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## MISS MARY G. EVANS COMING TO NATIONAL

Miss Mary G. Evans, the subject of this sketch is the chaplain of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. This young woman has recently entered the Y.W.C.A. work as the special National Student Secretary.

Miss Evans was born in Washington, D. C. and left an orphan at an early age. Largely through her own efforts, assisted by the Indiana Federated Clubs and the Indiana Conference, she was graduated from the Chicago High School and Payne Theological Seminary. It is as an evangelist that Miss Evans is best known. In this line of work she has been a marked success in nearly every section of the country. In 1913 she was a delegate to the World's Sunday School Convention in Zurich, Switzerland. She toured Northern Africa and Asia spending most of her time in the Holy Land. It was her privilege to be baptized in the river Jordan near the place where Christ was baptized. Miss Evans in her lecture vividly portrays her experiences and the life of the people there.

Miss Evans' most recent accomplishment was in the city of Indianapolis, where as pastor of Wayman Chapel, now known as St. John, she in a few months brought about such a spiritual awakening that a whole thickly settled Negro community was stirred. The congregation under her powerful leadership was so awakened from a long lethargy that at the close of her short pastorate they moved into a beautiful modern edifice with a fully furnished parsonage adjoining. These, all recognize as a monument to Miss Evans' splendid executive ability and deep spiritual power.

The Y.W.C.A. is to be congratulated upon its acquisition of such a character and the National Federation of Clubs in the selection of such an officer.

## 14 of Man's Sons in Army 4 More to Enter Later

Rev. R. H. Winsor, is a 100 per cent patriot, who lives down in Rayville, La. His existence was revealed by a bond salesman, who had toured the South in a Liberty Loan campaign.

The minister has 14 sons in the army and four more will be ready to go within the next two years. And not one of the boys were drafted. All enlisted in the regular infantry. The family numbers 19, of which eighteen are boys.

Peace talk is useless now; we want Victory talk. Any peace which does not look forward to German defeat is a German victory for otherwise the power which brought all this horror into the world be able to go back and plan more

## NEGRO GETS PRIZE FOR RIVETING RECORD

The first international prize for riveting was transmitted May 21 by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board to Chas. Knight, at the request of Lord Northcliffe, owner of London newspapers, who offered 25 pounds, or about \$115.00, for the best score above previous records. Knight is one of the thousands of Negroes in the employ of the Bethlehem Steel Shipbuilding corporation, Sparrows Point, Md.

Mr. Hurley wrote Knight as follows: "Your world record of driving 4,876 rivets on May 16, has set for American shipbuilders the fast pace that is so necessary for carrying on the war successfully. It is the American way to excel when the occasion demands and you and your associates in upholding so splendidly this tradition inspire emulation the shipbuilding industry."

This record has since been passed by a white riveter who drove over 5,000 rivets.

## Wounded Negro Soldiers Continue Fight and Save Their Comrades

General Pershing communique of May 20, gave eloquent testimony to the spirit of democracy which should know no race nor color. It told of the heroism of two of our "Boys" both wounded, who held off a raiding party of twenty Germans and saved comrades from surprise and capture.

"Reports in hand," says the statement, "show a notable instance of bravery and devotion shown by two Negroes of an American colored regiment operating in a French sector. Before daylight on May 15, Private Henry Johnson and Private Roberts, while on sentry duty some distance from one another, were attacked by the German raiding party, estimated at twenty men, who advanced in two groups, attacking at once from flank and rear.

"Both men fought bravely in hand-to-hand encounters, one resorting to the use of a bolo knife after his rifle jammed and further fighting with bayonet and butt became impossible. There is evidence that at least one and possibly a second German was severely cut. A third known to have been shot.

"The two colored sentries continued fighting after receiving wounds and despite the use of grenades by superior force, prevented by their bravery the capture of any of our men."—The Times.

and greater horrors for the future. It is the duty of every man, woman and child to hasten the day when America's whole might will be in France. We cannot win the war on good intentions. Hell is paved with good intentions. We must be confident but not over confident; firm in our might

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# Onward To Denver

## National Federation of Women's Club Headed This Way

### Time is Short—Much Work Ahead Yet

With scarcely sixteen days before that enthusiastic State meeting of the various clubs of Colorado, and jurisdiction whose session will convene at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, Cheyenne, Wyo., June 11 to 13, the greatest National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in America will assemble in Denver in less than thirty days from that date. At the state session the final and complete arrangements will be permanently made, in detail for the entertainment of this body. Some of our biggest and best women, renowned for their art, literary, business acuteness, and general worthiness will be present, and give their very best to the interests of the Race. Five days will be consumed in discussing the question which most vitally affects us, the lynching question, the induction of colored nurses in the American army, Jim Crow discrimination, etc., because of the desired interest taken by these women, the majority of the women of our state are working like beavers to bring the biggest success to Colorado, honoring Denver in particular. Already the different parts of the state have agreed to furnish the Colorado Industrial Building of exhibits with certain things produced and made in Colorado and the West by the Negroes. Sugar cane and cotton will be exhibited as grown near Aguilar Colo. by Mrs. Dixie Gregg, an aeroplane made by the Harrier-Caldwell Aeronautical Co. will fly while the liquid oil from the Cosmopolitan Oil and Gas Co. will come spouting out as will be demonstrated by the Industrial Building of exhibit.

