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Conditions in the republic which have crowded a million persons in Mexico City, or more than 300,000 above its normal population, have increased greatly the number of itinerant merchants who set up shop where their whim wills. It is impossible to find a street in the city where some vendor has not set up a stall.

A person desiring to outfit a house can buy almost everything needed without placing a foot within a regular shop. Let a prospective buyer merely hint that he is in the market for something and he is besieged immediately by a crowd of energetic salesmen, who dilate in machine-gun Spanish on the worth of their wares.

Sunday is the busiest day for these merchants. They foregather principally in the plazas, spread their goods about them and patiently wait for customers. Their numbers are augmented by men and women, boys and girls, all of them selling candles, fruits, shoestrings, pottery, tobacco, drinks, bright-colored ribbons, shoes, hats, dogs, cats, gophers and the dozens of varieties of food of which chili is the most important component.

The plazas present an animated appearance. Bands are playing, whistles are blowing, newsboys call their editions, a man with a wheel of chance beseeches the credulous to try their luck; a boy with a huge basket balanced atop his head offers sweetmeats at 5 centavos each, and following him comes a seller of ice cream with his frozen dainties tucked away in a container which he juggles perilously on his head but never loses a spoonful, and above all shines a glorious sun which gives no hint of brooding problems of existence.

It is a happy life the native leads on Sunday, when with a few centavos he may fill his stomach with sweets, bask in the warm sunshine and listen to music furnished by a Mexican band.

A man from the United States, who on a recent Sunday morning took his seat in a plaza, within a few minutes had his shoes shined, his nails manicured, his breakfast served, his morning newspapers delivered, his measure taken for a suit of clothes and was offered an assortment of diamonds and opals at a bargain. He concluded that there may be more modern methods of conducting business, but none more picturesque than that employed by the outdoor merchant.

Believes in Physical Training.

Marguerite L. Smith, elected to the New York state assembly from the Nineteenth New York district, is twenty-five years old and a specialist in physical training and her election is, she believes, the natural outgrowth of the work she has been doing in her community all through the war. She will not give up her work as physical director in the Horace Mann Elementary school, where she is also supervisor of girls' clubs.

In the summer for several years Miss Smith has been director of the physical training and dancing at Camp Hanoun, a girls' camp in Vermont, and has also superintended the girls' hikes through the White mountains.

When she was in a teachers' college Miss Smith was president of the athletic association for two years and received the highest individual score for athletics in her senior year.

"I never had any legislative or political plans for myself," she says. "I haven't now. But I want to keep on working for the people of my own community in whatever way I can."

No Wonder.

My, how her feet did hurt! It was now two o'clock in the afternoon and she had been traipsing about all day in search of Christmas bargains. It was a balmy fall day and she couldn't lay the hurting to the weather. Her shoes were two or three months old and had never caused her distress before.

But there was no denying the aching appeal for relief from the lower extremities and she hied herself to a restroom in one of the downtown stores.

She stooped to unlace the shoes and horror of horrors! She had been walking all day with each shoe on the wrong foot.

London's Fine Fig Trees.

If the average Londoner were asked where the best show of fig trees was to be seen in central London he would probably think you were pulling his leg. Yet here it is, and in such a conspicuous place as Trafalgar square.

The fig trees against the lower walls of the National gallery, inclosing the little shaven lawn, flourish exceedingly, and give a note of desirable freshness to that much criticised piece of architecture.

A thoughtful observer suggested the other day that the leaves of the National gallery fig trees might be intended for use inside.—London Chronicle.

Hardly a Model Husband.

A young woman told the Willesden (England) magistrate that she had six points to complain of about her husband. He would not allow her to speak to any one. He would not allow anyone to visit the house. He would not allow her to take her little boy out. He would not give her any housekeeping money. He threatened her life. He would not let her have her own clothes to wear. After all that the court missionary was asked to act as arbitrator.

