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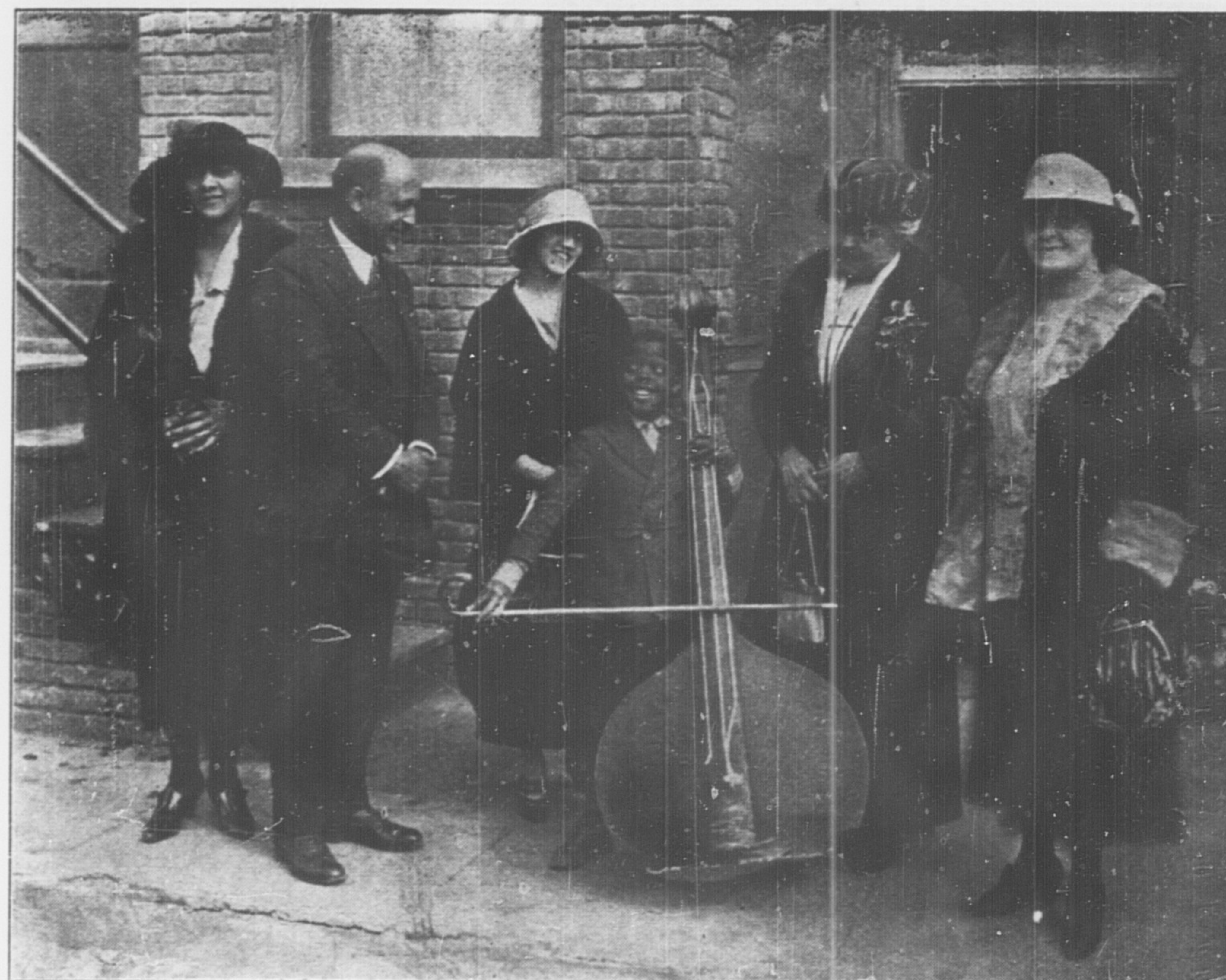
Bishop B. T. Tanner

little Republic and lent all his powers to its improvement; codifying its laws, assisting in the settlement of numerous boundary disputes and finally becoming an Associate Justice of its Supreme Court. Once more his health urged him to move on, this time to England where he became the Liberian representative for the development of the resources of that state. London knew him for six years; many important friendships including one with Ambassador Page sprang into existence here. But he was to make one more change and two years ago he migrated to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. His statecraft and intellect brought him his usual success and he was sent to the United States last year with a delegation to lay the complaints of the natives before our government. On his return voyage he contracted pleurisy and died not long after his arrival at St. Thomas. He was sixty-seven years old.

