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## WASHINGTON BRANCH OF N. A. A. C. TAKES ISSUE WITH DR. DU BOIS

### "UNQUALIFIED BY REASON OF QUALITIES INHERENT IN THE NEGRO."

#### SUCH WAS THE DECISION OF ARMY BOARD WITH REFERENCE TO COLORED OFFICERS WHO APPLIED FOR ADMISSION INTO REGULAR ARMY. SCOTT HAS DECISION REVOKED.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—Let-ters have been forwarded to the War Department by Bishop Charles Spencer Smith as chairman of the Commission on After-War Problems of the A. M. E. church, W. T. Andrews, editor of the Daily Herald, Baltimore, Md., and others of like prominence in public affairs, calling attention to an endorsement which has been placed on the application filed by a colored officer who had been overseas, relative to his fitness for admission into the Regular Army. The endorsement or recommendation, signed by a Board of officers, appointed to investigate the qualifications of candidates for assignments in the re-organized United States Army after summing up all citations and observations, was as follows:

Reason: "unqualified by reason of the qualities inherent in the Negro race; an opinion of the Board, based on the testimony of five white officers serving with the 158th Infantry, Newport, Va., deficient in moral fiber, rendering them unfit as officers and leaders of men."

standing, all of whom had the advantage of knowing exactly how the colored commanders bore themselves at crucial periods on the field of battle. The objectionable memorandum is refuted, the writers assert, by the unbroken chain of valorous deeds and heroism of Negroes in all the wars of the Republic from Bunker Hill to Carrizal and in France from Verdun to the siege of Metz.

#### War Record of Negroes Refutes Absurd Finding of Army Board.

The writers of the communications to the War Department, in addition to condemning the injustice to the officer involved made it quite plain that the colored people of the country resent most strenuously the restriction upon the race as a whole in the bald declaration that "Negroes are deficient in moral fiber, etc.," and regard it as an unjust and unbecoming indictment of the entire race as a group of incompetents and failures. They declared the charge to be absolutely unfounded by the written record of the brilliant achievements of colored officers under fire in the fiercest of our wars, and of a score of French officers of highest military

#### No Exclusion of Any Officer on Account of Color.

Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, taking up the matter directly with the War Department, made this reply, upon the authority of the officials having charge of the question at issue, in a letter addressed to Editor Andrews of the Baltimore Herald: "With reference to the marked copy of the Daily Herald, containing editorial, quoting an endorsement placed upon the discharge of a colored lieutenant who applied for retention in the service, I beg to say that, since the war, no such matter has been before the War Department, and I am pleased to inform you that the Chief of Staff has personally directed the Commanding General at Camp Meade to revoke the finding; he has also directed that in the matter of colored officers being commissioned in the Army, there is to be no exclusion on account of color. I am sure you will be pleased that this action has been taken by the War Department, and I personally share with you, and the entire race, the satisfaction of feeling that the finding quoted by you, and which was placed upon the record of the colored officer, will not appear on his permanent record as filed in the War Department."

### MME. WALKER CONTRIBUTES \$5,000 TO ANTI-LYNCHING FUND.

A \$10,000 fund has been raised to fight lynching in the United States, it was announced yesterday at the headquarters of the National Conference on Lynching, 70 Fifth Avenue.

Of this \$5,000 was contributed by Madam C. J. Walker of New York City and \$1,000 by Scott Bond a wealthy Negro farmer of Arkansas.

The remainder of the amount was subscribed and pledged in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$1,000.

The National Conference on Lynching is proceeding with the appointment of a committee, to report at every session of the conference, which will draw up an address to the American nation on the subject of lynching.

#### Jurisdiction has broken down.

A study of the evidence in this case as disclosed by the records, will thoroughly convince even the Race's bitterest enemies that Dr. Bundy was convicted for no reason, whatsoever, except that he is black.

