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MAMMOTH PETITION PRAYING SOLDIERS' RELEASE IS READY

Over 100,000 Signatures From All Sections of Country Affixed To Document Asking Clemency

ACTIVITY OF ASSOCIATION

History of Fight By Advancement Society For Release of Victims of Race Prejudice Shows Persistent Work

New York, Jan. 10.—With 107,700 signatures to the petitions circulated by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, asking release of the 54 members of the 24th Infantry in Leavenworth Penitentiary, and with plans rapidly being matured for formal presentation of the petitions to President Coolidge in the White House in Washington, the N. A. A. C. P. has issued the following history of the activities in the Houston riot cases:

1. Immediately following the riot in August, 1917, the N. A. A. C. P. sent a trained investigator to the scene, who reported to the Board of Directors at the September, 1917 meeting. The report was published in The Crisis of November, 1917.
2. On October 27, 1917, the N. A. A. C. P. through its then Acting Secretary, James Weldon Johnson engaged by telegram Mr. A. J. Houston of La Porte, Texas, an eminent white attorney and son of the famous Colonel Sam Houston, to act as counsel for the accused members of the Twenty-fourth then about to go to trial at San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Houston went to San Antonio, and gathered evidence and assisted in the preparation of the cases for trial.
3. When the execution, on December 11, 1917, of thirteen members of the Twenty-fourth Infantry was made public, the colored people of the United States were shocked beyond measure. The New York branch of the N. A. A. C. P. working in cooperation with the National Office immediately undertook to gather a petition to President Wilson to which were secured 12,000 signatures. This petition was presented to the President on February 19, 1918 by a delegation from the New York Branch of the Association consisting of James Weldon Johnson, Field Secretary of the Association, the Rev. Geo. Frazier Miller, Brooklyn, the Rev. Frank M. Hyder, New York, and the Rev. F. A. Cullen, New York, President of the New York Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. Mr. Johnson as spokesman said in part: "The hanging of thirteen men without the opportunity of appeal to the Secretary of War or to their Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States, was a punishment so drastic and so unusual in the history of the nation that the execution of additional members of the Twenty-fourth Infantry would to the colored people of the country savor of vengeance rather than justice." President Wilson at that time promised, which promise he kept, to review the record of past and future trials of the men involved and to allow no more executions without such review. At that time, sixteen men were under sentence of death and, with the thirteen already executed, making a total sentenced to death, of twenty-nine. On September 3rd, President Wilson filed with the Adjutant General of the Army a memorandum in which the President affirmed the death sentences imposed by the military courts on six of the colored soldiers (who were later executed) and commuted ten other death sentences to life imprisonment.

SCHLAIFER-DOYLE BOUT WILL BRING OUT FIGHT FANS

Schlaifer Will Meet Paul Doyle in the Main Event. Doyle Has Long List of K. O.'s

HUDKINS-BIGE SEMI-FINAL

The Douglas County Post of the American Legion will stage a great fight at the city fight shed Friday night, January 18th, and for box office qualities, promises to be the best in many months. Tickets are now on sale, so readers who are fans want to hurry for the choice seats will go like Dave Shade.
In the main event of the card, Morrie Schlaifer, called Omaha's fighting fool, will meet Paul Doyle of New York. Everyone in Omaha knows Schlaifer and his records and readers of the sport know of the prowess of the New York boy, whose list of K. O. victims is long. He is the only man in the welter class yet credited with a knock-out of Frankie Murphy of Denver, who has fought Schlaifer several times. A large percentage of the colored people and many of other races think Schlaifer was handed the decision over Panama Joe Gans by a generous referee, and Doyle promises he will K. O. Mr. Schlaifer. We shall see, but attend the fight and we may see what many fans have been looking for.
Ace Hudkins of Lincoln and Erwin Bige the Dundee grocer boy, lightweights, will meet in the semi-final of the Legion bill next Friday night. They are booked as in a battle for the "light-weight championship of Nebraska."
Hudkins and Bige generally are considered the two best lightweights in Nebraska. Recently Bige lost a decision to Battling Strayer, who claims the Nebraska title, but fans and newspaper critics were almost unanimous that Bige had won.
The Hudkins-Bige match had been sought by a number of promoters because of the local interest in the two youngsters.
Hudkins left early this week for California, but was notified by his manager that the Bige match had been booked, so the Lincoln youngster hopped off the train at Alliance, Neb., and returned for the bout.
Omaha colored people should get behind the promoters in these fights for they are giving race pugs the chances they wanted and asked for

