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## PREPARING FOR THE WORK OF AFRICAN COLONIZATION

Dear Men of the Negro Race, Greeting:

The Universal Negro Improvement Association feels it its duty to prepare the minds of the people everywhere for those changes that are generally contemplated for the good of the race. In keeping with such a duty, we take it as a pleasure to announce to the race at large that this is to be a year of consolidated effort among people everywhere for the development and redemption of our country, Africa.

### Africa the Attraction of the World

Africa, as every thoughtful person realizes, is becoming the attraction of the world; her resources in mineral and agricultural products are being exploited by the aggressive and colonizing races and nations of the world. For such a reason Europe—France, Italy, Portugal, and Belgium—are endeavoring to strengthen their hold and to expand their influence on the continent. The pioneering and adventurous spirit of Europe is driving its people toward Africa. It is this mad rush that alarms the Universal Negro Improvement Association and urges it to unite the scattered sentiment of our people and direct it toward African redemption. If we, as a race, do not concentrate upon the redemption of Africa and the exploitation of its vast resources, it will simply mean that the continent in another twenty-five years will have become a new country for the European races where the Negro will find it as hard and difficult to eke out an existence as he does now in America and Europe.

### The Peopling of the World

The fight of the Negro of the present is to prevent the European from making Africa his new home. The European has already peopled Europe, America and Australia. He made a strong bid for the peopling and dominating of Asia, but he failed, thanks to the activity and alertness of the Asiatic.

### Doomed Forever

If Negroes sit supinely by and allow the European to prosecute his desires in the direction of Africa, then it simply means that we are doomed forever. The European has his plan of world conquest and domination. It is not likely that he will take the Negro into his confidence. It is for us to discover his purpose, and, as far as it affects us, to see to it that we are protected. This is the work of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

### Protecting Interest of Race

We feel it our duty to all times protect the

### NEGROES' FUTURE LIES IN CONTINENT OF THEIR FATHERS

#### AFRICA THE LAND OF THE FUTURE

#### AMERICA AND WEST INDIES TRAINING GROUNDS FOR AFRICAN SERVICE

#### GAINING THE RESPECT OF OTHER RACES

interest of the Negro race, and with such responsibility resting upon our shoulders we go forward advancing the banner of the Red, the Black and the Green, with the object of creating out of our united efforts the idea of African imperial redemption. The thing that we desire is to see a great and powerful African commonwealth where Negroes will have the same opportunity and privilege to rise to power and glory as the white man has in America, Europe and Australia. We are asking for the whole-hearted cooperation of the Negro peoples of the world for the accomplishment of the program of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Let us do everything possible to develop industrially and commercially the now existing Negro nations by strengthening their hands with our western intelligence and helping in their growth to political power.

#### Respect of Other Races

We must place ourselves in a position where the other races and nations of the world will not fail in their respect for us as a people. We want to stir the Negroes of America and the West Indies to the realization and the fact that Africa affords just at this time a glorious opportunity for colonization, and as the white man for centuries went from Europe to colonize and people America and Canada, so should the Negro from the West Indies and America turn toward the colonization of Africa.

#### Our Western Education

We should convey to Africa all that we have imbibed by the way of education and culture from the contact of three hundred years with western civilization. Africa needs scientists, mechanics, engineers and tradesmen of all kinds. Yes, she needs doctors, teachers, business men and captains of industry. America and the West Indies have been splendid training grounds for the Negro for the last three-quarters of a century. We have learned from the best universities of Europe, Canada and America, and we can now apply that knowledge for the

development of our Motherland. Surely all thoughtful Negroes of America and the West Indies will dedicate themselves to the work of Africa's development.

#### Preparing Ourselves

Those of you who are preparing yourselves in the banking and other financial institutions of America be assured that we shall expect you to become the great financial magnates of Africa in directing the banking systems of the Mother Country. You who are in the insurance business of the United States of America, surely we are expecting you to preside over the "Metropolitan" and "New York" African insurance companies and corporations of the future. You men and women who are engaged in your little industrial enterprises, surely you are training yourselves to become the presidents and managers of department stores and other corporate enterprises of Africa. Surely you lawyers and other professional men who are experimenting in the United States and the West Indies are but getting ready for the bigger field of practice in the great Commonwealth of Africa, where you shall become leaders in statesmanship and in society. And you men and women who have had to labor by your hands, surely you are preparing yourselves to undertake the bigger task of building for your own race and laying the foundation for your own commonwealth. The contact and civilization that we have had in the western world will surely fit us for undertaking the big task of African redemption. Let us, therefore, focus our attention upon African colonization in 1924.

