Says Liberia Must Recast Its Policy in Dealing With Native Tribes.

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mitted sent out in the year 1697, a very able man to administer the affairs of the Wst African holdings—Andre de Brue, was the name of this new administrator, soon established headquarters at St. Louis, founded by the Rochepori party. Brues was a man of unusual parts—combined the qualities of a scientist, apt trader splendid executives and really laid the foundation for the present vast African Empire over which France now rules. He made important journeys up the Senegal river as well as into the interior and acquired a wonderful grasp of the country over which his nation was destined to rule. He remained in Africa eighteen years; in 1701 he paid a visit to Gambia, where he found the English, Portuguese, and Branish, the first named trading at the mouth of the river, the last two some distance up, its course. About this time the slave trade in these parts was reaching staggering proportions. Brue describes these slave trading communities as exhibiting some degree of civilization, but a roudiness, among the Europeans much like we see in new oil fields in this country. Brue sent out agents to extend French influence up the Senegal and toward the Gold country of Bambuk, the mountains regions of the Upper Senegal. This remarkable man finally returned to France immensely rich and lived to a good old age. The name of Brue will be remembered in the annals of the French African Empire. Among those whom Brue chose to assist him was Sieur Campognon, this man is described by a historian of that period as being a a "good-looking, good-tempered, supple, kind-hearted valorous Frenchman." It was the charm of Campognon's winning ways that enabled him to penetrate the recesses of Bambuk where rich gold deposits had been held a profound secret among the natives for ages. An incident is given in Campognon's life in the Dark Continent that perhaps gives the best index to the kindly disposition of the whole man—"Walking around" the outskirts of St. Louis he saw an unfortunate lioness that had belonged to an inhabitant of the town but had been thrown out on the rubbish heaps to die. The unfortunate beast had been suffering from some malady of the jaw that prevented mastication and was, therefore, nearly dead from hunger. When Campognon saw the lioness, her eyes were glazing and her mouth was full of ants and dirt. He took pity on the unfortunate creature, washed her mouth and throat clean and fed her with milk. This saved her life and the grateful animal conceived a warm affection for him, and would afterwards follow him about like a dog and take food from no one else." It is said that after spending many years in Africa Campognon amassed a splendid fortune and returned to Paris and died at a ripe old age loved and respected.