ing could be done at the time. It was decided to wait until peace had been definitely declared and then move for pardon of the prisoners.
5. In 1921 the N. A. A. C. P. gathered 50,000 signatures to a petition asking pardon of the 61 men still in prison, and on September 23, 1921, the Secretary of the Association, accompanied by a delegation of leading and representative colored men and women, presented that petition to President Harding. The N. A. A. C. P. Secretary asked President Harding to pardon the colored soldiers on the ground of: first, the previous records of the men for discipline, service, and soldierly conduct had been of the highest; second, the provocation of local animosity against the men manifested in insults, threats and acts of violence against them as soldiers of the United States Army; third, the unprecedented and clandestine execution of thirteen of the fellow soldiers of the sixty-one then imprisoned had savored of vengeance rather than of justice especially as the disarming of the Provost Guard of the Regiment in a city and state where bitter race prejudice caused humiliating and embarrassing experiences to these colored soldiers bore the aspect of a visitation upon their color rather than the crime alleged against them. The President promised to review the testimony and to take under advisement the Association's request. Despite opposition on the part of the War Department, reduction in sentences was granted as a direct result of the Association's petition according to Warden William I. Biddle of Leavenworth prison. This reduction of life sentences of several of the men to terms of fifteen years made them eligible for immediate parole. As a result, 5 of the men were freed.
6. In the present campaign the N. A. A. C. P. has exceeded its goal of 100,000 signatures to a petition asking for presidential pardon, and will present that petition to President Coolidge in the White House.
"Since the N. A. A. C. P. began its work in 1917, 5 of the prisoners have been paroled through N. A. A. C. P. action, 4 have died, one has gone insane, one was sent to the tuberculosis hospital in Denver, one has escaped, and one was paroled in 1920.

QUICK WORK BY POLICE IN CAPTURING ALLEGED COAT BANDIT

Tuesday night about 8 o'clock, Pauline Anderson, of North Twenty-fourth Street rushed into St. Philip's rectory crying and reported that a man had held her up at Twenty-first and Nicholas Sts. with a gun and taken her coat. She gave a good description of the bandit, describing him as a rather short young colored man wearing a brown mackintosh overcoat, a light cap and a light colored woolen scarf. The police station was called and within five minutes emergency officers L. M. Anderson and C. M. Rober were at the rectory. The man's description tallied exactly with that of a bandit who had robbed Mrs. Stella Waller, 2023 Charles Street, of her coat and \$9.00 Monday night at about the same time near Twenty-first and Charles. Within a few minutes the officers were back at the rectory with Lewis Jones dressed precisely as Mrs. Anderson had described him and whom she positively identified as the bandit. He protested his innocence with a volubility that was artistic. Mrs. Waller was sent for and she too was positive in her identification. A gun answering the description of that given by Mrs. Anderson was found near the place where Jones was captured. Within twenty minutes of the holdup, the alleged coat bandit was in custody. This was quick work which calls for commendation and shows the advantage of the Pill Box system recently inaugurated.

KAFFIR STOCKHOLDERS ELECT DIRECTORS

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kaffir Chemical Laboratories held at the office, Sixteenth and Cuming Streets, Monday, the articles of incorporation were amended reducing the capitalization and the following board of directors were elected: George H. Bullock, W. G. Haynes, W. C. Mallard, L. N. Peoples, Otis Shipman, N. W. Ware and John Albert Williams. Adjournment was taken until next Monday night at 8 o'clock when other important business will be transacted. All stockholders are urged to be present.