#### Repatriation Boom

Let us save our dimes and dollars and accumulate them so as to be ready when the great boom starts in repatriation. The Universal Negro Improvement Association hopes that in 1924 several hundred thousand families from America and the West Indies will be repatriated to Africa to work in its development.

#### Duty of Members of Organization

Members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association everywhere should redouble their energies and determination and push forward the program of the organization for this new year. As we labored six years to make this our movement the greatest organization in the world, so we should continue during 1924 and 1925 to see that a great part of the program is accomplished.

With very best wishes for your success, I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

MARCUS GARVEY,

President-General,

UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Washington, D. C., January 16, 1924.

P. S.—I am asking that every member of the Universal Negro Improvement Association secure from his local division a copy of the new constitution that is now off the press. Members can only intelligently understand the working of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and their relation to the organization by reading the constitution. The constitution is the members' only safeguard in the proper conduct of the affairs of the organization. See to it that your secretary supplies you with a copy of the constitution. I also ask that every member pay to the secretary of his division the annual dollar tax which is now due. By the payment of this tax the Parent Body is rendered able to carry out its administration work.

M. G.

# ALL-RACE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT COOLIDGE TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

## TO MAKE STUDY OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AT FIRST HAND STRIKINGLY NEW AND PRAISEWORTHY STEP

### War Department Engineer Also Sent to Investigate and Report on Water Supply Plans

Apart from President Coolidge's Administration sending a commission with Robert Church, of Tennessee, as chairman, to investigate the economic conditions existing in the Virgin Islands, the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Rothchild Branta, well known native journalist and legislator, is also sending a commission to study the water supply situation. The commission will be headed by an engineer being sent to St. Thomas to study the water supply situation. The commission will be headed by an engineer being sent to St. Thomas to study the water supply situation.

# NATIVE CUSTOMS IN THE GOLD COAST, AFRICA

## BY MAGNUS JOHN SIMPSON

I do not consider it necessary to make any preliminary observations on the subject of the native customs in the Gold Coast, Africa. I have had the honor to be invited to give a paper on this subject at the meeting of the American Anthropological Association in New York, January 12th, 1924.

# EX-TEACHER CALLED BY JAPAN'S REGENT TO HELM OF STATE

## (Associated Press)

TOKIO, Jan. 1.—Vicecount Kiogo Kiyoura, President of the Privy Council, was summoned today by Prince Regent Hirohito to form a Cabinet to meet on Jan. 20. Mr. Kiyoura, who was a member of the cabinet which resigned following the attempt last week to assassinate the Prince Regent.

# INDEPENDENT POLITICAL CONFERENCE PROPOSED

## Recent Conference Held in Richmond Indicates the Way the Many Gusty Winds Are Now Blowing

By (Independent News Service) RICHMOND, Va.—What is regarded as a very significant sign of the Negro's political trend of mind is the growing following of the Independent Political Conference proposed in Richmond, Va. This movement has been known as the INDEPENDENT VOTERS OF AMERICA.

# CANTING HYPOCRISY ABOUT THE DYER ANTI-LYNCHING

## New York World Asserts Marcus Garvey Chamaeleon Bill as Chariot for Hypocrisy and Protection Against Lynching—Fooling Negro Voters

By (From The New York World, Jan. 8) Col. Roosevelt and the Dyer Bill "Lynching," as Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, has been a stench in the nostrils of all law-abiding Americans.

