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ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION ACTS ON JOHNSTOWN DEPORTATION. We Venture A Guess.

Wires Governor Pinchot and Mayor Rushes Special Investigator to the Scene.

Announcement was made today by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69, Fifth Avenue, New York City, of prompt action that had been taken to protect the lives, property and civil rights of colored residents of Johnstown, Penn., who are being driven from the city following an order issued a week ago by Mayor Joseph Cauffiel because of the killing of two policemen, the crimes alleged to have been committed by Negroes. The advancement Association has rushed a special investigator to Johnstown and has wired Governor Gifford M. Pinchot and Mayor Cauffiel characterizing the action taken by the latter as gross exceeding of authority vested in him, pointing out that the only duty incumbent upon him was the apprehension and punishment of the guilty and that he had no authority to drive from the city all Negroes, innocent or guilty, "whose only offense is that their skins are black." The Association's telegram demanded of the Mayor that he cease the hounding of Negroes and making himself a tool of the Ku Klux Klan. The telegram to Governor Pinchot read:

"Today's New York newspapers report that because of the killing of two policemen and the wounding of four others, crimes alleged to have been committed by Negroes of Johnstown, Pa., more than two thousand Negroes have left Johnstown because of order issued by Mayor Joseph Cauffiel that only Negroes resident in city for seven years would be allowed to remain. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with four hundred and fifty branches and membership of one hundred thousand registers its protest against this high handed injustice through such wholesale deportation by the mayor of Johnstown of

men regardless of innocence or guilt solely because their skins are black. It is so obvious as to make it a superfluous statement that the only action which should have been taken by the mayor and other authorities of Johnstown would have been to seek out and punish those guilty. This Association respectfully requests you to use all authority vested in your high office to correct this grievous injustice if the facts stated above are found to be true and to protect the colored citizens of Johnstown against the Ku Klux Klan's methods of Mayor Cauffiel.

James Weldon Johnson, Secretary N. A. C. P.
Mayor Cauffiel was wired: Press dispatches in today's newspapers report that more than two thousand Negroes have left Johnstown as a result of your order that only Negroes resident in the city for seven years would be allowed to remain because of the shooting of two policemen and wounding four others, these crimes alleged to have been committed by Negroes. If the facts as reported above are correct, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with four hundred branches and membership of one hundred thousand, composed of members of both races vigorously protest against this high handed injustice in such wholesale deportation. It appears to us that you have totally exceeded authority vested in you. It is the duty of the mayor and other authorities of Johnstown to seek out and punish the guilty instead of punishing men whose only offense is that their skins are black. We respectfully urge that the hounding of colored citizens be stopped and that the city of Johnstown cease making itself a tool for carrying out the threats of the Ku Klux Klan.

James Weldon Johnson, Secretary, N. A. C. P.

(Field Secretary of the National Negro Press Association.)

Much is being said by the press of the nation about the appointment of the Honorable Bascom Slemp as secretary to his Excellency, the President; many reasons, good and bad, wise and otherwise, are being given as to why Mr. Slemp was chosen.

We held no brief for the gentleman in question, but this much we do know, C. Bascom Slemp comes as near being a statesman as any man who has sat in the lower branch of congress in the past twenty years, and we give it as our opinion, backed by an experience covering a quarter of a century in Washington, that it is reasonable to suppose that President Coolidge consulted that greatest living American statesman, Senator Henry Cabott Lodge and two other estimable gentlemen of the national congress, whom are natural friends of the President, Speaker Gillette and Senator Moses. It is fair to further assume that these gentlemen put their heads together and decided to advise the President to choose as his secretary a man who held close acquaintance of all the members of the lower house of congress, and who has a thorough working knowledge of how things are done in the house.

If the writer's guess is correct as to what happened in this premise, then no better man could have been chosen than Mr. Slemp.

We regret that Mr. Slemp has been proven to be one of the most arch enemies to the colored people of the country. Mr. Slemp has been one of the chief priests of lily-whitism, but, wise men change, and Mr. Slemp being a wise man, may, and we hope has, enjoyed a change of political religion.

To those who know the mettle of the new President as does the writer, we suffer no fears that Mr. Slemp will run the President. We feel perfectly safe in saying that whether Slemp changes his attitude toward colored people or not, President Coolidge will run the government while he is President and unquestionably the President will run the White House.

Watching The Breakers.

Pungent, Personal, Pertinent Paragraphs— Judge Winston.

By W. H. Davenport.

Judge Robert Watson Winston formerly Judge of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, says in the September number of Current History, there is "No real freedom for colored people in the South." He says further: "Were I a Negro, facing the future, concerned about children and children's children, I would cease to fight against white prejudice, but raising the banner of 'pan-Africa' I would herald that 'Unity of the Colored Races,' sensed by far-seeing Negroes as Dr. Burghardt Du Bois phrases it until my latest breath."

South Carolina goes on record for Editor Walls for the bishopric, and the reliable W. M. Robinson for the Ministerial Brotherhood, while the Old Dominion is standing by the dignified S. P. Cooke for the Brotherhood.

Give the Hon. Wm. Bascom Slemp a chance. He is not the whole show at Washington; he is only a part of it.

Economic necessity is bringing Germany to her senses. France should stay in the Rhur until Germany learns she did not win the war.

Now that the schools are opening, it is to be hoped they will find time to attend to school business.

It is better to have no school than to have no discipline.

