

unearthed late last night. One Negro, Ernest Bowles, was arrested when blood spots were noticed on his trousers. He explained them by stating that he got the stains on his clothing in killing a chicken. However, when Coroner Whitfield analyzed the blood he stated that it was not chicken blood, but that he was unable to say definitely if it was that of a human being. It is also stated that Bowles was seen in the vicinity of Fifteenth Street about the time the crime is supposed to have been committed. He, along with the other suspects, is being held at First Police Station without bail.

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Twelve! and "without bail"!

And then, April 30 comes the truth:

Joseph Enoch, 23, of 203 North Eighteenth Street, last night was lodged in the City Jail, charged with two capital crimes, following an alleged confession of the brutal murder of Celia Shevick, the 16-year-old schoolgirl, who was found in a dying condition early Friday morning in a vacant field near Fifteenth and Broad Streets.

Enoch, who is said to have been an admirer of the slain girl—the chum of his sister—made and signed a complete confession at 6:30 o'clock yesterday, according to Captain Alexander S. Wright, chief of detectives.

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Mr. Wright omitted to say that Enoch is a white man.

COLORED REPRESENTATION IN THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT

IN contrast to England and America France has not only Negroes in her highest legislature but is considering their increase in number. *Le Nouvelist* of Lyons says:

At present, so far as their representation in Parliament is concerned our colonies are divided into three categories. The Antilles, Réunion and French India are represented both in the Senate, and in the Chamber of Deputies. Guiana, Senegal and Cochinchina have each one representative in the Chamber but none in the Senate. None of the other colonies is represented either in the Senate or in the Chamber. Nevertheless this last division comprises, in extent: a domain of 8,500,000 square kilometers, or 17 times the surface of the Mother country; in population: 37,270,000 inhabitants or almost the entire population of France. M. Joseph Barthélémy, deputy from Gers, has just proposed a bill seeking to change this state of affairs. Here is its first article:

West French Africa may name one senator and two deputies.

Indo-China may name one senator and two deputies.

French Equatorial Africa, Madagascar and its dependencies, and New Caledonia may name each one deputy.

M. Barthélémy does not ask to increase the existing electoral colleges. They will gradually develop themselves by sheer force of circumstances.

He justifies his proposition by referring to the promise indicated in a recently established custom in which it was said:

"The Mother country should acknowledge her debt to the colonies by associating them more and more intimately with her political and moral life."

He feels that this extension of colonial representation is a merited expression of gratitude for the past and an important prevision for the future.

INDIA SPEAKS

AMERICA'S lynching fame spreads over the world. We find in a Hindu newspaper the *Swarajya*, published in Madras, India, an account of the riot in Rosewood, Fla., and the following comment:

The full significance of the news item that appears elsewhere that the town of Rosewood in Florida was destroyed as the result of a collision between the Negroes and whites, we fear, will not be realized by most people in our country. It is likely that in the case of nine out of every ten readers it will be passed over as a street brawl or a faction fight—which are by no means uncommon in cities—to which no special importance is attached. But it calls our attention to a great blot on American civilization, namely, the rivalry between the colored and the white peoples of the States. Racial animosity is artificially kept up by Jim Crow institutions, such as hotels exclusively for Negroes, trams in which only they can travel, etc. It is this unmistakable rivalry that is responsible for the frequent cases of lynching Negroes, for which even the powerful administrative machinery of America could not find a preventive. The source of all this is to be found in the feeling ingrained in the whites, wherever they may be found, that they should dominate over the colored, whom they do not recognize as their equals. America, notwithstanding its vaunted advance in culture and civilization, in spite of its preachers and statesmen who have dreamt of the Brotherhood of Man and the Federation of the World, has not been able to make the life of the members of different communities, attracted to its shores by its valuable resources, happy and undisturbed. This is the case especially with the position of the Negroes. Ever since their Liberation, the black community has progressed beyond all expectations and its members have proved themselves equal to the whites in capacity and intelligence. But the general attitude of the whites towards the Negroes has continued to be one of hostility. They cannot bring themselves to treat them as equals. Lynching of Negroes has become a scandal and those responsible for it are let go unpunished.

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