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ELAINE PEONAGE VICTIMS ARE AGAIN SAVED FROM ELECTRIC CHAIR

ELAINE FARMERS ARE AGAIN GIVEN BRIEF REPRIEVE

On Verge of Execution the Six Peonage Victims Sentenced to Die for Participation in Riots Saved From Electric Chair

JUDGE TRIEBER GRANTS PLEA

Supreme Court of the United States Will Review Evidence in Case of Condemned Men, in Whom Extreme Race is Interested

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 30.—Three times have the six Arkansas farmers been sentenced to face the electric chair, and three times have they been granted a last minute reprieve.

Fighting with every bit of their legal and technical skill and basing their appeal on the allegation that mob spirit dominated the trial of the men at Helena, attorneys for the six Elaine farmers, sentenced to die last Friday afternoon, again saved the men from death when Judge Jacob Trieber in the United States District Court, on Thursday, granted a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, and issued an order temporarily restraining state authorities from proceeding with the electrocution.

Men Are Confident
The men whose execution date had been set for September 23 are J. E. Knox, Ed. Coleman, Paul Hall, Ed. Hicks, Frank Hicks and Frank Moore.

JURY OUT 11 MINUTES— RETURNS GUILTY VERDICT
One of the many interesting sidelights on the famous case is the fact that the jury of 12 men who first tried the case, found the six men guilty in exactly 11 minutes.

half of him and his comrades. "Tell these people for me, that I appreciated their efforts, and the thought of their work shall be with me as I go to the chair."

"God Will Protect Us"
J. E. Knox stated, "All is not over yet. Our attorneys are making a supreme effort, and I believe they will win out. God knows we are innocent of any wrongdoing, and he will protect us."

"Our testimony, I believe, should show that we are innocent, and if we must die, in order that justice (?) be appeased I am ready to go. Give my love to the wife and kiddies," said Paul Hall.

"Good bye, everybody. If I must die, I hope that my death will pave the way for better things among colored farmers in this part of the country," were the words of Frank Hicks.

Coleman asserted that the trials had not been fairly conducted, and was sanguine that a last-minute reprieve would be granted.

The case, which has now covered more than two years, is one which has held the center of the stage, and the restraining order issued last Thursday, comes as a climax to the work of the most brilliant lawyers of the North west, headed by Scipio Jones, the famous criminal lawyer, and the law firm of McHenry, Murphy and Duna way.

Review of Case
On October 1, 2 and 3, Elaine, Arkansas was the scene of a fierce race war, following a protest meeting held by colored farmers of that section, who were banding themselves together. Daring the disturbances the six men were arrested on a charge of killing Clifford Lee, a white man.

The protest meeting was held, following threats against the lives of the colored tenants by white property owners. The men were up in arms against the iniquities of the peonage system, as practiced by the white land owners. Since that time the famous "Georgia Murder Farm" disclosures have revealed all the atrocities of the "peonage system," as practiced by the white farmers.

Kerlin's Statement
The evidence produced in the case was tried before the Supreme Court of Arkansas abundantly and conclusively disproved that it was not until the men were threatened and molested that they armed themselves. As Prosecutor Robert T. Kerlin stated, in a letter written May 25, to Governor

McRae, protesting against the execution of the men on June 10.

Three Sentenced to Die
On October 23, 1919, the Arkansas farmers were sentenced to the electric chair for the first time, only to their execution date set aside December 11, when the Arkansas Supreme Court granted to them a new trial.

On the first of May, 1921, Gov. McRae set June 10, as the day of execution. But again, the laws of the state were thwarted, when the attorneys filed a writ of habeas corpus in Federal Court, removing the matter from the state's jurisdiction.

MANY FRIENDS ATTEND GIBSON-ROBERTS WEDDING

Miss Madeline Zoe Roberts, bride of Ray Gibson in Church of St. Philip the Deacon

Madeline Zoe, the attractive, accomplished and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Roberts, was married to Ray Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Gibson, of Tacoma, Washington, Wednesday afternoon at the church of St. Philip the Deacon in the presence of a large congregation of friends and well-wishers.

EMMETT SCOTT'S DAUGHTER MAKING FINE RECORD

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28.—Miss Clarissa M. Scott, of 239 Florida avenue, N. W., has just returned to Wellesley College, which institution she attended during the past two years, being now a member of the junior class. Before returning to spend the vacation period with her family, Miss Scott served as a Y. W. C. A. counselor at Fern Rock Camp, No. 6, Iona Island, on Lake Tiorati, New York.

MILITARY HOSPITAL TO BE ERECTED AT TUSKEGEE
Washington, D. C., Sept. 30.—A statement from the public health service as to the locations of the government hospital for sick and disabled colored soldiers and sailors at Tuskegee Friday stressed the point that this place was selected because it was practically the center of the Negro population of the country.

