WHAT CAUSED THE LEAGUE TO SPLIT

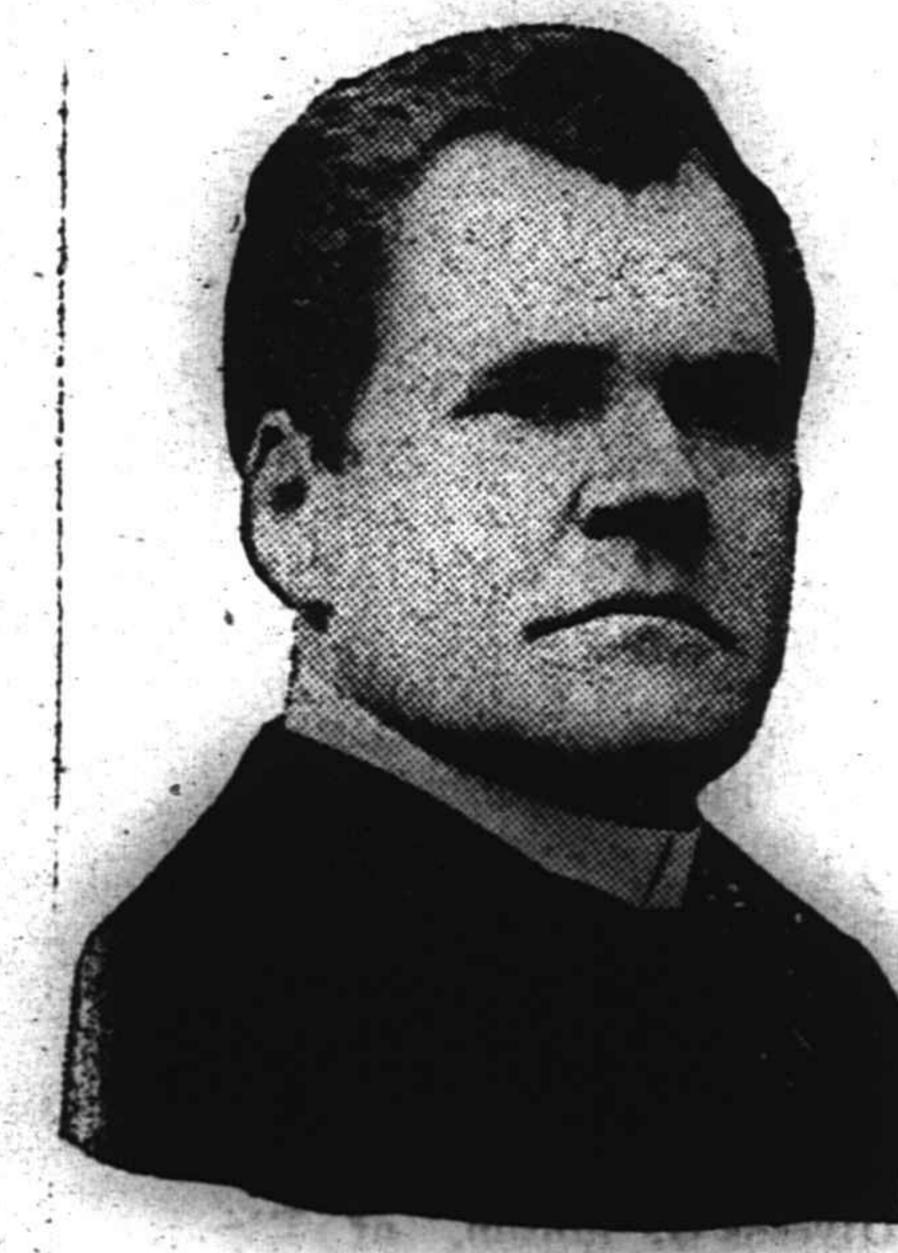
Failure to Condemn Brownsville Affair The Real Cause-Waldron At The Head of The Bolters

By W. MONROE TROTTER, Boston.—The fifth annual meeting of the National Independent Political league, recently held in Philadelphia, resulted in a division. One-third of sight of his neighbors. the twenty-one delegates, led by the Rev. J. Milton Waldron, the national organizer, withdrew.

The reason for the withdrawal of these men was based on the ground that the charter, principles and policy of the organization had been violated. To remain in the league would be to destroy it and betray the race, so with the understanding that they would hold the name of the league and would continue the organization along its original lines the one-third withdrew.

