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**Senator France Has His Eye on Rich
Continent Formerly Owned by
German Empire**

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30.—The development of Africa and the recently owned German colonies in that continent by white and Colored Americans was advocated by Senator Joseph I. France of Maryland, in an address recently before the National Association of Colored People at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn.

Senator France suggested that the Allies fix the German indemnity at \$15,000,000,000, crediting that nation for the African colonies taken with \$5,000,000,000. Then he added:

"These colonies could then be sold by the Allies to the United States for a sum in the neighborhood of from \$5,000,000,000 to \$7,000,000,000, the Allies receiving credit in this amount against their indebtedness to the United States. In this way Europe would pay a large part of her debt to us. She would then be in a position to purchase from us supplies for her rehabilitation, the foreign exchange situation would be relieved and reconstruction would proceed rapidly.

"The United States would receive for very dubious assets a million square miles of territory—about almost one-third her total area—and an opportunity would be offered to white and Colored Americans to do their part in co-operating with other nations in the development of that wonderful continent.

"I do not believe that America will seek to evade responsibility when the opportunity offers for sharing in the responsibility for bringing about world improvements. Many Colored Americans are interested in this problem and would welcome an opportunity of sharing in the work of upbuilding and developing the African continent.

"The time may come when we may yet see a great, free African republic, which, with its material achievements and moral triumphs, will renew in Africa and surpass there the glories of the golden age when the civilization of the Egyptians was the greatest in the world."

Senator France declared that the race problem will never be solved by consistent and concerted efforts to keep the Colored race in ignorance and degradation, by depriving them of schools and sanitary surroundings by recriminations, hatred, prejudice, vengeance, violence, lynchings and burnings at the stake. He said it must be solved by fearless facing of the facts, with an acknowledgment of the fact recognized by all the great anthropologists that the Colored races have great mental and moral capacity, and that they were created to fulfill a great destiny.

**"American Negro Academy" Holds
24th Annual Convention.**

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the "American Negro Academy" was held at the Dunbar High School, the attendance being large. John W. Cromwell, president, took as the subject of his address, "The Challenged of the Disfranchised." The Rev. Charles D. Martin also delivered an address. One of the features of the session was the exhibit of rare prints, portraits, manuscripts, books and other interesting products of Negro culture. J. Weldon Johnson of New York City spoke on "Some Phases of the Haitian Situation," which, in view of the report of the court of inquiry recently made public, was very interesting, timely, and well received.

To Honor Veterans of All Wars
(By The Associated Negro Press)
New York, Dec. 30.—Supreme Court Justice Henry D. Hotchkiss approved

the organization and incorporation of the Fifteenth Infantry Regiment Armory Committee of the Equity Congress of Greater New York, co-operating with the Citizens' Committee, Inc., "for the purpose of erecting an armory or other suitable building or buildings in honor of the A. E. F. veterans of the Fifteenth Infantry, and also establishing a memorial to all soldiers and sailors of the United States army and navy, of all wars, beginning with the American Revolution."

STATE NEWS LETTER

With the approval of the city trustees of Beggs the gas rates of the Beggs Gas Co. have been set by the Corporation Commission as follows: First 100,000 cu. ft., 60 cents per 1,000; second 100,000 cu. ft., 50 cents per 1,000; third 100,000 cu. ft., 40 cents per 1,000; over 300,000 cu. ft., 35 cents per 1,000.

The United States census discloses that there are 38,167,336 workers engaged in gainful operation. It is figured that of this number there are slightly more than 4,000,000 having membership in trade unions.

A temporary order was issued by the Corporate Commission to the Midland Gas Company, of Stillwater, granting a 45-cent rate for domestic gas and 35 cents for industrial gas. A penalty of 5 cents a 1,000 may be added for non-payment of bill within ten days.

The Federal Power Commission reports that 115 applications for permits and licenses for power development have been filed.

J. D. Huffman alleges that the Consumers Light and Power Company

of Waurika is not giving adequate service and has petitioned the Corporation Commission to compel the company to do so. An investigation will be made to determine whether or not the plant is being operated at its maximum efficiency.

The Pawhuska Oil and Gas Company, operating in Pawhuska, was granted a gas rate of 35 cents for domestic gas, retroactive to December 1st, by the Corporation Commission.

House Bill 15011, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to offer for sale the remainder of the coal and asphalt deposits in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, in Oklahoma, has been introduced in Congress.

The Choctaw Power and Light Co. has been given permission to increase its electric rates in McAlester and adjoining towns to offset the increased cost in fuel. Recently the McAlester Gas and Coke Co. was granted a material increase in gas rates, which it is claimed affect the cost of electric light and power generation.

Freight rates on initial shipments on the Clinton, Oklahoma & Western Railroad, operating between Clinton and Cheyenne, were advanced by the Corporation Commission. The rates were increased 1 cent a pound on all second, third and fourth class commodities, and 2 cents a pound on first and fifth class commodities.

Superintendent of Schools J. A. Whitford, Oklahoma City, has made arrangements so that the public school teachers may have additional information regarding gas utilization and conservation for use in the class rooms.

The Holdenville Gas Company has

connected up a 4-inch main to take the place of the old 2-inch piping. For about four hours on Sunday the gas was turned off to permit of the new connections. Extensions are also being made into the Capitol Hill Addition. Holdenville is supplied from a gas well which tests 30,000,000 feet.

Effective January 1, 1921, the Corporation Commission granted to the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, a rate of 58 cents a 1,000 for the first 100,000 cu. ft. of gas; 50 cents a 1,000 for the next 400,000 cu. ft., and 40 cents a 1,000 for all in excess of 500,000 cu. ft. This order remains effective until March 31, or until otherwise ordered. This increase is for the specific purpose of increasing the supply and providing additional pipe line facilities. The following cities and towns are affected by this order: Oklahoma City, Muskogee, Shawnee, Guthrie, El Reno, Enid, Wagoner, Chandler, Pond Creek, Yukon, R. Fork, Turley, Dawson, Stroud, Davenport, Wellston, Luther, Edmond, Meeker, Arcadia, Kellyville, Midlotion, Depew, Peckham, Porter, Haskell, Coweta, Shamrock and Sapulpa. The following towns are exempted: Claremore, Inola, Ramona, Carney, Duncan and Marlow. Since the question of a city gas rate is pending in the Supreme Court the Corporation Commission denied the company's application for such a method of charging for gas. The company's application to have its value definitely fixed was also denied by the commission.

**HEALTH ASSOCIATION TO ASK
LEGISLATURE TO FINISH
SANATORIA**

Oklahoma City, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Among the other legislation which will be fostered by the Oklahoma Public Health Association when the state legislature convenes on January 4, will be a bill appropriating \$375,000 for completing the three

state tuberculosis sanatoria for which appropriations were made by the last assembly.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be asked to complete the Clinton sanatorium, \$150,000 for the Tahliha institution, and \$75,000 for the Boley hospital. Lack of funds, owing to increased building costs, is causing these sanatoria to remain unfinished and idle.

In addition, the association is anxious to have established a bureau of public health nursing and child hygiene in the state health department and it also wishes to have the salary of the state health commissioner increased to \$8,000 annually.

These and other health activities of the association are made possible because of the generous response of the people of Oklahoma in the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale just closed. These seals, selling for one cent each, are the sole support of the association and its various county and local branches.

Reports received from 16 of the 77 counties of the state indicate that Oklahoma will raise at least as much in the 1920 campaign as in 1919 and possibly more.

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