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## REV. JASPER'S SUN SERMON.

### The Persecution of the Jews--God's Care for Israel.

### The Ten Plagues--The Stubbornness of Pharaoh--The Host and the Red Sea--Leadership of Moses.

### The Death of the Egyptians--The Rise of Joshua.

### THE FALL OF GREAT GIBEON--THE GIANT RACE AND ITS OVERTHROW. THE SUN MOVES--A ROUND EARTH AND FOUR CORNERS--A PEOPLE WHOM THE LORD DOES NOT KNOW--GRIM HUMOR.

The Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church, Rev. John Jasper, pastor, was not packed as usual when the divine preaches his celebrated sun sermon. The cause of this, as explained by Deacon Wilson was due to the fact that he had kept the same to himself because it had been represented to him that the society in question would bring with them a large crowd from Washington, in addition to several hundred of their own members. He accordingly took pains not to let the Richmond people know, or they would have crowded in to the seats left vacant by the absence

that I ever preached a text in my life. I showed that it was necessary to have faith in God and I referred to the battle between Joshua and the Amorites. I told them if they would have faith in God, he would do the same for them, even as he had stopped the sun for Joshua. This was all that I attempted to show and yet he set me up as a court aptible base liar; that he did not believe it and he would not be bullied into believing it, and that thou a d of others did not believe it.

THE NEWS IN THE OLD WORLD. Then too, it was sowed in the Old World that I was an old contemptible base liar. A man, who speaks the

I said that there was nothing that gentleman could do to satisfy Jasper, but to go to the same printing office and take it back.

I aint got time to give no more of the character of man just now. The text says, 'The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name'.

Preach the word of God distinct and clear and comprehensively. We will preach to you about Abraham and Isaac, and the origin of the Jews." He referred to the ark and flood. If there were any more of the ante-deluvian saved out of the ark then 11, I have not found them.

Some one asked me, 'What about poor Adam?' I said, ask God what will become of poor you, and not what will become of poor Adam.

Coming down to the days of Terah, the father of Abraham, it was God's purpose to distinguish to himself a peculiar people. He said to Abraham, 'Come from thy father's house and I will make of you a great people.' Abraham came out and was driven by a famine through the country and went down into Egypt.

His wife, Sarah was a perfect beauty and Pharaoh took her, being enamored with her. God sent a plague upon him. Pharaoh turned her out and gave her Hagar as a servant.

Abraham had a boy, thinking that the boy would bring about God's great consummation. God said, 'No, I will make Isaac the instrument.'

When Abraham became 21 years, he looked upon the first appointed heir. The families of the earth shall be blessed through Isaac.

'Now, you get Isaac and take him with the fire-wood and offer him as a sacrifice.' He went to the mountain and got down off the ass he rode upon, and laid Isaac on the altar. Isaac said, 'Father, where is the lamb?' He tied the boy and placed him upon the altar. As he was about to slay him, a voice spoke from heaven, 'Abraham, slay not thy son.'

Lock into the thicket and you will find a ram caught by the horns. Seize him and offer him as a sacrifice.

Abraham begat Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob and Esau. He had him and Jacob got two wives, and he served seven years with each and got seven sons by each wife--14 sons, and they became the heads of families.

From them were descended the 12 tribes.

Finally they went down in Egypt and served 400 years in slavery. They went down in Egypt and multiplied. They were oppressed and called upon God for his divine sympathy in their oppression.

When they asked God for his divine sympathy, they cried earnestly and sincerely for God to relieve them of their oppression.

SOME OF YOU KNEW WHAT PRAYING MEANT IN TIMES BACK. THEY HAD TO PRAY FOR THEMSELVES. WHEN THEY HAD SOME ONE BEHIND THEM WITH SWITCHES, THEY COULD PRAY. I AM GOING TO MAKE YOU PRAY NOW. I AM GOING TO SWITCH YOU WITH DEATH. THE KING LOOKED UPON THE HEBREWS, FINE HEALTHY MEN, AND HE BECAME ALARMED, LEST WHEN A PEOPLE ATTACKED HIM THEY WOULD COMBINE WITH THEM AGAINST HIM. HE SAID TO THE MID-WIVES, EXTEND MAKE ALL OF THE MALE CHILDREN AND LET THE FEMALES LIVE.

