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CHARLES SIDNEY GILPIN, Negro actor, was born November 20, 1878 in Richmond, Virginia. His schooling stopped at the age of twelve and he was apprenticed as a printer's devil in the office of the "Richmond Planet." In 1916 he came to New York City and became manager of the city's first Negro dramatic stock company at the Lafayette Theatre in Harlem. For his part as Brutus Jones in Eugene O'Neill's "EMPEROR JONES" he received the 1921 Drama League Award and the Spingarn Medal.

He died May 6, 1930 in Trenton, N.J., as the result of an extended breakdown. He was married in 1897 to Florence Howard.

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