# ENTHUSIASM OF MEMBERSHIP GROWS AND FAITH IN U. N. A. AND ITS LEADERSHIP IS INCREASED—SPEAKERS URGE NEGROES TO DO MORE THINKING FOR THEMSELVES—THE PRICE OF LIBERTY IS A HARD STRUGGLE—NEGROES MUST BE UNITED IN ORDER TO GAIN LIBERTY

## Tribe Paid to the Leadership and Genius of Marcus Garvey—Is Leading When Others Have Failed—Solution of the Race Problem Is Left With the Negroes Themselves—Petty Jealousies Must Be Forgotten and All Must Fight Together for Freedom

LIBERTY HALL, NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The price of liberty is a hard struggle, and the Negro must be united in order to gain liberty. The price of liberty is a hard struggle, and the Negro must be united in order to gain liberty.

# REV. DREW OF WASHINGTON DELIVERS RINGING MESSAGE—URGES MEMBERSHIP TO STAND BY GARVEY IN SPITE OF HIS WORK GOES MARCHING ON

## Association Is Steadfast in Their Faith and Loyalty and Support of the U. N. A. and Its Leadership

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Rev. Drew of Washington delivered a ringing message to the membership of the Universal Negro College, urging them to stand by Marcus Garvey in spite of his work going marching on.

# ARE YOU SICK?

## Dr. N. W. Sanson

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# LIBERTY HALL CROWDED TO CAPACITY AS REVELATION OF THE RACE PROBLEM REACHES A CLOSE

## Speeches by Rev. Drew and Other Leaders

LIBERTY HALL, NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The hall was crowded to capacity as the revelation of the race problem reached a close. Speeches by Rev. Drew and other leaders were heard.

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As was to be expected, Marcus Garvey has been found guilty by a jury of white men of using the United States mails to defraud.

Many believe that the charge was only a sham to get Garvey with the hope of destroying his work.

An appeal must be taken to the highest courts of the land to further test justice; therefore, every Negro of loyalty and manhood is asked to subscribe to this fund.

The fight for Africa's liberty is just begun; let us all help. Send in your subscription addressed to the Secretary, Marcus Garvey Release Committee, 56 West 135th Street, New York City, N. Y.

I, MARCUS GARVEY, have appointed Mrs. Amy Jacques Garvey, Mr. William Sherrill and Mr. Clifford Bourne, as a committee to receive and disburse all moneys for my Appeal and Defense Fund.

(Signed) MARCUS GARVEY, June 21, 1923. (The Tombs).

Table listing names and amounts for the Marcus Garvey Appeal and Defense Fund, including names like Geraldine Johnson, Charles Johnson, and others.

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Every Home Should Be A Humane Society

From Our Dumb Animals

At the International Human Conference held in New York City last October, the Rev. J. Rivers Burwell, field worker of the American Human Education Society, presented a paper on "Humane Work Among Colored People in the South."

Human education should be taught as a fundamental principle of right living to every member of the Negro race. I confess that it is the fundamental need of all races if we are to live in this world as a civilized people.

WHY NOT BE LUCKY?

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO DIVISIONS IN VIRGINIA

Certain Divisions and Chapters of Eastern Virginia have formed themselves into a unit or league, known as, or to be known as the "Tide-water Union."

This union is looked upon with disfavour by the Parent Body, as it is contrary to the Constitution of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, therefore illegal.

All Divisions and Chapters constituting this union, or interested in same, are hereby warned to discontinue their membership and support from said illegal union, and use their influence to disband same forthwith.

Universal Negro Improvement Association

New York City, September 4, 1923

U. N. I. A. PHOTO SHEET

Each and every member of the Association should have a U. N. I. A. photo-sheet of the Hon. Marcus Garvey in his uniform of the Provisional President of Africa—the 1922 U. N. I. A. Delegate to the League of Nations, Geneva—and officers of the High Executive Council.

NOTICE

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La Asociación Universal para el Adelanto de la Raza Negra

54-56 Oeste, Calle 135, Ciudad de Nueva York, N. Y.

La Aurora de un Nuevo Día Para la Tan Anhelada Patria—Necesidad Imprecindible de la Unión de la Raza en Beneficio General de Sus Miembros—Requiriendo la Cooperación Del Congreso de Los Estados Unidos y de Los Parlamentos de Inglaterra y de Francia—Esfuerzos en Pro de Mayor Unificación

Nuestro elemento adelanta en todas direcciones su propia causa de independencia durante este nuevo año. Los informes recibidos en las oficinas generales de nuestra organización nos satisfacen ampliamente de la nueva determinación de nuestro pueblo, para convertirse en una de las fuerzas independientes entre las razas y las naciones.