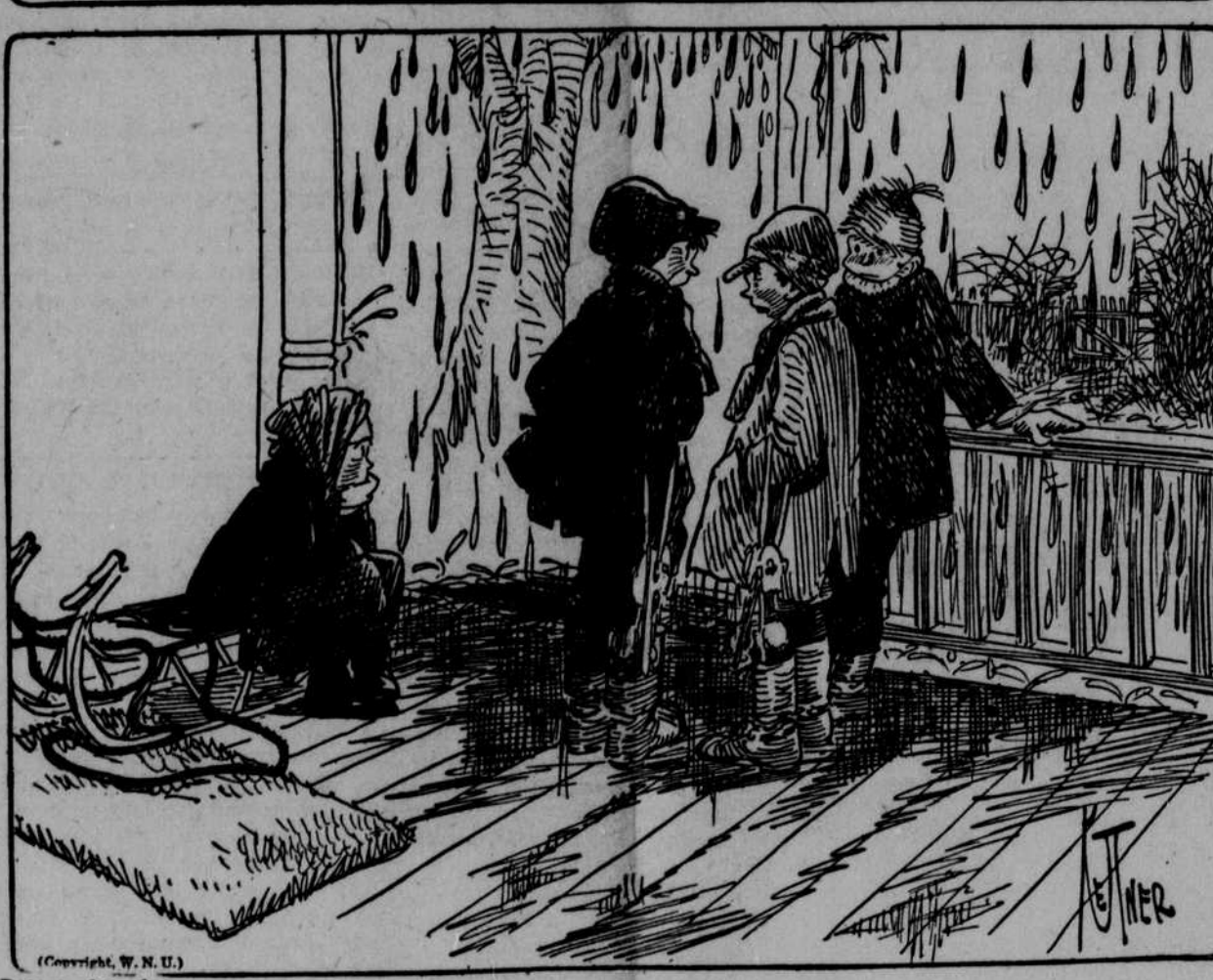
RADICAL ARTICLE DRAWS FIRE

New York, Jan. 10.—That the darker Negroes should return to Africa and the mulattoes remain to intermarry with whites is the statement of Ulysses Poston, writing on the subject of the "Negro Awakening" in December Current History Magazine. The author is receiving criticism from both races.

