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## Unrest In South Grows

Birmingham, Ala.—The A. M. E. Ministers' Alliance of Birmingham, has issued the following to colored ministers North, East, South and West:

To Colorado Ministers North, East and West:

It is alarming to note the unrest and dissatisfaction among our people here in Birmingham, Ala., and throughout several southern states. This unrest, dissatisfaction and moving about of our people to certain parts of our commonwealth is nothing more or less than an effect. This effect cannot exist without a cause. The alarming and bitter effect is predicated upon multifarious causes, to wit:

No. 1. PREJUDICE. The prejudice of our white south has been and is today, hot, bitter and strong. It is an incubator out of which have come many unfair things to stir up and cause this unrest and exodus of our people.

No. 2. DISFRANCHISEMENT. Any sane man whether white or black ought not be deprived of his vote, because of color. The Negro was disfranchised many years ago in most of our southern states. This cause stirred him and created unrest, but he had no redress, nowhere to go until now.

No. 3. "JIM CROWISM." "Jim Crowism" is anywhere and everywhere in our Southland, especially on the passenger train with full fare paid for a first class ticket, only to take the fare that is not commensurate with the money paid. Added to this insult our women are forced into this embarrassing condition only to find in most every case that men and women use the same toilet. They are humiliated and with them this race of ours, in this Southland, are bleeding at the heart and have been and are and will continue to be dissatisfied unless our southern whites learn to treat us fairly and squarely on street cars, elevators, sitting rooms, parks and many other places, the treatment is not good.

No. 4. LYNCHING. God knows it is less than a shame for any people to claim civilization and Christianity and indulge in human slaughter without law, or reason. The law ought to have its course on all crimes.

No. 5. MALTREATMENT. Thousands of our people have for a long time over crowded the cities because of the bad treatment received on the farms. The landlords, merchants, and too many times our courts fail to observe the Golden Rule toward our people. In other words, in our helpless condition, ignorant, poor and cowed down, we have been easy prey for the enemies of our race.

No. 6.—THE BOLL WEEVIL.—The Boll Weevil has done its

duity and has assisted much in giving rise to this great exodus.

No. 7. FLOOD. The July Flood of 1916 did its work well and lent its help to this mighty exodus.

Following are some of the secondary causes: Because, for the first time in the history of our country Negro labor is in great demand in the shops, factories and railroads in the North, East and West; because he becomes a franchised elector in the North and can vote; because he is not "Jim Crowed" to death if he pays first class fare; because he is less liable to be lynched and has the protection of the law; because his children get the benefit of first class school facilities; and because more courteous treatment is accorded him and his family.

We, as ministers of the A. M. E. Ministers' Alliance of Birmingham, Ala., pray and beg that our ministers, and ministers of other denominations in the North, East and West, for humanity's sake look after these our poor helpless people, many of whom are splendid people. We are depending upon you not to lose a single opportunity to help our people make good in church, State and their daily vocation, through your advice and leadership.

We feel and believe that this great exodus is God's plan and hand. The great door of industrial, financial, political, educational, moral and religious hope has been thrown wide, and in a mysterious way, God is moving upon the hearts of our people to go where He has prepared for them. May the blessings of God attend your efforts to help and bless our people who are fleeing from oppression and maltreatment from darkness to light. The white people of Birmingham and vicinity are greatly alarmed over the preparations being made by Negroes to leave the South.

### BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS PASSES AWAY.

The passing away of the Right Rev. Alexander Walters, bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church for over twenty-four years, is quite a loss to the religious denomination with which he was connected nearly all his life. Born at Bardonia, Ky., in 1858, he was licensed to preach in 1877, being married the same year. He filled various charges in Kentucky, San Francisco and Knoxville with much success, coming to Mother Zion Church, New York, in 1888. He was elevated to the bishopric in 1892 and continued an active and energetic worker until a few months ago, when he became ill. He died on Feb. 2nd at his home in New York, leaving a widow and son, also a large circle of admirers and friends to mourn their loss. His funeral was held at Mother Zion Church, New York, Feb. 6 and was largely attended by some of the leading men, both in church and state.

### FAREWELL—WE'RE GOOD AND GONE.

Dedicated to the Passing of the Negroes Northward Across the "Mason Dixie."

By W. E. Dancer, poet and humorist, graduate of Tuskegee Institute; State Grand Master of the Mosaic Templars of America of Florida jurisdiction, and author of the famous concert book, "Today and Yistiddy."