This division came the day after the election of officers had been completed in a harmonious manner with the reelection of most of the former officers. It had to do, therefore, entirely with matters of principle. At the first meeting of the committee on address to the country Delegate W. Monroe Trotter of Boston was asked to make the first craft. When the committee held its final meeting each section passed till the one dealing with President Roosereit's anti-Negro policy. That dealing with Taft's anti-Negro policy had already been adopted.

So strong was the determination to vote down the anti-Roosevelt plank that to prevent a split the race loyal members compromised by insisting on cutting out also the anti-Taft plank and so altering the next plank as to NEW ENGLAND BAPTIST state opposition to those this league opposed in 1908 until they reversed



REV. J. MILTON WALDRON.

their positions. This was a direct reference to Roosevelt and Taft. Then the committee adopted the whole. When the resolutions were reported

members of the committee opposed the motion to adopt the report of their own committee, and President Clifford took the floor and called for the cutting out of any reference to the first six planks as "not mentioning rivied a criticism of Roosevelt and and women and a host of promising eilled for "no attack on Roosevelt," young people. Our "fathers" builded far muich caused the cry of "or Taft ther." The men loyal to the league's ence through the wisdom and untiring ef- in civic, social, educational and fraposition were shut off from debate, as r. Clifford resumed the chair and i loption went by sections.

Trace "The false excuse (for lynching) assault upon white women, as braally asserted in an official message by e President Roosevelt, has been exjuded by the lynching of colored wo-Lien," the motion to cut out the words "s brazenly asserted in an official hessage by ex-President Roosevelt" v. is carried.

Rev. Waldron shouted, "We might as well disband." "This is a disgrace to and the New England Baptist missionary " race," shouted Delegate E. T. Mor- | convention. The gathering of such hisof Massachusetts. This was test vite No. 1 on maintaining the princi- cieties, together with a list of the super-

pes of the league. The motion was made and car-1. d to cut it down to this: "We thank Fiel commend such men as ex-Senators raker and Bulkeley, who went to their political deaths." That meant 1: a rejection of these words "at the i. nds of Theodore Roosevelt, battling ir a square deal for the colored solers in the Brownsville discharge t uals of our army, and we here de-Byron Gunner, Hillt .: n. N. Y.; national organizer, Rev. J. 11 Waldron, 1334 V street. N. W., Vashington; corresponding secretary.

Villiam Monroe Trotter, 21 Cornbill, ti ston; vice president. William D. come the president of Campbell college, in Washington on Saturday, July 20, ford to buy any more tobacco."-Mil-'nsm; national committeeman, E. in Jackson, Miss., that institution will in the ninety-seventh year of her age. | wankee Sentinel. 1. Morris; treasurer. W. W. Wilkerson, bave at its head one of the best equip- She was a woman of strong Christian maica Plain. Mass. These officers ped men of the race. The appointment character and reared a large family. We know books by reading them. to continue the league along the lars of its established policy of indetendence in voting.

Ellicott and McHenry Gave Author Almanac Timely Aid.

George Ellicott of Maryland was a contemporary and generous friend of Benjamin Banneker, the inventor and astronomer. Being deeply interested in Banneker's ambition to obtain scientific knowledge, Mr. Ellicott secured for the young scientist several books on astronomy and some astronomical instruments for study and experiment. This was in 1787, and Banneker was then fifty-five years of age.

Mr. Ellicott was accidentally prevented from giving Banneker any information as to the use of either books or instruments at the time he lent them. But before he again met him-and the interval was a brief one-Banneker was independent of any instruction and was already absorbed in the contemplation of the new world thus opened to his view. From this time the study of astronomy became the great object of his life, and for a season he almost disappeared from the

Very soon after the possession of the books already mentioned had drawn Banneker's attention to astronomy he determined to compile an almanac, that being the most familiar use that occurred to him of the information he had acquired. Of the labor of the work few of those can form an estimate who would at this day commence such a task with all the assistance afforded by accurate tables and well digested rules.

Banneker had no such aid, and it is narrated as a well known fact that he commenced and had advanced far in the preparation of the logarithms necessary for his purpose when he was furnished with a set of tables by George Ellicott. About this time he began the record of his calculations, which is still in existence.

The first almanac which Banneker prepared, fit for publication, was for the year 1792. By this time his acquirements had become generally known, and among others who took an interest in him was James McHenry. Mr. McHenry wrote a letter to Goddard & Angell, then the almanac publishers in Baltimore, which was probably the means of procuring the publication of the first almanac.

CONVENTION AS ENLARGED.

Plan Adopted at Recent Annual Meeting Contemplates Greater Work.

