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# ZION BISHOP'S SON FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

# WOMAN'S LIE NEARLY COST MAN HIS LIFE

### DEBT CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE

### ENCOUNTER PROVES TO BE FATAL

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—(CNS)—Edward Kyles, son of Bishop L. W. Kyles of Winston-Salem, N. C., was freed on a charge of murder here last week in connection with the killing of James Leonard last summer over a loan. Kyles, according to the testimony, confronted the dead man's wife about a loan he is said to have made to her husband. Leonard appeared on the scene and reprimanded Kyles for arguing with his wife. Then a hand-to-hand struggle followed in which Leonard was seriously wounded with a knife. Bishop Kyles is of the A. M. E. Zion connection.

### SOUTH GAINS

### NEGRO POPULATION OF FLORIDA INCREASES 102,341

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(CNS)—The director of the census announces the population of Florida as returned by the 1930 census as 1,468,211, of which 1,035,205 are whites and 431,828 are Negroes. The white population increased 397,052 or 62.2 per cent, and the Negro population 102,341, or 31.1 per cent. Of the Negro population 181,008 are 21 years of age and over, forming 29.0 per cent of the population of voting age.

### RICHMOND NEGROES GET CAMP AND SOCIAL CENTER

RICHMOND, Va., Mar. 19.—(CNS)—A recreation center and a camp of 136 acres has been acquired for the citizens of this city, the Negro Welfare Social Council announced last Thursday.

### WOMAN FALLS INTO FURNACE

NEW ORLEANS, La., Mar. 19.—(CNS)—Decomposing suddenly last Tuesday, Miss Laura Lewis, 48, fell into an open furnace at her home, 451 Howard street, and was seriously burned about the body.

Phil Reynolds, 391 Roselawn avenue, is reported indisposed this week.

## Not She Me-ow But Cat's Wink Wins

NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—(CNS)—The destiny of Pinky, a black alley cat, was determined Wednesday at a magistrate's court.

Pinky was brought into the court by Mrs. Catherine Borrho upon the complaint of John Bonner, colored, of 354 West 52nd street, who maintained that the cat belonged to him. He said the cat's name was Tom, and that it had disappeared two weeks ago. To establish his ownership, he offered to induce the cat to do a trick. Pinky, who had a red ribbon around his neck, was placed on a table. Bonner made a circle of his arms and shouted, "Come, Tom! Jump!" He

### FATHER SINKING, REV. HILL HURRIES TO HIS BEDSIDE

Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., left Monday for Baltimore, Md., to see his aged father, who is ill and reported to be failing fast. Rev. Hill, while back East, will visit several of the large cities. He plans to return home for Easter.

### NEGRO WORKERS STRIKE

NEW ORLEANS, La., Mar. 19.—(CNS)—Six workers have been shot because they dared to strike against a wage cut which meant the worsening of their already poor living conditions. Five thousand longshoremen, more than half of whom are Negroes, are on strike, militantly carrying on the struggle against the treacherous policy of the union officialdom.

### COLORED WOMAN BURIED IN WHITE CEMETERY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(CNS)—A local colored woman was buried in one of the leading white cemeteries here last week. It all happened this way: Several years ago her father purchased a lot in the Congressional Cemetery. For some time he was superintendent there. At his death and that of his wife, both were buried there. Then last week Lancelotti Howard, the daughter, died. The undertaker appeared at the cemetery to make arrangements for her burial and the white caretaker did not know what it was all about. To him there was a mistake somewhere, but after looking up the old register it was found that the dead woman's people owned a lot there. The ceremony was held without any delay.

### CANT RIDE IN PLANE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(CNS)—Two Washington men were refused passage in a local sightseeing plane here last week. The men, James Laney and C. A. Yancey, had coupons from a local gasoline company which entitled them to a ride over the city by the Washington-Hoover Airport Company. Upon presenting their credentials, they were told they could not go up because they were colored.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanton have recently purchased a beautiful new suite of living-room furniture.

## DePriest's Appointee Receives Honor IS BANKER BROKE?

### ROBESON ACCUSE SOME OF FAILURE TO APPRECIATE NEGRO SPIRITUALS

### BE YOURSELF

Paul Robeson in Dunbar News.

Instead of trying to get away from his folk background, the American Negro should find among his own people the basis of development for his own arts.

