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Kentucky Lynches Despite Recent Law CLAIM LOWDENITES ARE LILY WHITES

KENTUCKY LYNCHES IN FACE OF RECENT LAW

Which Automatic, moves Peace Officer Who Surrendered Prisoner to Mob—New Law Not Effective Until Ninety Days After Adjournment of Legislature.

GOVERNOR MORROW HAS SIGNED

Makes Penalty for Lynching Death or Life Imprisonment—Enactment of Remedial Measure Secured After Long Fight—Amendment Passed Unanimously—Will Such a Law Be Enforced.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, has made public the following statement regarding the signing by the governor of Kentucky of a bill to punish mob violence:

In view of the lynching on March 29 of Grant Smith, a colored man, at Millersburg, Ky., by a mob which overpowered the sheriff and the police chief as they were taking their prisoner to jail, it is interesting to note that only one week prior to this occurrence Governor Edwin P. Morrow of Kentucky signed a bill providing for the punishment of lynchers and for the removal of the peace officer who surrenders his prisoner. The bill was signed in the presence of a committee of colored citizens headed by Dr. E. E. Underwood, president of the Frankfort branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to whom the bill was presented. The bill makes the penalty for lynching death or life imprisonment, and that for attempted lynching confinement in the penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than twenty-one years.

The fight to secure a lynching law in Kentucky began with the legislature of two years ago, when a bill was passed submitting to the people a constitutional amendment to make it possible to effect the automatic removal of any peace officer who permitted a mob to secure a prisoner in his custody. The bill submitting the amendment was championed by a committee of colored citizens, who succeeded in securing its passage without a single dissenting vote in either branch of the legislature.

As to whether or not this law will be enforced will be shown by action taken by Kentucky authorities to bring to trial the lynchers of Smith. The association has learned, just as this statement was being prepared, that the anti-lynching statute does not become effective until 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature, due to its failure to include an emergency clause.

ONE REASON WHY WE CANNOT BE DEMOCRATS

Montgomery, Ala., April 1.—Negro voters will not be allowed to participate in the Alabama democratic primary May 11, under a ruling made today by W. D. Nesbitt, chairman of the state democratic executive committee. This will not prevent Negro voting in the general election in November.

BRAITHWAITE, EMINENT CRITIC, NAMED FOR HALL OF FAME

(By Associated Negro Press) New York, N. Y., April 8.—The April number of Vanity Fair has nominated William Stanley Braithwaite, the Boston critic and poet, for a place in the American Hall of Fame. The recommendation is accompanied with a fine portrait of Mr. Braithwaite.

EX-SLAVE IS DEAD, WORTH \$150,000. HAD \$2 CAPITAL FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Kansas City, Mo., March 30.—William Price, 81, former Virginia slave, died here Tuesday, leaving a fortune estimated at \$150,000. His total capital was \$2 when he came to Wyandotte county fifty years ago.

RAISING MAINTENANCE FUND FOR Y. W. C. A.

(By Associated Negro Press) Washington, D. C., April 8.—Collection of funds to make up the required sum of \$25,000 for maintenance of the Y. W. C. A. building for the colored branch of that service will continue this week, the subject of Y. W. C. A. work having been given special attention in many churches. The building at Ninth and Rhode Island avenue is going up rapidly, funds for the construction having been appropriated by the war work council of the association during 1918.

KENTUCKY MOB BURNS PRISONER

(By Associated Negro Press) Paris, Ky., April 8.—Grant Smith, charged with criminal assault, was removed from the county jail by fifty men, who rushed Smith out of town. The mob announced it would hang the accused from a bridge at Millersburg, nine miles from here. Later, a report from Maysville stated that a mob which captured Smith from officials at Paris, was burning him at Blue-lick, Fleming county. The man was arrested in Pontiac, Mich., charged with assaulting a 14-year-old girl and was brought here for safekeeping.

EXPLAINS SHORTAGE OF NEWS PRINT PAPER

Montreal, April 8.—Jason Rogers, publisher of the New York Globe, who has come to Montreal to investigate the causes of the serious news-print shortage in the United States, said recently that it was due in large part to the fact that empty freight cars for the movement of the paper were not being returned to Canada from the United States.