I was trying to show those who were not religious how to have faith in God.

## SAMPSON AND SHAFER

### May Unite in the Impending Capture of Santiago.

### LAND BOMBARDMENT DEFERRED

### Destruction of Corvera's Fleet Results in a Complete Transformation in Military and Naval Conditions. Commanders Are Advised to Confer.

Washington, July 8.—As a result of the cabinet meeting yesterday instructions were sent by the president to Admiral Sampson and General Shafter to confer together concerning a joint plan of attack upon the city. Upon the outcome of this conference depends the line of action of the immediate future. For the present the land bombardment by General Shafter's forces has been deferred, as the situation has so completely changed by the annihilation of the Spanish fleet that it is manifestly the part of wisdom for this land bombardment to await the co-operation and support of a bombardment from Admiral Sampson's fleet. General Shafter's demand for the surrender of Santiago on the pain of bombardment was made at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning. An hour later Admiral Corvera made his suicidal dash from the harbor, resulting in a complete transformation of the naval and military conditions.

Instead of a menacing Spanish fleet within the harbor the way has been cleared, save for the shore batteries, for the entrance of the American fleet up to the very wharves of the city. With this material change wrought it was obvious to the authorities here that the blow first intended to be delivered by General Shafter at once would be doubly effective and decisive if the two forces could be brought together and strike simultaneously from land and sea. It is for this reason that the conference is held between the American general and the American admiral. Up to the close of office hours yesterday no word had come either to the war or navy departments, so far as was disclosed, as to what determination had been reached at the conference.

At the same time it is the clear expectation of the authorities here that the conference will result in a determination by the admiral to take his fleet through the narrow neck of the harbor, make his way past the shore batteries and fortifications, and take position before the city for a bombardment. There is reason to believe that the instructions sent to Admiral Sampson at least conveyed the desire, if not the instructions, that he enter the harbor. But it is said that the admiral and the general continue to be the supreme officials in authority, and that their judgment will be taken as final in the course to be adopted.

There is said to be no obstacle, so far as navigation is concerned, to the entrance of the harbor by the American fleet. The Cristobal Colon, which cleared the Merrimac and got out of the harbor Sunday, drew 23 feet 3 inches, which is within seven inches of the draft of the battleships Iowa, Indiana, Massachusetts and Oregon, and is greater than the draft of the battleship Texas. Moreover, the navy department has known for the last ten days that the neck of the channel was open, despite the sinking of the Merrimac, and that there was a clear sea way of seven fathoms through which any ship in our navy could sail. This removes all difficulty, except for submarine mines, or from the shore batteries.

The action of the foreign representatives at Santiago has been an additional reason for deferring the bombardment. It was made known late yesterday that one of General Shafter's dispatches stated that these representatives had joined in a request to him to put off the shelling of the city for another brief period, until their respective colonies could be removed. This accounts for the departure of the foreign warships from Santiago harbor, as they are bearing away the foreign residents in the period before the bombardment begins.

The definite official report reaching here that the Spanish fleet had entered the Saguz canal made no change in the plans of the navy department as to sending Commodore Watson's squadron to Spain. Secretary Long said it would start at the earliest possible moment, but he did not care to give the day of departure.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

Minnesota Republicans nominated William H. Eustis for governor. Hon. Benton McMillan was nominated for governor of Tennessee by the Democrats.

A short revolution in Montevideo, Uruguay, has been suppressed. The casualties number 400.

