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Harry Wills made a mistake in knocking out Charley Weinert in such short order if he really wanted a match with Dempsey. Dempsey doesn't want to mix with a real fighter.

Both Editors Ben Davis of the Atlanta Independent and J. B. Bass of the California Eagle have won out in the suits entered against them by second rate white men. These men had their day in court and both were vindicated by first class white men. The Palmetto Leader extends congratulations.

South Carolina is to have an anti-evolution law too, or at least the attempt to pass one will be made at the next session of the legislature. Representative T. H. Peoples has already given notice that he expects to introduce a bill to that effect. After a while some brilliant legislator is going to introduce a bill to compel everyone to go to church.

Oscar J. Daniels, the Pullman porter who so heroically lost his life to save others in the wreck of his train a few weeks ago near Rockport, N. J., is to be honored by the Pullman Company. The sleeping car "Sirocco" which was in Daniels' charge will, after being repaired and placed again in service, bear the name "Daniels."

Prof. W. G. Pearson of Durham, N. C., is a philanthropist deserving to rank along with Duke, Eastman and others. Not that he has given as much as they but we venture that in proportion to his wealth, he has given even more. Recently, he gave Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C., \$25,000. He had previously given to the same college \$5,000 for a building fund.

Judge Charles A. Woods of the U. S. Appeal Court remembered the colored people of his home town, Marion S. C., in his will. He bequeathed to the colored industrial schools \$500 for the purchase of tools and other equipment. Judge Woods at one time was an associate justice of the State Supreme Court and had the reputation of being fearless and just.

GENERAL BALLOU ON GENERAL BULLARD

General C. C. Ballou was the Major General in command of the 92nd Division, the colored division in France. The strictures of General Robert Lee Bullard, the diary writing general of the American army, has drawn a reply from General Ballou in which he makes some charges and intimations which place the great diary writing general and high critic in a rather serious light. In fact, the charges and assertions of General Bullard are of such a nature that Congress should order an investigation and expose the organization and history of the 92nd Division from

the very beginning, until it landed again in America. Justice to the colored people of this country demands it; their future loyalty and spirit call for such. Ninety per cent of the colored soldiers came from France embittered over the treatment accorded them and the treachery visited upon them by their own countrymen. There certainly must have been much to make men whose race has ever counted it a high privilege to fight for the flag to one and all declare that before they would go to war again they would rot in prison. And this too before their race seemed to have been oppressed more severely because of their whole hearted part in the war. For of all the races engaged in the war, the Negro was the only one whose condition was made harder when peace came. Of course, it does not take an investigation by Congress to disclose the fact that there was a dark and sinister plot by men in low and high ranks to discredit colored officers but such an investigation would make very interesting reading as to the methods employed to accomplish it. General Ballou gives some hints. So far as having colored officers is concerned, this country might as well get used to the idea and really prepare some. The colored race means to have them, if fighting, or rather when fighting, time comes again. Labbr battalions and Pioneers are all right and the race will furnish its share, but it does not mean to be confined, Congress will have a chance to show some statesmanship.

LYNCHING—FIRST SIX MONTHS 1925

Comparing the record of the first 6 months of 1925 with the same period of 1924, the United States is going backwards. Last year only five murders of this class were committed against nine for the current year. With the exception of Utah, the Mormon state, all the lynchings occurred in southern states. Even old Virginia which has been rather free from this specie of lawlessness, breaks in the column with one. Lynching is a national disgrace, protected by states' rights. It is rarely found in communities of the highest civilization. There can be no excuse for it however much it has been temporized with and tolerated. It is no panacea or even a cure for a single crime, instead it's but a reflection on boasted Christianity, intelligence and all things that enter into what is known as the white man's civilization. In the centuries to come, when America has really become civilized, the people of that time will wonder just how the people of the present time tolerated the rule of cowardly mobs, just as people of today wonder at some of the cruelties of a century and a half ago—like the burning of witches for an example.

WHY CHURCH-GOERS PLAY HOOKEY.

In last week's issue of this paper was published a thoughtful article under the above caption by Miss L. F. Harrison of this City. We hope that many of our pastors read the article and what is more, will put into practice some of the observations. Says Miss Harrison: "In hot weather it is to the interest of the people's health, time and comfort to be released from the burden of long services at the proper time." Intelligence counts in everything, the church services as well as any other kind of service. There are but few ministers that can interest a congregation for 45 minutes or an hour when the thermometer is hovering around 95 degrees. The old saying that "you work 6 days and you ought give one to the Lord"—meaning you ought

The Searchlight By William Frank Williams.