THOMAS TAKES OVER TURTON APARTMENTS

The Western Real Estate Company, Eugene Thomas, manager, has just taken over the Turton Apartments at Thirteenth and Mason streets, which consists of several six-room steam heated apartments. These apartments will be rented to colored tenants.

January Thaw



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and fans should attend the battles. Let's go.
Jake says the other preliminaries will be up to the standard set by the main event and semi-final.
Remember Friday, January 18th at 8:15, City Auditorium.

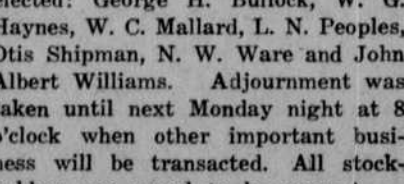
DESUNDINE'S BAND WILL APPEAR AT TWIN CITY SHOW

Famous Omaha Musicians Will Be Headline Attraction for One Week, Feb. 2-9
One of the premier attractions at the Auto Show to be held at the Overland Building, Midway, February 2 to 9, will be the celebrated Dan Desdunes Band of Omaha. This band is composed of 33 of the best race musicians in the country and will furnish music the entire week at the Auto Show. The band is under contract and cannot be heard anywhere in the Twin Cities other than the Auto Show. Those desirous of hearing the great band will be forced to attend the Auto Show or miss hearing the syncopated and waltz strains of one of the best aggregations of musicians ever assembled in the West.

Popular Conductor
Mr. Desdunes is one of the most popular band masters in the western states, and is credited with being able to assemble one of the best bands in the country. His band is quite popular wherever it has played, and the fact that they have been engaged to play for the Twin Cities Auto Show is proof precise that he has a par excellence group of musicians.
The band is now practicing four times daily for its Twin Cities appearance. Little rest will be given them at the Auto Show.—The Northwestern Bulletin.

48,484 WOMEN AT WORK IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 10.—With 40,484 colored females 10 years of age and over, gainfully employed, this city ranks in first place, followed by Washington, with 28,588; Philadelphia, with 27,792; Baltimore, 26,893; New Orleans, 22,305; Chicago, 20,755; Atlanta, 16,743; Memphis, 13,835; St. Louis, 13,526; Richmond, 13,084; Birmingham, 12,044 and Louisville, with 11,246. In no other city does the number of employed colored females reach 10,000.



HELEN RUSSELL

A dainty divinity, with Billy "Beef Trust" Watson's corn-fed aggregation of beauties at the popular Gayettes twice daily all next week. Ladies weighing 200 pounds (or more) will be admitted free to any week day matinee.

N. W. C. A. NOTES

Trustee board meeting fourth Wednesday in each month at 8:00 o'clock at the Home.
We are thankful to Mrs. Hunt for serving coffee at the Home on New Year's day. A very pleasant time was had by all those who came.
The inmates were delightfully entertained by a group of girls from the Y. W. C. A. during Xmas week. Mr. Alphonso Wilson gave a chicken and each inmate a Xmas token.
Many thanks to Mr. S. H. Dorsey for his annual donation of \$5.00.
The useful articles sent from Zion Baptist Mission were much needed and appreciated.
Also thank the ladies of South Side who brought candy, nuts and fruit for the Home.