The New England Baptist missionary convention, under the leadership of its newly elected president, Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, LL. D., long time pastor of the Second Baptist church in Was ington, noted educator and voluminous writer, is destined to increase in usefulness. By the adoption of the report of the committee on enlargement at the last annual meeting the convention opened a new chapter in its already proud history of nearly forty years of beneficent achievements.

It will be Dr. Johnson's aim during the convention year to keep in close touch with all the auxiliary bodies of the organization by personal visits and correspondence. The adoption of the enlargement plan is also calculated to render it impossible for any outside influence to cause a change in its autonomy, for the reason that it is now in position to take care of all its home and foreign mission interests and edu-

cational work. The report of the committee on enlargement was in part as follows:

We have carefully canvassed the work of the convection from its inception to the present time and find its growth and development phenomenal. The field is indeed ripe for harvest. God has sent to I rownsville discharge, etc. In the up- | the convention all the elements necessary That Delegate Churchman moved the to the existence of a greater organization. Our resources are men, money, churches and their auxiliaries, both state and dis-1 rownsville." Then Delegate Clifford trict, in which we find consecrated men

forts of Rev. Drs. T. D. Miller, Rufus L. Perry. William T. Dixon, Robert D. Wynn, H. N. Jeter, L. J. Brown, Ebenezer Bird, William Jackson, Alex Ellis, C. C. When section 5 was reached the sen- | Stumm, J. H. Carter, D. W. Wisher, W. A. Burch, Henry Williams, Jr., Harvey Johnson, B. T. Moore and others, has realized its fondest expectations and far outreached its earlier hopes. A new condition, therefore, now confronts us. It is ! our duty to arise and seize the opportunity of extending the possibilities of this grand old body throughout its juris-

diction to all her children alike. The relationship which shall exist between associations, conventions, state and district organizations shall be determined by mutual agreement between such bodies toric data and important statistics churches, Sunday schools, missionary sointendents of Sunday schools, teachers, I'he next test came on the Foraker scholars and licentiate ministers, shall b done with the co-operation of all the organizations concerned.

Building Aeroplane at Their Home. Afro-Americans continue to enter | people who again thrust the honor who had just come in; "dem back actively and successfully in most all | upon him. gainful occupations. Many are also It is interesting to talk with Mr. change. found to be competent along special | Hooper about the laymen movement, lines in science and invention. The of which he is one of the prime movers attempt of Daniel Lightfoot and throughout his connection. He takes hout trial, the blackest crime in the Moses Johnson of Jersey City, N. J., great pleasure in giving those of his swrong in an argument?" at airship building is attracting con- race who are trying to become tax-Officers were elected as follows: the work at their home, 43 Jordan will be helped. He is one of the larg- chump as I look."-Detroit Free Press.

> Vernen Offered College Presidency. Should the Hon. William T. Vernon accept the position offered him to be- Mrs. Julia A. Henry of Brooklyn, died "Made his bill so big I couldn't afwas made during the week ending July | Mrs. Washington is survived by two horses by handling them, houses by one-half inch month. Growth Guar-20, and Dr. Vernon was informed of daughters, three sons and 200 grand- living in them and men by trusting

Success of Thomas H. Hooper Worthy of Note.

EXPERT LUMBER INSPECTOR.

Claim of the Pessimist Refuted In the Actual Achievements and Thrift of Afro-Americans In North Carolina. Increase in the Number of Skilled Laborers In Evidence.

By GEORGE F. KING.

Wilmington, N. C.-That the Negro is making substantial progress in all the vocations of life that he is engaged in is being evidenced every day. Some pessimists claim that he will ultimately lose out in the battle of the survival of the fittest, but indications are to the

As a concrete example that the Negro will always be a factor in this country and will not be displaced as artisan and in the many other avocations is a character in this city who is unassumingly sustaining the reputation that the Negro artisan gained years ago in the southland.

For thirty years Mr. Thomas H. Hooper, a quiet and progressive Afro-American, possessing exceptional ability in his work, has been employed in the lumber business in this city. Today, with another Afro-American, Mr. John Webber, who holds a similar position with one of the largest lumber mills in the country, he is an expert to take pleasure in me or study to lumber inspector and has held this position for eighteen years.

It is an inspiring scene for the Afro-American youth to visit the large plant of the Chadbourn Lumber company, composed of men from Maine, and see men of our race filling such responsible positions and then go to other large plants and see men of the other

race doing the same expert work. Mr. Hooper's judgment is considered to be authentic when it comes to his line of work. If these men were not in the play of "William Tell" he turneminently fitted for such important ed to one of these stupid rustics and places they certainly would not be



THOMAS H. HOOPER.

found inspecting all the lumber in the large yards of this company. Mr. Hooper has simply accepted every opportunity to master his part of the business and has put the kind of character into his work that has won admiration from both races.

