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Saturday, August 14, 1926.

Senator Reed of Missouri, chairman of the Senate Committee, investigating expenditure of money in the Illinois primary, met his match in adroitness when he tackled Hon. Edward H. Wright, the big boss of Chicago's Second Ward.

It is sometimes even now said that colored people don't know what to do with the ballot; that they will sell out to the highest bidder. But recent disclosures of money spent in primaries show that Negroes are pikers compared with the whites.

The two colored candidates for the seat held by Congressman Dyer in St. Louis, Mo., made a very poor run, the Congressman receiving more than twice the number of votes received by both together. And so it ever will be as long as colored people haven't sense enough to stop scrapping among themselves, harmonize and push for a common objective.

Senator Wadsworth of New York is a candidate to succeed himself. Bishop Adna W. Leonard, a Methodist Bishop, however, must confound him with the devil, for, says the good Bishop: "No Methodist, unless he values lightly the vows of the Church, can remain loyal to the Church and support Wadsworth at the same time." In other words, the Bishop would make the voting or not voting for Senator Wadsworth the test of a good Methodist in New York. A rude awakening however is due the good Bishop along about November.

Florida seems hell bent in showing to the world that, neither justice, fair play or just common humane feeling has its abode there when dealing with colored people. Recently, a colored woman was taken from a Pullman car at Palatka, put in jail for the night and fined the next morning \$518.17 on the charge of violating the State's Jim-crow law. This passenger had purchased her reservation in New York for a through trip to Orlando, Fla. Surely, decent white people would not contend that at least a woman ought be barred from comforts on a long trip like that. Does it really make any white person of parts feel better to know that his colored fellow citizen of decency and intelligence is denied the comforts suitable to his station?

WHITES OUTNUMBER NEGROES.

According to an estimate made by the U. S. Census Bureau, the white population outnumbers the colored. The actual figures as given by this agency are,

whites 910,100; colored 893,900. According to the census of 1920, the population was, whites 818,538; colored 864,719. From this it can be seen that the increase in the white population during the past 6 years has been 91,562, while the colored increased only 29,181. In 1920, the majority of colored over whites was 46,181. But, according to the estimate now made, the whites have not only overcome a lead of 46,181 but have surpassed it by 16,200. The reason assigned for this apparent decrease of Negroes as compared with the whites is the migration of colored people North and the greater number of deaths among colored people. Not much stress is laid on the greater number of births of whites as the records of births among both whites and Negroes are very unsatisfactory; that of deaths being more reliable and more accurately kept, are given much weight in making the estimate.

However much white South Carolina may rejoice over the apparent preponderance of white population, the principal reason thereof is a record of shame. Take this item: For 1925, the Bureau of Vital Statistics discloses this sad commentary on conditions bearing on death among the two races: Under one year, white males, 859, females 702, total 1,561; colored males, 1,382, females 1,182, total 2,564, or 1,003 more colored infants than whites. While that of the whites is high a plenty, that of the Negroes is appalling. That such an infant mortality is due to ignorance can hardly be gainsaid. But whose is the responsibility? If the preservation of life is a part of Christian civilization, there is work for somebody.

UNCLE SAM, EUROPE AND THE NEGRO.

That the United States is the most cordially hated country in the world today is hardly opened to dispute. Especially is this true so far as European nations are concerned and its but little better even among the nations of this continent. How differently was it during the World War, and particularly when America entered on the side of the Allied Powers. Then nothing was too good to say of Uncle Sam. He was so unselfish, so chivalrous, so admirable. But now, the danger over and the victory won, he is a Shylock, a profiteering pig, a heartless scoundrel.

America however as a nation is getting from the nations of the world about what the Negro as a citizen has been getting from his fellow citizens. When there was war and danger on all sides, when the Negro was needed to help "make the world safe for democracy"—a piece of bunk—nothing was too good to say of him. It was impressed upon him at all times and in all ways that this was his country as well as the white man's. Indeed, we heard of Negroes being roughly treated for saying that they had nothing to fight for as this was the white man's country. Then the Negro was praised for his patriotism, his bravery his loyalty.

When there was need of trustworthy soldiers to guard the White House, the Treasury and other governmental buildings in Washington, none could be trusted with that important duty but Negro soldiers. Wholeheartedly the Negro entered the war; faithfully he observed the meatless, wheatless and heatless days and "Hooverized" as he had never dreamed of. He bought liberty bonds until it hurt—out of all proportion to his wealth. In fact, in nothing that made for success in the war was he remiss—all in the hope that he might in the end have a little

piece of that "democracy" that was on every one's lips. But the war scarcely over, intolerance, hatred, prejudice broke forth with more fury than he had ever witnessed, and to this day they are still going strong. One would think from the treatment in general accorded the country over, that he had welched and sulked in his tent, instead of playing the man, the patriot. Uncle Sam is wondering at the attitude of the European nations toward him, after having done so much for them. It is peculiar Uncle, but the Negro is wondering too; he is wondering though at the American attitude toward him as a citizen after having done all, and more too, than was asked of him.

