

## CLARENCE DARROW TO DEFEND DR. SWEET

### NEGRO CREW SAVES LIVES IN BURNING VESSEL

#### COMANCHE BURNED OFF MAYPORT

White Passengers Stunned by the Sight of the Heroism of the Colored Crew

#### WOMEN WERE SHRIEKING

Some Survivors Mistook their Daring for Neglect and Recklessness

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Jacksonville Fla. Oct.—White passengers on the Clyde liner, Comanche, which burned off Mayport last Saturday were stunned by the sight of the heroism of the colored crew as the flames tore their way from the lower to the upper decks of the vessel. With death staring them in the face, the intrepid members of the crew went about the work handling the ship with no thought of fear, laughing and chatting among themselves, and doing all they could to keep up the morale of the passengers. Many of the women were crying and shrieking. Some of the survivors were so frightened during the ordeal that they mistook the daring of the crew for neglect and recklessness.

#### NEGROES HAVE NO FRIENDS AT COURT DECLARES M. CHISUM.

(By The Associated Negro Press.) St. Louis, Mo., Oct.—"The dire and humiliating position which the Negro occupies in American politics today and the lack of influence which the race possesses with the administration is due primarily to the fact that we have no voice at court in the cabinet or among the close advisors of President Calvin Coolidge." Said Melvin Chisum, field secretary of the National Negro Press Association and well-informed student of political affairs in an interview Friday. According to Mr. Chisum the Negro can count upon one or two fingers those in authority who are actively in his behalf. Postmaster General New is one of these. Ever since his early days in Indiana in which state he advanced until he represented its populace in the United States Senate, General New has been one of those who believed that a man should be judged as an American citizen and accorded treatment and recognition of his worth as an individual. General New is credited with post-office supervisory promotions made in Chicago, New York and other cities as well as the appointment of John D. Gainey as assistant chief clerk in Washington, a position never held before. In this he has been assisted enthusiastically by Governor Bartlett, First Assistant Postmaster General, and Colonel Paul Henderson, second assistant postmaster general and son-in-law of Congressman Martin B. Madden.

### LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR SLAYING HIS WIFE



MRS. ARTLESS MARGARET GRACE.

#### GRACE-WALLACE NUP-TIALS.

Mrs. Bessie Moorman, of Colonial Heights, this city, announces the marriage of her daughter, Artless Margaret to

Mr. Willie Grace, of Atlantic City, N. J., June 10, 1925. Mrs. Grace who is well known in Columbia, was formerly Miss Artless Wallace, a student of Booker Washington High school. Mr. and Mrs. Grace will make their home in Atlantic City.

#### GETHSEMANE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Fifty-eighth Annual Session—A Record-breaking Session—Held With The Zion Baptist Church, Last Week. The Mother Association of the Other Fifty-four

The fifty-eighth annual session of the Gethsemane Baptist Association is now history. This record-breaking session was held with the Zion Baptist church, Columbia, beginning Wednesday the 21st and going through Friday, 24th inst. The Gethsemane Association, it will be remembered is the oldest Negro Baptist organization in South Carolina. It is the mother of the fifty-four Associations which make up the 280,000 Baptists of the old Palmetto State. The session opened Wednesday morning on schedule time when the Moderator, Rev. J. C. White sounded the gavel and called the house to order, and announced the time of the Introductory sermon, which was preached by Rev. J. M. Freeman of Wallaceville, Bro. Freeman spoke from the subject of the "Responsibility of Stewardship." The sermon was pointed, well gotten up, and forcefully delivered. Never during the entire session did the brethren forget that they were stewards, in whose care God had entrusted the souls of men. The doctrinal sermon was preached by the Rev. R. F. Lee, of Rock Hill, from the subject: "The Reasonableness of the Doctrine of the Resurrection." Rev. Lee is one of South Carolina's best young preachers and it was a treat to sit and listen to him. A solo rendered by Mrs. Rebecca Reese, of Columbia was very good. Dr. C. B. Antidel, president of Benedict College then spoke on the subject: "Benedict College and its claims on the Gethsemane Association," which

was both edifying and enlightening. Thursday was a busy day. Many visitors were heard among some of the most prominent were: The Revs. D. G. Dudley, of Louisville, Ky., A. E. Moss, Augusta, Ga., Rev. Mr. Dudley of Savannah, Ga., Rev. H. W. Long, this city and Deacon S. R. Rice, of Union and Dr. J. C. Tobin, of Union. The Institute lecture delivered by Dr. H. W. Long will not be soon forgotten. The lecture by Dr. Dudley was a masterpiece on the: "The Keys of the kingdom," which swept the Association off its feet. Dr. Dudley delivered another masterly lecture on Friday night, subject: "The Soul, and what is it?" The Association voted their unqualified approval to him to travel throughout this Association field and teach the scriptures. Mirris College was ably presented by Dr. J. J. Starks, the president. Our Association stands untrammelled for all which Mirris College stands. Dr. Starks is always a welcome guest in the Gethsemane field. The Rev. J. P. Reeder, of Rock Hill, State representative of the Foreign Mission board of the National Baptist Convention (unincorporated) made an able plea for the work and he was given a splendid collection. The subject: "The deacon's relationship to the pastor," was profitably discussed by Deacons S. J. Dunlap, English; J. H. Waiters, Columbia; J. C. Smith, Cayce; I. S. Samuel, Blythewood and W. F. Coleman, Columbia.

