Bethune:

For the first time I met Mrs. Bethune at the Y. W. C. A. Convention. She is short, stout and black as good ammunition, was pleased to see me, they come -/good English. She really/wanted to tell me about the effect on her fortune of her name appearing in my "Fifty Women." She said she was called up at midnight from her bed by a leading colored man of Chicago.

"You don't mean you're asleep?" he said.

She said, "Of course, it is midnight, why shouldn't I be?"

"Every negro in Chicago is standing on his head - every negro in the United States is standing on his head. Why should you be asleep, you the cause of it all?"

"What do you mean?" she said.

"Do you not know," he said, "Ida Tarbell named you among the "Fifty most Distinguished Women of the Day?"

"It is the first I have heard of it," she told him.

She said that began it. "I got telegrams and letters from all over the country. Our people were so excited about it and down in Florida the State gave me a reception, a big dinner, at Daytona Beach. Mr. Rockefeller sent a quantity of flowers from his garden and a little bunch of violets with a message that I was to wear them, that he picked them for me, himself."
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She says that not very long ago she was trying to get fifty thousand dollars or so for one of her enterprises from, I think, the Educational Board, the fact that in she had been named in the list brought a substantial figure.

She wants me to come down to Daytona Beach and write a story.