It has been figured that an appreciable sum can be saved in transportation costs for patients and other expenses that point in favor of the proposition.

It has not been definitely decided yet as to how much money will be allowed for the hospital at Tuskegee, but from what government officials say it will not be under five hundred thousand dollars, and it may reach a million.

WOMAN EDITOR IS ADMITTED TO BAR

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 19.—Mrs. E. D. Cannady, prominent in club and religious circles, and editor of the Portland Advocate, one of the leading publications of the northwest, published for Negroes, has recently been admitted to practice law in the state of Oregon.

The first case in which Mrs. Cannady appeared in behalf of the defendant came up in Judge Morrow's court last Monday and resulted in a victory for the woman lawyer, in that when she took the case the Negro who had been convicted on a charge of larceny and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary had his sentence reduced to six months on the rock pile.

DR. W. A. C. HUGHES TO SPEAK AT GROVE M. E. CHURCH

Rev. W. A. C. Hughes of Philadelphia will preach at Grove M. E. Church, 22nd and Seward Sts., Sunday Oct. 9, at 11 o'clock. Dr. Hughes is the former pastor of Sharp Street Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md., and was the secretary of the New Orleans Area, which was the first to raise its Centenary quota. He is at present the secretary of the bureau of Negro work of the board of Home Missions and Church Extension. He was also a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference recently held in London, England. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES
Rev. Wm. Franklin, Pastor.
Mr. A. R. Goodlet leads, both, the Sunday school and the B. Y. P. U. successfully.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON MUSICALS
The first Sunday afternoon musical, given under the auspices of the Bachelor Benedict Club at Columbia Hall, drew a large audience last Sunday afternoon. An excellent program was given by the advanced pupils of Mrs. Florentine F. Pinkston, who also contributed a number which was highly appreciated. In the contest between the Misses Lucy May Allen and Frances D. Gordon, the decision was a tie and the prize was equally divided.

VISITORS FROM LINCOLN
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Don't forget the executive meeting of the B. Y. P. U. at Mt. Moriah, Baptist Church, Sunday Sept. 9, at 8 o'clock.

DELEGATION ASKS THE PRESIDENT TO PARDON SOLDIERS

James Weldon Johnson Leader and Spokesman for Representative Who Pleads for Release of Soldiers Serving Sentence

50,000 NAMES ARE LISTED

Unanimity of Statement of the Race Thruout Country on Justice of Release of Men Now in Prison

(Special to the Monitor)
Washington, Oct. 5th.—A delegation of thirty leading colored men and women, headed by James Weldon Johnson of New York, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was in Washington bearing a petition signed by 50,000 names to President Harding asking him to pardon 61 members of the 24th U. S. Infantry (colored) now serving long time sentences in Leavenworth Prison convicted of rioting in Houston, Texas, in August 1917. President Harding granted the delegation an audience on Wednesday morning, September 28, at 10:30.

Upon his arrival in Washington Mr. Johnson issued the following statement:

"Although nineteen colored soldiers were hanged and 61 sentenced to life and long time imprisonment after the Houston riot of August, 1917, colored people in the United States felt little disposed to appeal for pardon and clemency for they realized such an appeal would be useless.

"Now, however under a changed administration, fifty thousand signatures have been appended to such a petition circulated by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and colored Americans are looking to President Harding to redress what they feel have felt to be undue severity exercised against a regiment with such a record of soldierly bearing, courage and devotion as the 24th U. S. Infantry.

"The personnel of this delegation is sufficient guarantee of the wide-

spread and general desire for a pardon among colored people throughout the country."

In the delegation with Mr. Johnson were Major Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute; R. S. Abbott, editor of the Chicago Defender; Emmett J. Scott, Special assistant to the Secretary of War during the World War; Professor George W. Cook and Kelly Miller of Howard University; Archibald H. Grimke, president of the Washington Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Robert H. Church colored Republican leader in Tennessee; Dr. Charles E. Bentley of Chicago; Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, former president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs; Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson, Harry H. Pace, John Hope Hon. J. C. Asbury, member Pennsylvania legislature, Harry E. Davis member of the Ohio legislature; Drs. William H. Washington and W. W. Wolfe of Newark, Rev. R. H. Singleton of Atlanta, James A. Cobb, counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; John R. Hawkins, financial secretary A. M. E. church.

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RACE IN VIRGINIA DECLARE PRINCIPLES NOMINATE TICKET

John Mitchell, Prominent Editor and Banker, Will Run for Governor, With Full Corps of Capable Candidates for Other Offices

DECLARATION IS CLEAN CUT

Proclaims its Loyalty to Republican Principles but Disapproves the Fallacies of the Present Day Leaders

(Special to the Monitor)
Richmond, Va., Oct. 5.—The full ticket headed by John Mitchell, Jr., prominent editor and banker, for governor, nominated by the colored people of this state as a protest against lilywhitism is awakening great enthusiasm. Candidates are prosecuting a vigorous campaign. They announce the following platform or declaration of principles in which they set forth their loyalty to the true principles of the Republican party, but denounce the attempt of some leaders to disfranchise any group on account of race or color. They hold that it is their right to vote and be voted for at all elections.

