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South's Answer to Gov. Blease.

Executive Held Up To Scorn by Georgian

South Carolinian as an Enemy of His Country—Decent People Resent Insult Offered.

(By A. P. Night Wire to the Times)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Brown Felder, Jr., of Georgia, delivered what he termed "The South's answer to Gov. Blease," before the annual meeting today of the American Society on Jurisprudence.

He characterized as "anarchy" the South Carolina Governor's speech in favor of lynch law before the meeting of Governors at Richmond two weeks ago and attacked Gov. Blease as an "enemy of the South."

Senator Townsend of Michigan presided at the meeting and later praised Mr. Felder's remarks.

The Georgia Attorney-General said he came all the way to Washington to make a complete reply on the part of the decent people of the South to the "insults of Gov. Blease." He said the South did not stand for lynch law and the people of the country ought to know it.

BRYAN'S FAITH IN WILSON

Mr. Bryan said he would discuss "Opportunity" in the Democratic party.

He said he "brought greetings from the West," to Mr. Sulzer, who, he said, had aided to "cement Democracy into one progressive whole."

"I feel an interest in Mr. Sulzer's achievement—a concern in his administration," said Mr. Bryan, "because when I needed friends in the East he was not afraid to be

my friend. He showed himself willing to risk his seat in Congress—to risk all that he had in the future.

"No man has entered the White House better equipped for the discharge of duties as President than Woodrow Wilson," Mr. Bryan continued. "He enters with circumstances more favorable than any president at any time. Mr. Wilson has back of him a united Democratic party—that's the crux—and he has also the good will of the entire Republican party, as a Democratic president has not had in fifty years. The Republicans have never before been universally happy over a Democratic victory—the one half is happy because Mr. Wilson beat Mr. Taft the other half that he beat Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Bryan declared "The time is ripe, the people are ready, the hour has come and the man is here."

"I have faith in Wilson," he said, "because I believe we can draw the line on him."

A letter was read from President-elect Wilson, who said he had the highest confidence in Mr. Sulzer's ability to administer the affairs of New York State to the satisfaction and benefit of every citizen of the State.

CO-NCIDENT EDITORIAL VIEWS OF PRESIDENT ELECT WILSON

The Colored Independents hope for an era of good feeling under the Constitution with a gradual subsidence of racial antipathy on the part of the White South.

We do not mean that this can

be brought about quickly or suddenly, but that the first step, that of the Colored North extending the olive branch, has been taken. President Wilson, as a southerner, will have a great opportunity to usher in a new era of justice. We believe he will attempt it and will succeed if he is aided by the Colored race, acting with reasonableness, patience and discreetness. President Wilson, from the very fact of being a southerner will have an opportunity to be the second Abraham Lincoln, the second and successful emancipator and we have faith that he will seize gladly this great opportunity.

—Wm. Monroe Trotter in the Boston Guardian, Nov. 9.

"The overwhelming vote given Gov. Wilson by the country gives him opportunities enjoyed by no man since Lincoln. By the election of Gov. Wilson the South has an opportunity to wield a larger influence in National affairs than it has enjoyed since the early sixties. Gov. Wilson is a man of ability and broad vision and without doubt will live up to his opportunities."—The Liberator, Nov. 8.

"Then Mr. Wilson is a Southerner. He was born in Staunton, Va., in 1856, reared in Augusta, Ga., practiced law in Atlanta, Ga., and married in Savannah, Ga. He is the first Southern born President the people of the United States have elected in fifty years. He represents the very best the South could produce. He ought to have, as a Southern man, an understanding of our problem, and ought to

be able to do what a Northern man could hardly do. There are millions of Southern white men who could give the Negro justice. They will not be coerced by a Northern Republican while they may be led by a Southern Democrat. Now they have a chance.

"Mr. Wilson has a chance to do for his country what no other president has had in a generation. The last Southern born President the nation chose was Abraham Lincoln who was born in Kentucky and elected from Illinois; he immortalized himself by giving physical freedom to the Negro. After fifty years we have elected another Southerner, and as great an opportunity awaits him as the immortal Lincoln.—Rev. R. C. Ransom, in the Philadelphia Christian Recorder Nov. 7

PRAISES NEGRO SOLDIERS.

Army Officer Declares Them Better Behaved and More Amenable to Discipline than Whites.

(By A. P. Night Wire to The Times SPOKANE, (Wash.) Dec. 23.—"I have served eleven years with Negro troops and eleven years with white troops. I have found the Negroes the better-behaved, the more amenable to discipline and more inclined to be interested in their work as soldiers."

This was the statement made today by Maj. E. J. Gose, commanding two battalions of the Twenty-fifty Infantry, colored, at Ft. George Wright, when told that the elimination of colored troops from the army would be considered by a board of army officers.

"I know that the sentiment against the colored troops is strong, even in the army," continued Maj. Gose, "but I think it is not justified. There is no doubt, however, that a certain amount of dissatisfaction is to be faced wherever colored troops are sent.