THE ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Russell Taylor, Pastor
Services Sunday were god all day. The Sunday School was exceptionally well attended and interesting. Much good can be obtained by the course of studies we are now entering upon and which takes the student through the whole Bible by the end of the year.
Miss Grace Jardine of the Clifton Hill Church was present with us and made some encouraging remarks.
Sunday morning will be our regular communion service. Every communicant should be present. Do not let the evil spirit persuade you to wait until you are ready. A proper communion spirit is not obtained by waiting.
The "Christian Endeavor" topic is, "How Jesus Prayed."—John 17:1-26.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

O. J. Burckhardt, Pastor
We started the New Year right. We had a good appreciative audience all day. The Sunday school was well attended and full of interest. W. L. Carter was re-elected superintendent. The League work under the direction of Rev. S. E. Gross is growing in interest. The sermons morning and evening were satisfactory to all concerned. Praise meeting was led by Messrs. Heywood and Carter.
Sunday there will be a great program rendered by the Senior Choir and their friends. Mr. George H. W. Bullock will deliver an address, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Sarah Jones will sing. At 11 o'clock A. M. the Pastor will preach on Discipleship. Mrs. McDonald is not improving any. Mrs. Maggie Clay is also confined to her bed. Please visit the sick in your community.

ATTENTION!

Something that is worth while. Something that you will never forget and never regret. One of the most interesting and thrilling illustrated lectures that has ever been put on canvas, "The Passion Play at Oberammergau As I Saw It" by the Rev. George A. Miller at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Twentyfourth and Hamilton streets, Tuesday night, January 15 at 8:30. Special program by the best talent in the city. Admission 25 cents. Given under the auspices of the Florida Club. Rev. William M. Franklin, pastor. A. W. Anderson, governor.—Adv.

NEWSLETS

More females than males reach the age of 100 years and over.

The number of colored persons employed in domestic and personal service is decreasing.

As a protection to the passengers, all Pullman porters and dining-car waiters are given physical examinations regularly.

Domestic newspapers and orators are no longer complaining about President Coolidge being a "silent man."

Also out of the South comes an anti Ku-Klux-Klan organization, open to every American without reference to sex, religion, nationality or race.

The three Kerford brothers of Atchison, Kans., own a stone quarry in which they employ 27 men. Recent improvements include a \$35,000 machinery equipment.

Colored veterans of the World War appear to be more interested in adequate and conveniently located hospitalization facilities for their wounded "buddies" than in the proposed bonus legislation.

There are approximately 88,000 colored females of voting age in the state of Pennsylvania; 73,000 in New York; 69,000 in Maryland; 61,000 in Illinois; 58,000 in Missouri; 56,000 in Ohio; 38,000 in New Jersey; 25,000 in Indiana; 21,000 in West Virginia and 18,000 each in Kansas and Michigan.

The Norfolk Journal and Guide says: "It is extremely doubtful if Mr. McAdoo's popularity with colored people could do much good in a Democratic national election. The bugaboo of the South looms across his horizon. The South of disfranchisement and mobs comes too close to him when he votes a national Democratic ticket."

\$80,000 FOR NORMAL SCHOOL

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 3.—Governor Ritchie's budget sent to the Legislature here contained an item of \$80,000 for a new building at Bowie Normal School. No appropriation was made for Henryton Hospital, as there are still accommodations there.

BATTLING MONROE WINS AGAINST FAST ST. PAUL FIGHTER

Omaha Colored Light-Heavy Wins Third Successive K. O. in Omaha Ring. Empeke Takes the Count

WATSON LOSES TO MORRIS

In the championship battle held in the City Auditorium last Friday night between Joe Lynch, bantam champ, and Earl McArthur of Sioux City, Lynch successfully defended his crown, although it was nearly bounced off his dome several times. In all it was a great fight.
However, let the champs come and go, if they may, but Omaha's coming light-heavy champ, Battling Monroe, held the attention of the Omaha fans in the semi-final. This dusky youngster scored his third successive K.O. in an Omaha ring when he put Billy Empeke down for the count in the third round of a scheduled ten round go. The St. Paul mauler is a veteran of many battles and a real battle was expected but the wallop Monroe carries in either duke soon rocked the Swede to sleep. Sandy Griswold predicts a great future for Monroe who is again on the card of the 18th in the semi-final.
One-step Watson, local colored welter lost to Carl Morris of Sioux city in a six round go. Morris took the aggressive and Watson chose to bicycle his way through, or in the parlance of the ring, tin canned his way through. The fights were promoted by Theo. Roosevelt post of the American Legion.