La madre patria empieza a darse cuenta de su posición entre las naciones del universo; sus pueblos del norte, sur y este, sin dar explicación alguna, indican al aventurero y al agresor, quienes por siglos y siglos han devastado la tierra de sus antepasados, que es hora ya de corregir la práctica de su política.

Esta se halla ahora en la misma posición en que los revolucionarios franceses quedaron en 1793, cuando el general José Miguel Gómez se hallaron ante el apoyo de Washington al presidente Mena.

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Nuestro elemento adelanta en todas direcciones su propia causa de independencia durante este nuevo año. Los informes recibidos en las oficinas generales de nuestra organización nos satisfacen ampliamente de la nueva determinación de nuestro pueblo, para convertirse en una de las fuerzas independientes entre las razas y las naciones.

La madre patria empieza a darse cuenta de su posición entre las naciones del universo; sus pueblos del norte, sur y este, sin dar explicación alguna, indican al aventurero y al agresor, quienes por siglos y siglos han devastado la tierra de sus antepasados, que es hora ya de corregir la práctica de su política.

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La Venta de Armas a Méjico

Rebeldes y gabinetes mejicanos, en poco gallarda pugna, conentaron oficial y externamente en estos días la decisión de Washington de vender armas al gobierno del presidente Obregón, como si se tratara de una batalla decisiva que hubiera ganado uno de los bandos.

El incidente es lamentable para Méjico; no digamos ya para obreristas y huertistas. El gobierno, la revolución actual y, por ende, los desastres futuros del país mismo, aparecen según textos oficiales mejor decididos, por el giro que da a una perspectiva serena y optimista del estado de los Estados Unidos.

Juridicamente, al parecer por lo menos, nada hay que se oponga a la venta de armas de este gobierno al presidente Obregón. Este ha sido reconocido por la Casa Blanca y nada más natural que un gobierno amigo autorice una operación de esta índole, destinada a que una administración domine a los perturbados estados que permanecen en el caso caso de importancia. De hecho la tiene decisiva porque presta al general Obregón recursos prestados por el gobierno de Méjico.

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GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Year Closed With Balance of \$276,842,518—Secretary Mellon Predicts Prosperity for the Country in This Year

WASHINGTON.—The calendar year 1923 was the best in the history of the United States Treasury department. When the books were balanced they showed an income during the calendar year of \$4,149,900,000, which is \$400,000,000 more than was received in 1922.

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# THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

## Name and Race Of the Negro

To the Editor of The Negro World:

Now, when thinking or speaking of treachery, stealth and chicanery, poor Judas Iscariot, Benedict Arnold and Timothy Webster, generally come into our minds. But when using either of the historic three as a comparison, some of our modern so-called Negro leaders have them beat beyond death.

For instance, let's consider the arch traitor. He had been with his Master and seen many manifestations of His power! Had seen Him heal the sick, cleanse ten lepers at one shot, open the eyes of the blind and raise the dead. Judas loved gold, and when the priests offered him good gold he saw himself in possession of it through treachery, but he hadn't dreamed of the son of God hopelessly bound or crucified. When the real truth dawned upon poor Judas he carried the stuff back; he wanted no gold, and when the priest refused it, poor fellow, he threw the mess away and went out into the night and committed suicide. Now the point of difference between these scoundrels is that these Negro leaders keep the gold to buy houses, lands and automobiles and would sell more Negroes to get more gold to buy more plunder.

As a climax, I learn that, after having bartered their trust and prostituted their manhood, I learn that there are some left who, unable to find a purchaser, would dump the race name overboard and henceforth be known as "Americans." The acme of nonsense. This reminds me more of childish play than anything that has happened of late.

No; the Negro wants no change of name, but he demands a change of conditions. The old Negro is good enough for me. Should any one desire to know who the Negro is tell him that he is a man made in the image of God, just a little lower than the angels, with all the potentialities of other men. So old that some of them are new before the historian had written his first stroke.