Like the other progressive Afro-Americans born in North Carolina, he substantially interested in any commendable commercial movement among the race. He believes in giving the young people an opportunity to enter into the world of affairs and claims that the only way to do this is

ternal circles he is a strong factor. There is not any Afro-American in the country who is any more enthusiastic over religious work, such as the Sunday school, the practical side of church work, and the laymen movement than Mr. Hooper. He is one of the leading laymen of the African Methodist Episcopal church. He has been a member of three consecutive general conferences of this church, including the one recently held in Kan-

sas City. For eighteen years he has been the leading steward and clerk of St. Ste- ice this fish could be sold on Sunday. phen's A. M. E. church, which is a That act has never been repealed. fitting tribute to him, as it is one of the most commodious and well appointed edifices among our people in the country. For twelve consecutive darky in testimony meeting, "Ah jes' years he has been elected delegate to the annual conference and absolutely! down into one of dem back seats." declined the honor last year by the

est taxpayers in Wilmington.

Mrs. Ousley Washington Dies at 97. Mrs. Ousley Washington, mother of to give up smoking?" thildren and great-grandchildren.

Mission Weddings. Within two minutes after the cab stopped at the mission door the report spread up and down the street that a wedding was taking place inside. Within another two minutes the room was packed to the very doors. That sudden rush of the crowd to the sanctuary pleased the mission superintend-

"If I had money to spare," he said "I would pay a bonus to young couples for getting married in a mission. South 422 or South 396-Y. The moral effect of one wedding is Mount Vernon 5138 worth a dozen sermons. To get the best effect the ceremony ought to be performed in the middle of the serveffect on the congregation. The example of a man once as far down in

"The trouble is, I can persuade very few couples to be married in a mission. The bridegrooms do not mind, but the brides want something more exclusive."-New York Times.

Mrs. Pepys' Temper. Being at supper my wife did say something that caused me to oppose her in. She used the word devil, which said I would not have her to use that 106 E. Mulberry St. word, upon which she took me up most scornfully, which, before Ashwell and the rest of the world, I know not nowadays how to check, as I would heretofore, for less than that would have to lose, too, my command over her, and nothing do it more than giving her this occasion of dancing and other pleasures, whereby her mind is taken up from her business and finds other sweets besides pleasing of me, and so makes her that she begins not at all please me as heretofore. - Diary of Samuel Pepys.

Two Tales of Macready.

It is not always well to strut and fret one's little hour upon the stage used to tell funny stories about the effect of his easy, colloquial manner upon the players collected for his company in small provincial towns. Once Premiums collected weekly from the homes of the insured put the question, "Do you shoot?" so naturally that the man was quite thrown off his guard and, to his horror, replied, "A little, sir, but I've never had a go with one of them crossbows." Another time in "Virginius" he asked, "Do you wait for me to lead Virginia in, or will you do so?" only to be greeted unexpectedly by the actor who played Icilius with, "Why, really, sir, I don't care-just as you do it in London."

Paying For a Bride In Africa. In most parts of Africa the native bridegroom has to pay the father of the bride in kind for his wife. In the case of a regular marriage the amount due to the father varies in accordance with the sex of the first child born, a girl being of less value than a boy. prey by all the bride's relations. This results in endless disputes. Payments made are often repudiated by the recipient. The amount agreed upon is constantly matter for argument, and argument ends in fighting, raids on one another and sometimes a long drawn out feud.

Kingsley's Love For His Wife. Even a brief holiday at the seaside was to Charles Kingsley too long an absence from his wife. "This place. 'tis perfect," he wrote on one occasion, "but it seems a dream and imperfect without you. Blessed be God for the rest, though I never before felt the loneliness of being without the beloved being whose every look and word and motion is the keynote of my life. People talk of love ending at the altar.

English Fish Laws. Fish, because of its tendency rapidly to decompose, holds a peculiar position among foods. In England it is the subject of a special act of parliament. So long ago as 1698 men knew the evil consequences resulting from eating mackerel of uncertain postmortem age. so they passed an act providing that except during the hours of divine serv-

All Full. "Sistern and brederen," said an old wants to git to hebben and sque-e-eze "Nar, nar, brudder," said a deacon seats been fulled up long 'go."-Ex-

What She Will Sometimes Admit. "Does your wife ever admit that she "No. The nearest she ever comes to rive we will not forget their destroyer." siderable attention. They are doing payers such encouragement that they it is to say that I'm not as big a 1506 Presstman St. Balto., Md.

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