Dr. Bundy was convicted solely upon suspicion, and if the Race permits this verdict to stand, no Negro's life or liberty is safe, when accused by prejudiced public officials in racial matters. The real thing behind Dr. Bundy's persecution is that the prejudiced public officials are trying to show that the Negroes through Dr. Bundy started the East St. Louis Riot. This is silly for every one knows that Negroes do not start Race Riots.

Recently I spoke in Illinois and since then in Missouri. I intend to appear wherever I have the opportunity for the purpose of seeing to it that the lies in this case are laid bare, and I promise you that I shall not cease my efforts until Dr. Bundy is legally freed by the courts in this land. Clemency in this instance, in my judgment, is an insult to Dr. Bundy and the Negro Race.

With very best wishes, I am, Yours very respectfully, W. C. Houston.

#### Opportunity to Re-instate Government Insurance, Although Now Lapsed.

New Orleans, La., May 8, 1919.

Editor,

Dear Sir:—The Bureau of War Risk Insurance has reached the following important decision regarding re-instatement of Government Insurance which former sailors, soldiers and marines have allowed to lapse.

Any man who held the Government Term Insurance and who failed to continue payment of premiums after being discharged, thereby lapsing his insurance, may re-instate it regardless of the time of default.

All service men are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Many men obtain better information and application forms by writing to Eugene E. Thornton, District Insurance Officer No. 1, Canal Street, New Orleans, La., stating full name, rating, home address, date and place of discharge, amount of insurance read premium, and last month's which premium was paid.

Enclosure: Form of the Army and

### Att'y Hueston Declares the Bundy Trial a Gross Miscarriage.

Kansas City, Mo., May 8, 1919.

Editor of Dallas Express,

My Dear Sir:—I want to thank you for the article of my personal efforts in behalf of Dr. Leroy N. Bundy, that appeared in your very valuable paper of last week.

The trial of Dr. Bundy resulted in a gross miscarriage of justice, and if the verdict stands, as has so

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#### Marine Corps are invited to request further information at the nearest chapter Section, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, 119 D. St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

It is believed the above will be of interest to a great many of your readers.

Very truly yours,  
E. P. THORNTON  
Ensign (PC) USNRF

### Boston Guardian Fails to Make Its Appearance.

(The Associated Negro Press.)  
Boston, Mass., May 15.—The failure of the well known Boston Guardian to make its appearance last week has created quite a stir among the people of this section, who for years have received their information about affairs of the race from that newspaper, and read the opinions of its doughty editor, Wm. Monroe Trotter. Even those who have not always agreed with the policy of the Guardian are hoping that it may soon again make its appearance.

### Colored Nurse Charged With Assault and Battery.

(The Associated Negro Press.)  
Macon, Ga., May 15.—Assault and battery is charged against Claudia Johnson, a nurse, who is alleged to have whipped a small white child. It is stated that several cases have been found by the police department where nurses have "used the rod" with effectiveness on white children entrusted to their care.

### Dr. Bundy Enters Prison at Joliet.

(The Associated Negro Press.)  
Chicago, Ill., May 15.—I willingly go to the penitentiary, for a long or short time and as it may seem to me and my friends. I will make the sacrifice if by so doing, the people of my race shall be united with some definite and consecrated purpose to work for justice and the rights of humanity. With this view, I have written a letter to a friend in Chicago Dr. Leroy N. Bundy, sentenced for life, because of a trial which found him guilty of inciting the East St. Louis riot, closed his books, as it were, in the hall at Waterloo, Ill., and prepared for his gloomy journey to Joliet.

Inspired by this kind of a noble spirit, and the belief that Dr. Bundy was not given a fair trial, the effort to let the world know that fact has been launched with the greatest enthusiasm, and is gaining new ground each day.

### Kittrell College Closes With Elaborate Commencement Exercises.

Kittrell, N. C., May 15.—The future of the Negro race in America must be determined by the youth of today, and the students of Kittrell college are the best of their kind in the South. The commencement exercises, which have just been held, and was said to be the best in the history of the institution. The trustees after highly commending the report of Prof. Edwards unanimously elected him president for another year.