At Philadelphia James K. Armstrong, 50 years old, and his 15-year-old son were drowned while bathing. An effort made to re-select Senator Wellington chairman of Maryland's Republican state committee failed. The excursion steamer Surf City was capsized by a squall off Beverly, Mass., Monday. Of the 60 passengers on board eight were drowned.

George Bruce Cortelyou, of New York, has been appointed assistant secretary to the president, an office recently created by congress. A tornado struck Hampton, N. H., on Monday. It destroyed an old skating rink, killing five and wounding 15.

A yacht in the harbor was wrecked and eight drowned.

Former Secretary Sherman has returned from Alaska. He believes the country should have a territorial law and prohibition should be either enforced or abandoned.

It is estimated that the losses of Joseph Letter, the young wheat gambler, will cost his father, Levi Z. Letter, \$7,000,000. Young Letter's private fortune of \$1,000,000 is wiped out.

Frank E. Mitchell, a member of Philadelphia's common council, 20-year-old Allen Spizer and 18-year-old Emma Carey were killed by lightning in Philadelphia on the Fourth.

All bicycle records from 2 to 80 miles were broken by Linton, the Welsh rider, and Taylor, the French rider, at Philadelphia last night. Taylor made a new hour record--33 miles, 563 yards. Linton won the 50 mile race in 56.10.

## BURIED ALIVE.

A horrible accident occurred Tuesday afternoon at about 5 o'clock. Benjamin Thompson was killed and Abram Tyler badly wounded. Both are colored.

It seems that they were digging in one of the trenches at Birch and Morris streets to reach the culverts and make them adaptable for the new buildings in that section. Scantling was used to brace the sides of the same, but proved insufficient and the result was that both men were buried. Thompson could not be seen, and other men feared to go into the death-trap to remove the earth. His head reached out and although he was unconscious, life was not extinct. Before he could be reached, he was dead. Tyler will recover.

## PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Miss N. E. King of this city left yesterday for Bayonne, N. J.

Mr. Sherman Jackson of Washington, D. C., called on us this week.

Miss Silvie Carter has gone to Scottsville for the summer.

Mr. H. L. Holmes, District Master of Virginia called on us.

Mr. J. W. Wood, of this city left last Saturday for Pawling, N. J.

Miss Mabel D. Morris left last Saturday for Philadelphia, where she will spend the summer.

Mr. J. Patrick Smith left on the 27th ult., for New York and Watch Hill, R. I., to spend the summer.

The members of the Armenian Social Club, are requested to be present at a meeting Sunday, at 8:30 P. M. 703 Price St.

Mrs. James A. Chiles and her little daughter Lillian, of Lexington, Ky., are in the city visiting relatives. We wish them a pleasant stay.

Mrs. C. H. Lewis of North 7th St., has returned from Atlantic City, N. J., where she was tendered a reception.

Every body should go to Amelia C. H., and sit beneath the shady trees to discuss the war.

We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the marriage of Miss Susan Nicholas to Mr. Thomas C. Johnson Wednesday, July 8, 1898, at 4:45 P. M., at her residence, Petersburg, Va.

Miss Louise J. Corbin left Saturday, the 2nd to visit friends in Chula, Va., for about two weeks. On her return, she will spend the remainder of her vacation in Staunton and Nixa Run Springs, Va.

We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the marriage of Miss Sadie Eugenia Waterman to Rev. Charles Satchell Morris Thursday evening, July 7, 1898, at Centenary Church, Charleston, S. C.

Miss Rosa Washington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Washington of this city, after spending a most delightful trip in Parkersburg, N. Y., have left that place for New York City to remain for the summer. Before returning home she will visit her relatives in Washington, D. C.

A pretty marriage ceremony was performed on Thursday evening, June the 30th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Washington, North 7th Street by Rev. Dr. Graham. The contracting parties were Mr. Robert H. Seay and Miss Gertrude Washington. The ushers were Messrs. Reuben Nelson and M. H. Frazier.

