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## CONGRESSMAN FISH PRAISES RACE FIGHTERS

### PROSECUTING ATTORNEY DEFENDS PRISONER

#### NEGRO TROOPS BRAVE, FEARLESS

#### DRUNKEN MAN KILLS 2 MEN

Frank De Rocha, White, Kills John and Ernest Batiste Colored, on Street Car

#### De ROCHA A POLITICIAN

Remarked: "I Feel Like Killing a Couple of Niggers This Morning."

New Orleans, La., Nov. 25--Notwithstanding the declaration of Frank De Rocha that he "felt like killing a couple of niggers" which resulted in the brutal murder of John and Ernest Batiste on a street car near the immigration station the state attorney is not asking the death penalty at the trial now on before Judge Humphrey in the Criminal Court. De Rocha is a blacksmith by trade and somewhat of a local politician. In October of last year just before the local campaign for the city election, he entered a street car John and Ernest Batiste were occupying a seat in the rear end of the car. Filled with liquor, De Rocha stopped for a moment with a smile of contempt on his lips, and with the remark, "I feel like killing a couple of niggers this morning," drew his revolver and began firing; John Batiste grabbed the colored passenger seat sign in self defense, but was shot down instantly; a second bullet caused the death of his brother Ernest a few hours later. The dying declaration of Ernest was to the effect that he begged De Rocha not to shoot his brother any more and then the white man shot him.

When the colored citizens of the state of Louisiana demand their right of suffrage and make their presence felt at the election polls on election day the state authorities will then be compelled to ask for the same penalty for the murder of a Negro as they do for a white man.

#### Open New Hospital

Mrs. Carrie B. Perry Heads New Institution in Spartanburg.

Special to The Leader: Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 27--Last week the Providence Hospital and Nurses Training school was re-opened in this city. Mrs. Carrie Bomar Perry, is the owner and the superintendent of the hospital.

The new hospital is well equipped and already is receiving many patients. In a statement to a reporter for The Leader this morning, Mrs. Perry stated that Spartanburg has been in need of a hospital for our group for sometime. Two years ago this hospital was closed and all of the race patients were sent to the Spartanburg County hospital. Mrs. Perry's hospital will be operated as a private institution.

### NORTH CAROLINA LEADS IN NEGRO SCHOOLS

#### LETTERS HALT RHINELANDER TRIAL \$13,000,000 SPENT

#### THOMAS BAKER NELSON BURIED WAS NOTED CHURCHMAN

Once Dean of Allen University--Buried Thursday Besides the Late Bishop William D. Chappelle, His Father-in-law

The Rev. Thomas Baker Nelson, D. D., formerly dean of the College of Theology, and more recently the presiding elder of College of Theology at Allen U-



REV. THOMAS BAKER NELSON, D. D.

the Charleston district of the African Methodist church, died at his late residence in this city at 1020 Pine street Monday evening at 9 o'clock; after an illness that lasted for three years. For the past six weeks, the Rev. Dr. Nelson has been helpless in his bed.

Dr. Nelson was one of the most prominent ministers of South Carolina. For years he has been associated with the educational program of his church in one way or another. He was held in high regards by the people of the State, and was counted on by the younger men of the church for higher service and honors had he lived.

Thomas Baker Nelson, was born, April 2nd, 1878 near Pendleton, S. C.; in 1898 he graduated at Howard High school, Columbia; entered Allen University in 1899 and remained until 1900, when he entered Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute Alabama. Two years later he entered Wilberforce University, Ohio, where he graduated in 1904. Returning to South Carolina, the young Rev. Nelson was assigned to the A. M. E. church, at Woodruff, S. C., by the late Bishop L. J. Coppin, of Philadelphia. Dec 27th, 1905 he married Miss Lula K. Chappelle, daughter of the Rev. William D. Chappelle, later Bishop of the 7th District of the A. M. E. church in South Carolina. In 1912 the Rev. Mr Nelson was e-

lected as a delegate to the General Conference, and the following year he became dean of the college of Theology at Allen University, resigning his connection with the University, the Presiding Bishop assigned him to become the Pastor of Emanuel church, Charleston. Later he became Presiding Elder of the Charleston District, but made his residence in Columbia where he died Monday evening, November 23rd, 1925. He is survived by his widow and three children: Thelma D.; Elizabeth and Thomas Baker Nelson, Jr.

Three months ago, the mother of Dr. Nelson passed away at her home in the northern part of this state. At the time he was too sick to leave his home and attend the funeral, this accounts very largely for the sinking period thru which he has just passed. He was very much devoted to his mother. At his sick bed, he received the sad news of his mother's death on the afternoon of August the 4, of this year. His physician's advice that he could not attend the funeral services of his mother was followed by the change in his health for the worse, which ended Monday evening with his death.

The last chapter in his life ended Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock with the funeral services in the auditorium of Allen University in the presence of hundreds of his friends that came from all parts of the State.

#### MYSTERY LETTERS STOP TRIAL

Reading of His Letters to Her Upset the Calculations of the Plaintiff's Counsel

#### RHINELANDER, THE SHEIK

Wealthy Youngster, a Deliberate Destroyer of a Young Girl's Virtue

(By The Associated Negro Press.) White Plains, N. Y. Nov. 25--

As the suit for annulment of marriage of Leonard Kip Rhineland to Alice Beatrice Jones was postponed Thursday afternoon and then again Friday morning until Monday morning on account of the introduction of two "mystery" letters by Lee Parsons Davis, counsel for the Negro wife of the rich, white New Yorker, an air of speculation was created among the courtroom fans and the general public as to just what the next steps in the extraordinary case are to be.

