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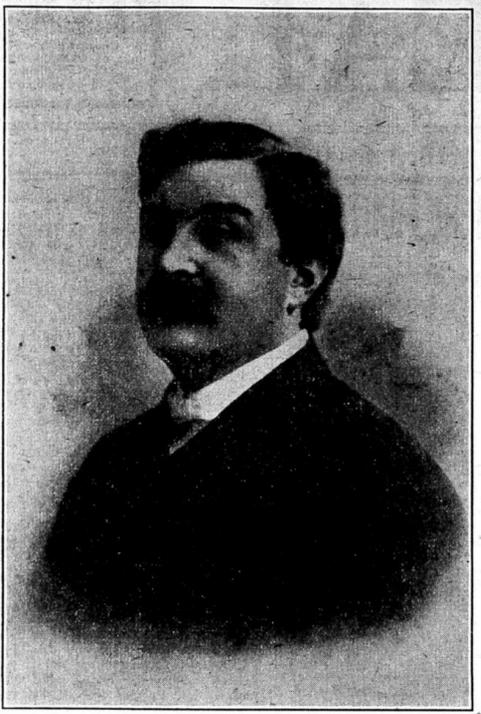
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1911.

TAFT AND THE AFRO-AMERICAN.

The appointment of William H. Lewis, of Massachusetts, as Assistant Attorney General of the United States, marks a new era in race progress. It is a positive advance over anything in the line of political appointments ever made by a Republican President.

In his inaugural address President Taft said: "The Negroes are now Americans. Their ancestors came here years ago against their will, and this is their only country and their only flag."

"Any recognition of distinguished Negroes, any appointment to office from among their number, is properly taken as an encouragement and an ap-



SENATOR WILLIAM LORIMER.

Junior Senator of Illinois, who was vindicated in the U. S. Senate by a Vote of 46 to 40.

preciation of their progress, and this just policy shall be pursued."

President Taft has appointed other Afro-Americans to good places in the Government service, but the importance of the Lewis appointment lies in the fact that it is a higher place than has ever before been given to one of the race.

As Assistant Attorney General it will be necessary to assign Mr. Lewis to some of the most important legal work of the Government and it is certain that he is well qualified for the place.

An Assistant Attorney General outranks many high officials and the Afro-American people are pleased to know that they have a representative of the race so near in rank to a Cabinet officer.

The Afro-Americans of the country naturally feel very grateful to President Taft for this appointment.

A SLOVAK PROTEST.

Great credit is due the slavish citizens of Chicago for their protest to the Union League Club against the presence of Count Apponyi at the Peace Dinner on Washington's birthday. Count Apponyi had already declined the invitation on the ground of previous engagements and for this reason the club escaped the embarrassing necessity of deciding whether to withdraw it.

It is asserted by those who joined in the protest that Apponyi represents the worst form of tyranny in the Hungarian government and that he is not an exponent of universal peace. The protesters who number 500,000 claim that Apponyi was responsible for the massacre of innocent people, who were slaughtered while he was in office and that "He is known in all the world as the representative of the Hungarian government system, which means a continual chain of political, national and social crimes perpetrated against the Slovaks and other non-Hungarian nations in Hungary."

It is right that the Slovaks should protest against their arch enemy. It is always right to protest against wrongs. The Afro-Americans in this country suffer many wrongs because



ARCHBISHOP IRELAND.

St. Paul Catholic Prelate Resents Attitude of Y. M. C. A. His Indorsement Wrongly Used He Declares.

Declaring that the Y. M. C. A. has violated his confidence in using his letter as an indorsement of the campaign to raise \$600,000 for a new building, Archbishop Ireland has made it plain that in the future, campaigns of the association will be conducted without his indorsement.

In a letter to Father John Gunn, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, the archbishop explains that he contributed \$250 and wrote the letter he did upon consideration that at the next national meeting of the Y. M. C. A. the restriction making it impossible for a Catholic to hold office would be removed. This barrier was not removed, and Archbishop Ireland says that when he heard of this he asked for a withdrawal of his letter. The subsequent publicity of it, he says, is a breach of faith.