☐ Rosecoe Bruce speaking of his recent controversy with Harvard says that in the preparation of his two letters to President Lowell he was "importantly assisted" by his mother. Those of his friends who remember that gracious and distinguished personage, the late Josephine Bealle Willson Bruce, may well believe this. Mrs. Bruce was especially fitted by training and experience for essaying such important and delicate tasks. She was the child of Philadelphians, of Dr. Willson, a dentist who was also a writer and of Elizabeth Harnett Willson, a musician and singer. In 1854 the family moved to Cleveland when Mrs. Bruce was one year old. Here years later she became the first colored teacher in the Cleveland Public Schools. In 1878 she married Blanche Kelso Bruce who was then United

States Senator from Mississippi. After a six months' honeymoon in Europe the two returned to Washington where Mrs. Bruce made her home a centre for the social and political life of the Capital. When her husband died she became Woman Principal of Tuskegee, whence she resigned when her one child Roscoe Conkling Bruce, came from Harvard to become Director of the Academic Department. Mrs. Bruce had many civic interests and was identified with the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the W. C. T. U., and the N. A. A. C. P. She was also possessed of sound business acumen managing the Bruce plantation in Mississippi and later her real estate holdings in Washington with great efficiency. From 1902 until the end Mrs. Bruce made her home with her son between whom and herself there existed a fine and strong affection. Her will left the income of her estate to be utilized in defraying the expenses of the higher education of her three grandchildren.

☐ Benjamin Tucker Tanner, the oldest bishop in the A.M.E. Church died this year at the age of eighty-seven. His many years were dedicated to the church and to writing. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and educated there in the public schools, in Avery College, and in the Western Theological Seminary of Allegheny City. He began to preach in 1856, his charges ranging from Pittsburgh to Sacramento and back to Washington, D. C., where he supplied for a short period the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church. For a time he taught and organized schools under the Freedmen's Bureau. In 1868 he was made Chief Secretary of the General Conference and editor of the *Christian Recorder*. In 1884 he



AT HOLLYWOOD

Dr. Vada Somerville, Dr. DuBois, Miss Anita Thompson, Ernest Morrison ("Sunshine Sammy"), Mrs. Beatrice Thompson and Mrs. F. M. Roberts at the Hal Roach Studios.

became editor of the *Review*. In 1888 he was elected bishop, the fourth in a class of four; his classmates were W. J. Gaines, B. W. Arnett and Abram Grant. His first diocese embraced the supervision of the Ontario, Nova Scotia, Bermuda, Demerara and St. Thomas Annual Conferences; his last, the Florida, East Florida, South Florida and Central Florida Conferences. At the age of 66 he read a paper as delegate before the Ecumenical Conference in London. His active service terminated in 1908. Bishop Tanner wrote many books, most of which pertained to the church. He married in 1858 Sarah E. Miller and was the father of five children, of whom the artist, Henry O. Tanner, and the minister, Carl M. Tanner, have gained wide distinction.

☐ C. M. Battey's photographic study "Naiada—Egyptienne" has been exhibited in the Pittsburgh Salon Exhibit for 1923. It was also on exhibition in 1922 in the International Salon in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Battey is in charge of the Department of Photography at Tuskegee.

☐ The subject of the fourth dual debate

between Atlanta and Howard Universities was:

Resolved: That the Republican party by its attitude towards the Dyer Bill, has forfeited the allegiance of the Negro voters of the United States.

Atlanta's speakers for the affirmative were W. W. Pendleton, A. Bohannon, J. A. Pierce. The Howard speakers had the negative; they were M. H. Goff, Y. L. Sims, W. R. Adams. Atlanta University won.

☐ A delegation representing 10,000 alien whites in the territory of Kenya Colony, East Africa, has arrived in London to discuss the right of East Indians to equality with white colonists. A second delegation of East Indians is on its way from India. The colony of course belonged originally to African natives who number 2,500,000 and who are in sympathy with the 30,000 Indian settlers. The Indian delegation will be headed by Aga Khan and Srinivasa Sastri, delegate to the Washington Arms Conference. Lord Delamere and Sir Robert Coryndon, Governor of Kenya Colony, head the white delegation.