Some members of my race want to forget how to sing spirituals. They prefer not to be reminded of their ancestral folk-ways. They don't like such a play as The Emperor Jones and they probably wouldn't have liked my London Othello if they had seen him chased all over the stage by Iago. There is no good reason for this.

There will not be a great American Negro composer until one appears who will turn back to folk materials and, indeed, to African rhythms. One of the greatest Russian composers never went to a school, but developed his own music, which proceeded out of a similar psychology to that which created the spirituals. As for our modern American Negro musicians, they are copying the French modern school. But the French moderns are going to Africa for their inspiration.

Dr. Ellsworth, department commander of Sergeant Joseph White Camp, Spanish-American war vets, died in Portland Tuesday and will be buried today.

### When Is a Pole-kitty Not a Polecat?



Int'l Newsreel  
Whether the white cat shown atop the pole in this picture of a New York street got there one jump ahead of a dog, or merely wanted to try for an endurance record, it found that getting down wasn't so easy as getting up. A kind-hearted telephone lineman broke his day's routine by effecting the rescue of one white cat, very hungry.

### BINGA HELD IN LIEU OF \$55,000

### THOUGHT RICH MAN NOW LANGUISHING IN CELL

CHICAGO, Mar. 16.—Is Jesse Binga broke?

This question is going the rounds as the erstwhile president of the defunct bank which bore his name, who a year ago was regarded as one of the richest colored men in the world, languishes in the county jail hospital. Last Thursday Binga was indicted by the grand jury on charges of having embezzled an amount said to have been between \$250,000 and \$350,000 of the bank's funds. He was taken to jail after deputy sheriffs had gained entrance to his home at 59th and So. Park Way by a ruse.

Where has his reputedly vast real estate holdings gone?

### Thousands Lost Savings

Broken in health and spirit, harassed by the knowledge that the bank he created is no more, and tortured by the fact that the thousands of people whose confidence in him caused them the loss of over a million dollars in small, hard-won savings, now revile his name, the once proud master of fortune faces the prospect of the grey walls of prison as a penalty.

### Servants Unpaid?

Even the fortune of Mrs. Binga, which she inherited from her brother, "Mushmouth" Johnson, and which is said to have founded Binga's wealth, is now said to be sadly depleted. Rumor has it that even the servants in the palatial home of the banker have not been paid for months.

Five Others Involved?  
Binga's indictment was returned before Chief Justice John P. McGorty. Contrary to misinformed reports made public last week, five others were not indicted along with Binga, although true bills against them are said to be in preparation.

Binga is said to have withdrawn money from the bank for personal real estate transactions on notes signed by these employees as security.

### GARVEY SELLS OUT; WILL QUIT JAMAICA

KINGSTON, Jamaica, B. W. I., Mar. 19.—(CNA)—At a mass meeting on February 15, held at Edelweiss Park, Marcus Garvey, leader of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, made the declaration that he intended to sell out and leave the country within six weeks. His destination is London. Just before this announcement, Garvey had launched into another field for the purpose of obtaining millions more from the poor workers and farmers in this country. He became a real estate agent and auctioneer. Evidently the toilers of Jamaica were not to be deceived by this new adventurous scheme to separate them from their meager earnings.

### PRISONERS TRAPPED, BURNED LIKE RATS

### CHAINED TOGETHER AND LOCKED IN IRON PRISON CELLS

KENANSVILLE, N. C., Mar. 11.—Eleven colored convicts, chained together like animals and locked in a narrow corrugated iron cell, were left by their guards to perish in flames which destroyed the main stockade of the Dublin county prison farm near here at an early hour Sunday morning, after 41 white prisoners had been led to safety.

The holocaust was one of the most hideous tragedies which has ever occurred in this section of the state, and the guards and overseers are being held in custody by the county authorities pending a thorough investigation which has been ordered by the governor.

### Burned to Crisp

The bodies of the 11 men, the only colored convicts in the camp, were found charred to a crisp several hours after the blaze had subsided, and the solid door to the metal cell had been opened with an acetylene torch. The flames did not reach the victims, but the sides and top of the metal cell glowed red hot from the blaze, literally roasting alive the 11 colored convicts whom the guards are alleged to have admitted that they made no effort to save.