THE SEARCHLIGHT

By W. FRANK WILLIAMS

We have all sorts of publications in our race, from the nine by twelve church bulletin to the great Pittsburg Courier, which I regard as the leading Negro newspaper. I've watched them all grow for the past ten years and I am thoroughly convinced that there is even a financial success to be attained by the Negro journalist in the near future. And when I say journalist I mean not only the editor and publisher but also those richly endowed contributors who command the attention and affect the thoughts of the reading public.

In recent months I have noticed new features in The Leader which are destined to make our own paper one to be reckoned with by the leading journals of the race. The articles by Rev. Albert Long, D. D., should strike the most despotic as being an index pointing towards the right direction. Indeed it is the handwriting on the wall as I see his articles, and the despots had better take heed. The section conducted by Mrs. Cora Gathers is illuminated with balmy thoughts from the soul of a great woman. We hope she will continue her articles.

Rev. O. A. Parker contributes a little gem to The Leader weekly which indeed wakes up one's thoughts. The poetic contributions by my old class-mate, Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, are symbolic of the man, and nothing done with pen and ink by this genius can go begging for a reader. Prof. W. R. Bowman may have a vocal handicap but you will agree with me that he has no writing handicap. He is indeed prolific in both thought and volume.

And so it goes. There is a great future for The Leader. And I am glad to be on the ship that is destined for a great port.

FLOWERS vs. McCREARY.

As you know, Atlanta is a live city and affords one sensation after another the year round. Now it is the big fight between Tiger Flowers, middleweight champion of the world, and Babe McCreary, the Boston boxer. For weeks the daily papers of Atlanta have been carrying long accounts of the big fight which will be pulled off tonight (Tuesday) at the mammoth City Auditorium. "Flowers" title will not be involved in this fight. Perhaps it is good that it won't, because McCreary is believed to be one of the best in the ring. McCreary is a heavyweight tipping the scales twenty pounds stronger than our middleweight of Atlanta. Since McCreary

Pickens Hailed Teacher, Leader, and Orator

Sydney Strong, writing in the Seattle Union Record, a white daily published in the chief city of the State of Washington, devoted most of a two column article recently to his impressions of William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who had come there on his lecture tour.

"While we were sitting in the Democratic Club, Seattle, waiting for him to speak," writes Mr. Strong, "Dr. Lucius O. Baird told me that Pickens was one of the best teachers he ever knew. Such a head. For example, he carried all of Virgil around in his head—together with the grammar—and, like Socrates, was literally a peripatetic philosopher."

"I sat up until one after midnight reading 'Mastering Bonds'—an autobiography of his life, which I should place right alongside 'Up From Slavery'." A story that takes the reader from South Carolina to Arkansas on to Talladega, on to Yale, where young Pickens ran away with the prize in a noted oratorical contest, was voted into Phi Beta Kappa, won the attention of our American nobility, the Roosevelts, Cleverlands and Stokeses, etc.—it's a fascinating story and should be widely read.

"Of course I was interested in him chiefly because he is one of the Negro leaders of the land. But such amazingly oratory. When he was introduced by the chairman of the Democratic Club, he playfully began by remarking that a Negro seldom had the pleasure of meeting the mem-

bers of the Democratic party—unless it might be at a lynching party. The reporters who heard him became so absorbed that they nearly forgot to take down his words. This was 'Pickens the Yale man' who had swept his way through until he became dean of Morgan College and now field secretary of the National Association. He took that after-dinner crowd of men and women and moved them at will.

As he unrolled the facts as to the colored race since emancipation, standing before us a living proof of his declarations; the peer of anyone in the room, it was very plain that the American Negro had not only arrived, but that he was destined to play an important role in the building of the republic, that it would be best, as he so eloquently urged, for all citizens if he, the Negro, were encouraged to play his part freely and naturally."

stood Harry Will's heavy blows for eight rounds, and even since he has been training in Atlanta all his sparring partners have been "hospitaled" by his big fists, it is reasonable to predict that the Fighting Deacon will have no time to loaf Tuesday night. Flowers is the idol of Atlanta. His picture can be seen in many of the downtown windows and even in the newspapers his photo has appeared recently.

AMERICA VERSUS EUROPE.

First we took the Yachting laurels from Sir Thomas Lipton. Then Pappyrus came over here to be outsped by Zev. Then Bobby Jones, of Atlanta, went across the pond and won the world's golf championship from the British. And now Gertrude Ederle has startled the world by being the first woman to swim the English channel.

