a catastrophe amounting to a world tragedy if the great conference of nations called to bring about a more real and permanent financial stability and a greater prosperity to the masses of all nations should in advance of any serious effort to consider these broader problems allow itself to be diverted by the proposal of purely artificial and temporarily experiment affecting the monetary exchange of a few nations only.

"Such action, such diversion, shows a singular lack of proportion and failure to remember the large purposes for which the economic confer-

FATHER DENIES MARRIAGE

Reports of the marriage of Miss Celestine Smith former popular young Omahan now living in Chicago, have been denied by her father, Mr. John Smith.

Mr. Smith stated that the report was a hoax played on Miss Smith by a reporter of a Chicago newspaper.

FORMER OMAHA GIRL DIES

Miss Oletha Surant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Surant, former Omahans, died in Chicago Wednesday, July 5th. The news of her death was a shock to her many Omaha friends. Miss Surant was the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Brown. Funeral arrangements, as yet, have not been made.

A petition asking for a divorce from Worthington L. Williams and also alimony and the custody of their baby boy, John Worthington Williams was filed by Mrs. W. L. Williams last week.

Mrs. Williams alleged extreme cruelty and threats of bodily harm, as her reasons.

Mrs. Williams is the former Amanda Cousins of Denver, Colo. She and Mr. Williams were married in December 1930.

Mr. Williams is well known as the son of late Rev. John Albert Williams and is prominent socially and a well known musician.

ence originally was called together.

"I do not relish the thought that insistence on such action should be made the excuse for continuance of the basic economic errors that underlie so much of the present worldwide depression.

"The world will not long be lulled by the specious policy of achieving a temporary and probably an artificial stability in foreign exchange on the part of a few large countries only.

"The sound internal economic system of a nation is a greater factor in its well being than the price of its currency in changing terms of currencies of other nations.

"Fetishes of Bankers"

"It is for this reason that reduced costs of government, adequate government income, and ability to serve its government debts are all so important to ultimate stability.

"So, too, all fetishes of so-called international bankers are being replaced by efforts to plan national currencies with the objective of giving to those currencies continuing purchasing power which does not greatly vary in terms of the commodities and need of modern civilization.

"Let me be frank in saying that the United States of America seeks the kind of dollar which a generation hence will have the same purchasing and debt-paying power as the dollar value we hope to attain in the near future. That objective means more to the good of other nations than a fixed ratio for a month or two in terms of the pound or franc.

"Stabilization for All"

"Our broad purpose is permanent stabilization of every nation's currency. Gold or gold and silver can well continue to be a metallic reserve behind currencies, but this is not the time to dissipate all reserves. When the world works out concerted policies in the majority of nations to produce balanced budgets and living within their means then we can properly discuss a better distribution of the world's gold and silver to act as a reserve base a better distribution of the world's gold and silver supply to act as a reserve base of national currencies.

means and in the result. Here also temporary exchange fixing is not the true answer. We must rather mitigate existing embargoes to make easier the exchange of products of which one nation has and the other has not.

"The conference was called to better and perhaps to cure fundamental economic ills. It must not be diverted from that effort."

CHRISTINE BROWN SUES MRS. BATTLES

Alleging that because of negligence and heedlessness on the part of Mrs. Margaret Battles while driving her car, caused her to be damaged to the extent of nine hundred dollars, Miss Christine Brown brought suit for that amount in the Municipal Court.

The accident occurred at 2 o'clock on the morning of May 2nd at the intersection of 24th and Grant Sts.

Miss Brown claims she pleaded with Mrs. Battles to be more careful as it was slippery and raining, only to have her increase the speed of the car to sixty miles per hour. The plaintiff suffered the loss of six teeth, an injured back and a bruised leg.

GLASS, NOT STEEL IN FORSLING'S LEG AS JOB REJECTED

KIMBALL, Neb. — O. E. Forsling was operated upon this morning by Dr. A. R. Everett to remove what was thought to be a piece of steel, received during a raid last June.

No steel was found, but a piece of glass three-fourths of an inch long had worked its way into his leg and lay against the bone, close to a large artery.

Mr. Forsling today mailed his refusal to accept the office of deputy prohibition administrator for the state. He will retain the job he has filled the past 10 years as prohibition officer.

Ford's Guest



DR. R. R. MOTON

Principal, Tuskegee Institute spent a part of Monday and Tuesday with Henry Ford, wizard of the auto industry and finance. Dr. Moton drove about the gigantic River Rouge, Mich., plant with Henry Ford himself at the wheel of one of the latest V-8 models. The billionaire spent several hours in discussing with the president of the National Negro Business League the present economic situation the outlook of the future, and his own attitude with respect to the place of the Negro in American industrial life. The Ford main plant just outside Detroit employs more than 30,000 men now of whom 3,000 are Negroes who are found working in every department

Union Operators Put Up A Battle In City Chamber

Union operators appeared before the City Council with their representative and put up a battle to keep Negro youths from getting operating license.

