

National Association Issues Statement

Will Exhaust Every Legitimate Effort to Have Assaults of National Secretary Shillady Punished.

New York, Sept. 3.—It is unnecessary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to make the statement to the press of this country that it intends to do everything in its power to punish the assailants of Mr. Shillady and to make the country ring with a knowledge of the conditions in the capital city of Texas. Only in the southern states of America could we read that a judge and deputy sheriff beat up a citizen visiting their city in the interests of a well known association, highly honored, of ten years' standing, an association with Moorfield Storey, former president of the Bar association, as its president; Major J. E. Spingarn as its treasurer; with the governor of Minnesota as the president of one of its branches, and Senator Capper, until recently, president of another—an association that has stood always for kindly dealing and fair-play.

The association believes that the citizens of the United States feel with it profound indignation at this latest expression of mob violence. No Colored man who appears to think for himself is safe in the south, and it would seem that the same is true today of any white man who has the courage to expound his cause.

The annual report of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was put in the hands of the district attorney, deputy sheriff and the justice of the peace in Austin. They read its chief aims stated as follows:

1. A vote for every Negro man and woman on the same terms as for white men and women.
2. An equal chance to acquire the kind of an education that will enable the Negro everywhere wisely to use this vote.
3. A fair trial in the courts for all crimes of which he is accused by judges in whose election he has participated without discrimination because of race.
4. A right to sit upon the jury which passes judgment upon him.
5. Defense against lynching and burning at the hands of mobs.
6. Equal service on railroad and other public carriers. This to mean sleeping car service, dining car service. Pullman service at the same cost and upon the same terms as other passengers.
7. Equal right to the use of public parks, libraries and other community services for which he is taxed.
8. An equal chance for a livelihood in public and private employment.
9. The abolition of color hyphenation and the substitution of "straight Americanism."

The demand for equal service on railroads and public carriers they took a special exception to. They also advised discontinuance of the Crisis. They talked about social equality. In the same report the association, in Mr. Shillady's forceful language, makes this statement regarding social equality, which it believes and for which it intends to battle to the end:

"Nor should any one be led astray by the tiresome talk about 'social equality.' Social equality is a private question which may well be left to individual decision. But the prejudices of individuals cannot be accepted as the controlling policy of a state. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is concerned primarily with public equality. America is a nation—not a private club. The privileges no less than the duties of citizenship belong of right to no separate class of the people, but to all the people, and to them as individuals. The constitution and the laws are for the protection of the minority and of the unpopular, no less than for the favorites of fortune, or they are of no meaning as American instruments of government."

Will not the readers of this article wire or write to their senators and representatives, expressing their indignation at the treatment accorded Mr. Shillady in Texas, and urging upon them a congressional investigation of mob violence in the United States?

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Omaha, Neb., Aug. 24, 1919. The Omaha Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in regular session, respectfully calls to your attention the outrageous attack upon our national secretary, John R. Shillady, at Austin, Tex., August 22, and requests you to bring the same to the attention of the senate (house) urging the enactment of a national law making such an attack punishable by the national authorities.

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Rev. John Albert Williams,
President.

And this letter to Governor Hobby:
Omaha, Neb., Aug. 25, 1919.
W. P. Hobby, Governor, Austin, Tex.

Dear Sir—The Omaha Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in regular session assembled, has learned with deep amazement and keen regret of the exhibition of mob violence and disregard for law in the attack on John R. Shillady, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., by County Judge Dave J. Pickle, Constable Charles Hamby, Ben Pierce and others at Austin, Tex., on August 22, and therefore urges your excellency the governor to exercise all of your legal powers to save law and order from a complete breakdown in Texas.

We are loth to believe that the authorities of Texas will permit this attack upon a white man to go unwhipped of justice.

Very truly yours,
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NATIONAL RACE CONGRESS
READY FOR ACTION

"Suffrage Session" Called for October 7th to Be Best of the Series—Able Speakers of Three Continents Expected to Be Present—Emergency Defense Fund Growing.

(Special to The Monitor.)
Washington, D. C., Sept. 3.—The official call for the fourth annual session of the National Race Congress of America, to be held in this city in October has been issued by the president, Rev. W. H. Jernagin, and is being widely circulated through the press of the country. This congress is to be known as the "suffrage session," and the clans from every section of the land are getting ready to gather at the nation's capital to emphasize the importance of the ballot as a solvent for many of the ills that beset America's 12,000,000 Negro citizens. The call states the case with clearness and force and Dr. Jernagin and his co-workers are urging that large delegations be sent here from the various sections to consider ways and means for the betterment of the civic and economic status of our people. Able speakers will present the issues and the discussions will be broad and thorough, and the steps to be taken to crystallize thought into action will be prompt and vigorous. All phases of the intricate "race problem" will be treated.

Hon. F. M. Hercules, secretary of the society of the Peoples of Africa, with headquarters at London, England, has accepted an invitation to address the congress, and Congressman Matthew Agady, of Liberia, is also expected to speak. Invitations have been extended to the Hon. C. D. King, president of the republic of Liberia; Hon. Blaise Diagne, a member of the house of deputies of the Republic of France, who has had charge of the colonial troops who fought so valiantly for liberty and democracy throughout the world war. M. Diagne presided over the deliberations of the recent Pan-African congress in Paris. The Abyssinian government has promised, through its envoys, to send a message of cheer.

Rev. A. C. Garner, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church, this city, has accepted the post of field agent for the congress, and will travel extensively in the next few weeks to place before the country the plans and purposes of the congress. He will be assisted by Rev. Daniel L. Reed, the well-known lecturer and author; Rev. A. A. Graham of Phoebus, Va.; Rev. J. N. C. Coggins, and a number of others yet to be named. Local units of the congress now in existence will be stimulated and many new ones will be instituted. It is regarded as especially important that units be established in every locality where Colored people are found.

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STATE FEDERATION
STRONG ORGANIZATION

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 3.—The State Federation of Colored Women's Organizations, Washington and jurisdiction held its third annual meeting here and re-elected Mrs. John E. Mapps, president for the next two years. This federation has an enrollment of 26 clubs and a membership of over 2,000 women, from Washington, Montana and Idaho.

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