"Although the colored soldiers re-enlist regularly and police records show that infractions of

the law by colored enlisted men are few in number, and small in importance, I have no doubt that the movement to eliminate them from the service will receive strong support."

OFFICERS TO DISCUSS NEGRO

Elimination From Army.

(By A. P. Day Wire to the Times)

WASHINGTON, DEC, 23.—The proposal to eliminate the Negro as an American soldier is a topic slated for consideration when the conference of the ranking officers of the army is held here January 8. Some officers favoring the plan are prepared to urge it on the ground that in the Philippines the natives are said to resent the appearance among them of the black troops and there are signs of dissatisfaction in Hawaii owing to the fact that the Twenty-fifth Infantry, a Negro organization, has been added to the island army to form a permanent organization. Friends of the Negro are expected to make a strenuous fight in their behalf pointing to their splendid record in Cuba and the Philippines.

WHITE PRESS STILL BOOSTING JACK JOHNSON

Jack Johnson Plans Chateau and Colored Club

Army Officer in Defense of Black Troops

(By Wireless Line to the Times)

Chicago Bureau of The Times, Dec. 23.—(Special Dispatch.) Injunction proceedings are threatened and even more strenuous methods are hinted at by white residents of exclusive Lake Geneva, the home of seventy millionaires and their families, in a determined fight to prevent Jack Johnson, Negro pugilist and his white wife, Lucille Cameron, from occupying the \$35,000 villa which the black man has just purchased in the suburb.

While the whites, among them

John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank; Homer A. Stillwell, former president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, and others, gave vent to their indignation, the blacks rallied to the support of Johnson.

W. G. Anderson, a Negro lawyer, says the Lincoln Social and Athletic Club will be organized within a few days and open headquarters at the Johnson villa. Cottages are to be built in the neighborhood to house club members. Anderson, who holds an option on the homestead of Judson E. Sherman, the first white settler of Lake Geneva, now past 70 years old, did not deny he bought it for the Negro pugilist, a former client.

"Jack's going to live there," Anderson said. Friends of the Negro pugilist said Johnson dreams of a French chateau with a group of retainers about him such as the club will afford.

PATRIOTIC SERVICES IN HONOR OF HALF CENTURY OF FREEDOM.

**Shiloh Baptist Church
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The Colored Baptists plan to make the last Sunday a great get-together-day.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by General Missionary J. Gordon McPherson. Subject: "God's Care for People."

3 p. m. A real old fashioned spiritual reunion meeting. If you are seeking a blessing, be sure to attend these services.

7 p. m. Special B. Y. P. U. meeting with excellent program.

8 p. m. Big patriotic services commemorating the 50th anniversary of the freedom of the American Negro. Dr. McPherson will deliver a discourse on the theme: "A Half Century of Freedom." All ex-slavers, old soldiers, Spanish war veterans and patriotic citizens are requested to attend this anniversary service.

Watch Night meeting, Tuesday, 9:30 p. m.

Come you are welcome.

WHITE MEN KILLING EACH OTHER ABOUT A NEGRO GIRL.

Special to The New York Age.

ASHBRUN, Ga., Dec. 10.—In a battle following the horsewhipping of C. R. Christmas, because of his infatuation for a Negro girl, John Christmas was killed and his brother, James Christmas, and J. D. Ward were probably fatally wounded. Several others are reported to have been wounded.

The battle occurred Saturday night at Kings Mills, a lumber town near here.

C. R. Christmas had been warned to let the girl alone, but Friday night he visited her. He was captured by employees of the lumber plant, stripped and horsewhipped. His clothes were burned and he was forced to make his way home naked.

His relatives and friends went to the lumber mill to seek revenge. The lumber mill employees then opened fire with automatic shot-guns.

COLE BLEASE

(New York World)

Lincoln used to tell about the Southwestern orator who "mounted the platform, threw back his head, shined his eyes, opened his mouth and left the consequences to God."

No more accurate description of Cole Blease, Governor of South Carolina, could be written. But how long are the people of that unfortunate State to tolerate the Blease type of public official? Has not South Carolina's humiliation been a sufficient lesson?

Julius Malone, a colored employe of the St. George Hotel in Los Angeles, saved the lives of fifteen people recently in a fire which badly damaged that building. Mr. Malone's heroism was not commented upon by the daily press which are busy heralding far and near in an exaggerated manner the crimes rather than the good deeds of the colored race.—The Advance Chicago.

MUST WIN BY MERIT

Throughout the country there seems to be an awakening to the fact that the Negro is to be a hewer of wood and a drawer of water just so long as he is satisfied to be that. Positions above the menial class must come if they come at all, through co-operation among Negroes along commercial lines. The duty of patronizing race enterprises is being talked everywhere. And just here it is well to caution the Negro in business against the fallacy of trying to do business solely on his color. In order to get a share of even the Negro's business, he must adopt and use those methods—often inexpensive—which spell success for other business people. He must be reliable, keep a decent place, as against a dive, or hang-out for the worthless; he must let his place of business be noted for cleanliness and up-to-dateness. In short, he must not only prepare to win success, but to deserve it. He must stand ready and willing and fully able to "deliver the goods."—Dallas Express.