You talk about er race can stand  
Jes anything dat come;  
An' one dat's had fun head ter feet,  
What Patty give de drum;  
Dis Negro race been shot and burned,  
And things too bad ter tell;  
Dey natchly tried ter make us b'lieve  
We all was born fer—well,  
But anyhow dis thing done changed,  
And good bye sho's you born;  
You need not say it's cold up North,  
For "Bud," we're good an' gone.

We nursed your South once, while you  
fought,  
Ter keep us bound in chains,  
We stood your whip an' "Patarols,"  
And worked while racked with  
bains;  
We ate your ash cakes, peas and milk,  
While you ate toast an' broth;  
But thank de Lord de time has come  
We'll help you cut dis cloth;  
You've had er chance ter treat us  
right,  
But no, you went rite on  
And classed us wid de lower brutes,  
So now we're good an' gone.

You make and handle all de laws,  
An' jes ter suit your taste;  
You always set some dirty trap  
Ter ketch de Negro race.  
We all are humble as er sheep,  
An' still you kick us back,  
An' claim "we're born ter be er tool;  
Dat's why God made us black;"  
Well, you'll see better after while,  
Some good old sweet spring morn;  
You'll say dat crowd dat built de South  
Is sho nuff good an' gone.

If you ken stan' dis heat down South,  
Where you claim "Niggers" b'long,  
Why, we can't stand wid you up North,  
You've got dat thing down wrong;  
We've all stood more of everything  
Than any race on earth;  
And then can't vote, can't talk, can't  
think.

We're pistol shy from birth,  
An' lissen here; if some do freeze;  
Now here is solid corn;  
Dere's thousands dying here on trees,  
"God night"—we're good an' gone.

It's not ter mix up wid you folks,  
"We natchly love our own;  
An' could live always side by side,  
An' leave de rest alone;  
But, let us feel dat we are free,  
Ter work, an' walk, an' talk;  
An' vote an' ride just where we please,  
An' we will never balk;  
But us done tried you, up an' down,  
An' been stuck by your thorn,  
So now you do de best you ken;  
Fer we're good an' gone.

It's true we love de South all right,  
But, yes we love God, too;  
An' when He comes ter help us out,  
What's left fer us ter do?  
You ou dare us ter dispute your books,  
Let dem be right er wrong;  
What cotton dem "boll weevils" leave,  
You take, dat rat er long;  
Den comes de North wid high wages  
Sayin', "Come on up de horn,"  
An' den you think we'll stay down  
here,  
"Not you"—Good bye, we're gone.

You'll miss dese chillun after while,  
But den 'twill be too late;  
We'll be done gone on through an  
closed,  
Dat "Mason Dixie" gate;  
An' when we once get dare an' see,  
De difference in de fare,  
Den ef five thousand freeze er day,  
We're gwine ter stick right dare;  
An' let one race have all de South,  
Where color lines are drawn;  
Fer "Hagar's" chaps done stem de  
tide  
Farewell—We're good an' gone.  
—Chicago Defender.

### COLORED NURSE OF MIAMI, FLORIDA WILLED \$125,000

Miami, Fla., Feb. 3.—By the will of the late Robert Welborn, colored nurse, by the name of Sarah P. Thompson is to receive \$125,000. The estate of Mr. Welborn is estimated at from \$225,000 to \$250,000. John B. Reilly and E. B. Kurtz are named as executors of the will.

The will was made January 3, 1916. The will bequeathes Mrs. Conrad Schmidt all of the property owned by Mr. Welborn in the Security Land Company, except that which lies within the city limits. To J. H. Taylor he gives any land that he may own in section 20 township 53, range 41. To Dr. N. S. Burnham he gave all the property he owned in Palm Beach county.

To Sarah P. Thompson, colored who nursed me through a severe illness without pay, I give lots 16, 17 and 18, block 22, north, city of Miami, also property and interest whatsoever I may have in Jape's subdivision, Erickson's addition and Waddell addition to Miami; I also give her any money I may have on my person or on deposit in any bank and all my personal effects of any nature whatsoever, and direct all this to be turned over to her within one month of my death."

The closing clause of the will read as follows:  
"The balance of my estate I give to my wife, Alice Welborn, to be paid to her at the rate of \$100 per month for two years. Then it shall be given to her as a whole."