The fire started in the cook shed, a rude wooden affair, and spread quickly to the other sections of the stockade. Guards and trustees spread the alarm, and rushed into the large wooden stockade, where the white prisoners are kept unfettered, and freed them. Two were seriously injured in the stampede for the exit which ensued.

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## SENTENCED TO DIE GRANTED NEW TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(CNS)—Charles Edward Weir, graduate of a Washington high school and one of Representative Oscar DePriest's candidates for the United States Naval Academy several months ago, has been inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honorary the University of Chicago, where he is a student, it was learned here last week. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weir of 917 Euclid street. Young Weir passed the mental test to the academy, but failed in the physical examination because of his eyes.

### GOVERNOR DINES WITH NEGRO CONSTITUENT

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 5.—A dinner invitation from the governor of the state of New York for Tuesday night was accepted by Assemblyman J. E. Stephens on Monday. The letter inviting Stephens indicated that the governor desired to talk over certain bills and to discuss the needs of the colored people of the state.

### WHITE WITNESSES PROVE 'ATTACK' CHARGE FALSE

NORFOLK, Va., Mar. 19.—(CNS)—William Harper, 22-year-old youth, who was doomed to die in the electric chair for the alleged criminal assault on Mrs. Dorothy Skaggs, white, of Portsmouth, Va., was freed here last Friday after the jury deliberated only 34 minutes.

The attack is alleged to have taken place on the night of January 6, last. He was tried on January 28, and found guilty by a jury, fixing punishment by death in the electric chair. The defense attorney made a motion for a new trial, which was granted on February 7. The new trial brought nine new white witnesses into the case and victory for Harper. It was upon their testimony that the Skaggs woman was not in the city, but in North Carolina, on the night of the attack, that saved the man. To date no charges of perjury have been instituted against the woman.

## Colleges Hear Gospel Of Good Will

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 19.—During the month just ended 2500 students in leading white colleges heard personally—and nearly all of them applauded—the message of interracial justice and co-operation delivered by a number of speakers, white and colored. Frank Wilson, P. M. C. A. student secretary; Dr. Gordon Hancock, of Virginia Union University; R. B. Eleazer, of the Interracial Commission, and Claud Nelson, of the Y. M. C. A., represented this interest in a campaign of Christian World Education in the principal colleges of Virginia, speaking to scores of classes and college assemblies on various aspects of race relations.

## LOCALS

Mrs. J. E. Powell has moved from 262 Page street to 311 Cherry street.

Mrs. Earl Morrison has been ill for the past several days.

Mrs. Ida Schweich is having the exterior of her home, 1037 Division street, painted a pretty light gray.

The Editor of The Advocate was invited to hear Mrs. Christine A. Donough give a reading of "Green Pastures" at the home of Mrs. Herbert Brown last Thursday.

Charles Strain has as his house guests Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Badger, prominent business people of Gearhart. Mrs. Badger is Mr. Strain's sister.

Recently in Circuit Judge Tucker's court Ed Nelson and Ruben Darde pled guilty to robbing Saich Tanak and were sentenced to seven and three years, respectively, in Oregon penitentiary.

Among those reported ill are J. D. Emery, Mrs. Mary Olliver, A. Robinson, Mrs. Duggan and little Miss Trueitt. The latter had her tonsils removed.

Dr. DeNorval Unthank is now comfortably located in his new office in

the Arata building, where he will be happy to receive his patrons.

Last Sunday's Oregonian carried a group picture of a class in sociology from Pacific College and in the group was Allan Rutherford. The students were on an inspection tour of the court of domestic relations.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowie of Barton were in the city last week on business. They were pleasant callers at The Advocate office.

Georgia Dixon, who has been making a splendid showing in California, was on Ralph Gruman's card Tuesday at the Auditorium. Dixon's opponent was Romeo LeMon of San Diego. Dixon comes back here with a record of having won all of his bouts in California, one by knockout, and he is in better shape than he has been for a year.

Al Henderson, arrested following a raid on Northrup street, February 20, was fined \$125 by District Judge Woodley, March 12. He was charged with liquor possession.

The Oregon Statesman, published at Salem, devoted considerable space to a cut and writup of Jess Lee Brooks, Negro spiritual singer, who is concerting in the Northwest, especially in the states of Oregon and Washington. Recently he sang in Albany, Eugene and Salem.

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