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The Republican Party Is The Ship, All Else Is The Sea.—Fred Douglas.

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## CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN VOTING LEADERS

### RACE TROUBLE IN FLORIDA ON ELECTION DAY MAY CAUSE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF METHODS OF DISFRANCHISEMENT USED BY BOURBOON SOUTH. MAY AFFECT STATUS OF SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The race trouble in Florida on last election day may prove an entering wedge for Congressional investigation of voting conditions in many Southern states.

What is probably the most searching denunciation of these methods with an appeal for Congressional action in regard to them is that of George Lockwood, editor of the National Republican in a current issue of recent date.

Mr. Lockwood says: The present Congress will be gravely derelict in duty if it should fail to take the lead in the investigation of the crimes, frauds and gross injustices characterizing the federal elections in Florida and other Solid South states on November 2nd.

Let it not be said that the Congress of the United States is averse to election and primary abuses north of the Ohio, but that it lacks the sense and the will to probe into the foul smelling rottenness of the practices perpetrated by the Southern Democratic oligarchy in a number of the Solid South states.

Oklahoma rolled up a Republican majority only in the face of obstacles placed in the way by the Democratic machine which would have halted anything but an earthquake in that state, as in others controlled by the Democratic oligarchy.

The registration machinery is in the hands exclusively of the reigning autocracy. Registration is a mere matter of partisan politics, but is a question of right and wrong, of free government, of the common honesty, a large majority of the white people of Florida are in the hands of the Democratic oligarchy.

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### THE NORTH TEXAS A. M. E. CONFERENCE HELD IN FORT WORTH. ONE OF THE NATIONAL FIGURES WHO WILL ATTEND BISHOPS' COUNCIL IN DALLAS.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 7.—The North Texas African Methodist conference, which has been in session here since last Wednesday, closed Sunday night. Bishop William Decker Johnson, of Pampa, Tex., presiding, the ministers, told them they were to preach a gospel of peace, to make friends for their race.

"Any man who would stir up race strife, prejudice, antipathy or hatred is a dangerous man," said Bishop Johnson, "and he is an enemy to the human race. White men and black men must dwell together here in harmony and peace. We must say good things about each other, and there must be a common ground on which we can meet to discuss things which will help to build up our country. I am a Southern man, I know this Southland, and I believe I am known by it. Strive at all times to make friends for your race."

The next session of the conference will be held in Bonham. The ministers were assigned the following:

**Dallas District.**  
R. S. Jenkins, presiding elder; Bethel, Dallas; J. H. Smith; St. James, Dallas; C. W. Abington; Allen Chapel, Fort Worth; H. E. Farris; Park Chapel, Dallas; E. D. Bonner; Wesley Chapel, W. H. Durden; Baker's Chapel, Fort Worth; A. J. Baker; Coffee Chapel, Dallas; G. L. Coleman; Lee's Chapel, J. H. Burkh, West Lemmon Avenue, Dallas; J. E. Gault; St. Paul and Wesley, S. G. H. Glasgow; St. James, J. A. Conroy; Bear Creek and Arlington, E. M. Mingo; Dabney, E. G. W. Boyer; Gaines Chapel, A. J. Williams; Carrollton and Grapevine, H. S. Baker; to be assisted by Winita Falls, J. A. Johnson; conference president Wom-

an's Home and Foreign Mission Society, wife of C. W. Abington; Johnson, district president; J. L. Johnson; evangelist, J. W. H. Johnson.

**Wesaco District.**  
C. L. Morgan, presiding elder; Waxahatchee, J. E. Edwards; Ennis, H. McKenna; Milford, J. P. Lynn; Blounting Grove, N. M. Berry; Polk, R. R. Clemons; Hubbard, J. H. Hardiman; Simons, to be supplied; Fort Worth, H. R. Chapman; Calmar, L. T. Price; Italy, G. E. Brown; Telesco, L. Dilphant; Bethel, to be supplied; Howard, Robert Thomas; Fossil, William Palmer; Mount Calm, M. R. Jones; Bardwell, J. H. Lee; Green's Chapel, G. L. Jackson; Embury, W. C. Calhoun; Kossau, P. M. Moseley; Rice, J. H. Herring; Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, district president, N. E. Harrell; A. C. E. L. G. McDonald; evangelist, M. J. Hooker; Crandall, James Caruthers.

**Bonham District.**  
J. A. Jones, presiding elder; Bonham, J. A. Swan; Denison, J. S. Baker; Rockwall, G. W. Nelson; Dodd City, J. W. Collins; Honey Grove, J. D. H. Hightower; Elm Springs, J. H. Hays; Greenville, G. W. Henderson; Point Green, W. Brown; Gainesville, W. H. W. W. A. L. Coffey; Coffee Chapel, Ladonia, P. Bowen; South Denison, C. C. Carruthers; McKinney and Allen, J. F. Franklin; Cooper, and Commerce, L. H. Hubbard; Celeste and Leonard, W. H. A. Richardson; Whitefork, E. G. W. Boyer; and Valley View, A. J. Hughes; Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society, J. P. Wain; A. C. E. L. W. E. Johnson.

Among the many men of distinction who will be the guest of Dallas, when the Council of Bishops assemble here early in February will be this noted divine. He will respond to one of the addresses of welcome. Dr. Ransom is one of the greatest scholars of the race and has few equals anywhere as an orator.

He was selected to make the race for Congress in the City of New York and was supported by many of the leading people of that city among whom was Mrs. Gould.

Dr. Ransom is the Editor of the oldest magazine published in the race, The A. M. E. Review, which is classed among the best publications in the country. He has been selected as one of the delegates to the Ecumenical Conference which meets in London, September, 1921.