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NEGROES AND WHITES OF KENTUCKY MEET FOR RACIAL ADJUSTMENT.

(Associated Negro Press)

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 1.—"At a Joint Conference of the National Consumers League," "The Americanization Committee of the Kentucky Branch of the Woman's Council of National Defense, and the "Kentucky Conference of Social Work," held at Louisville, November 20-24 was a very important session, devoted to race relationships. This is reported to have been the first meeting ever held in Kentucky where leaders of both races came together before a large audience of both races to talk over important matters of common interest. The spirit of the meeeting was encouraging in every way. At the close of the session the following resolutions were adopted:

1. We favor the establishing of district sanitaria with state aid for the care and treatment of all persons both white and Colored in Kentucky, who suffer from tuberculosis.

2. We urge all the people of our Southland both white and Colored to co-operate with the view of bringing about a better understanding between the races and to this end—provide adequate educational facilities for Negro youth.

To adopt measures that will insure the Negroes health.

To recognize the good and the higher qualities of the Negro through press and otherwise.

To guarantee justice and a recognition of his rights before law and to stand for the equal enforcement of law on both sides.

To labor for industrial justice for the Negro.

To endeavor in every reasonable way to give the Negro a man's chance and help him work out his own salvation as an American citizen.

REPUBLICANS PLAN WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

(Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1.—That the Republican Party intends to leave no stone unturned by which the people may be acquainted with the plans of the presidential campaign of 1920 is evident from the announcement that Chairman Will H. Hays, expects to set the work in motion actively, at a conference here in January 5, 6, and 7th. Practically, all of the members of the National Committee are to meet here in consultation with Wm. Hert, as president of the Committee on Arrangements for the National Convention. The Women's division of the Party organization is to meet in formal session. One of the chief features will be the formal session of the men and women who are to meet and formulate a draft of platform which will be submitted to the committee on Resolutions, next June. There is unusual activity manifested throughout the country by the Colored voters. Never before in the history of the party have they manifested such great concern with reference to the platform and to the Republican nominee. Hundreds of men throughout the country, business men and professional men are taking an active interest in political movement. This being the first time women have been permitted to take an active part in the National Convention, hundreds of our women are getting busy in this direction.

Already, various organizations of Chicago are preparing to extend the hospitality of the city to the thousands who will gather here for the Convention.

WHAT A WHITE MAN THINKS OF NEGROES.

(Associated Negro Press).

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 1.—William Authiuene, (white) in a statement to The Associated Negro Press, has some very pertinent things to say on "race adjustment," and he has very wisely arranged for the people of his group to learn his opinions. He says:

"What Colored people want is to have the same chance to live happy, healthy, useful, successful lives as white people. They will not to be discriminated against in the matter of obtaining employment; desire the same wages for the same work; the same school facilities for their children; the same opportunity for the young people to acquire trades, and education in the professions; wholesome housing conditions; hospital facilities, in fact, they want no discrimination whatever, because of difference of color. They believe a man's a man no matter what his color and he should be treated as such.

If the 12 million Negroes in America are to give brain-labor, hand-labor and heart-labor to this civilization of ours, they must be given the tools of achievement and share the reward of co-workers. They ask nothing of us which is not fair and just, and they should be treated fairly and justly by their white fellow-citizens. Why not?

Too many of us, in judging the Negro, fix the eye inexorably upon some actrocious or unjustifiable act of a single individual. Is this the way to judge a race? The tribunal of history does not condemn Christianity because some of its adherents were criminals, nor the Puritans because some of them burned witches.

Democracy can only be preserved by citizens as jealous of the rights of others as of their own. There cannot exist two codes of law in a Republic, one for high and one for low.

A mistaken notion exists in the minds of many of our people, that Negroes want social equality with the whites. They do not. They are satisfied with their own society; with colored young men marrying Colored girls; with the companionship of their own race in their own homes with the building up of their social institutions; they are as sensitive in the presence of inappropriate situations as white people are, and are just as adverse to forcing themselves upon people who do not desire their presence.

