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Negro Cities

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**C**HRISTMAS is here again. Be thankful you are living, with bread to eat and clothes to wear. It might have been worse.

But be diligent and ambitious—plan for a greater year. Nineteen hundred and twenty-five may be the making of you—if you only try. Put your best foot forward, make a New Year's resolution and live up to it.

Don't forget the Christmas spirit. There are those who are unfortunate. Help them if you can. Make your own family and your own friends happy also. Then somebody will make you happy.

**F**LORENCE MILLS danced nimbly and sang sweetly at the Broadhurst last Wednesday night. The audience received her warmly without reserve. More than 90 per cent of the audience was white.

Such is the meaning of "From Dixie to Broadway." It took years to come up from the cotton fields of the South to be acclaimed as an artist—something above vaudeville and ragtime.

**T**HE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS is writing a series of articles on Negro cities. These are not corporate cities, but literal. They are cities within cities, with no physical line of demarcation, but easily found by the observing sociologist.

In Philadelphia, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York you can easily find "colored town." These cities are growing, not necessarily in size, but in character and community interest. They are proving they are not a liability to the town as a whole. May they grow and grow.

**A** NEWS story in a New York paper reports:

Thomas Jefferson Scott, eighteen-year-old son of Captain Charles Harrington Scott, who formerly lived in Montgomery, Ala., but who now makes his home at 68 Washington square, South, was taken to Welfare Island yesterday to begin an indeterminate sentence imposed by Judge Alfred Talley in General Sessions, following his conviction on charges made by

Frances Whalen, nineteen, of 570 Walton avenue, the Bronx.

Captain Scott served in the army during the World War, and is said to have made considerable money in the turpentine business in the South. His sister is prominent in Boston society and was one of the founders of the Southern Society in that city.

Judge Talley gave the youth a sentence which may run for as long as three years, after many prominent New York men had written him asking that he bear in mind Scott's youth and the prominent position of his father in Alabama in considering the case.

This young man might have gotten his start in this direction in Alabama by preying on helpless colored girls. Or he might have heard others near him boast of their accomplishments. Southerners will yet learn that what is a crime against one girl is a crime against any.

**T**HE MOUTHPIECE, "official organ" of the Harlem Economic Association, "has an interesting Christmas number. When studied thoughtfully it makes New Yorkers sad. It makes them realize how far they are behind the times in a business and commercial way. Think of Chicago with two banks, several insurance companies and scores of other racial enterprises, while New York has not a single Negro bank and few other legitimate businesses to make one proud. There is quite a contrast between East and West.

**G**EN. CALLES, the new president of Mexico, says he would like to give Mexicans training similar to that received by Negroes at Tuskegee and Hampton. The Mexicans need it. The great mass of their people are not much further in civilized life than the Southern backwoods Negro.

But the tribute to the genius of Booker Washington and General Armstrong is the essence of General Calles' remark. Those men discovered the kind of training any backward people needs in this day and time. After the rules are laid down any man can follow them.