The writer is in for a real vacation but it's nothing new that we don't always get what we go for. That's my lot.

I left Atlanta to spend a few weeks out of a printing office and fell right into one in Washington. But it is a half time proposition—mornings in the office and afternoons on the field. After all that's a fair diversion.

I have the distinction of working on the only Negro daily news paper in the United States—The Daily American. It seems to be doing well. Mr. D. E. Taylor is its founder and general manager and Mr. E. L. C. Davidson is its editor and business manager. Both are prominent Washingtonians.

As you know, Washington is the city of high toned Negroes, and putting on airs is second nature with the majority of them. And I can say New York has nothing on them when it comes to selfishness.

I have always regarded Washington as a southern city but its people greet you as one from "down home," just the same as they do in Gotham. From Maryland clean through to Texas is the south and Washingtonians can't fool me if they do dwell under the shadow of the White House.

Washington is the most beautiful city in America. It has several parks from which streets and avenues extend in every direction. The Capitol forms the main hub and most of the principal streets approach it from every section of the city. Any person passing thru Washington should stay over long enough to take a sight-seeing bus and see the beautiful public buildings and parks. Potomac Park is the most beautiful sight my eyes have ever beheld.

stay in church to a service 2 1/2 or 3 hours long—doesn't mean much to the average layman when he is stewing in discomfort. Besides, people don't go to church to serve the Lord—at least real Christians don't; they go to worship. We fear that too often that's the idea anyway and it accounts for the long drawn out services, that is, that people go to church to serve, instead of to worship.

When the idea of worship gets a firm hold, half day services will go into discard.

Woman's Missionary & Educat'n'l C'nv't'n Holds 37th Session

The thirty-seventh session of the great Woman's Missionary and Educational Convention is now history and ready to take its place among the great gatherings which shall grace the pages of never fading records for future generations to peruse, for information, inspiration and admiration, for if any gathering has had a greater significance in the past decade, no one has dared to tell it. The sisters indeed wrote a great page in their history which they wrote in Greenwood at historic Morris Chapel formerly pastored by the writer for six years and who laid the plans for the improvements that were so evident. When I say that the dreaded anticipations of a break in the ranks were keenly felt by all, I say truly, for many looked for a great stir, as this was the time when some one must pick up the mantle of that matchless Joan of Arc, that heroine, that prophetess, that lioness, that great leader, builder and power, Mrs. Cora S. Boykin, who for twenty two years shaped the policies of the women in spite of the meddling of out siders. But the sisters came to Greenwood praying and

But after all is said and done, give me a city where you can feel at home and people are themselves and everybody is friendly and happy all the time. Give me a city where landlords have hearts instead of gizzards and where cafe owners live and let live and where you are made to feel welcome in homes and churches. Such a city can only be found "down home" in the heart of Dixie.

COOLIDGE SILENT ON PARADE

Evidently the Ku Klux Klan will stage that monster parade on August 8. The commissioners of the District of Columbia refuse to withdraw the permit and President Coolidge says it is a matter which the commissioners can handle,—so there you are! I am not a coward, but August 8 will hardly catch me on the bank of the Potomac. Put your finger on that. Washington is not too high toned for a riot, as you have seen, and from what I can glean something is liable to happen in Washington on August 8, and it won't be a parade either.

The writer was present at a meeting of the Crispus Attucks Press Club last Wednesday night. Some of the leading white and colored newspaper men of Washington were present and made remarks which impressed us that the races are in accord here so far as the better element goes. The writer's membership to the club has been solicited.

The writer joined a party in a motor trip to Philadelphia last Saturday and Sunday. We met many old friends and had a dandy time in general.

hoping that peace and goodwill would be present and truly they were rewarded. Peace was the burden of every prayer, the lead of every sigh and the keyword of every speech. The presence of that beautifully draped chair in memory of the late president Cora S. Boykin had a telling effect upon all who looked thereupon for all saw her spirit as it hovered near to see that the sisters would not have confusion.