It is the first time in the history of the institution that it has closed without a large debt, and all the teachers paid up in full and a new year for the next school year. The president has shown great executive and financial ability in the management of the institution.

The exercises have all been of a high order.

The music which was under the direction of Mrs. G. A. Edwards an accomplished musician, was fine and the people were loud in their praise of the annual musical. Fine talent was displayed by the young people.

Charles Stewart, A. M., D. D., of Chicago, Ill., delivered the annual address, which was freighted with good common sense advice. "Cultivated Mind" was the theme discussed. He reviewed the achievements of the past the result of cultivated minds. He reviewed the achievements of the past the result of cultivated minds. He reviewed the achievements of the past the result of cultivated minds.

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"The more and longer they are permitted to go with their Bolshevistic plotting institutions the more dangerous the menace will become. This fact will become more pointedly plain to you in the future, and for this reason if you would go to work and insert the stitch in time it would save time in the future and perhaps weeds of trouble for both races."

"The Vassay law ought to be amended so as to apply to the secret Negro lodges in some way as well as other institutions. The legislature could pass a law giving our sheriffs and their deputies the right and authority to inspect these institutions and the conditions in the country surrounding them."

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, according to the high sense of justice of Wingate, and those he represents:

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The five living members—Mrs. Julia Gibbs Stevens, Mrs. Eliza Jackson Plafie, Joseph P. Weaver, Walter B. Watkins, and Dr. Dee A. Ellett of the first graduating class, the class of 1871, were in attendance.

The first six Alumni gathering was held in Memorial church. At this meeting hopeful addresses were made by leading Hampton graduates, pledging the support of the Alumni Association to Dr. James E. Gregg, principal of Hampton and successor to Dr. Hollis B. Friswell, and to his administration.

### Negro Cavalry to go to Philippines.

Columbia, S. C., May 15.—Camp Jackson will send two troops of Negro Cavalry to the Philippines enlisted from the ranks of our soldiers here. The men are volunteering for service, and belong to the 891 and 302nd Transportation Corps, having seen eighteen months service in France. One of the boys remarked: "We are willing to keep on the job for Uncle Sam; all we ask is that Uncle Sam keep on the job for us."

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### SCORES ATTITUDE OF CRISIS IN BELATED ATTACK ON EMMETT SCOTT.

#### MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WRITES DR. SCOTT NOT TO BE UNDUPLY CONCERNED. CONFIDENT THAT NOTHING CAN DESTROY THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—Neval H. Thomas, a member of the Executive Committee of the Washington Branch of the National Association of Colored People, has written the following letter to Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, with reference to the recent implied criticism of the latter in the May issue of "The Crisis" Magazine:

Mr. Emmett J. Scott, War Department, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Scott:—Do not, for one moment, think that the belated attack of Dr. DuBois will in any way destroy the confidence in the colored people have in you for the able championship of their interest since you have been our representative here.

I can not forget that whenever our devoted president, Mr. Archibald H. Grimke, of our great organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, wanted to present the grievances of our brave soldiers, it was to you and not to the Editor of the Crisis, whom we are paying \$5.00 per year that we came—and we never came in vain. You took up every case with enthusiasm and indignation at the wrong, and most always with results.

During these weary months the

Editor of the Crisis was preaching complete surrender. "Forget your grievances and look to the hills!" was his slogan; and as the war went on, and you were busy day and night, trying to lighten the burden of our suffering soldiers, Dr. DuBois, instead of giving you support in the Crisis, was using the editorial columns with Christiana stories, and "Slaves," and the worst of all, he said we who were asking America to treat the black soldiers as a soldier, so as to improve his morale, were "forfeaking their souls in the blood and dust of battle."

No, Mr. Scott, you have been with the Negro, and Dr. DuBois from June (the month of the Captivity episode) to April, was silent upon our burning wrongs, and if it becomes him to praise his first military issue in a year, as an attack upon a man who fought when he was eight.