The spokesman for the Union Operators told the City Council that the union operators are only interested in saving the lives of the children and the Union will gladly give Negro operators membership in the Union, if he can pass the examination.

The president of the Motion Picture Examining Board is a union operator and he makes it his business to see that the Negro applicant is examined for a motion picture machinist and not a motion picture operator.

Did you know that the Ritz Theatre pays the operator \$45.00 per week? Did you know that 95 per cent of this \$45.00 comes out of Negroes pockets? What are you going to do about it? That salary is about equal to four grocery clerks, four delivery men and a half dozen office girls. What would you suggest to help get this \$45.00 per week job for some deserving Colored youth who has been under the instruction of a license operator for six months and has proven by demonstration to the proprietor of the theatre that he is fully equipped to operate a motion picture machine?

Write us and give us an idea. It might help to work this problem out. With the right kind of co-operation this \$45.00 per week job can be secured for a Negro operator.

side by side with white workers. In many cases with white men under their supervision. Mr. Ford says with him it isn't a question of color but of fitness.

Taxpayers' League Organized

Last Friday night, June 23, a group of North end citizens, were invited to attend a meeting at the Mid-City Community Center. The meeting was called to order by Mr. T. P. Mahamitt. Mr. Mahamitt stated that a committee consisting of Dr. G. B. Lennox, Dr. Thomas C. Ross and Mr. T. P. Mahamitt made a survey of 4 districts, 100 homes in each, and of equal distance from the Douglas County Court House, regarding the assessed values on real estate, and that their findings were unbelievable. For instance a home in West Omaha, which was mortgaged for \$2500 was assessed for about \$700. A home in North Omaha, with about equal value was found to be assessed double, and sometimes triple that amount.

At the conclusion of Mr. Mahamitt's talk, Dr. G. B. Lennox, Dr. T. C. Ross and C. C. Galloway, were called on for a few remarks, and at the conclusion of Dr. Lennox's remarks, it was suggested that they form a permanent organization. Dr. Lennox was elected President, S. T. Montgomery, Vice-President, and Bernie Cowan, Sec'y. A call was issued for another meeting for Monday June 26th and at the meeting on Monday a large number of citizens filled for the equalization board, Friday, out blanks, and all agreed to go. June 29 and ask for reduction in their taxes. The following is a resolution read by Dr. Lennox at this meeting.

We are appealing to your sense of justice. We are desirous to keep up our taxes and save our homes, but a revaluation of our district has not been made, merely a pre-determined figure has been placed against the values of our property.

If the situation remains as it has been heretofore, the majority of our property owners in this section will not be in a position to pay any taxes whatever. We do not want to be forced to lose our homes because the County Assessor insists upon valuing them for more than they are worth. It will be difficult for the majority of our property owners to hold on even if the right value is placed against their properties. Don't put us

out in the street and make it necessary for us to ask relief because we are not able to pay the taxes which you are putting against us.

We recognize that there has been a reduction of 20% made in this particular district this year, and 17% last year, and we appreciate both reductions; but that doesn't alter the fact that these reductions do not bring the properties down to their today's value. If different boards increase the levies, the 20% reduction will be practically cut in half.

Our people are small property owners who cannot afford to employ a lawyer, and you should not force us to. We know that you can take advantage of us, but that is no reason for your going it. We hope that this Board will grant a further reduction of 12 1/2% and we want to promise you that we will cast our lot with you when opportunities present themselves to do so.

Therefore, we, the North End Property Owners, ask that this Board place the valuation on our homes on a fair basis.

Dr. G. B. Lennox, Pres.

OMAHA TAXES 25 PCT. ABOVE OTHER CITIES

City taxes in Omaha were nearly 25 per cent higher in 1931 than those of the average city in Omaha's population class, according to figures released at Washington yesterday by the census bureau.

The per capita tax rate in Omaha was \$67.11. In other cities of the 100 thousand to 300 thousand population class, the average was \$54.93.

A sharp increase in Omaha taxes since 1917 is revealed by the report. In that year Omaha paid \$34.48 per capita, compared with the \$25.89 average for cities of its class.

"THREE GUN" WILSON WILL LEAVE JULY 10

Deputy Federal Prohibition Administrator Harold D. Wilson of Omaha has been definitely furloughed effective July 10, according to a dispatch from The World-Herald's Washington bureau.

MAYOR EDWARD J. KELLY WELCOMES NAACP GUESTS

A welcome to the delegates, who came from twenty-five states and the district of Columbia, was extended by Mayor Edward J. Kelly.

Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, who was one of the founders of the association, and who is now a member of the board of directors, addressed the meeting. Response to the welcome addresses was made by Miss Mary White Ovington.

RITZ THEATRE OPEN JULY 9th with "The SEA BELOW" a thrilling undersea drama