What will we win next? It is hard to say. But if we could win France's will to pay that war loan debt it would be the greatest triumph of all our contests and debates with the sentimental-Europeans.

Sears-Roebuck & Co.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., the great Chicago mail order house, opened its southern branch in Atlanta last Saturday, and according to the newspapers, 30,000 people passed through the doors on that day. That was pretty good for a rainy day. I should think. Many people of our race have good positions with the new store. People in the south who formerly sent their orders to Chicago or the Philadelphia branch will now get quick service from the Atlanta branch.

A PREPARED MINISTRY.

Many people write from this subject and too much writing cannot be done about it. But there are so many Negro churches and they are springing up so fast on the corners and in the alleys of our cities, that the schools cannot turn out men fast enough to supply them. And what if they could? The little missions cannot begin to take care of the prepared ministers.

It takes plenty of material and time to write on this subject, and neither is at our command today. But this is just to say that we are coming out soon with an argument under the above caption.

But as a closing word we will say that half of our churches are a white elephant on the hands of society, and their "shepherds" are the elephants' snout.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF THE A. M. E. Z. CHURCH
By Rev. A. E. Lomax
The quadrennial meeting of the general church school convention of the A. M. E. Z. Church, embracing Sunday School Convention, Endeavor and other Educational agencies of the church, under the auspices of the religious educational board of which Profs. J. W. Eichelberger, Aaron Brown, T. J. Pollard, Revs. J. F. Lee and J. W. Powell are the promoters, convened in John Wesley A. M. E. Z. Church, Washington, D. C., August 3-8.

It was my good pleasure, and too, at the expense of my members of

Jones Chapel A. M. E. Z. Church, this city, to witness the deliberation of the high class programme during my stay in the capital.

Enthusiasm ran high and everybody seemed to have caught new inspiration and a determination to do more to spread the spirit of religious education in the future than what has been done in the past.

Delegates and telegrams from all parts of the country were there. The welcome exercises on Tuesday night were of a high class nature.

Our own governor, as well as the governor of North Carolina, sent telegrams of appreciation which were read to the delegation.

I wish to quote as follows the telegram greeting sent by our governor of South Carolina, in the person of the Hon. Thomas G. McLeod:-

Columbia, S. C., August 3, 1926.
Religious Education, A. M. E. Z.
James W. Eichelberger, Director
Church School Convention.
"For myself and other South Carolinians interested in public good, I extend to your convention best wishes for a successful session. Christian Education through the church schools, earnestly and loyally carried on, will surely result in immeasurable benefit to those receiving it, and like Heaven, spread its power to all whom it touches.

Thomas G McLeod,
Governor of South Carolina.

GREAT REVIVAL IN ROCK HILL

Rev. F. S. Gilmore's Great Work.
Strong Pastors Thruout York and Chester Counties

By Rev. J. C. White

I was called to my home church, the Mt. Prospect Baptist Church, Rock Hill, last week, where 30 years ago, I found Christ and Him only by baptism. Rev. T. S. Gilmore, D. D., the very best pastor in this country, is the shepherd of that great people. Rev. Gilmore is and has been the pastor at Mt. Prospect for some forty odd years.

A Great Revival

From Monday night, when I took charge, to Friday night, Rock Hill emptied their homes, the pool rooms were deserted, the swimming places and parks went begging. Thousands of people packed in, crowded around about the church to hear the word of God.

Each night, I simply took my time and laid bare the Word. We had 29 for baptism and 2 for watch-care.

Scenes of My Young Manhood

As I got about over Rock Hill, in my Big Six Studebaker, old scenes of my young manhood came back to me. It is there I was converted; it was there I graduated in 1896; it was there I was licensed to preach and there I was ordained. There I married, and where my wife died, one of the best women who ever walked the earth.

I visited relatives and friends at Ogden, Edgemoor, and at Catawba. I saw the Mt. Hebron Church where I started to preach at 27 years ago, at a salary of \$25 per year.

I visited Charlotte, N. C. and viewed Biddle University where I attended school 23 years ago; Mt. Zion at Guthrieville, where I met old friends, where once Dr. M. P. Hall thundered, there I stood with bare head and viewed the grave of Dr. E. D. White, South Carolina's most noble preacher and leader.

Ministers of York and Chester Co.

The ministers of these two counties are among the best informed all around preachers in all South Carolina. On an average they are all fairly good preachers. The reason is obvious. Rev. Dr. M. P. Hall planted the stuff and its there without any gainsaying. Most of these preachers teach and preach. Among those who stand foremost are: Revs. J. P. Reeder, F. D. Sims, Wm. Honor, R. M. Pitts, D. C. Barber, L. R. Barber, Giles, Stewart and many others whose names I can not recall.