NEW YORK NEGROES PLAN TO SEND RACE MAN TO U. S. CONGRESS.

(Associated Negro Press).

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The people of our group in New York have determined to send a representative from that community to the House of Representatives in the next Congress of the United States.

Committees are being formed in every country in New York state by Negro voters to form a state-wide organization that is planned to be completed before February 1st. At the suggestion of J. W. Thompson of Albany, chairman of the executive committee of the sttate Republican council, the movement which will embrace over 300,000 Negro voters, has been started.

E. A. Johnson of New York is president of the state council, and in conjunction with Mr. Thompson is planning the campaign. The other officers are: First vice-president, J. W. Thompson, Albany; Second vice-president, W. H. Talbert, Buffalo; Third vice-president, J. N. Hawkins, Albany; Secretary, eGorge W. Derham, Rochester and Treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Bishop, New York; Miss Laura Williams, president of the Negro Women's Republican Club of Albany, is the Albany member of the State council.

RULES FOR GOOD HEALTH.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 1.—The Texas Public Health Association, which for eight years has been waging war in the state on tuberculosis, has issued "a dozen rules for good health." These rules are to be used to prevent tuberculosis and othr diseases. The Association is working to prevent the "White Plague" as well as to cure it.

The health axioms issued by D. E. Breed, executive secretary of the Texas Public Health Association are: "Food: (1) Eat plenty of good, wholesome food, but do not overeat. 2. Do not gulp down your food; chew it thoroughly. 3. Do not confine yourself to meat, potatoes, eggs and bread; eat a variety of foods.

"Fresh Air: 4. Have plenty of fresh air in your home and in the place where you work, and do not be afraid to breathe it clear down to the bottom of your lungs. 5. Ride, walk, and keep in the open air as much as possible; and sleep where there is plenty of ventilation. 6. Wear warm clothes in winter; wear loose porous clothes in the summer, and let your body breathe fresh air.

"Good Habits: 7. Keep the digestive system cleared. 8. Do not stoop or slouch while sitting, standing or walking; keep erect and straight. 9. Keep the body clean externally and internally, wash and bathe regularly, and do not use poisonous drugs. 10. Keep cheerful and do not worry; be an optimist

"Rest and Exercise: 11. Work hard, but take your proper rest and get plenty of sleep. 12. Play-time is as necessary as work time, exercise both mind and body pleasantly."

The Texas Public Health Association, which is sponsoring the Modern Health Crusade among the Texas Children, issues these health axioms in order to carry good health among the "grown-ups" as well as the "kiddies."

TO AGITATE NEGRO OPPRESSION IN U. S.—DUDLEY FIELD MALONE WILL SPEAK—"THE AMERICAN CONGO" TO BE DESCRIBED.

A mass meeting to rouse public sentiment to the wrongs suffered by the American Negro will be held on the evening of January 5 in Cooper Union on the occasion of the annual meeting in New York City of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was announced today at the headquarters, 70 Fifth Avenue. Dudley Field Malone, former collector of the Port of New York is to be the chief speaker.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois has announced as his subject "The American Congo," a description of conditions in the South rivaling the horrors of the Belgian Congo.

The otther speakers announcer for the meeting are John Haynes Holmes and M. H. Gassaway, who was threatened with assassination in Anderson, South Carolina, because of his connection with the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The evening mass meeting is to be preceded by a business meeting at 2 p. m., at the Sage Foundation building.

WEST VIRGINIA SENATORS NOTIFIED OF LYNCHING IN THEIR STATE.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, today made public a letter sent to Senator Howard Sutherland and Davis Elkins of West Virgina, asking if they approved federal action to prevent such mob murder as the lynching of two Colored men in their state on December 15, constituting the 75th and 76th lynching in the United States this year.