RACE PREJUDICE PREVAILING TRAIT

Dr. Inyui, Japanese orator, lecturing in the interest of world peace, urged less self-conceit and more charity on the part of Americans toward other races, in an address to the faculty and students of the University of California, recently. Entirely too much color and race prejudice in this country, he says, and truthfully too.

Cleveland Ohio Gazette.

There are in the United States 144,659 white children and 218,355 colored children, 10 to 14 years of age, who cannot read and write. The colored children form 18.9 per cent. of all colored children. This dangerous situation is much better than in 1900, when the illiteracy among colored children was 30.1 per cent.—The Crisis.

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CHRISTMAS TREES

The Christmas tree exercises at the various churches were well attended. There was marked economy in the character of gifts distributed. The people are beginning to be more practical in the manner of giving—the leaning towards extravagance being on the wane.

Gifts to young people should be of a substantial kind; gifts that may be put to practical use, carrying with them useful lessons.

THE NEGRO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN.

The Liberator will bring out a special edition devoted to our business and professional people of this city and vicinity. Already many leading business firms and professional men have secured space in this splendid edition which will be read and admired by 10,000 people. If you hope to succeed in business in this day of fierce competition, you have got to advertise. Take advantage of an opportunity to advertise in a

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The Liberator extends New Year's greetings to all and trusts that its readers and friends will live larger lives this year and that they will increase their own blessings by rendering greater service to humanity. This can best be accomplished by practicing greater toleration toward those with whom they may differ, and being ever ready to labor in a common cause for the general advancement of society.

Start your New Year's campaign for a higher and nobler life by sending in \$1.50 for a year's subscription to *The Liberator* and thus aid in the great work *The Liberator* is doing for the promotion of good government and the uplift of the Negro in particular and society in general.

NEGRO SOLDIERS MUST GO

In spite of the splendid military record made by the Negro soldiers in the U. S. army, race prejudice has become so rampant that it has been practically decided to eliminate them from the army. This racial antipathy is due almost wholly to economic conditions. Rather than admit that the Negroes are superior in the things that go to make all around men, a false issue is raised.

The comparison between white and colored soldiers, owing to the Negro soldiers' superior amenability to army discipline is begin-

ning to be so favorable to the Negro, that a cowardly public sentiment has decided to eliminate the Negro soldiers and thus destroy the comparison.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found a statement by Maj. E. J. Gose who has served 22 years in the army divided equally between white and colored soldiers which speaks for itself, and shows plainly why the demand for the elimination of Negro soldiers.

This elimination of the Negro from the army is nothing new, it is a piece of cowardice that has been practiced upon the Negro soldier after every war in which the nation engaged; although the Negro displayed soldierly qualities unsurpassed in every engagement in which he took part.

This is the only nation on earth that dismisses soldiers from its army because they are known to be superior to others of its own soldiers. If a business man should adopt the same policy he would be regarded as insane and would fail in business as soon as he came in competition with a competitor that pursued the opposite policy.

Let the Negro-hating press and its deluded followers go on with their self degrading propoganda. Let them eliminate the Negro from the army and send him back to industrial pursuits—the Negro can stand it. When the Negro again finds himself eliminated from the army he should stay out of it and leave the white men to do their own fighting. There will

be plenty of it for them to do, for this nation, owing to tis proscriptive policy towards the darker races, is piling up wrath against a day of wrath.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The wedding bells rang and rang this week but too late for this edition.

Mr. J. Holloway is building a new cottage at 1729 East 55th street. The cottage will contain 5 rooms.

Mr. J. W. Gooch has bought the Goodman Grocery business at 1729 East 53rd street, and is progressing nicely.

Mr. Richard Williams, the kalsomner, sold his home at Santa Fe Avenue and Enterprise street, for \$5,000 cash. He has purchased a 6 room cottage at 1369 East 15th street for \$3,400.

A special "Georgia Compendium" of the Atlanta Constitution devotes six pages to colored people, and contains over twenty-one columns of advertisements of Negro enterprises. Among the Negro enterprises mentioned are various business houses, numbers of churches, real estate enterprises, institutions of learning, physicians and hospitals, and industrial insurance companies.—The Crisis.

For Sale—Nice cottage, 5 rooms, cellar, bathroom, east avenue 33, near Griffith Ave., \$1400, \$100 cash, \$12 monthly. For sale nice 4 room and bath; 2 room cottage in rear 55 feet near Holmes avenue, \$1250, \$50 cash, \$15 monthly. For sale 3 large lots, east avenue 28 nice for a chicken range right in the heart of the city, \$1300, \$50 down, \$10 monthly. A. Colkins, West 5511.

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