Henderson, Ky. Jan. 25.—Two weeks ago Wm. Kelly, a white man, entered the office of Dr. Wilson, colored, and accused him of having performed a criminal operation on a white woman who had just left the doctor's office. He brandished a gun and threatened to kill Dr. Wilson unless he "coughed up" \$50. Dr. Wilson denied the charge and declared he had no money. He offered to go downstairs and get \$10. When allowed to go he called the police and told them of the plot between the white man and woman to blackmail him. He was sent back with a marked \$10 bill and when Kelly came out of the office he was arrested and the bill found on him. The woman was not caught. It is said Kelly had a list of names of every colored doctor in the small towns of the state. It is also alleged he had worked this scheme on other colored physicians. At his trial yesterday Kelly was given six months in jail. This is a pretty nice scheme and colored doctors are warned to look out for such blackmailers and do as Dr. Wilson did.

## RACE NEWS

GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

New Haven, Conn.—Franklin Coellen, attorney for the late Rev. Henry H. Johnson, a retired Negro minister and real estate dealer, in searching among the clergyman's effects Tuesday, found in the holes and chinks of his dilapidated house notes and deeds valued at \$100,000. The Rev. Mr. Johnson was mentioned for Minister to Haiti in the Administration of President Cleveland. He left the ministry and went into the real estate business, in which he was successful. Besides the securities found he left about \$10,000 in cash.

Memphis, Tenn. Feb. 3.—In a sermon delivered to the Calvary Church, one of the wealthiest and most fashionable of Memphis Bishop Thos. F. Gailor rebuked the best white people of the South for delivering the colored people into the hands of the "low-browed white people." He declared that the Southern white people were as responsible for the uplift of the colored people as the colored people themselves, and their quiescent approval of the mobbing and lynching of the colored people of the Southland was literally a form of murder. His sermon caused quite a stir as Bishop Gailor is the best known Episcopal prelate of the South and his word carries weight among the wealthiest and most influential men of the entire South.

Wisconsin, Feb. 7.—A bill has been introduced in the Legislature of Wisconsin to prevent the marriage of white and colored persons. A strong fight is being made by colored leaders and their friends to kill the fool bill in committee. Any person of ordinary intelligence can see that this is not purely a race matter, though Representative Bennett, the author undoubtedly intended to humiliate and discredit the race. He is so narrow and shallow minded that he does not see that beneath the surface is a dangerous and far reaching moral question. The passage of this bill would promote the practice of free love and in the end not only add to the moral degeneracy of the State of Wisconsin, but also increase the expenses of that State in caring for cases of deserted women and children. Beware, members of the Wisconsin Legislature. Do not sow seeds of immorality in the great State

you represent for the license that you give to indecency will in years to come bring tears of bitter repentance.

Englewood, N. J.—A bill to broaden and strengthen the New Jersey Civil Rights' law was introduced into the Assembly at Trenton last Monday by Assemblyman W. Irving Glover of this town. This is in accordance with the promise made by Mr. Glover in his campaign, and he is using all his influence to secure an early hearing and favorable consideration for his bill. The provisions of the Glover bill will remove all doubt as the right of colored people in regard to accommodation at public resorts or places of amusement. The 1917 legislature is strongly Republican and there is every reason to believe that the bill will pass. All the Negro organizations in the State, both civic and political, representing 45,000 Negro voters, are being urged to take up this matter with their Senators and Assemblymen, requesting their support for this measure. A similar bill was introduced in former legislatures, but lack of proper support caused its failure to pass. Committeeman Charles B. Hinton of Englewood is actively supporting Assemblyman Glover's efforts to secure the passage of this bill.

### GEORGIA HUSBAND KILLS MURDERERS OF HIS WIFE

Athens, Ga., Feb. 7.—Two little boys (one white) got to fighting in a town a few miles from here and the result was that the mother of the race boy slapped the white one. Twelve men formed a mob and took her to the outskirts of the city and lynched her. They hung her body to a tree and then went to where her husband was working and asked him to come and help them cut down a cow which was too heavy for them. He went and was dumfounded when he saw that it was his wife. He humbly begged them to allow him to go home and get a sheet to wrap it around her. They consented. While in the house he put his winchester under the sheet and came back. They waited to watch him, but he had beat them to it. Approaching them, he opened fire, killing six. Before they could get to him he made his escape. The Associated Press never said anything about the matter.