The letter, signed by James Weldon Johnson, Field Secretary of the National Association, read as follows:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People calls your attention to the mob murder, in the state which you represent in the United States Senate of two Colored United States citizens on December 15.

May we inquire whether you are in favor of federal action when as in the present instance, state officers are unable to prevent such outrages in the United States?"

TREASURE OF FAMOUS APPOMATTOX CLUB DEAD.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1.—Henry S. Anderson for more than thirty-five years an employee of the Northwestern R. R. Co., died very suddenly in Baltimore, recently, while on a visit to relatives. Mr. Anderson was born in Baltimore and became a resident of Chicago in 1880 and was a prominent Mason. For more than fifteen years, he was treasurer of the Appomattox club. His wife, Mrs. Martha Broadus Anderson is one of the well known musicians and musical teachers of Chicago.

SOUTHERN EDUCATORS DISCUSS RACIAL CRISIS.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The national crisis in race relations was discussed at a dinner at the Astor. Speakers were Gov. Roberts of Tennessee, whose stand for law and order attracted national attention during the recent riots in his State; Dr. Abraham Flexner of the General Education Board and Chancellor Kirkland of Vanderbilt University.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Classes in home nursing for Colored women have been opened at the Red Cross rooms under the direction of Mrs. Stanley G. Backenstoss.

CORNERSTONE OF BALTIMORE MASONIC TEMPLE LAID.

Balttimore, Md., Jan. 1.—With impressive services the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple, 1429-31 McCullough street, was laid here. The ceremonies were in charge of the Maryland Grand Lodge, Joseph P. Evans, Grand Master. John P. Turner, Grand Master for the District of Columbia, presided. A parade of local and visiting commanderies of Knights Templars followed. A big ball was held at the Lyric at night. The improvements to be made to the temple will cost $30,000.

NORFOLK NEGRO BUSINESS COVERS VARIOUS INTERESTS.

(Associated Negro Press)

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—Many and varied are the enterprises conducted by our group in Norfolk, Va. The city has felt the impetus of industry caused by the recent war and as many of the camps were located near here, naturally civilians followed and of course our people came too.

The latest reports credit Norfolk with 78,750 Negroes. Among such a large number assembled from many places, there are many of the "he can, who thinks he can" type and as a result they are putting their heads together and their money into racial enterprises that are employing men and women of their group.

As an evidence of the progress that is being made in Norfolk, we will give a few citations. The Tidewater Bank and Trust Company with an authorized capital of $250,000 in resources. The Attucks Theatre is being built by a hundred thousand dollar corporation organized this year. A $50,000 Drug Corporation is being organized. A $25,000.00 Shoe Store has been organized and the building purchased on Church street in which they will soon open for business; about five months ago, five men organized a baking company and opened a bakery on Church street, already they are forced to obtain larger quarters. They have purchased across the street from their present location and are erecting a commodious building fitted for their needs. $50,000.00 Development Corporation was organized here this summer and they have secured contracts for and are erecting The Attucks Theatre, three churches and several dwellings. There are three Building and Loan Associations here in our group and all are doing big business. The climax is being reached in the organization of a million dollar fire insurance company.

BILLY KING'S WIFE DIES IN CHICAGO.

(Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Hattie McIntosh King, wife of "Billy King," the performer, died here very suddenly last week. Mrs. King was a native of Detroit, Mich., and formerly the wife of Tom McIntosh, a performer. For a number of years, Mrs. King was one of the best known theatrical performers in the country, having been twelve years with the famous Williams & Walker Company, and spending eighteen months of the time in London. She was an actress as well as capable in the music world Mrs. King's demise occurred while the theatrical company of her husband was playing an engagement at the Grand Theatre and the family was looking forward to a Merry Christmas, it being the first in years that Mr. King has spent at home. The residence of "Billy King" is noted for its elegant and luxurious furnishings much of which is due to the fine esthetic taste of Mrs. King. The burial was in Chicago and the funeral was attended by many prominent in the theatrical profession.