Any person having anything made of general interest which will bring honor or credit to Colorado and which is made in Colorado by the Negroes, who desires to exhibit the same in this building kindly correspond with the State President, who will be glad to exhibit the brain, thrift and industry of our Westerners. This will be a great chance for the West to get squarely before the East and let them know that sooner or later the East must come to the West for ideas of progress, ingenuity and real success. Let everybody man, woman and child get under the burden for 40 days and leap "over the top", it means business to Mr. Business Man, trade for our rooming and boarding houses and ready cash for our churches and souvenir sellers who have planned to make or have made souvenirs of this convention. There is a great profit for somebody. Can not the Denver people get busy and get the money which these people will doubtless bring to take back all kinds of souvenirs? Get busy, men and women and get the money. Let everybody start now and get into the Star's big Souvenir Edition. Let our photographers be on hand to take pictures of the many notables attending the convention.

Because of the fact the battle of democracy is as much on this side of the water as on the other side and because of the constant vigilance needed to keep our rank and status in equality with all other races and kind and because the women know and fully understand that they are their sisters' keepers, they will modestly yet seriously and deeply delve into the war problems affecting our women's welfare. Just as the English, American, Italian and French are fighting side by side "over there" not their battles alone but our battles just so, must white and black women on this side stand together to conserve the purity and honor of their sex, for the reconstruction of which the women will be responsible after the war. With military camps everywhere and everyman "somewhere in America," turned loose, it was necessary for our best women to warn our girlhood and womanhood living near the training camps of the dangers and an attempt should be made to throw around them every moral protection. The going of a million men to Southern camps will lay the Negro women liable to all forms of encroachment. It must be remembered that a woman of color in court in defense of her honor, is looked upon with amused contempt. The world has so far refused to place the correct estimate upon the chastity of Negro women. This great federation realizes that women must make the plea and protect women. They know that without good girls we cannot have good women; without good wives, we cannot have good mothers—the hope of a strong race, both moral and physical.



## Past Grand Master Rector Makes Final Report

Denver, Colo., May 16, 1918. Mr. T. H. Patton, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons for Colorado and Jurisdiction. Greetings;

By your kind effort and generous assistance on behalf of a worthy cause by helping a poor unfortunate old man to purchase a pair of artificial legs, the original price of which was two hundred dollars; by the kindness of the Gaines-Erb Company, manufacturers of artificial limbs, the price was reduced to one hundred and fifty dollars. Through the kind effort of Rev. R. L. Pope and others who paid \$75 by my labor with your assistance I am pleased to render



to you an itemized report of all receipts and disbursements, thanking you on behalf of Alonzo Parham and myself for your generous assistance. May the love of God always be with you.

We most cordially and sincerely thank the generous public and the several lodges in the jurisdiction that so nobly responded to our appeal to help a worthy cause. And to the lodges that did not respond we do not question as to why they did not, as it was an appeal by Grand Master T. A. Patton for a free will offering. Suffice it to say we are thankful in as much as we have accomplished our much needed effort, and now we rejoice to know that my friend walks. It is a great consolation to me to know that people are not afraid to trust me with a few dollars to help a worthy cause.

And again to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, without any solicitation you came to my rescue away out in the wide and deep sea of trouble with neither compass nor rudder and acted the part of a friendly ship and brought me safely to shore, and for your pay, kind sir, if I cannot ever do you a kind favor, rest assured I will never do you any harm and this is all I have. It goes without my dying guarantee.

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but not boastful. We cannot talk Kaiser from his throne; we cannot stop his millions with words. We can win only with fire and the sword by millions of men, thousands and thousands of guns, aero-

## Black Heroes Who Took A Man's Chance

War time is the time of heroes. The Negro is taking his share of the honors that come to those, with the heart and courage of a man, we mention a few that have come into public notice lately.

When the steamer City of Athens, from New York to Jacksonville, was sunk by a French cruiser which rammed her in the fog, dozens of cabin passengers were trapped in their births. Among these was Mrs. F. P. Harrison, wife of a New York real estate operator, and her 2 yr old babe. With the baby in her arms she managed to crawl to the open deck. The boats left uninjured had been manned and were gone. While the woman was standing there the ship listed sharply and she was thrown into the water. Jas. Wallace, a Savannah Negro, who was on a hastily constructed raft, pulled the woman and her babe from the water. Finding the raft would not hold all three, he slipped into the ice waters and guided the raft away from the sinking ship to where a lifeboat lay.

Sam Martin, a stevedore working at the New Orleans docks, discovered a cask of powder, destined for Europe had been tampered with and a portion of the wrapping was burning. Calling to the others who were working with him to get out of the way and let him carry his dangerous burden to a port hole. Just as he pushed it thru the port it exploded and Martin was killed. The Longshoreman's Union, New Orleans, of which he was a member, voted his wife a pension sufficient to support her and her baby until the latter reaches the age of twenty one.

"Stars and Stripes," the soldier paper published in Paris, recount the story of a Negro who was employed as a deck hand on an American transport. While on the way to a French port the steering gear of the transport became disabled. Waves were running high. Volunteers were asked for to be lowered over the stern of the vessel and attach chains with which to rig a "jury-rudder." This Negro, whose name however seems strangely lost, was the only volunteer. For two hours he swung between the sea and the overhanging stern, washed by waves and half smothered by spray. He succeeded in attaching the chain and the ship proceeded on its way, reaching port safely.

planes and all the other great machinery of war. It is a question of shoot or be shot.

Sidney Johnson, a Negro accused of murder of a Brooks county farmer, was shot to death May 23, in a fight with the police at Valdosta, Ga., May 23. James Cobb, was lynched at Cordale, Ga., the same day.