"The situation is desperate," said Mr. Rogers. "Unless the empty cars are returned the mills must stop making paper. As they are getting badly choked and cannot store further supplies."

REVIVE ANTI-JEW MOVEMENT.

Speeches and Handbills Agitate Population of Berlin.

Berlin—A sudden and widespread revival of the anti-Semitic movement made itself felt when at intervals throughout the day leaflets were distributed protesting against the presence of Jews in public offices, and attempting to inflame the public mind by cartoons picturing the German people as starving in a cage, while well fed and prosperous Jewish merchants look on and are made to say: "Don't feed the animals." Prominent Jewish residents are outspoken in expressing their serious apprehensions over the recurrence of the movement at this time.

The Baltic troops, which made such a sanguinary departure from the city, are accused of taking a leading part in the agitation, and numerous inciting handbills are attributed to them. Among the anti-Semitic street speakers were Baltic officers and enlisted men.

COLORED JAMAICAN TEACHER AT LONDON UNIVERSITY

London, England, April 8.—Dr. M. L. Moody, M. D., L. R. C. P., and a native of Jamaica, who has a large practice here, has been elected bacteriologist and lecturer on biology at the university.

BERLIN CENSUS GIVES 3,801,235.

Washington, April 8.—The city of Berlin with adjacent districts now includes 3,801,235 inhabitants, according to recent issues of the Berlin press, which published results of the census started October 8, 1919.

WOMAN 118 DIES

Natchez, Miss., April 8.—Mrs. Lydia Robinson, 118 years old, died here at her home. One of her great-grandchildren is fifty years old.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYING IMPORTANT WORK AMONG YOUNG WOMANHOOD?

People of Community and Country Anxious to Know Why the Promised Work of the Young Women's Christian Association for Which the National Council Made a Liberal Appropriation Several Months Ago Has Not Been Started Here

MONITOR GIVES FACTS AND PLACES BLAME UPON SHOULDERS OF ADVISORY BOARD

Committee of Women Had Selected and Decided Upon Desirable Property, Offered at a Bargain, on Edge of Colored Residence District, Which Selection Was Approved by National Officer, But Which Board Advised Against When Objection Was Raised on Grounds of Color—Cannot Find Suitable Place

LAST September steps were taken to establish a branch of the Y. W. C. A. in Omaha for colored girls. A splendid site was offered at a bargain. It was the beautiful artificial stone residence of Mr. and Mrs. Max Burkenrod at Nineteenth and Burdette streets, with ample ground for development and expansion as the work might grow and necessity require. The Y. W. C. A. committee, headed by Mrs. Charles Offutt, was enthusiastic over the place. Mrs. Cordelia Wynn, special worker from the national office in New York came to the city, inspected the property and recommended its purchase. The sum of \$5,000 was appropriated by the national board to inaugurate this much needed work in Omaha, a portion of which sum was to be used in making a payment on this property. The deal was virtually closed. One of the women of the committee telephoned Mrs. Burkenrod, advising her to consider the place sold and complimenting her upon the fact that her home was going to be used for such a worthy purpose. The Monitor believes this good woman and the entire committee was absolutely sincere. It seems, however, that they have an advisory committee of mere men. F. D. Wead and other real estate men, we believe, are on this committee. These good women submitted the proposition to these gentlemen. They admitted that the property was a great bargain and admirably adapted for the noble purpose the women had in mind—but, objections had been raised against locating an institution, even though such a worthy one as a Y. W. C. A., to be used by colored people in that vicinity, which, they said, if the committee failed to heed would handicap them in securing funds for their work among the business men.

The Monitor knows who raised the objection. One was Charles L. Saunders, who has frequently received a large vote of our people for state senator, who owns the lot next door and some property in the block above; and the other was a woman in the adjacent block whose brother, another ardent republican, is an influential member of the Real Estate Exchange. Be it known that colored people already own and occupy property within a stone's throw of this very corner; so it is not "an exclusive white neighborhood" which colored people are trying to invade. It is by no means a pretentious neighborhood, but one occupied by modest well-kept homes and an increasing Jewish population, another well-defined group of splendid American citizens, who, like our own, when they settle in a neighborhood, give point to the words of the Psalmist, "One shall chase a thousand and ten put ten thousand to flight." But the voice of the advisory committee prevailed.