CHICAGO TO HAVE NEGRO STATE BANK.

(Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1.—One of the most forward steps in unified business progress ever taken in the United States and very significant of the trend of the times will be the opening shortly, aftter the first of the year of the Binga State Bank, the first of the kind ever established in the North. The promoters of the Institution are all men of the highest integrity and successful business attainments, and known throughout the country. Among them are Jesse Binga, Banker and Real Estate man; Robt. S. Abbott, president Overton Hygienic Manufacturing Co., Chas. S. Jackson, Undertaker; Reginal Smith, Physician; Dr. U. G. Dailey, former president of the National Medical Association. The Bank will make a new epoch in the business life not only of Chicago, but of the entire middle west.

GOV. BICKETT, TO SPEAK AT TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE.

(Associated Negro Press).

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 1.—Dr. Robert R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute has announced that Governor Thomas W. Bickett has accepted his invitation to deliver the principal address in the discussion of Race Relations, which will be held at Tuskegee Negro Conference.

CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH MORALS CAMPAIGN.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 1.—Matter of importance pertaining to the national welfare, such as the race question, social hygiene free speech and Christian Americanization came up for discussion at the session of the Western Pennsylvania Training Conference, where the program of the interchurch world movement is being presented.

The war, the report read, had been responsible for a general relaxation of morals, and it was the business of the church to counteract this condition by active participation in municipal activities. The 12,000,000 foreign-born residents in this country were declared to be both an asset and a liability an asset because of their industry and a liability because of their pronessness to accept radical doctrines and leaderships.

FLORIDA NEGROES PLAN EXCEPTIONAL FAIR EXHIBIT.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 1.—Among the most interesting features of the forthcoming South Florida Fair will be the varied exhibits made by the Negroes of Florida, who are expected to be represented by a larger display than has been made by members of the race in any state.

President Brorein of the fair association is in receipt of a letter from A. A. Turner, who is connected with the home demonstration department of the Florida A. & M. College at Tallahassee, stating that members of the race throughout the state are enthusiastic on the subject of displaying their products in Tampa. Sixteen counties were represented in the display made by the Colored people at the state fair at Jacksonville, and the writer states that this display, augmented by other exhibits, will be shown in Tampa.

A. M. E. ZIONISTS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—The Virginia conference of the A. M. E. Zion church has closed. The Rev. L. T. C. Conquest of Detroit, Mich., preached the closing sermon. All the final reports were made during the day. The reports on education, temperance and missions were discussed at great length. Church extension in the Virginia conference also received much attention, as did several other subjects. Over $3,471.90 was reported for Missions from three districts and $110,507 was reported from other departments, not including the total from all departments to be given later. The growth of the financial and numerical strength of the conference was declared to be almost phenomenal.

PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

(Associated Negro Press)

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Protests against the plan to build a new Harriet Beecher Stowe school exclusively for Colored Children at Seventh and Cutter streets were lodged with Board with the Board of Education at its meeting by a large delegation of Colored citizens. They contended that the segregation of the races was in conflict with the State laws, and urged that white and Colored children be permitted to attend the schools generally. Member James G. Fisk of the Board, spoke in favor of sustaining their position. The board took the matter under advisement.

COL. YOUNG DELIVERS FAREWELL MESSAGE IN NEW YORK.

(Associated Negro Press)

New York, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Col. Charles Young highest ranking Negro officer in the United States army, urged the people of his race, at a meeting in St. Marke's church, under the auspices of the National Urban League, not to vote for any one at the coming election who had not promised the Negroes equality.

Col. Young, who is en route to Liberia, where he is to serve as military attache' to the American Embassy, spoke on "The Place of the Negro in the Present Reconstruction." He said that Congress, instead of erecting a monument to the Negroes who fell in the war, could give a far more lasting memorial by granting the people of his race the liberty for which some of them had given their lives.

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