The sun of the Negro civilization was shining in all of his splendor before King Tut of Egypt reigned. By the way, where is the Egyptian as a race? Where is the Assyrian, the Mede, the Persian, the Greek, Roman? This man—Negro—is almost as mysterious as his God. He was first and shall be among the last. Yes; "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."

C. R. URQUHART, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Native South African Appeals for Nationhood

To the Editor of The Negro World:

Allow me space in your valuable paper to state how we are placed in the locations by the council by-laws. The best day to be busy is searching native houses, pulling them out of beds, arresting men and women for native beer; tens of native women and men for sentence every Monday. We have no confidence in these mean Christian laws of selfishness and oppression by the whites.

All Negroes agree that the whites are wolves in sheep's clothing, our adversary. With one accord we all say come home, children of Ethiopia, to your mother land. We hope and pray to God for the Universal Negro Improvement Association to succeed building up nationally for the redemption of Africa.

Yours truly, A NATIVE, Kimberly, South Africa, Dec. 23, 1923.

## A Gary Preacher Accepts Klan Money

Mr. Shelton Reason, treasurer of Gary (Ind.) Division, No. 185, U. N. I.

## YOU ARE ONLY AS OLD AS YOU FEEL

New Investigator—Extract of An African Bark, Said to Restore "Old Time" Vigor and Vigor. Simple Home Treatment.

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A Kansas City Chemist has developed a new Investigator, known to thousands as Re-Bild Tabs, which is acclaimed to be in fact a "Fountain of Youth." This is the original formula, containing the famous extract of the bark of an African tree, intended to act directly upon the Endocrine (ductless) glands—thus, as testified by thousands, restoring the Vigor and Vitality of Youth, to men and women, old and young.

This is your opportunity to prove the merits of Re-Bild Tabs, by obtaining a regular, full size \$2.00 treatment, without loss of time or risking a cent. Send your name and address today to the Bayne Company, Dept. 7324, Kansas City, Mo., and the complete treatment of Re-Bild Tabs and complete directions for use, will be mailed at once. Re-Bild Tabs are sent you with the distinct understanding that your money will be returned, any time after 10 days, if you do not experience definite results within a short time, and even within a week or ten days, the great rejuvenation of the real life forces, the real Vigor and Vitality of Youth.

THE ELECTRICITY...  
Dr. W. C. Vanders, New York

## A. sends the following news item to the Negro World, and says that Preacher McHenry gives the Klan "the privilege of meeting in his Church":

"A great deal is being said about Rev. McHenry, who recently accepted a \$300 donation from the K. K. K. for his church.

"The Gary Hamitic citizens are up in arms against the reverend. A Gary Sun reporter interviewed Rev. McHenry and he declared that he did not know it was K. K. money until he had spent it.

## "The Bird Migration Of the Negro"

To the Editor of The Negro World:

There has always been prejudice and discrimination among races and there always will be as long as different races inhabit the earth. From the very dawn of history tales come down to us of these shifting among the tribes of the earth. Abraham, with his people, left the land of the Chaldees and pitched their tents in Canaan. The Children of Israel turned their backs on the land of bondage and from the high lands of Central Asia came wave after wave, sweeping over continents, changing history in their course and breaking at last on the distant coast of the Atlantic.

This gave birth to prejudice and discrimination in the Western world, and it has come down to what the white writer is pleased to call the Bird Migration of the Negro of the Southland. I do not advise the Negro to flood the over-crowded cities of the north and east, but they should buy tracts of land in different sections where the whites are friendly toward them and build Negro cities and concentrate their minds on a national life for Negroes and think in straight lines with the different groups of Negroes all over the universe.

When the Negro realizes the value of freedom, when he has fully taken on the spirit of manhood, when he has returned to his motherland, he will stand in the regions of the Nile and kiss the Red, Black and Green, and say, "Africa, my Country, let it be always right, but, right or wrong, 'My Country'." PETER M. EASLEY, Chicago, Ill.

## Author of "Onward Christian Soldiers" Dead

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Rev. S. Baring-Gould, famous author and composer of "Onward Christian Soldiers," died today.

The Rev. Baring-Gould was born in Exeter, North Devon, England, January 28, 1834, the son of Edward and Charlotte Sophia Bond Baring-Gould. He began his writing at the age of twenty and published works of fiction, history and folklore, as well as travel, religion and mythology. His last book, "A Demon Churchman," appeared last June.