They undertook to help the women find a suitable place, preferably—in keeping within the proposed so-called "zoning system" or "colonization scheme," or enforced "segregation policy," which certain individuals are working overtime to put across—"somewhere on Twenty-fourth street south of Leke," or "west of Twenty-fourth street." In this quest they

have been unsuccessful as there is no desirable property available within the limits set. Eventually a place at Twenty-fifth and Maple was considered desirable. The price asked for this property, two recently remodelled and stuccoed frame buildings, with no ground for expansion or development, was \$9,000, just \$2,000 or \$3,000 less than the Burkenrod property which could not be built today for \$30,000.

In replying to a letter from Mrs. Wynn, in which she regretted that the work had not been started here, the editor of The Monitor gave the exact facts in the case and told why the work was being held up, stating that in his judgment that the un-Christian and un-democratic spirit which was objecting to the location of the much needed branch at a strategic point, which within a few years will be in the heart of a desirable colored residential district, ought not to be submitted to and that unless the work could be started under favorable circumstances and in an advantageous locality, it were better to postpone it.

In the meanwhile Miss Frankie B. Watkins had been appointed by the national council as Y. W. C. A. worker here and has been on the ground for some months. Her hands are tied because no place has as yet been provided for her to begin her work. The ardor and enthusiasm of the committee of colored women who were anxious to go to work in October last has cooled. The sum of \$5,000 awaits proper investment in helping our young womanhood in Omaha under the inspiration and guidance of that splendid organization, the Y. W. C. A., which has proven its helpfulness by more than a half century of constructive work.

The Monitor deems it wise and timely to give these facts to the public, which show just why the much needed work of the Y. W. C. A., for which a liberal appropriation was made by the national council last September, has not been begun here. The Monitor is responsible for calling the local committee's attention to the splendid Burkenrod property which all admitted was well suited for the purpose desired. After a six months' search nothing has been found in any way to equal it. Had prejudice not thwarted it the Y. W. C. A. would have been well housed long before this and demonstrated its helpfulness to our young womanhood.

SUPREME COURT RENDERS FIFTY-FIFTY DECISION

Affirms Death Sentence in Case of Six Condemned for Murder in Riots, Remand Six.

(By Associated Negro Press) Little Rock, Ark., April 8.—The Arkansas supreme court recently affirmed the death sentence imposed on six of twelve men condemned for murder in connection with the Elaine race riots last October and reversed the other six and remanded their cases for new trials. These twelve were sentenced in less than ten minutes.

RACE LADS STAR IN DIAMOND MEDAL MEET

New York—A crowd of over 3,000 enthusiastic, excited fans witnessed the Diamond Medal meet held in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory Monday night and saw such stars as Pete White, Roy Morse, Clarence Sherman and other race men romp away with coveted trophies.

The main event, the Major Cobb Memorial trophy, was won by Pete White in the fast time of 10.2-5 seconds. Roy Morse came third. Although this was the main event of the evening all the contests proved close and exciting, and the general impression was that if given their chance our contenders would give all others a run for their money.

PRIVATE CARS TO NATIONAL WOMEN'S CON- VENTION IN TUSKEGEE

To the Members of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs—Dear Co-Workers:

Plans are about completed for transportation to Tuskegee, to our convention July 12-16. We are hoping to have 1,000 women in session at this meeting and have made it possible for you to get there with all convenience and comfort. Private cars will leave from New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Chicago and Pittsburgh. These cars will be kept in Tuskegee during the session.