N. A. A. C. P. HELD MEETING SUNDAY AT GROVE M. E. CHURCH

The Omaha branch of the N. A. A. C. P. met at Grove M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Although the attendance was not large the meeting proved to be one of interest. Dr. Craig Morris gave an excellent address advocating the establishment of a municipal playground between Paul and Seward and Twentyfirst and Twentysecond streets and asked the endorsement of the Association. This was given and a committee consisting of Dr. Morris, the Rev. Fred Divers and J. C. Garrett was appointed to present the matter before the Council.

DUBOIS NAMED AS UNITED STATES ENVOY

New York, Jan. 10.—Dr. W. E. B. DuBois has been named by President Coolidge as the U. S. envoy to the inauguration of President King of Liberia, W. Africa, according to an announcement from the Chisus Office, authorized by Jesse Fauset. Dr. DuBois is now in Liberia after directing sessions of the Pan-African Congress in England and Portugal.

MILLION AND MORE FOR RACE SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN CITY

Atlanta Completing Big Building Program—\$1,200,000 in Schools For Colored Children

VOTING STRENGTH COUNTED

Colored Voters Refused To Support Bond Issue Until Assured of Having Share in Benefits

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 10.—What is believed to be the most elaborate and expensive colored public school building program ever undertaken by any community is now nearing completion in this city. It embraces four magnificent new grammar schools, seating 800 to 1000 each, and a high school seating 1500, the five erected at a cost to date of \$1,200,000, with more yet to be spent on finishing touches.
These new schools are part of a general school building program involving a total of \$3,800,000 and are in every sense equal to the best the city is erecting, representing the last work in construction and equipment. In addition to all the usual modern facilities, each is provided also with medical and dental clinics, where the pupils have the services of physician, dentist and nurse.
The high school, which is named for Booker T. Washington, will carry the regular academic curriculum and in addition will provide training in wood work, carpentry, drawing, auto mechanics, sheet metal, plaster and cement work, tailoring, pressing, sewing, cooking, child care, and teacher training. The purpose is to give the pupils an all-round training for life and fit them for useful and remunerative employment immediately on graduation. A director of vocational guidance helps further to this end by personal conferences, lectures, bulletins and lantern slides.
The colored schools are sharing fully in the efforts of the administration to bring the city's public school system up to the highest standard of efficiency.
Back of this building program is an interesting story of interracial cooperation Atlanta having greatly outgrown its school system, several unsuccessful efforts were made to vote a bond issue for new buildings. It was found that the colored voters held the balance of power and had thrown it against the plan.
City officials asked white members of the local interracial committee why this was so. The latter arranged a conference with leading colored citizens and the question was passed to them. They promptly replied: "Why should we vote taxes on ourselves when we have no assurance that we will get any of the benefits?"
The rest was easy. An agreement was readily reached that if they would help carry the next bond election, their schools should have approximately one-third of the proceeds. That agreement is now being carried out.

BISHOP OF LIBERIA HERE NEXT WEEK

Bishop Overs of Liberia will be in the city next week and will address the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Tuesday and the Council of the Diocese of Nebraska, Wednesday at Trinity Cathedral. Bishop Overs is a white man who spent many years as a missionary in Africa and was adopted into one of the African tribes. Five years ago he was elected as successor to the late Bishop Ferguson and has thrown himself into the work of his diocese with great devotion. The public is invited and our people will be interested in his message.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The annual parish meeting of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon will be held in the church Guild Rooms Monday night at 8 o'clock, at which reports for the year will be presented, officers chosen and delegates to the annual Diocesan Council which convenes in Trinity Cathedral Wednesday and Thursday will be elected. All communicants and members of the congregation are requested to be present.

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