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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.

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 appreciation 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



HON. JAMES C. NAPIER.

Who Became Register of the United States Treasury Last Wednesday. Hon. James C. Napier of Tennessee was sworn in as Register of the United States Treasury last Wednesday.

The Washington Herald, in a recent issue, has a long-winded editorial on the goodness of the people of the Capital City and among other things says that the lives of the residents are in keeping with the highest tenets of Christianity.

This may be true in some respects, but when the color-line is reached the Caucasians of Washington do not follow the tenets of the meek and lowly Nazarene. In no city in the United States is there more bitter race hatred, and there is less reason for it than in many other places.

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The Caucasian hypocrisy has been strikingly shown on several occasions within the past year. In one fashionable street, there is a block containing many fine residences. Among them, however, are a few shacks occupied by low-grade Afro-Americans, but the aristocratic whites and lowly blacks have lived in harmony for many years.

Last year a wealthy Afro-American, with an income of about \$5,000 per annum, purchased one of the fine houses and moved into it. The gentleman is a man of the highest character, his wife is a lady of refinement, a graduate of one of the leading American universities and also a graduate of a famous German conservatory of music, in fact the entire family is infinitely superior in every respect to any white family in the block, but the Caucasian Christians became indignant at what they called a "Negro invasion," and began to move away one by one and now they have all gone, many who owned their own home having sacrificed them to get away from Afro-American Christians.

And by the way, it was a committee of Washington Christians which decreed that no Afro-Americans should be permitted to take part in the Sunday school parade in that city last year.

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ARE SOUTHERN AFRO-AMERICANS WILLING TO BE JIM-CROWED?

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It is very creditable to the Afro-Americans of the North that some of them start trouble when their rights are infringed upon. If the paragraph is a correct statement of the indifference of the Southern Afro-Americans, they deserve to be jimcrowed and have no right to expect any sympathy from their Northern brethren.

DISTORTING HISTORY. Former Senator Joseph Blackburn of Kentucky made the principal address before the Veterans of the Confederacy at the celebration of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee, in Washington, D. C., recently, and gave out the following perverted statement:

"In reality the South was fighting for human rights and human liberty, and the slaves would have been freed without any war, but the people of Europe thought differently and therefore withheld their sympathy from our cause. Had they realized what the South was really fighting for they would have given us assistance and we would have defeated the North."

THE APPEAL is surprised that a man of Senator Blackburn's reputed intelligence would have the temerity to make such a statement. The people of Europe were better prepared to render unbiased judgment in the matter than the partisans on either side here in the United States and they came to the conclusion that the South was fighting to perpetuate a hideous moral wrong and gave their moral support to the North.

Senator Blackburn's talk is another evidence of the organized effort of the South to pervert the history.

known the occupants of rooms on the same floor with that of Wang immediately made protest against the introduction of men of other races into the building. Of course that was not a Christian spirit, but the spirit of American Christianity is usually at variance with the spirit of Christ. The managers of the Y. M. C. A., fearing that news of the insult would be injurious to the work in China, hushed the matter up. It is of course understood that the conversion of Chinese to Christianity means dollars to American merchants. They are not working for the Chinamen's souls, but rather for the benefit of American pockets. American merchants contribute millions to convert people of other races and get back two dollars for every dollar contributed. That's all there is to it.

Mr. Wang is evidently a man of little spirit. If he were properly constituted he'd repudiate the false Christianity he has taught him in this country and return to Confucianism. He'd refuse to be a party to the race-hate-propaganda of American Christianity.

KICK! KICK! KICK!!! All over the United States, the Irish are making a fight against the comic post cards in connection with St. Patrick's day. The Ancient Order of Hibernians have petitioned the Postmaster General to prevent the objectionable matter from going through the mails.

The Irish are right. There is no reason on earth why these scurrilous cards which reflect upon the Irish people should be transported in the United States' mails. All honor to people who so vigorously protested against the insults offered to their race.

This matter of objectionable post cards ought to be looked into by the Afro-Americans, for there are now in circulation many hideous caricatures of race. Somebody ought to take hold of the matter and make some noise about it. No wrongs are ever righted except by protest.

Kick! Kick!! Kick!!! JIM CROW SALVATION. Recently there was a meeting of Salvation Army workers of the country at Washington, D. C., and work among Afro-Americans was suggested.

A storm of protest went up from the officers from the South when a Northern delegate proposed that white officers be required to conduct meetings among Afro-Americans. They virtually declared they would not as-

sume such duties, with the result that the committee appointed to draft a plan for the new work was discharged before it had time to commence work and the conference adjourned without further allusion to the proposed work.

Commander Booth said: "It would probably be just as well to segregate the races. The Negroes are badly in need of such help as we can give them, and I am confident we shall accomplish a great deal for their general welfare."

The Commander is in error. The Afro-Americans do not need any more jim crow salvation. They have had enough of it. They would like a little real Christianity. There is practically none in the American Church, and now that the Salvation Army, which was organized to work among the scum of the earth, purposes to draw the color-line, it would seem that Caucasian Christianity is indeed a farce.

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WORK OF RED CROSS

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Washington.—The purposes and responsibilities of the American Red Cross, according to its charter, are as follows: "To furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war, and to carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same."

The Red Cross is governed by a Central committee of 18, of whom six are appointed by the president of the United States and 12 elected. This committee appoints a national director. Under the Central committee are state boards which are financial representatives in the collection and disbursement of relief funds in their respective states, and chapters which are local groups of members.

Field work is divided into three classes and is assigned to three boards, the war relief board, the national relief board and the international relief board. The war relief board at present conducts a department of first aid and a department of nursing. Miners, railroad men, sailors, workmen in great industrial establishments, police and firemen are taught the practical application of first aid to the injured. A car especially equipped carries local physicians to the front lines, and local physicians continue the instruction after the car passes on. Several thousand men are now receiving instruction in first aid in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Oklahoma, Iowa, Tennessee and other states. The Red Cross also supervises the first aid instruction given by those in charge of the seven mine rescue cars of the United States bureau of mines. In time of war the knowledge of first aid

is widely inculcated would bring into the volunteer armies many men well prepared for service in hospitals and in the care of wounded on the battle fields.

In the last two years these societies have participated effectively in Red Cross relief work following disasters in Key West, Fla.; Cherry, Ill.; Birmingham, Ala.; Drakeboro, Ky., and the forest fire region of Minnesota.

Contributions made to sufferers in foreign countries are under the direction of the International relief board. Usually the American Red Cross is represented by the diplomatic or consular agents of the United States nearest the point of relief operations. Since 1905, the variety and extent of the relief work may be partly shown by the following table:

Table listing various disasters and their corresponding relief amounts, such as Philippine typhoon, Japanese famine, Vesuvius eruption, California earthquake, etc.

Total \$4,809,067.42

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Twins With Different Birthdays. Indianapolis, Ind.—Although they are twins, two girl babies recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walls of Arlington, this state, will have different birth anniversaries. One was born a few minutes before midnight, while the other came into the world shortly after the beginning of the following day.

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