## DR. MOSSELL SAILS FOR EUROPE.

The Well-Known Colored Physician to Study London Hospital Methods.

Dr. Nathan F. Mossell, organizer of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital and Training School for Nurses, sails for Europe to-day to remain until September 1.

He goes for the purpose of studying the hospital methods of London and other leading hospitals and to pursue a special course of study in operative surgery in some one of the leading universities of London.

This visit of Dr. Mossell to Europe derives its especial interest from the fact that he is the first colored physician from this city who has ever gone abroad for such a purpose. Philadelphia Times, July 4, 98.

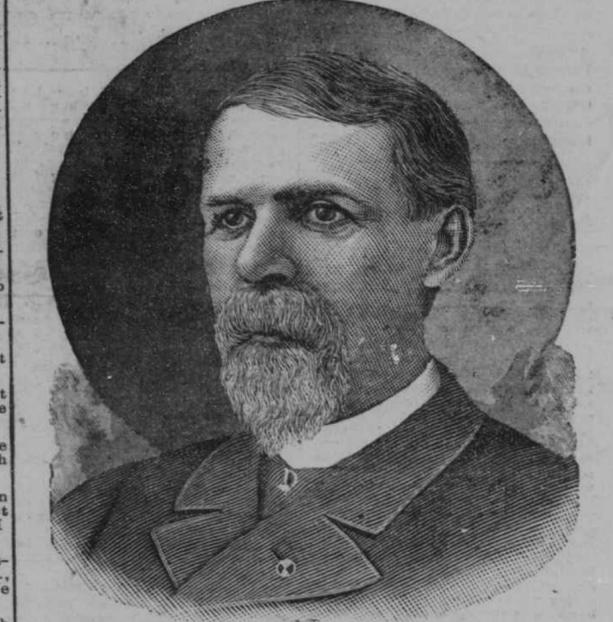
## THE WAR DEPARTMENT AND COLORED OFFICERS.

### A Letter to the Secretary of War

### THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL MAKES REPLY.

### NO DEFINITE POLICY LAID DOWN--NO COLORED CAPTAINS IN THE REGULAR ARMY.

### The States More Liberal Than The Government.



RUSSELL A. ALGER, SECRETARY OF WAR.

The following correspondence will explain itself: Office of The Planet, 311 N. 4th Street, June 7, 1898.

Hon. RUSSELL A. ALGER, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—I see it stated that it is not the policy of the government to place colored officers in command of colored troops, and that companies of state troops with colored officers are to be mustered in only with white officers.

Please advise whether or not this is the policy of your department. Very truly yours, JOHN MITCHELL, JR.

The letter was referred to the Adjutant General's Office as the following reply will indicate: WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, June 30, '98.

Mr. JOHN MITCHELL, JR., 311 North Fourth St., Richmond, Va.

Sir:—In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Government has laid down no definite policy in regard to the commissioned officers of colored troops.

There are companies and battalions of state troops in service with colored officers, and also with white officers, and there are regiments of U. S. Volunteers in which the field, staff and captains are white and the lieutenants colored.

Very respectfully, H. O. S. HERTLAND, Asst. Adjutant General.

## IS ENTHUSIASTIC.

Likes Our Position--Praises Our Governor Colored Troops Recognized--A Glowing Tribute.

HARRISBURG, PA., July 2, 1898, Hon. John Mitchell, Jr., Dear Sir and Brother:—Please accept my sincere congratulations upon your successful fight for the colored volunteer.

I can assure you, we people here of the oppressed race, appreciate your great work.

If we had a governor who was as broad and as generous as your governor or showed himself to be, Pennsylvania to-day would be represented by colored troops as well as white. But Pennsylvania has not a governor who represents the state and if she had, she would be fore-front in her duty toward her best and most patriotic citizens.