The citizens of Dallas will remember that some years ago this gentleman spoke at the Pythian Temple and was given the greatest ovation of any person that had spoken from that rostrum. The doctor is slated for episcopal honors in 1924.

### SAYS DRUNKEN MARINES CAUSE LIFE-TERM CONVICT ROBS HOUSE AND RETURNS TO JAIL. DAUGHTER OF COLERIDGE TAYLOR WINS FAME AS MUSICIAN.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 7.—Robert Henderson, a St. Louis Negro, who is serving a life-term sentence in the Penitentiary for murder, was able to leave the Penitentiary enter a dwelling house some three blocks from the Penitentiary, occupied by Miss Mary Knap and sister and two visitors, and rob the place of jewelry valued at more than \$2500, and return to the prison without being missed. He made the mistake of giving his plunder to another Negro convict to keep for him, and the latter, becoming scared, went to Warden Porter Gilvan today and gave him the package, saying that he was suspicious of its contents and he did not want to get into any more trouble than he now has on his hands. All the jewelry including some family heirlooms, were in the package and returned to their owners.

The Negro, who has been an inmate of the Penitentiary for the last ten years, who has been in the morning and every night he has written to whom he confided the jewelry, has been in the main, and so far, he has not been missed. He made the mistake of giving his plunder to another Negro convict to keep for him, and the latter, becoming scared, went to Warden Porter Gilvan today and gave him the package, saying that he was suspicious of its contents and he did not want to get into any more trouble than he now has on his hands.

Not that, although she is ambitious, she does not realize how long a period of hard training lies before her. And, as befitting a daughter of the great African, who positively hated the limelight, she is most reserved as to her achievements.

"I am too busy studying to devote much time to composition, she went on, "but I have started on a trio for violin, cello and piano."

"I have also written several other songs and piano-forte pieces, including a decided piano commensurate with the Sun-God West." Her brother wrote the poem and she put it to music. This effort was undertaken in memory of their father.

She is most proud of a soprano song with lyrics that she "Whether or I could not resist the temptation to write down the themes that were passing through my mind, and so wrote a little song entitled 'Good-bye, Butterfly.' That has been sung."

It is deemed certain by the prison authorities that some outside person could find the jewelry. Being a life-term convict, Henderson has nothing to fear for the future save losing his job as a trusty.

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Waco, Texas, Dec. 7.—The statement of the Farmers' Improvement Bank of Waco, Texas, a Negro institution shows that its resources total \$140,781.60, an increase of nearly double its resources of one year ago.

It plans the addition during the coming year to add savings department where small time deposits may be placed to draw interest at 4 per cent.

For the past two years the bank has been almost solely in charge of R. C. Smith, cashier and son of its founder, R. L. Smith. He is a certified accountant, highly trained in business management and has attained signal individual success. He has associated with him as officers, E. M. McGowan, Vice-President; H. M. Furlow, Asst. Cashier; H. L. Smith, Secretary of Board of Directors.

Since the lynching there has been a good deal of night riding with acts of lawlessness against white men and law-abiding Negro families. Some of the latter look refuge with the bank and do not dare return to their homes.

Besides convening the Grand Jury to make a thorough investigation of the night riding, the judge instructed Sheriff Taylor to summon as many deputies as might be needed to police the district so as to afford protection to the residents, white and black. He said he proposed to make it entirely safe for Negroes to return to their homes and to remain. The action of Judge Wilson is being commended.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Population of the District of Columbia is composed of 326,854 white persons, 193,976 colored and 741 other races, including Chinese, Japanese and Indians, the census bureau announced recently. The total of these figures makes up the 1920 population than from 1900 to 1910 and was at a high rate, the increase being 15,530 or 4.6 per cent, from 1910 to 1920, as against 7,744 or 8.9 per cent, from 1900 to 1910.

While the percentage ratio of colored residents of the District shows a decrease of 2.4 per cent as compared with 1910, the numerical increase in the colored population shows a decided gain commensurate with the total gain in population. In 1910 there were 94,446 colored persons resident in the District of Columbia.

Washington for sometime has been the leading city in the matter of colored population. It is significant to note that the recent migratory movement has caused this leadership to be located in one of the more northern cities of the United States. Chicago, it is understood, claims this distinction. This shift is indicative of the desire of the new Negro for larger freedom and opportunity.

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### EX-PRESIDENT TAFT SPEAKS ON NEGRO QUESTION. FORMER TEXAN URGES NEGROES TO GO TO BRAZIL.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Former President William Howard Taft spoke on the race problem at the Academy of Music under the auspices of the Hampton Association of Brooklyn. In denunciation of race prejudice against the Jew in the United States.

"Some antediluvian people even now are trying to revive the persecution of the Jew in this country," he declared. "The Jews show that they can do as well as anyone else."

Referring to the Negro problem, the ex-President said the solution lies in education and economic development, in both of which, as well as in religious development, he quoted figures to show the great movement of the Negro since 1860.

"The South and agriculture are the hope of the Negro," he said. "The South is his natural habitat, and these figures show he is actually chiefly working in agriculture. The best friend the Negro can have is the Southern white man—mean the educated, good people of the South. The recent migration of Negroes from the South to the North, while it had certain deplorable consequences, also has had certain advantages."

Mr. Taft said it is a mistake for the Negro to do anything to antagonize the white man. He said he paid a glowing tribute to the late Booker T. Washington.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Because of widespread interest in the possibilities of living in South America, the Associated Negro Press has had a series of interviews with George Rambo, a man of our group, who has recently returned from that continent, with a massing story of what colored people may accomplish.

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