During these early periods the French and English had many conflicts over territorial rights—much of the holdings in the parts with which we are now dealing changed hands many times—but while the Napolonic was ..... in progress much of this country fell into British hands, but two years after the peace of 1115 it was turned to the French, at which time, however, the British hold on Gambia was more clearly defined. The French in 1815 fully recovered the Senegal river, and began at once to push their explorations of the surrounding country with ardour that was unknown before this happy event. But this was followered by a long period of inaction which was aroused by an incident both unusual and interesting. General Faidherbe who was somewhat disgrusted by the newly formed Second Empire in France, was exiled to Senegal in 1854 in the guise of an appointment as Governor-General. It is said that the General was a man of great enterprise and highly intelligent. He immediately began to study the resources of the country and plans for the extension of the colony. He at first severely punished the Moorish tribes that had made frequent raids on the colonies. In a very short while General Faidherbe had collected him an army of more than 20,000 men and began a war of conquest against the native tribes, some of which he found to be powerful fighters, as the Fulas but they were overcome after a desperate struggle and no time was lost in annexing their country to the rapidly growing French Empire. In one years time the whole stretch of country between St. Louis and the mouth of the Gambia and Cape Verde had been taken. As early as 1881 the French had expanded their rule over the ancient Fula kingdom of Timbo, or Fula Jallon. These activities brought them in conflict with the powerful Samori forces. Samori was a mighty Negro ruler of the Manlinge tribe, and had under his command hordes of black fighters. It required that many campaigns be directed against that fearless warrior before he was conquered but one Colonel Archinard, celebrated for his military skill finally defeated the fighting king and occupied his capitol, Bisandugu, near the Liberian boundary, later the king was conquered and sent into exile. Up to 1894 the French and many of the other European powers had been abit timid in their efforts at conquest in Africa, but at that time a mighty scramble began among the powers for holdings there as stories of its wealth filtered through various channels to Europe. The French followed the lead of other nations in its greed for conquest in reckless disregard for the rights of the natives—only might was considered right in its policy. She began a mighty war of conquest which has made her the rival of England in territorial holdings in North and West Africa. The result of the European policy of conquest, there are now no mighty native rulers in the continent that they have been able to conquer. The trouble between England and France over holdings that at times threatened the friendly realtions between the two powers was finally settled by a compromise agreement which left France in possession of a vast Empire embracing — Moretania with 344,967 square miles. Senegal Protectorate 74,000 square miles, French Guinea 95,000 square miles, Ivory Coast 130,000 square miles and Dahome with 40,000 square miles—making in all 1,268,400 square miles that France has this part of Africa, North and West, saying nothing of its vast holdings in other parts which will claim our attention later. When any one, who is disposed to be fair, reads of these vast holdings that France has must fully appreciate the greed and the heartless spirit of that nation in its efforts to gobble up the little Republic of Liberia—she has found excuse repeatedly to slice off mouthful after mouthful of the tinny Republic, and now looks with longing eyes on the little strip that is left. It goes almost without saying—had it not been for the fear that the United States would not have taken kindly to it—Liberia would have dismembered long before this and annexed to English and French territory. When I hear our boys who went to France praising the French for their breadth of spirit—my mind is confronted with these incidents and the question arises in my soul inspite of all I can do—Is it possible for the white man to be fair and impartial in his dealings with the black man as a group? Our hope is that He that guides the destiny of nations will not forget and will some day turn the tide.

A Recasting of the Liberian Policy in Dealing With the Native Tribes Seems Fundamental to its Future Success and Vital to its very Existence as a Nation.

While one recognizes the direful need of a liberal infusion of new and more vigorous blood that the American Negro could and ought to furnish the struggling Liberians—the fact is so stubborn that it will not down—that the Liberian people have their greatest and most immediate source of reinvigoration in the virgin tribes that make up the great bulk of its population. To limber up, and deal with these people not as mere hordes of serfs would prove a leaven that would in the course of years, leaven the whole lump. These people are capable of the best development in all human essentials the truth of this is vouched for in the fact that large numbers of natives representing many different tribes come to American schools and win distinction, and to push the contention abit further—if the Americo-Liberian is susceptible to improvement the native must be equally so, as it has been only a few centuries since his parents were savages in the same forests. I might add to that the fifty-seven years of progress the race has to its credit in this country, at close of the civil war the American Negro was as very far removed from the condition of the natives in Liberia—it has been rapid but orderly evolution — but weighted down with the many handicaps imposed on it by its former masters, it has proven to the whole world that moral, spiritual economic and intellectual advancement are not the heritage of any certain class or race, but the Creator's "Whosoever will" applies in this case as in all others. I was informed that the Liberians do not lothe in many cases to mingle their blood with that of the natives in the same manner that the white man has done in this an other countries, producing a mixture of blood that is so confusing, that many of us do not know where we belong—how much better would it be to mingle it in the high and righteous relation that would build up a strong and vigorous nation. There are many reasons for the amalgamation of the race in Liberia with native tribes. It is a conceded fact that the Americo-Liberians do not produce neither liberally nor a healthy progeny, while the native does both—hence, to mingle the blood of these vigorous and highly prolific tribes with the vanishing strength of the Liberians would soon give the nation a powerful offspring—a people who would be immune from the deadly effects of the climate. It is a known fact that the black man born and reared in the Western World has a battle quite as real with climate conditions as the white man from thoses parts. It is plain that the human contribution from this country cannot be of as great value on a whole as the regenerated native. THE CHASM MUST BE BRIDGED IN THE BLACK REPUBLIC.