He was for many years one of the most influential advocates of the High Church movement, and some of his pamphlets were powerful weapons in the cause. His sermons were equally effective.

In 1864 he became curate of Harbury, Yorkshire, where he wrote his famous hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." When Mr. Baring-Gould wanted to have his now famous hymn sung in his own church his bishop, who was of the Low Church, objected to the two last lines, "With the cross of Jesus going on before." The author therefore changed the last line to "Left behind the door," which so angered the bishop that he displaced him from his place as vicar. Gladstone at once presented him with the far better position at East Mersea in Essex.

## TRUXTON, VA., PURCHASED BY NEGRO FINANCIERS

### Modern Town of 253 Homes Sold to Highest Bidders—White Bidders Shocked—Regular City to Be Made

From the Washington Tribune

History was made here this week, when a group of race financiers headed by W. H. C. Brown, investment banker of Newport News, Va., and Washington, D. C.; Dr. A. J. Strong, treasurer of Metropolitan Bank of Norfolk, Va., one of the race's largest banks, and Dr. Norman Lassiter, prominent dentist and capitalist of Newport News, Va., from the Tidewater section of Virginia, purchased through sealed bids the entire town of Truxton, Va. While the exact amount paid for this town could not be learned, it was hinted that the price was around \$41,000.

Truxton was owned by the United States Government and was operated through the United States Housing Corporation. It was built by the government during the war to house the colored workers at the navy yard at Portsmouth, Va.

The government, in line with its policy of getting rid of its wartime activities, ordered the town for sale. Sealed bids were received at the office of the Housing Corporation here Wednesday, January 2. A number of bidders, mostly whites, from Norfolk, Portsmouth and the Tidewater section presented their bids. At the time of opening the bids it was found that the only race bidder had topped the list, much to the surprise of the white bidders, who did not entertain the slightest idea that Negroes had enough money (especially since it was a cash proposition) to outbid them.

When the bidders assembled Wednesday afternoon to hear the report, the Housing Corporation Committee announced that race men had been awarded the property as the highest bidder.

Truxton, Va., was built by the Government exclusively for Negro workers. It is located just over the city line of Portsmouth, Va., within one mile of the U. S. Navy Yard. It is served by the Portsmouth electric line; railroad facilities are furnished by a belt road that connects with all the trunk lines entering Portsmouth and Norfolk.

## LOVE LIVE THE NEGRO

By C. R. A. BANKS

Is the Negro dying? In the land of the brave and free? Tell me, is he fading? In distant lands across the sea? No; the Negro will never die. Never!

Tell me, does he falter, As he moves in the surging mass? Is he growing fainter? As other nations crowd the Pass? No; the Negro will never die. Never!

Is the Negro sleeping? While others strive to reach the goal? Tell me, is he dreaming? While the veering crowds seek control? No; the Negro will never die. Never!

Does he turn from the trail And prove a coward in the strife? Oh, tell me, does he fail? To gain the higher things of life? No; the Negro will never die. Never!

Atlanta, Ga.

## Native Customs in Africa

(Continued from page 2)

to the carrying of fire—Wohynia, Wohynia, Wohynia and all the rest of it) and similarly when a first child is lost. All these appear more superstitions.

Then, also, examine our funeral customs and the nonsensical waste of time and money in connection therewith. Now, on examining our family life as a custom, what do we find? The father belongs to one family, and the wife and the children to another. What is more absurd than this? And this, in my opinion, has been one of the contributory causes, if not the potent one, of many unhappy homes. And to what sequel does this lead? Very often the father knowing that, according to custom, the wife and the children do not belong to his family, looks on them with suspicion. Such is the undesirable state of affairs in regard to our family life. Conscience itself revolts at such a thing; what logical reason, therefore, have we to allow such things to go on till the break of doomsday? By observation it seems

## Farmers Going Bankrupt

WASHINGTON.—More than 8 1/2 per cent of the farm owners in fifteen corn and wheat states lost their farms between 1920 and the spring of 1923. In addition to these, 13 per cent of farm owners were insolvent, but permitted to remain on their land through the leniency of creditors.

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