

FROM THE DEFENDER FILES

14 Years Ago

MARCH 12, 1921.

BOSTON, Mass.—An offer to umpire in the newly formed Continental league has been sent to Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion pugilist, for the season of 1921. The league has not only made an attempt to break down the prejudices now existing in the major leagues, but has gone two steps farther. The organization has made a member of the Race, Robert T. Murray of Boston, a director and is out to sign eight umpires, three of whom will be selected from our Race.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Miss Edna Anderson, employee of the Star Realty Company, a local real estate firm, confessed to postoffice inspector, V. V. Sugg (white) that she attempted to defraud the Solvent Savings Bank at Memphis of \$13,700 by raising a \$1.37 check to that amount.

NEW YORK.—Charles D. B. King, president of the Republic of Liberia, arrived here Sunday from London on the United States mail steamship Panhandle State.

President King's appearance in this country is of a business nature. He is here to conclude negotiations with the state department of Washington in reference to a credit of \$5,000,000, established in the United States treasury in 1913.

Nine Years Ago

MARCH 13, 1926

CHICAGO.—William "Bojangles" Robinson, one of the greatest vaudeville singles in the tap-dancing specialty in the United States underwent an operation Tuesday noon at the Mother Cabrini Memorial Hospital, 1200 Gilpin Place. Dr. Sherison performed the operation.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—An appeal to the U. S. supreme court in the case of Rothschild Francis, Virgin Islands editor and legislator, will be taken at once by his attorney, A. A. Berle, Jr., of New York and David Wallerstein of Philadelphia, following the recent decision of the U. S. court at Philadelphia sustaining his sentence of 30 days for contempt of court in the islands.

CHICAGO.—Trapped in her bedroom on the second floor of her home at 3623 Vincennes avenue, which was destroyed by fire late Sunday night, Mrs. Mary L. Jones, 35, was burned to death while her husband, Arthur Jones, after a vain effort to extinguish the blaze raging in the dining room was attempting to push his way thru the flames to rescue her. The building, a two-story house, was entirely gutted by fire which is believed to have started from live coals falling from a grate in the dining room, igniting the rug.

Five Years Ago

MARCH 8, 1930

CHICAGO.—Alonzo S. Parham, former cadet at the United States military academy at West Point, N. Y., is at home in Chicago preparing to take an examination the latter part of March for readmittance to the academy. The youth was honorably dismissed from the school recently when he failed to pass an examination in mathematics.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The Ohio supreme court Wednesday refused Thomas W. Fleming, former councilman, a new trial and dismissal of a conviction on a bribery charge. The nationally known Ohio politician and Elk must serve a sentence of two years and nine months in the state penitentiary. He was convicted more than a year ago on a charge of accepting a \$200 bribe from Walter Oehme (white), a former city detective.

OAKVILLE, Ont., Canada.—That the pernicious influence of the rapidly dying Ku Klux Klan has extended its slimy tentacles into a country which has heretofore been comparatively free of racial prejudices is shown by the fact that 75 white-hooded figures recently took a white girl away from her sweetheart the night before they were to have been wed. This outrage has aroused such a storm of protest all over the Dominion of Canada that a sweeping investigation by the attorney general has been announced.