

GERMAN INVASION TALE PRETEXT FOR HAITI SEIZURE: JOHNSON

German Invasion Story Pretext for U. S. Seizure of Haiti, Says J. W. Johnson

NEW YORK CITY, May 20.—Ridiculing the statement of Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, under President Wilson, that the United States had taken Haiti to protect it from German invasion, James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, today called the story a pretext.

"The Americans landed forces in Haiti—which have not yet been withdrawn—on July 28, 1915, exactly twelve months after the so-called German threat of occupation. We should like to have Mr. Lansing tell why, if the occupation of Haiti by Germany was threatened, did the United States take twelve months to get forces down to Haiti to avert that threat. The truth is, the German incident may now be used as an excuse but it was not the actual reason for our intervention."

U.S. Disgraced By Lynchings, Say Bishops

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 20.—(Special.)—The official weight of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, numbering two and a quarter million members, was thrown into the balance again by lynchings by the quadrennial address of the College of Bishops to the general conference now in session here. Having commented on the negro's "commendable zeal" in the effort for education and on the remarkable progress made by the race since it emerged from slavery, the bishops continue:

Illiteracy Is Reduced By 20 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—(Special.)—The public schools of the South are making progress in eliminating illiteracy among the negroes. The 1920 census showed about 3,000,000 less colored illiterates than that of 1910. In 1910 the percentage of colored illiteracy in the South was 33.3. In 1920 it had dropped to 26.3. This leaves 1,753,000 negroes who cannot write.

Mayor and Klan Official In Hot Debate Over "White Supremacy"

CHICAGO, Ill., May 20.—According to reports in a Southern newspaper a debate concerning the Ku Klux Klan was held in Kansas City, Kan., two days ago. Mr. Harry Graham, international organizer of the Ku Klux Klan, was opposed by Mayor Harry B. Burton of Kansas City. Dr. Graham presented the time-worn arguments centering around social purity, white supremacy, welfare of the nation, and the upholding of the constitution and stated that his organization was the largest secret service organization in the world.

Wife And I Are Ill-Matched, Says Reese

Anent the forth-coming divorce proceedings to be brought against him by his wife, Charles L. Reese, well known automobile mechanic, 10 E. 36th St., stated that he and his wife were an ill-matched couple, finding no pleasures in common.

The Reeses, who are both well known in Chicago, are living apart pending the outcome of the divorce suit. Mrs. Reese is said to be living with friends at 3221 South Park Ave. She plans to sue her husband, charging him with desertion, it is said.

St. Louis Loses Kappa Meet To Chicago

The board of directors of the Grand Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi convened here on the 13th and 14th of this month. Matters of interest to the fraternity were disposed of. Upon the invitation of the Chicago Alumni Chapter and the two undergraduate chapters the chairman of the board of directors changed the meeting place of the annual convention from St. Louis, Mo., to Chicago during the Christmas week.

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sons of all colors and religious beliefs. The Ku Klux Klan had better "be co-operating unmasked with the law" than going around "frightening and punishing in defiance of the law."

Miracle Wom'n Heals Sick In Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 20.—"Sister" Herrell, faith healer, has attracted thousands of people to her tent at 14th Avenue and Clinton Street, where she has been carrying on her healing work.

DISABLED VETS TOLD CONVENTION IS FOR "WHITES" ONLY

WACO, Texas, May 20.—To be officially invited to take part in a convention and then be politely barred from its meeting is the fate of Prairie View Chapter No. 1, Disabled American Veterans of the World War. The Texas state convention of Disabled Veterans was held at Hotel Raleigh, Waco, Texas, May 1. Upon receipt of an invitation, Bishop Dale and Preston Phillips appeared as delegates of the Prairie View Chapter.

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FINDS MAN'S ACCUSER WAS SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH HIM

William Bougus of 3920 South State Street was cleared of a charge of rape in Judge M. L. McKinley's court after a trial of four days. The charge against Bougus was filed by Mrs. Ruth Gillespie, the mother of Istmal March, a girl of 15 years of age, with whom Bougus was charged with having illegal relations.

Boy Impediment Nothing To Fleeing Bootleggers

LANCASTER, Ohio, May 20.—An impediment in the form of a 16-year-old boy handcuffed to his wrist meant nothing to a Pomeroy bootlegger when it came to making a dash for liberty on a train going at 40 miles an hour clip yesterday. So through the window he went, taking the boy with him. The lad suffered a broken shoulder and other severe injuries.

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Body of Man Tho't Lynched Buried As Hero

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 20.—The body of James V. West, thought to have been lynched by a mob in 1911, was returned recently from a French battlefield, where he fell in action. West was jailed with several other men on a charge preferred by a white girl. A mob broke the jail and hanged him from a bridge over a river. Two other men were hanged with him. When the rope holding one of the other victims broke and the victim fled, the mob pursued him, allowing West to extricate himself and fall into the river below. His disappearance was never noticed. He fled the vicinity, and in 1918 went to France in

'Go To College' Appeal Reaches 9 Million

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—"Go to High School, Go to College," the message which was carried to the colored youth of the country by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in its third annual campaign during the week May 7 to 14, has again been planted in the minds of the thousands of grammar and high school graduates of the country. Already the campaign has received the approval of the President of the United States, the presidents of a number of the leading American colleges, and the generous co-operation of the negro ministry and the negro press.

Cops Get Drop On Bandit, Shoot Him In Shoulder

In their crusade against holdup men, police of the 48th Street Station were searching pedestrians along Federal Street Friday night. They accosted William Jones, 24, 2704 Dearborn Street. When ordered to throw up his hands, he reached for his pistol. The police had the drop, however, and shot him in the shoulder. He later confessed several robberies.

Mr. Spencer Henderson of Bedford St. received at telegram Thursday, notifying him of the death of his niece, Mrs. Nettie Wilson, Cleveland, O.



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