TAFT APPOINTS LEWIS

AFRO-AMERICAN CHOSEN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

New Official, Will Rank Above Brigadier Generals, Navy Captains, District Court Justices, and Commissioners, Senator Lodge to Work for Confirmation.

William H. Lewis, an Afro-American of Boston, was appointed by President Taft yesterday to the important post of Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

One of the assistants in the Department of Justice has been engaged for a long time on special work, and this man has given notice that, on the completion of his present work, he will resign. Speaker Cannon and other leaders recommended to the Attorney General that, when the incumbent resigns, the place be abolished. It is now likely, however, that Lewis will be given the place, taking over some of the duties of the other assistants.

From members of official and social sets, objections were raised at the first mention of Lewis' name. The bitterest protests come, however, from the Democrats in the Senate and the House. It was bad enough that the Republican party should stand sponsor for the Sutherland amendment to the direct elections resolution, which was meant to protect the Afro-American, but now the Republican party is preparing to elevate an Afro-American to the highest office ever conferred on that race. This is the argument of the Democrats.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, it is understood, will fight hard for the confirmation of the appointment of Lewis.



WILLIAM H. LEWIS.

Appointed Assistant Attorney General.

William Henry Lewis is one of the prominent Afro-Americans of the country. Born of parents who had been slaves, he won distinction at Harvard as a scholar and an athlete, attracted attention later as a lawyer in this city, and during the administration of President Roosevelt was appointed assistant district attorney at Boston, Mass.

Lewis was born in Berkeley, Va., in 1863. In 1888 he entered Amherst college, where he won distinction for scholarship and athletics. Entering the Harvard Law school in 1892, he played center on the football team for two years, and later was one of the coaches. He is credited with being the first football strategist to find a way to stop Pennsylvania's famous "guards back" play.

The Negro's High Standing in the Bible.

That a Negro gave Moses the principles of the Mosaic law, and by the marriage of his daughter to the world's greatest law-giver, proved the intimate relations and high-standing of the Negro in the affairs of the Bible is given historical proof according to a work just published by the Bible Publishing Company, of Merivian Falls, N. C., and written by Dr. Arthur T. Abernethy. Dr. Abernethy, who is the author of a three volume history of New York, and several other historical works of international recognition was, during the life of King Leopold, a personal friend of the King and is the author of a book on the Congo Free State, dealing with his extensive study of the conditions of the colored races in various parts of the world.

The importance of the historical work just issued by the Bible Publishing Co. is increased by the fact that it is written by a white man who is famous on both sides of the water and who deals with the subject without fear or favor. Dr. Abernethy is one of the one hundred American authors elected by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and by birth a Southern man. The book which is entitled: "The Jew a Negro," proves by Jewish historians and copious quotations from the Old and New Testament, that the Negroes occupied the highest positions in Bible times, and are the direct descendants of Moses, Abraham, David, Solomon, and the other patriarchs. It goes farther and declares that these great Biblical characters were colored men, and reasons it out with the historical data and evidence which ought to make every ambitious colored person want to read the book! This book is printed on the best book paper, bound in cloth and can be procured from the above mentioned publisher by mail for 50 cents.

Self in Everything.

Let us always remember that nothing befalls us that is not of the nature of ourselves. There comes no adventure but wears to our soul the shape of our everyday thoughts; and deeds of heroism are only offered to those who have, for many long years, been heroes in obscurity and silence. And whether you climb up the mountain or go down the hill to the valley, whether you journey to the end of the world or merely walk around you meet, none but yourself shall you meet on the highway of fate. It is your day as you go forth to-night. It is toward you that his steps will lead, nor will chance for betrayal be lacking; but let Socrates open his door, he shall find Socrates asleep on the threshold before him and there will be occasion for wisdom. —Macterialack.

LETTERS OFTEN INDISCREET.

Lord Palmerston's Fall an Instance of the Way They May Wreck a Career.

Letter writing has long been considered an art, but there are often times when the writers of certain epistles wish that they had been a little more discreet before posting the same. A great many lives have been ruined and careers wrecked all because of one indiscreet letter, which it would have been better not to write.