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#### CHURCH GIVES \$10,000 TO EDUCATION

Probably a Larger Amount than any other Colored Church in the Country

#### ST. JOHN A. M. E. CHURCH WAS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Cleveland, O., Oct.—St. John A. M. E. church of this city, of which Rev. Edward M. Clarke, A. M., D. D., is pastor, has given over ten thousand dollars to the cause of education during his pastorate of the last five years. This is probably a larger amount than any other colored church in the country has given. Rev. Clarke is a graduate of Wilberforce University and a former teacher in Wilberforce, as well as former president of the Lincoln University of Missouri.

#### TUSKEGEE TRUSTEES HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New York, Oct.—The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute was held yesterday in the offices of the General Education Board. Dr. William Jay Schieffelin, chairman of the board, presided. Chellis A. Austin, President of the Seaboard National Bank, and chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the report of progress on the Hampton-Tuskegee Endowment Fund Campaign for five million dollars for the two schools and announced satisfactory returns on the investments of the Endowment Funds of the Tuskegee Institute. Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes announced a gift of \$10,000 from Miss Olivia Phelps Stokes to be known as the Margaret J. Washington Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of the late widow of Booker T. Washington. This fund will be used for needy students. William H. Carter, former cost accountant of the Tuskegee Institute, was elected treasurer, succeeding Warren Logan who was recently retired. MOB STORMS MISSISSIPPI JAIL. (By The Associated Negro Press.) New Orleans, La., Oct.—A mob of five hundred whites threatened two men and a woman, in jail at Clarksdale, Miss., who are charged with the murder of Grover Nichols, manager on the Traynum plantation whose body was found hacked with an axe and tied to a stove in the office. The trio was arrested after bloodhounds followed a scent from the scene of the murder to their home. They deny their guilt and expect to prove an alibi.

#### THE KILLING OCCURED LAST AUGUST

It was During the Closing Days of the National Negro Business League Session

#### DR. TRAVIS SHOT HIS WIFE FOUR TIMES—HIS DEFENSE WAS INSANITY

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Tulsa, Okla., Oct.—Convicted by the jury hearing his case of first degree murder, Dr. Plato Travis, widely known dentist of this city, was sentenced to life imprisonment here Monday for the killing of his beautiful young wife, Mrs. Lucille Travis, last August. The killing which occurred during the closing days of the National Negro Business League session which was being held here at that time, attracted nationwide attention, because of the prominence of the deceased, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goodwin, prominent citizens here. The testimony showed that Mrs. Travis was assisting in entertaining guests at an afternoon reception given in an apartment on Greenwood avenue, when Dr. Travis called her on the phone. Coming to the apartment a few minutes later, he had her get her wraps and accompany him. As they approached the door of the building, he shot her four times with deadly effect. A number of the guests were delegates to the League and many of these returned for the trial, testifying in behalf of the state, and making a very strong impression on the jury as to the high character of the affair given and the excellent standing of those in attendance. Dr. Travis relied upon insanity for his defense and stated that when his wife failed to leave the reception as he urged, his mind became blank and he remembered nothing until after he had been placed in jail.

#### WOMAN FREED OF MURDER

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct.—Wild cheering marked the freeing here of Louise Thomas, the young woman who had been sentenced to die for the murder of Harry Saunders, colored member of the vice squad. Louise Thomas, a comely young woman, well known in the underworld, had, it appears, tried to sever her relations with Officer Saunders. On February 21, '24, in her room on 21st street near Montgomery avenue, she is alleged to have shot Saunders five times. She claims that he drew his revolver to shoot her, and that when she seized the pistol it was discharged. She adds that she thought she was shot, and pulled the trigger five times, until Saunders fell dead. The new trial was allowed by the Supreme Court on a technicality.

### THE GREATEST OF CRIMINAL LAWYERS

Darrow will Commence Court Defense in Detroit, on October 30th

#### CASE TO COST OVER \$15,000

Dr. Sweet and 10 other Negroes to be tried for Repulsing Mob from Dr. Sweet's Home

Clarence Darrow, who has been retained by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to defend Dr. O. H. Sweet and ten other colored people in Detroit for repulsing a mob from Dr. Sweet's home, has obtained a stay of proceedings until October 30 to give him time to prepare the case. On October 30 it is expected to go to trial in Judge Frank J. Murphy's court. Judge Murphy recently released Mrs. Sweet in \$10,000 bail.

Association of Mr. Darrow with the Sweet defense has aroused enormous interest in the case, the Chicago Daily News sending a special correspondent Gregory T. Dillon, to cover the case. The cost of the Sweet case, it is conservatively estimated will exceed \$15,000 and possibly run up to \$20,000. On his visit to Detroit on October 16, when he was accompanied by Walter White, Assistant Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., Mr. Darrow held conferences with the local colored attorneys and others interested in the case, laying the grounds for the case. While in Detroit Mr. Darrow said:

"I am going to receive \$5,000 to fight this case, I would do it for nothing if I could afford it because there is a principle involved. These colored people are entitled to a fair shake. It will cost me more than \$5,000 to try this case. I do not want the people to think that I am defending these Negroes because of an exorbitant fee. It will cost me more than I receive to try the case but I have a deep-felt interest in the colored race and hope for an improvement in their condition." The National Office of the N. A. A. C. P., has guaranteed the fees of Messrs. Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays of New York and Walter M. Nelson, a Detroit attorney, as well as the expenses of investigation, travelling and hotel accommodations. The colored people of Detroit through the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P., and other agencies are endeavoring to raise as much money as possible to meet the expenses of the case. In connection with the case, Walter White who concluded the arrangements with Mr. Darrow, said:

"Dr. Sweet and the other defendants are in jail not because they have committed a crime but because they are Negroes and dared to defend their home and their lives against a mob. They are in the forefront of the battle being waged for all Negroes in America and in a larger sense they are fighting for justice and fair play for all A-

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