The Rev. S. T. Hawkins, D. D., presiding elder of the Salisbury district, is a whirlwind preacher. He spent ten nights with us recently, and preached informing as well as inspiring sermons.

Not everyone that makes a noise and says Lord, Lord, that preaches; but he that sticks to his text and says something.

Now it is hinted that the United States may have to intervene in Cuba to save Cuba from herself. Our Uncle Samuel has plenty of house-

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Our Economic Progress.

Washington, — That the Negro is making good in industry is attested by the increases as indicated by the last U. S. Census report covering the years 1910 and 1920, as follows:

	No.	Increase
	1920	since '10
Manufact. industries	886,810	255,433
Transportation	312,421	56,452
Trade	140,467	20,976
Mining	73,229	12,100
Professional Service	80,183	12,938
Total	1,493,110	357,899

Assuming a conservative general average wage of \$15 per week this increase would mean an added income of nearly Three Hundred Million dollars.

Professional men, our churches, in the buying and building of homes, and in other activities that bespeak material advancement.

REVOLUTIONIZING ZION.

Letter No. 2.

By R. A. Carroll

The general church, in its separate parts, its functional organs, when assembled in General Conference session, is no greater than the individual churches which it represents, for it is, after all, only an assembly of representatives selected by and from these separate bodies, carrying with them the same mode and plans which gave success to the local Church, or conferences to a body of more matured minds for consultations and adoption. A conference, whether it is small or great, annual or general, in its final analysis, means the act of consulting, or conferring together formally. This is done in the local body in which the laws are carried out as well as in the general body where the laws are made.

If the General Church hopes to accomplish anything at all it must show some signs of this accomplishment in the local church—its foundation. When Paul would exhort the Hebrew brethren that in "leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection," he did by no means advise that they cut out the principles of religion—the foundation of their hope and aspiration. He did not mean that, any more than the mathematician would leave his axioms and go on with some geometrical problem. It was no more intended than it is that a builder should go on to rear a great superstructure without paying any attention to the foundation; and matters not how the building is, the foundation is indispensable and upon that, rests the hope of the life of the building.

The General Conference, therefore is not a body in which the methods and successful operation of the local church are discredited, but to enlarge on the best plans possible which have brought success to the local church, and go on to perfecting them to the use of all the people. If the most

Passing Observations.

By Rev. S. W. Weller.

The Connectional Council at Cincinnati was very inclusive and exclusive. Ever heard of concentric circles?

In the land of Promise a man may die of hunger.

The key to the situation may not be golden.

The express railway to heaven very often passes through Bishopburg. Very frequently, too, it is flagged to take on a passenger there.

From the rapidity with which some of the candidates produce grey hairs, one is tempted to ask, when does Hell end and heaven begin? Or is 'Heaven below' chimerical?

An English woman once said "I love to hear our minister talk about heaven, he grows so eloquent." Of course she was cockney.

An illusion is not a delusion; one needs T-N-T, the other an air gun.

The following may be more sensible:

It was my second time at a Connectional Council at Cincinnati. At the first I heard Dr. W. C. Brown preach a great sermon. Why mention this? Well, it was the most outstanding thing in my frail consciousness there. "W. C." is good timber for the bishopric in our humble opinion. He is just plain, natural, W. C. Brown, not too smart nor too deep nor too loving. And he and I are not intimates either.

There was far less display of pyrotechnics at my second attendance than at the first. Wisdom and prudence grow with the ages.

One of the presiding officers, Bishop G. L. Blackwell, the Blackstone of Zion Methodism, the craving left by

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Georgia Pays the Price.

Manchester, Ga., — According to a survey made by Mr. James S. Peters, of Manchester, Ga., President of the Georgia Bankers' Association, the loss to Georgia this year alone, through the migration of Negroes, will approximate the huge sum of \$27,000,000, or an amount that would have permitted the expenditure by the State of nearly \$175,000 for colored schools in each of the 155 counties. Mr. Peters claims that in the wake of the departing Negroes 46,674 vacant farmhouses and 55,524 idle plows are left.

Garvey Released on Bail Following Attorney's Brief.

New York, — "And now, Your Honor, won't you please tell me why this man should not be admitted to bail? Give me a single reason!" These words, supplementing a lengthy brief, submitted to the court by Attorney George Gordon Battle, were largely instrumental in bringing about the temporary release, under bail, of Marcus Garvey, now under a five-year sentence because of unlawful conduct, but whose appeal is pending. Garvey, who at one time acted as his own attorney, has employed a number of prominent lawyers during his trials and troubles in the courts, and his appeal proceedings will be watched with great interest, now that Mr. Battle had had him admitted to bail.

Negro Banks Show Remarkable Increase.

Washington, — One economic result of the migration of Negroes northward during the past year has been the impetus given to the establishment of Negro banks and the growth of race bank deposits. Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and smaller cities are centers of increased activities in the growth of Negro banks. Messrs. Brown and Stevens, bank promoters of Philadelphia, are now observing their \$133,000 building, erected a year ago, do a thriving business; and the Prudential bank people of Washington, after a month of business, report splendid growth.

Development of Abyssinia.

As the result of negotiations with the Abyssinian Government, the Anglo-American Oil Company has obtained exclusive oil rights for fifty years in the northern half of the Province Harrar. The area controlled by the company is some sixty thousand square miles, traversed on its northern edge by the Franco-Ethiopian Railway, and said to have been prospected with encouraging results. — "Current History"—September, 1923.