With full confidence in you, and appreciating your many services to our gallant troops, I am confident we were seeking honors at the price of complete surrender. I remain,

Very truly yours,  
Neval H. Thomas  
Member Executive Committee, Washington Branch, National Association of the Advancement of Colored People.

### LEUT. JAS. R. EUROPE DEAD.

(The Associated Negro Press.)  
Boston, Mass., May 15.—Lieut. James R. (Jim) Europe died tonight from a wound alleged to have been inflicted by Herbert Wright, drummer in the Famous Negro "Hell Platoon" (369th Infantry) B. N. D.

The band, recently from France, was playing at Mechanics Hall when Europe called out to Wright to "put more pep in the sticks." Wright left his drum, walked hastily over to Europe, and the police alleged, drew a knife and slashed Europe in the neck. Wright was arrested.

### COLORED AUTOMATIC GUN CLUB.

Richard Coleman Was High Man in the Weekly Shoot Tuesday.

A goodly number of visitors and club men attended the weekly shoot of the Dallas Colored Automatic Gun Club Tuesday afternoon near Oak Cliff Heights. Dr. P. M. Sunday and J. V. Jordan are new members of the club and made their initial shoot Tuesday.

The score out of a 25-round shoot resulted in the following score:

W. C. Patton, 13; Chester Clubborn, 16; H. Jackson, 11; Richard Coleman, 22; R. E. Coleman, 19; A. Adams, 11; P. M. Sunday, 11; H. Strickland, 8; J. R. Jordan, 15; Tom Tucker, 13; Tom Davis, 13; W. J. Shannon, 13.

The next shoot will be held Tuesday, May 20, at 6:30 o'clock.

### BEAUMONT OILERS HERE SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

That hard Beaumont Club was rained out Sunday but will return for a two-game series Sunday and Monday. Everybody who has seen the Oilers in action need not hesitate in voicing their sentiment in their relative strength. They are as hard a set to deal with as any aggregation of battlers challenging an opponent across a dead line. Ross may be called back to the firing line to be mounted duty. Look out, boys, if he is anything like right.

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Mrs. Lennie Williams, 3001 South street, left this morning for Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Marshall Clater, 2517 Wade St., has been confined to his bed a few days.

### JIM CROW LAWS NEVER TO BE ABOLISHED IN GEORGIA

(The Associated Negro Press.)  
Covington, Ga., May 15.—The Covington News, of this place, is the real spokesman of the South, there is not much hope for the opportunity of seeing the "world wide" democracy and flow of human justice, that has been preached about so much in recent years.

Editorially, the News acknowledges receipt of a copy of a bill recently introduced by Congressman Addison of Chicago, the object of which is to repeal all "Jim Crow" laws. Accompanying the bill was a circular letter by J. E. Johnson, "Secretary of the Colored American Council, suggesting that the News favor the bill.

The News proceeds to say concerning this suggestion:

"For years an abominable element of the Negro race has been endeavoring to uncompassionate the repeal of the 'Jim Crow' law, but it will never prove operative in Georgia, even if it will receive the popular vote in Congress."

The News proceeds to declare:

"The hypocritical plea is being introduced by the advocates of the bill that the conduct of the colored soldiers in time of war was such as to entitle the races to equal recognition on the trains, but we predict that it will be quite some time before the passengers mingle in the same seats down here in Georgia."

This bit of information is given out to the world:

Johnson and Madden double's imagine they are a very strong firm, but they will receive little encouragement from Negroes in Georgia, who are the superior in intellect and morals of any other Negroes in the world. Be it said to their eternal credit that few Georgia Negroes desire to ride in coaches with white passengers."

### PILGRIM'S ANNUAL SERMON.

Will Be Held Sunday, May 18, at St. James A. M. E. Church.

The various Sanctuaries of the Ancient Order of Pilgrims will have their annual thanksgiving sermon Sunday, May 18, at 2 o'clock at St. James A. M. E. Church.

The following program will be rendered:

Call to Order—Prayer—Invocation—Blessing of cereals—Song and Verse—Address—Benediction—Prayer—Closing.

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