Kip Rhineland the stuttering sheik, was a most pitiable figure on the witness stand. His attorneys, the week before, had sought to show that this half-white girl, eager for a great Prince Charming and ashamed of her own race, had ensnared the half-witted (according to his attorneys) Rhineland and would him into marriage that he did not wish. But the reading of his letters to her this week upset the calculations of the plaintiff's counsel and revealed the wealthy youngster as the slave of his own love passion and the deliberate destroyer of a young girl's virtue.

What do the letters which have stopped the trial contain? Do they disclose some fatal weakness of Rhineland? Do they reveal some bestial, inhuman trait or habit? Why should his attorneys have pleaded for time to prepare against the unexpected knowledge contained in them? So far the public curiosity regarding them has not been satisfied. It is believed that if they ever should become public property, a sensational revelation of possible depravity will be made.

#### BISHOP RANSOM HERE.

Dr. M. H. Davis, of Baltimore, Md. In Company with New York Bishop at Bethel Last Sunday.

The Rt. Rev. R. C. Ransom, D. D., of New York City, Bishop of the A. M. E. church and Dr. M. H. Davis, Pastor of Waters A. M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md., were welcome visitors to Columbia and to the Pastor and members of Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday. Dr. Davis delivered a soul-stirring sermon, while Bishop Ransom held the audience spellbound with his usual eloquence.

#### FOR SCHOOLS

An Indication that the Better and Larger Type of School is Being Erected

#### REMARKABLE PROGRESS

Rosenwald Fund has Built 1 to Every 5 Negro Schools in the Southern States

Raleigh, N. C. Nov. 25--According to figures contained in a statement made by Dr. Francis W. Shepherson, secretary and director of the Rosenwald Fund, North Carolina, has built one to every five Negro school-houses erected in all the Southern states, the actual numbers being 515 to 3,038. More than one-sixth of the total expenditure of thirteen million dollars has been spent in this state. An indication that the better and larger type of school is being erected.

#### MRS. B. R. CARROLL RESTS UNDER GROUND

Simple Services Mark End.

Meharry Medical College Student dies at Nashville is Buried with Simple Services At Milledgeville--Class Sent Representative

#### MARRIED DURING SUMMER

Milledgeville, Ga., Nov. 24--In the village church yards under the beautiful foliage of old southern oak trees, the last chapter was recorded in the life of Mrs. Beatrice Ronner Carroll, senior pharmaceutical student at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., where she died last Sunday morning. She was brought to Woods Crossing near this place where the funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

Brown's C. M. E. Church was filled Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. W. H. Mills, pastor of the Bethel M. E. Church, Macon, officiated at the funeral services. Only simple but impressive services marked the end. The body soon borne by her late friends of her childhood was carried to the last resting place where it was placed under a bank of flowers, many of which were sent to Milledgeville from Nashville, her class the sorority and the college, and church where Mrs. Carroll was a teacher in the Sunday school. Dr. James A. Foree, a class mate accompanied the body to Milledgeville from Nashville as the special representative of the college and class.

Wednesday Miss Ronner was in class at Meharry Medical College, late in the evening she became seriously ill. The next morning she was carried over to the Hubbard Hospital where she passed away early Sunday morning. Learning of her ill-

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Congressman Fish Declares the Negro Troops as Good as Any Other

#### COMMANDER IN FRANCE

Takes Exceptions to Gen. Bullard's Remarks Condemning Colored Soldiers

Washington, D. C. Nov. 25--In an address replete with praise for the Negro soldier during the World War, Congressman Hamilton Fish, who commanded Negro troops in France, declared before the National Memorial Association, meeting in John Wesley Church that the "colored soldier properly trained and given an equal opportunity, is just as brave as any other soldier."

"I take exception," he continued, to remarks made by Gen. Bullard last summer condemning colored soldiers, because I know the remarks to be false, and because they apply mostly to men untrained and improperly led. If the United States is to erect thirty divisional monuments to white troops, many of which did not have half the casualties of the four colored regiments that served with the French, I consider it unwarranted discrimination against those regiments not to erect a similar monument in their honor."

#### ZION BAPTIST CHURCH VI-GOROUSLY OPPOSES DR. J. C. WHITE GOING TO FLORIDA

Many Eloquent Speeches delivered--Church in Tears

More than two thousand members of the Zion Baptist Church registered in their disapproval of Dr. J. C. White their pastor accepting the recent call extended him by the Beulah Institutional Baptist Church of Tampa, Fla. Last Sunday morning at the conclusion of the services, Dr. White made it known that the Beulah Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. had given him and his wife a special invitation to be their guests of honor on Thanksgiving day.

The men's engagement of this action by the officers of Beulah Church was like throwing a bomb in Zion's congregation.

Dr. J. H. Goodwin had a hurried conference with the officers and the news spread like wildfire that Rev. White was fixing to leave Zion. Just before preaching, when the usual announcements are made Dr. J. H. Goodwin, the Supt. of Zion Sunday School, asked the pastor to allow him to make a few remarks. Dr. Goodwin is one of South Carolina's foremost orators and leading politicians and business man. As he clambered upon the pulpit, it could be seen that his face was flushed with some suppressed emotion and his voice was choked with a mighty battle within.

It was his greatest speech, it was a vigorous protest, he awoke within the membership something they had not dreamed

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