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educational work for Negro in the building and equipment of suitable modern schoolhouses for their children, in improving the supervision of Colored schools, in the better training of Colored teachers and, in an encouraging number of cases they are increasing high schools for Negro youth.

Negro schools and colleges, and private institutions show similar progress among the Colored people. College enrollment in the better institutions has greatly increased since the World War, and the schools are providing better facilities and offering an increased variety of practice and modern courses. In this connection it is interesting to note that the several states are fast making college education for Negroes a requisite condition, not only for practicing the professions, but for teaching in certain of the schools.

The National Negro Business League, standing, as it does, for the highest type of manhood, citizenship, the development of the Negro group in business, in morals and education, registers its emphatic condemnation of lawlessness and crime of every form. It stands unenlivocably, for the enforcement of the 18th Amendment to the federal Constitution and the laws enacted thereunder and for the enforcement of the 14th and 15th Amendments as well. We view with amazement the nervous energy and determined activity which the federal government puts forth to enforce the 18th Amendment, the creation of an army of prohibition enforcing officials, the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars to apprehend and punish violators of the laws enacted under that Amendment when no effort, not the slightest consideration is given to the enforcement of the 14th and 15th Amendments affecting the rights and liberties of the Negro group.

The first and highest function of government is the maintenance of law and Order. When lawlessness and disorder become the fixed habit of a people and law supercedes and supplants the courts not only is the life of the citizen in jeopardy but the life of the government itself is imperiled. Mob lust for blood knows no limit when once set in motion and the mob which today tortures and burns or shoots a helpless Negro to death will butcher members of its own race when aroused by the desire for revenge or personal hatred.

America's proud boast of freedom and democracy and its seeming solicitude for justice and fair play for weak and oppressed peoples of the Old World and for mankind generally causes it to be held up in scorn and derision and its preachments for justice looked upon as hypocritical pretensions when the bloody record of American mobs with no governmental effort to curb or restrain them or to punish in members is beheld.

In order to wipe out this black and bloody stain restore law and order in American life, vouchsafe security of life to the humblest American citizen and purge this great government in the eyes of civilized nations. We call upon the Senator of the United States to pass the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill and we urge the president of the United States to use the influence and power of his office to achieve its speedy passage.

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All the gloom prophets were utterly routed this year. Their predictions that the League was dead or about to pass in its checks were not verified. To the contrary the organization never showed so much of real and substantial vitality. "Very much alive," is the consensus of opinion that follows in the wake of the convention. Construction, CONSTRUCTION and more of it was literally shouted from the housetop to the cellar of the meeting. The rehearsal of business experiences were put with the minor happenings this year. Discussions making for the improvement of business situations throughout the country were constantly before the convention. There was a letter read from the United States Chamber of Commerce. Technical experts such as the president of the Guarantee Trust Company of New York City, members of the staff of the national government's department of Research proffering co-operation were among the signs in evidence that a very general interest is being maintained in all the sections in the general plan and operations of the League.

It took President Moton just 15 raise nearly $5 000 for the work of developing the League's proposed conminutes by the convention clock to structive program. That was not all of the part that the head of the League played in the proceedings. His many admirers presented him with a handsome touring automibile as a token of their high regard for him. This was one of the touching incidents in the convention. Principal Moton was visibly affected at this showing of the respect in which he is held by the people throughout the country and his response to the donors of the gift was Colored with repressed emotion and eloquent reference to his appreciation of the serious responsibilities that have come to him in recent years.

A revealing feature of the sessions were the discussions of the affiliated associations of the League. The National Negro Funeral Directors' Association, the National Negro Farmers', Association, the National Negro Bar Association, the National Negro Bankers' Association, the National Association of Managers of County Fairs and the exhibition window dressing display of the C. J. Walker Company which was one of the convention's biggest attractions—all contributed to what has been called "The astounding success of this year's convention."