A notable case of this kind is the letter which Lord Palmerston, in 1851, when he was minister of foreign affairs for Great Britain, wrote to the prince-president of France, Louis Napoleon. It was when Louis executed his famous coup d'etat. Regiments of infantry, probably at his direction, swept the boulevards with rifle balls. The streets of Paris ran with blood and out of the crimson mist rose Louis Napoleon, no longer prince-president, but rather president for life, and soon afterward emperor of France.

All Europe was horrified at this bloody leap to power, and no one more so than the queen of England. Lord Palmerston, however, admired the new emperor. Without consulting his official chief and much less the queen, Palmerston wrote a letter to the British ambassador in Paris expressing his approval of the coup d'etat. When the queen heard of this unauthorized action she was deeply indignant. She sent for the prime minister, and he soon afterward officially notified Lord Palmerston of his dismissal in the following words:

"No other course is open to me than to ask her majesty to appoint a successor to you in the foreign office."

All this on account of a letter, Lord Palmerston was one of the foremost men in the kingdom. But this one act of indiscretion was the end of his famous career.

TRIED TO ROB THE MISER

Fable That Explains Why the Lombardy Poplar Holds Its Branches Close to Trunk.

Once there was a man who had worked early and late in the hope of getting rich. He never took a holiday nor spent any money, for he wanted to have a pot full of gold for his old age. Now, the more money he got the more unhappy he became, for he was always afraid that some one would rob him of his treasure. He hid it in his humble home, but he worried lest it might be taken during his absence. He buried it in the ground, but even that did not set his mind at rest. At last he hid it in the thick branches of a very tall tree. Even then the miser was afraid that some one would take it, so he decided at last to carry the pot of gold back to his home. Just there was where the trouble began. In his eagerness to hide the treasure he had not made his small trunk sure as to which tree he had used for his money bank.

He asked the spreading linden, the tall sycamore and the honest oak, but each tree denied knowing anything about the gold. The lombardy poplar, too, protested that it had not seen the pot of shining money. Just then its branches were drawn down close to its trunk. The tree trembled, for it did not know what to make of such a queer feeling. It fell faint, and forgot the miser's treasure. That minute the pot of gold fell to the ground, and the lombardy poplar was forever disgraced for the falsehood it had told. To this day, if you will look you will find that all lombardy poplars hold their branches close up to the trunks, but will never hide any more gold.

Wine Made Without Grapes.

"Champagne and claret will doubtless be produced in large quantities this year, despite the general failure of the French vineyards," says the London Chronicle. "The art of making wine without grapes is an ancient one. As far back as 1427 100 pipes of wine were seized in London because no trace of grape juice could be found in them. The citizens flocked to see the public staving in the pipes and the unusual watering of the streets which followed thereupon. Steele, in the Tatler, protested against the merchants, who 'squeezed Bordeaux out of the sloe and drew champagne from the apple. And from an old-time cookery book we learn that the fruit from the bramble, being rightly mixed with good pippen or pearmain cyder dothe make good claret.' Nowadays, French wine merchants produce high-sounding vintages by mashing figs in hot water and fermenting the liquor. And many other less innocent substitutes are employed."

Fifty-six Years in One School.

Prof. Zephaniah Hopper, the oldest school teacher in Philadelphia, who is eighty-two years old, began his fifty-sixth year of teaching at the Central High school. He was greeted by the faculty and by another generation of students, as he marched into the assembly hall the other day. He is as active as ever, still walking every day to and from his home. The veteran professor was graduated in the first class that left the high school. After spending a few years at college and in special work, he went back to the school as a professor. He has remained there ever since.

There are men all over the country who are now grandfathers, who remember Doctor Hopper as their teacher. It is estimated that he has taught fully fifteen thousand students during his long service.

If you can't tell the truth don't tell anything.

Claims to Have Found Black Rose.

Has the long-sought flower been found at last? It is reported that Dennis Tapple, a hopeless, cripple, of Savannah, who has eked out an existence by making key rings, has been in Washington seeking a patent for a black rose that he has grown as the result of 15 years' experiments. Tapple says he has been offered \$100,000 for the secret on the day that it is protected by patent, but he is awaiting further bids.



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