Therefore, I ask you to convey to your distinguished governor our best wishes for his health and successful administration. And to you, sir, continue the good work and permit me to say that there is no better paper in the United States, than the RICHMOND PLANET. God speed the day when we shall have RICHMOND PLANETS all over the United States. And there shall be no question of the Negro's future. Trusting your well, I remain yours for the race, W. J. BAILOR,

Secretary of Afro-American League, Penn.; Sole Candidate for U. S. Consul to Haiti; General Manager of "Defender"; Editor of "Gazette."

## HE SHOT HER.

Much excitement was created among the colored population in the vicinity of 4th and Jackson streets, when it was reported that Vernon Norvell, white, who lives at No. 621 N. 4th St., had shot Sarah Dodson, colored, in one of her limbs.

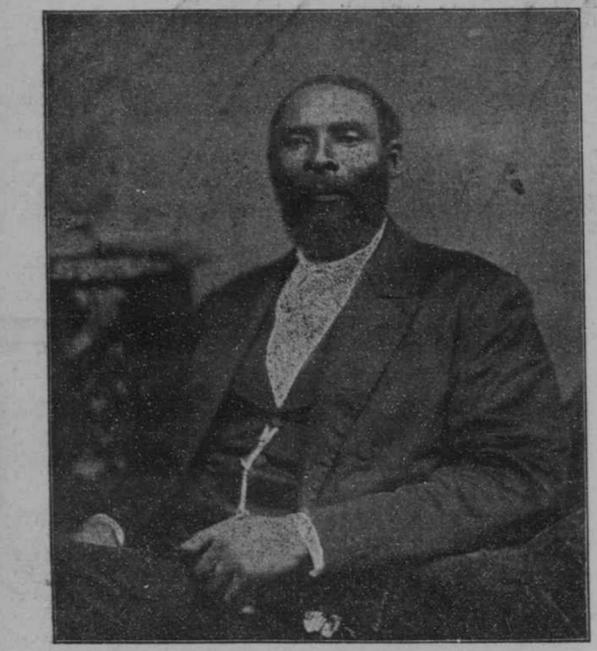
Norvell claims that he saw a white man, whom he took to be a burglar, walking on his roof in the rear of the house and fired on him the ball striking the lady in question, who was standing in her door at the time.

Norvell expressed regret, but it was a long time before he could explain the situation, nearly all of them believing it was intentional.

## GRAND EXCURSION

Norfolk, Sunday night, July 11th under auspices of Working Men's Union Club and the Galilee Baptist Church, Rev. N. C. Booker, Pastor. Fare for the Round Trip, \$1.00. All the way rail. Train leaves Union Depot at 11:30 P. M., returning leaves Norfolk Monday at 8 P. M. sharp.

Peter Singleton, Chairman; Alexander Green, Assistant Chairman; Jas. A. W. Jackson, President; Rev. N. C. Booker, Secretary.



REV. JOHN JASPER, 86 Years of age, July 4th, 1898.

of the Washington contingent. WASHINGTON FOLKS DIDN'T SHOW UP. The deacon went on to say that he expected to raise \$1000, but saw no prospect of it since the crowd expected from the capital city had failed to materialize, not more than 20 being in the church. A brother representing the Knights of Jerusalem asked that the church excuse that body for its slim attendance, but it was due to a misunderstanding. Rev. Willie Stephenson lined the hymn and read Genesis 10th chapter, and delivered a feeling prayer. A collection was then taken up. Rev. Jasper arose and proceeded to deliver the sermon. Text: Exodus 15:3 "The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name." He said, "I want this one thing to be understood that March 28, 1898, was the 20th year of this discourse, and I have preached it not less than 250 odd times. THE SIXTON'S QUESTION. The sexton of this church knows that he asked me to preach this text. I never thought of the philosophers one time. And if I thought of Rev. Wells, pastor of the Colored Ebenezer Baptist Church once, I thought of him one million times. I never thought of him once. There is no part of the Bible that I have not the right to preach. I preached the text from the purest motives,