The committee consists of: For New York, Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, 521 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.; for Ohio, Miss Anna V. Hughes, 298 North 22d St., Columbus, O.; for Illinois, Mrs. Irene Goins, 2942 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. L. E. Jameson, 922 Monson St., Peoria, Ill.; for Philadelphia, Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, 1614 W. Second St., Chester, Pa.; for Louisville, Mrs. Georgia A. Nugent, 845 So. 6th St., Louisville, Ky.; for St. Louis, Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley, 209 North Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; for New England, Miss Roberta J. Dunbar, 58 Winter St., Providence, R. I.; for Baltimore, Miss Ida R. Cummings, 1234 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore, Md.; for Washington, D. C., Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

The following are the approximate rates for the return trip, including railroad fare, Pullman charge and taxes; these rates are subject to a little change as railroad conditions are unsettled at this time. Sufficient notice will be given of any change in rates. From Louisville, \$33; from Pittsburgh, \$70; from Chicago, \$59.22; from St. Louis, \$1.18; from New York, \$73.90; from Philadelphia, \$68.50; from Washington, \$59.00.

All other points can estimate their rates by comparison with the point nearest them mentioned above. Further information can be secured from any of the committee. Reservations must be made as soon as possible so the chairman will be able to inform the railroad of the number of cars desired. Each car will accommodate forty and the rates mentioned above are on the forty basis. All money must be in the hands of the railroad one month before the date of the convention, as they will require this much time to assure us perfect arrangements directly to Tuskegee.

Any further information can be secured from the national chairman on transportation, Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, 2519 Webster Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE LOWDENITES ARE LILY WHITES

Virginia Supporters of the Illinois Governor Eliminate the Brother in Black From Convention and Select Delegate by Steam Roller Methods

DELEGATE FRANKLY FOR WHITE SUPREMACY

Organization Formed to Contest the Lowden Delegate and to Forward the Candidacy of Dr. Ferguson—Another State Convention to be Called

(By Associated Negro Press) RICHMOND, Va., April 8.—Lowden forces, in their eagerness to grab the delegation from Virginia, proclaimed a Lily White organization and rode rough-shod over the colored voters in this state.

As a result there is extreme bitterness in the hearts of the colored republicans of Virginia. They were totally ignored by the Lowden machine when delegates were chosen to represent the Richmond district at the state national convention. An organization to contest the choice of Lowden-Lily White delegates has been perfected. J. F. Brady clerk of the United States district court, was the choice of the white steam roller-convention for national delegate. Brady announced his views on the local political situation by saying that in his opinion no powerful republican organization could be unquestioned. He deprecated the lively interest in politics taken by the colored man, and said that it was not for the best interests of the party. "I am not a candidate for national delegate, have no intention of being a candidate and would not serve if I were nominated," Brady said on the eve of his election. "But," he continued, "I do believe we need men of the highest character in the party, and that it cannot be made a strong force here under any other conditions than that it be an entirely white organization. It is only to this end that I am personally interested."

Nevertheless Brady was elected. The resentment of the colored voters was not slow in expressing itself. A permanent political organization was formed forthwith, and steps taken to further the candidacy of Dr. D. A. Ferguson, colored, to represent the district at Chicago in June. A mass meeting followed and Henry L. Johnson went on from Washington to address the indignant colored men. He was formerly recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia. Every man attending the meeting exhibited his poll tax as proof that he is a qualified voter.

It was maintained at a second meeting that fair play had been denied those present at the first mass meeting when the delegates were chosen. A cordon of police had been drawn up in front of the court house, and scores of Negroes seeking admission were told that they could not enter. Edgar Allen, formerly postmaster at Richmond, said he stood for justice to white and colored men alike, regardless of those who might term him a "Nigger lover."

ADVOCATING WALLER FOR DISTRICT DELEGATE

Former Washington Rector Wood Enthusiast—Being Urged by New York Voters.

New York, N. Y., April 8.—A large number of the colored voters, admirers of General Leonard Wood in the Seventh district, are planning to run Dr. Waller, a Wood enthusiast, for delegate to the national convention. There are more than 1,000 Negro voters in this district. The possible candidate is a well-educated man. He is a graduate of Trinity college, Oxford, England, and of the General Theological Seminary New York. He was pastor for some time of St. Luke's P. E. church, Washington, D. C.

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