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A Colored American Event In Struggle For World Democracy

government in behalf of justice and radical race leader. liberty for their racial group. These eight days with a Sunday in between, witnessed the gathering together in the nation's capital of delegates from all sections of the country in the midst of a world's war to forcongress a statement of the grievious wrongs visited upon their race and a demand for redress.

Two days were spent in mapping out the plans and a ranging for the sessions of this National Colored Liberty Congress, which lasted six days and five nights. At its height one hundred and fifteen delegates had qualified from about thirty states. They had come from as far north as Massachusetts, as far south as Florida and as far west as Arkansas. The lynching states were well represented save Texas. The states of Tillman. Williams and Vardaman were represented, and Tillman was stricken with his final paralytic shock before day at 1 o'clock it closed. All debts this Liberty Congress closed. Meeting under purposeful question-

among these delegates. They came for a share for their race of the world democracy which their country's president proclaimed as the flower of their the only sense in which there is to be race was sent into battle in another any permanent organization, was hashemisphere, and they never faltered, tened to go to the capitol where the Day after day the delegates met in petition of the Colored race for detwo executive sessions without a dissent from the announced purpose of Rep. F. H. Gillette of Massachusetts. the call. Firm in the conviction that they were true to the real patriotism executive by sending a written reof congress by sending delegations dent of the other to ask for a joint diction session. And in Speaker Clark they found a responsive hearer though the extraordinary opportunity could not be secured. They further sought the advisement of the government by inviting two congressmen to address this Liberty Congress.

These crusaders in war time for liberty and redress of race wrongs notified the white public of the District of Columbia by these moves of their patriotic purpose. The daily press chronicled somewhat of them. Colored Washington was not left in the dark. On the first Monday night there came into the spacious John Wesley Zion A. M. E. church, Rev. W. C. Brown, pastor, a great, intelligent audience. They heard frank utterances and positive demands for liberation from Maurice Spencer, local chairman; Dr. S. H. Harrison of Oklahoma; H. H. Harrison of New York, the brainy chairman of the congress; Wm. Monroe Trotter, executive sec retary and the eloquent J. W. Bell of Kentucky. At first that audience sat around the big flags still and in suspense. Then as speakers boldly demanded the democracy for their race which was proclaimed for the world they relaxed and then waxed enthusiastic.

Five Great Mass Meetings-Two Congressmen Approve.

Then the "ice was broken." Tuesday

night, despite the rain, another great audience listened to manly and able addresses by Rev. M. F. Sydes, R. I; Atty. W. A. Hawkins, Md.; C. S. Morris, N. Y.; and applauded. Wednesday night a mammoth audience, overflowing the church heard Rep. Martin B. Madden of Illinois, as he approved the holding of the congress as patriotic; Prof. A. W. Whaley of Boston; Rev. M. A. N. Shaw of Boston, whose ovation as he closed at midnight was greater than that to Cong. Madden and again, H. H. Harrison, who was applauded till 12:45 a. m. Thursday night an another mammoth audience heard W. H. Twine of Oklahoma; Rev. C. H. Stepteau of Baltimore and the greatest of all congressmen, L. C. Dyer of Missouri, author of the anti-lynching bill, who declared all true Americans at home should be bringing about democracy in the U. S. A. while the soldiers are fighting in Europe for world democracy. Friday night another large audience heard Rev. H. D. Martin of Georgia, brother of Granville Martin; Rev. C, M. Tanner, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, and Dr. P. A. Steph-

ens of Chattanooga, Tenn. Approves Race's Petition,

Then W. Munroe Trotter read tho petition which had been unanimously approved by the delegates and put into the hands of Sen. Penrose for presentation to congress. It was so satisfactory that the Boston editor justifiable.

July 21st to 29th, 1918, are now his- | was given a rising vote of thanks, as toric dates in Colored American his- had Rev. Shaw and Rev. Madden been man can ever be elevated to that plane tory. They mark the approach of given and after an eulogy by Prof. of justice, humanity and Christian Colored Americans to ther federal Bell was by rising vote declared the civilization which will permit Ne-

Red Cross units gave the delegates not so much whether these races can a reception lasting till 2 a. m., a de- be mede Christians as whether white lightful affair in the lecture hall and people can be made Christians. The dining room where meals were served Negro is few, the white man is many. mulate and present to the federal daily. A delightful feature of the The Negro is weak, the white man is night sessions was the remarkable strong. In the problem of the Nesinging of Miss Virginia Williams gro's future, the white man is thereprima donna soprano. Invocations fore the chief factor. He is the potwere pronounced by the Rev. C. W. ter; the Negro the clay. It is for him Brown, Bishop I. N. Ross, Rev. C. M. to say whether the Negro shall be-Tanner, Rev. W. C. Weston, Aia; Rev. come a well rounded, symmetrical M. J. Adams, Ala. Prof. Braxton rendeerd organ solos Tuesday night and dwarfed. A plant deprived of warmth, Prof. Percival Parkham of Boston on moisture and sunlight cannot live, and Thursday night. The collections laid grow. And a people deprived of the on the table averaged \$35.00 per night means of an honest livelihood must and the Liberty Congress captured wither and die. All I ask for the Ne-Colored Washington.

Petition Presented.

This incomplete report but half describes this earnest gathering. Saturwere paid. Votes of thanks were passed to Harrison, Bell, Trotter, ings of loyalty there was no wavering Rev. Brown, local committee, the church and to the delegates. Adjournment till another Liberty Congress next year, this annual meeting being mocracy's rights was presented by

To War Department,

On Monday, Robt, N. Owens apin seeking to wipe out the inconsis- plied for audience at war department share in it themselves truckle to it tency of their country at home and and was put off till Tuesday, when and flatter it and accept it as a law were race loyal in seizing this world he and Editor Trotter saw the Judge of nature."-John Stuart Mill. opportunity to seek for their race Advocate General, Col. Mayes, and relief from senseless and undemocrat- were told the war department would ic proscription, they notified the chief insist on same transportation for white and Colored soldiers and had quest to him to convene both houses turned case of Dr. Jones of St. Louis of congress to hear them and sending over to the department of justice. a delegation to get his answer. Then They also saw the Adjutant General. they notified the heads of both houses | Gen. Kane, who said the Ballou order was not approved and that he would to the speaker of one and the presi- correct any injustice within his juris-

Sen. Penrose plans to read the petition to the U.S. Senate at the best opportunity. So the congress of the United States now knows well the stand of Colored America for a share in world democracy.

Send for Congressional Record.

The petition is published in full in the Congressional Record of June 29. Write and ask your representative or penator to send you a copy.

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