As to the details of the proceedings, space fails me to go into them, thus I beg the indulgent readers to fill in what ever details I may omit. Not only did the draped chair solemnize the convention but that masterly prepared and delivered sermon of Rev. J. A. Baten from Job 1:6 was an obstruction to the would-be dictators who had come to rule or to ruin. We men surely had to keep quiet after that sermon.

That sermon was great from every angle for it was all on the troubled sea. Pres. Connie Jones presided like a veteran of many wars. She was as calm as nature when she sleeps in her central depths. She was impartial in her rulings as the sunbeams. All reports showed good work and efficient services on the part of those who had been selected by the body. The report of that dear faithful treasurer Mrs. A. P. Dunbar was as stately as any I have ever heard. The conventional sky was clear, only a few thunder shower clouds were seen. The sun of confidence shone in his splendor and the balmy zephyrs of satisfaction whispered among the delegates. A shower of mirth refreshed the convention when President Jones presented her great husband and Mrs. J. J. Starks said hers was greatest. All who heard that master piece of eloquence, that acme of clear cut diction, the president's an-

nual address delivered with force and persuasive argument, concluded that Mrs. Jones was already elected for indeed this session was noted for tenderness and kindness. This address and all the others swept the convention like a cyclone and burnt like fire in a sage field.

—Pleading for peace and goodwill the president called upon the sisters to vote for officers. All who saw the skilled manipulations could easily see that Pres. Coolidge was out mastered in politics. I tell you that the separation of the visitors from the delegates was a great catalysis for peace. The sisters had a look of determination in their eyes and Business Only inscribed on their brow. They made a short order of the whole affair and elected as officers:

Mrs. Connie Jones, President, Charleston; Mrs. Mable K. Howard, Vice Pres., Darlington; Mrs. Corrie Watkins, Sec., Belton; Mrs. Sarah Umphreys, Asst. Sec., Union; Mrs. Daisy Parrot, Cor. Sec., Blackstock; Mrs. A. P. Dunbar, Treas., Columbia; A big shout followed and the officers were quickly installed by Mrs. Ida Pope. They in turn made fitting remarks and went into business.

The attendance was great but money was not too plentiful due I suppose to the failure of a bank some time ago. The speaking, addresses, papers and essays were very good. Mrs. Arbouin swept the convention with her great paper on Married Life. Dr. Starks, the Master of those who plan for money was greatly cheered after his great speech and that wonderful solo by one of Morris College's girls, Miss Beatrice Evans.

The creation of a Cora S. Boykin fund for poor girls met the hearty approval of all who were present.

Rev. R. L. Robinson, the young gospel preacher set the convention on fire Sunday morning and the solo of Mrs. Parrot was like throwing gasoline in the flame. This was the first great shout the sisters had had and they really made good use of it. Dr.

Broadus the daddy of temperance sermons rocked the convention with his able sermon.

I need not detail the sad memorial for it was sad, sad indeed but the fitting tribute of Dr. Boykin to his faithful wife was the climax and all were moved to tears.

Rev. J. C. Gilmore preached a forceful sermon from Isaiah 54: 2. After hearing reports—the convention thanked Morris Chapel and Greenwood for its hospitality and the committee for their efforts. Total amount raised was \$2253 which was behind last year's collection. The convention sky got real cloudy and a heavy rain of disagreement threatened on the next place of meeting. It thundered heavily and the lightning was keen for a while but was only a wind cloud and it was voted to meet with Corinth Baptist Church, Rev. J. S. Daniel, pastor, Union, S. C. Thus in the midst of calm and peace, agreement and goodwill the thirty-seventh session passed into history to await the considerate judgement of mankind as to its influence upon the people of tomorrow.

STEPHEN C. CAMPBELL, Anderson, S. C., P. O. B.-51.

LIBERIANS GIVE HUGE RUBBER CONCESSIONS TO AMERICAN INTERESTS

(By The Associated Negro Press) Liberia, July According to reports circulated here American interests headed by Harvey S. Firestone of Akron, Ohio, have completed negotiations for huge concessions in Liberia to be utilized in the growing of plantation rubber on a large scale. A tentative agreement has been signed and the concessions will be ratified by the Liberian Congress when the financial committee reports.

It is further reported that the concession will be ratified by the Congress only upon the condition that the \$5,000,000.00 loan be granted by the Americans. This money is to be used in refunding outstanding obligations and for internal improvements.

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