Tragic Death of Rev. R. F. Lee

The Rev. Robert F. Lee was regarded as the leading young preacher of not only York and Chester counties, but South Carolina had not a superior. Last Saturday afternoon, he was instantly killed by having a blow-out in his automobile tire, by going at a rapid rate. This caused the car to turn over on him and four other companions. Rev. Lee was a graduate of both Friendship and Benedict Colleges. He was level-headed and a safe leader. He was pastor of old Gethsemane Baptist Church, four miles north of Chester, the church for which the Gethsemane Association is named. Also he pastored the Boyd Hill Baptist Church, Rock Hill, and was a teacher in Friendship College. For years he was a member of the executive board of the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Finance Committee of the State S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Con-

vention of S. C. He was baptised by the Rev. T. S. Gilmore, like myself, many years ago.

Peace to his ashes and rest to his weary soul.

THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF ALLEN UNIVERSITY MET

TUESDAY, AUG. 10.

The Judiciary Committee of Allen University, appointed at Commencement by Bishop John Hurst met in the Chappelle Administration building Tuesday, August 10th and transacted the business for which it was appointed. Great interest was shown in the meeting by the different delegations present.

The Committee consists of Mrs. D. E. McGhee, of Aiken; Miss Florence Lykes, Greenville; Dr. A. B. Johnson, Aiken; Prof. I. M. A. Myers, secretary, Columbia; Prof. G. W. Howard, chairman, Georgetown. The appointment of this committee by the Bishop is pleasing to the laymen and general satisfaction was expressed as to its attitude by all present.

South Carolinians Enyo Boston Society.

Seymour Carroll and Robert Shaw Wilkinson, Jr., Among Those to Attend 400 Dance.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 11.—The Boston Citizens' Committee tendered Lieut. Col. West Hamilton and his staff officers a reception at the fashionable Butler Hotel here last night on Tremont Street. The National Guards from Massachusetts, Illinois, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, and from the District of Columbia made up the unit that has been training here almost ten weeks.

Lieut. Col. Hamilton is a prominent citizen of Washington and was a personal friend of the late John W. Weeks, Secretary of War, who died three weeks ago.

Major Hewitt I. Hemit, is in command of the Massachusetts Battalion of National Guards, made of race men. At the Butler Hotel reception tendered to the 52 colored commissioned officers, their wives, friends and sweethearts were a number of prominent persons of South Carolina. Among the South Carolina guests to attend the "Boston 400" reception were: Mr. Seymour Carroll, Columbia; Mr. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, Jr., Orangeburg; Mr. D. C. Brock, formerly of Society Hill, S. C.; now of Sanford, Fla.; Lieut. J. A. Robertson, of Washington, D. C., a teacher at Brewer Normal Institute, Greenwood, S. C.; W. H. Muziek, of Washington, formerly of Charleston, and the following ladies: Mrs. Viola Purcell Brock, of Society Hill; Miss Evelyn O'Dell, of Laurens and Miss Otis L. McLean of Camden.

Mr. J. Brutton Wright, Boston's leading undertaker whose business is located at 107 Tremont Street, was a member of the Citizens' Committee under Capt. Norman N. Rayner that sponsored the movement.

Deacons' Christian Union Association Of Georgia to Meet

Brunswick, Ga., Aug. 13.—The Quarterly meeting of the Deacons' Christian Union Association of the Brunswick District will be held with Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. J. H. F. Martin, pastor, August 26th through the 29th.

This meeting promises to be the best the Association has ever had. Many outstanding features are on the program which follows:

Thursday, 8 p. m.—Devotional—Deacon Prince Williams. Remarks—President, Deacon T. J. Howard. Music—Bethel's A. B. Choir. Welcome—Mrs. Maggie Dennison. Response—Deacon George Smith. Introductory Sermon—Rev. A. W. Walker. Announcements.

Friday 8 p. m.—Devotional—Deacon Tony Cuyler Music—Emanuel A. B. Choir. Remarks—Deacon C. Murphy. Music—Choir. Sermon—Rev. T. W. Rakestraw. Announcements.

Sunday 11 a. m.—Devotional—Deacon Prince Floyd. Music—Bethel A. B. Choir. Sermon—Rev. J. L. Beatty. Announcements.

Sunday 3 p. m.—Sunday School Mass Meeting. Conducted by Supt., W. P. Peterson and Deacon Gabe Smith.

Sunday 8 p. m.—Devotional—Deacon W. P. Peterson, Music—Bethel A. B. Choir. Paper—Miss Louise Bailey. Sermon—Rev. J. H. F. Martin, Pastor. Closing remarks—Deacon O. W. Wheeler. Announcements.

Master of Ceremonies, Deacon C. Y. Youngblood. The public is cordially invited to attend the services. Committee—C. Smith, W. P. Peterson, S. C. Young, John Murray, J. W. Wilson, L. Berry, O. W. Wheeler, T. J. Howard, President; O. W. Wheeler, Secretary.