The Platform Preamble
The Republican party of Virginia in State convention assembled in the City of Richmond, the 5th day of September, 1921 having full faith and confidence in the principles of Republicanism as declared by the founders of the National Republican party, and adhered to by such leaders as Lincoln, Frederick Douglas, and the great Theodore Roosevelt, pledges undivided allegiance to those principles as the bedrock of our splendid institutions and as the only certain guarantee of the liberty and the future security of all the people in this country in the uncertain future that lies before us.

Franchise
We hold that under a government where the sovereign powers are lodged in the people and exercised by them through the elective franchise, the right to vote is inseparable from the right to be voted for and any attempts to separate these prerogatives is a dangerous political heresy, contrary to the genius of our Republican form of government and destructive to the ends and aims of a free people.

The history of the colored people in Virginia for the past twenty years attests the fact that they are by no means chronic office seekers, and therefore we denounce as a political subterfuge the pronouncement in the Republican platform in which it attempts by inuendo to assure the white electorate that it is opposed to Negro office-holders and thereby in its efforts to gain the support of the certain element of the white electorate offers a gratuitous insult to the colored electorate at large.

Recognizing the justness of the rule of the majority, under a Republican form of government, we cheerfully subscribe to that rule, but at the same time we insist that the minority has rights which the majority under the Constitution cannot deny and the citizen should not be deprived of any of the privileges vouchsafed him by the fundamental law both State and National, because he belongs to a group numerically less than another group of our citizenry, or because of race, color, creed or religion.

We cannot believe that the great body of the God-fearing men and women whose labors and sacrifices have made Virginia a distinguished member of the family of States will subscribe to the sophistry that a class of our citizens who wrought mightfully for her development 250 years and that too, without a single pay day shall be denied the right to participate in the political affairs of the Government and in Party Councils upon the untenable grounds that another group of citizens pay into the coffers of the State the greater portion of its revenue.

We believe too that character and experience are necessary qualities to be possessed by anyone offering for the suffrage of the electorate, but we fail to see how one can ever demonstrate the excellence of his character who never has been put to the test or gained experience in office which he is never allowed to hold.

We condemn as utterly evasive and willfully misleading the attempt to confuse the participation of any group of people in politics with a desire to change the social understanding always existing between the races in this State; and while we respectively and unreservedly demand to be treated as other citizens with all the rights, privileges and immunities accorded

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Beware of Raw Milk

By Miss Lutie E. Stearns

Two hundred and fifty thousand children died in America last year from preventable causes. Many of these children were victims of the ignorance of their mothers as to proper feeding.

Raw Milk is the cause of thousands of deaths every year, because it oft-times contains substances which lead to stomach and intestinal trouble in babies. In many of the largest cities of the country, such as Detroit, Milwaukee, Cincinnati and Chicago, the sale of even one drop of Raw Milk is prohibited, owing to its many dangers.

Nathan Straus, the great philanthropist of New York, who spends thousands of dollars for MILK for poor children found that out of seventy-one children who were given Raw Milk during the first summer of his activities, sixty (60) of them were sick at some time during the summer. He changed to PASTEURIZED MILK and out of fifty-one children, forty were well all summer. Experience showed Mr. Straus the harm of RAW MILK, and this prompted him to write a letter to the Mayor of every city in the United States asking that an ordinance be passed requiring that all MILK, unless certified, should be PASTEURIZED.

No reputable physician will prescribe raw milk, even from tuberculin tested cows as it may carry the germs of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever, the "Flu" and Septic sore throat. The tuberculin test is a preventative against tuberculosis alone and there is no known safe-guard against other diseases save through Pasteurization. Dr. C. E. North of New York City, one of the greatest living authorities on milk, pasteurizes the milk he gives his children from his own tested Jersey cow; while Dr. E. V. McCullum of John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., who has studied milk constantly for twenty years, is authority for the statement that Pasteurization does not destroy Vitamines or Life Giving Elements.

Every mother should see to it that her family receives only SAFE, PASTEURIZED MILK. She should inspect the DAIRY from which the MILK comes to see that every process is satisfactory.

Every mother in Omaha is cordially invited to inspect the Alamito Dairy, Leavenworth and Twenty-sixth Street, any day in October, Sunday's excepted, at 10:30, 2:30 or 4 o'clock to hear Miss Stearns on "The World's Greatest Need and Sources of Power." Dairy refreshments served and free cartons of cottage cheese distributed. Come and bring your friends.