But best of all Norfolk has been raised out of the dump of a long business depression by the optimistic spirit of the convention. New life has come into the business temper of the city. Two big failures had very nearly taken the business heart out of our people during the past two years. The good cheer optimism of the convention is about to change of that condition and business is very likely to take a fresh and spirited new start that can not but redound to the lasting benefit of the Norfolk Colored people.

The local arrangements for the convention were conducted by George T. Dickson Secretary of the local Negro Chamber of Commerce; W. M. Rich, president; W. M. Rich, president of the Metropolitan Bank; P. B. Young, staff of the Journal and Guide; Lori Bright, asociated with a company comprised of Jews, Japanese and Negroes in a big local public market, as the principal members of a large citizens' committee. Special attention must be called to the reception and accomodation this committee afforded the meeting of the Press Association which held an interesting meeting and decided some very important matters relating to the association's attitude on many of the big public questions. The Negro Bankers' meeting was pronounced a big success by by the bankers in attendance at its sessions.

Washington is quite likely to be chosen as the meeting place for next year altho that has not been definitely decided upon. Chicago, however has been determined on as the meeting place for 1924. This is to be Silver Jubilee meeting.

It was a new blood convention. The old reactionary group were compelled to give way to the rising generation. This fact came to the surface through the selection of C. C. Spaulding of Durham, N. C., as Chairman of the Executive Committee. The "Old Guard," who refused to get out of the way were summarily disposed of and made to take a back seat. Close observers of the Convention's doings declare that this result will redound to the benefit of the organization and give it a lease of life that will make for its substantial progress for many years to come. The selection of Dr. Moton to succeed himself is viewed with general satisfaction, particularly in this section where his leadership has been widely approved.

ATTEMPT MADE TO KEEP NEGROES OFF "BATTERY."

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 31.—Charleston, the "Historic City by the Sea," which for years could be numbered among the few southern cities where the colored and white people lived and moved in harmony and "brotherly love," but now, due largely to the heavy influx of whites from other sections of the state, is rapidly enveloping itself in race prejudice.

The most recent outward sign is the action which was started on Sunday, August 13th to prohibit Negro residents from enjoying the cool breezes, fresh from the sea, while strolling on the historic battery. The "Battery" has been famous since the days of the Revolutionary War when this historic site with its guns yet remaining, was used to shell the no less famous Fort Sumpter. The battery unde the supervision of the Park commissioners of the city and maintained by police funds has for years been a haven for large crowds of visitors, who, seeking shelter from the swelering sun, have found refuge and comfort by sitting or strolling around the battery. The recen order which was enforced by a city policeman could not be traced on Sunday, but efforts are being made to trace the source and have the same rescinded.

The "Battery is one of the public places of the city and no visitor considers he has seen Charleston without visiting this historic site. Charleston boasts of several parks but the battery is the only place Negroes are, or have been, permitted to frequent without molestation and the segregation order can expect much opposition from the Negro population of the city.

MINISTERS CONVERT VERBAL DEBATE INTO FISTIC COMBAT.

(Preston News Service)

Little Rock, Ark., Aug.31.—Very often pleasant discussions turn out for the mutual benefit of the participants and hearers in knowledge gained, but occasionally they have have the reversed effect. At a meeting of the Young Ministers' Alliance here last Tuesday night a dispute arose over ecclestiastical ethics, begining as a mere abstruse question, and finding its climax in an intensely personal exchange of opinions as well as physical efforts. The argument, it is said arose over the ethics and propriety of the recent action of the organizatoin in expelling one of its members.

According to the police, Revs. L. Mallory and J. L. Mack got the worst of the argument. Both sustained severals cut about their faces and arms Reb. Mack had to be removed to the Bush Memorial hospital where 23 stitches were taken to close the wounds.

Rev. Mr. Abe Guidon, who is alleged to have inflicted the wounds upon the two ministers, is said to have fled to parts unknown. The police are searching for him.

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