

EUROPEAN POWERS WATCHING AMERICAN NEGRO

PRESENT STATUS OF DYER ANTI-LYNCH BILL IN CONGRESS

Judiciary Committee Has Favorably Reported Measure Which It Is Believed Will Again Pass in House

MATTERS DELAY THE ACTION

Advancement Association Secretary Issues Statement Concerning Anti-Lynching Campaign

New York, March 28.—James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on his return from Washington, where he conferred with leaders in Congress and members of the Judiciary and Rules Committees of the House of Representatives has issued a statement summarizing the history of the Dyer Bill in the present Congress and giving its status and prospects.

The history and present status of the Dyer Bill, in the present Congress, as given by Mr. Johnson are as follows:

"On the opening day of Congress, the Bill was re-introduced, by Congressman Dyer as H. R. number 1. It was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

"On January 10, the Judiciary Committee favorably reported the Bill.

"On January 21, Mr. Dyer introduced a resolution asking for a rule to give the Anti-Lynching Bill immediate consideration. This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Rules and ordered printed.

"The Committee on Rules has not yet acted. A prominent member of this Committee informed me that action on the Dyer Bill had been delayed by other pressing matters before the House, including the Revenue Bill, the Muscle Shoals Bill, the Immigration Bill and the Bonus. Three of these bills had already been disposed of, he said, and the other two would be shortly. My informant gave as his opinion that as soon as that had been done, colored people should bring all possible pressure to bear for quick action on the Dyer Bill.

"The leaders in the House of Representatives with whom I have talked feel confident that the Dyer Bill will be passed in the House. They feel, however, that it will be best to clear away other pressing matters which might be used as an excuse to retard action on it.

"It is the consensus of opinion among Congressmen most interested in the Dyer bill that the publicity given the subject on the floor of Congress has affected the entire country and has been the greatest cause for the falling off in the number of lynchings. They feel that the fact has been driven home to the authorities and the people in lynching states that if they did not attempt to stop lynching the Federal Government eventually would step in on it. Those friends of the Bill believe further discussion in this Congress will do still more to curb mob violence and lynching, regardless of what action the Senate may take."

The National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. is prepared to put its entire machinery and as many agencies as will cooperate into action to bring the greatest possible pressure for enactment of this Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill.

FISK GETS \$250,000

Nashville, Tenn., March 28.—Fisk University, after receiving \$250,000 from the Rockefeller Board and \$950,000 raised by Paul Cravath, son of a former president, is today the best endowed college in the race.

TANNER GOING BACK TO GAY PAREE

New York, March 28.—Henry O. Tanner, world's famous religious painter, is going back to Paris after a sojourn here. He has agreed to paint a panel for the top of the bronze tablet commemorating the 136th anniversary of Mother Bethel Church, of Philadelphia.

TO FOSTER BETTER RACE RELATIONS

Rev. J. W. Jackson Employed by State Committee to Work With Colored Groups

Atlanta, Ga., March 28.—Dr. T. J. Woolter, Jr., secretary of the Georgia Race Relations Committee, announces the employment, as colored associate secretary, of Rev. J. W. Jackson, former Baptist pastor and for ten years field worker in Georgia for the General Missionary Baptist Convention. He will work especially with the colored committees throughout the State, organizing, strengthening, and assisting wherever his services are required. The State Committee has long felt the need of a competent colored secretary for this phase of the work and feels that it has chosen well in getting a man of fine spirit, many years experience as minister and missionary worker, and wide acquaintance throughout the State. The object of this Committee is to bring about better understanding between the races, eliminate friction, correct injustices and promote community cooperation for the common welfare.

BAGNALL SPENDS BUSY FOUR DAYS FOR ASSOCIATION

Director of Branches of the National Advancement Association Makes Good Use of Visit Here

Robert W. Bagnall, director of branches of the N. A. A. C. P. spent four busy days in Omaha last week in the interest of the Association. Arriving from Kansas City last Wednesday night he met a conference of representative men at the Colored Commercial Club, where he laid before them the program and plans of the N. A. A. C. P. He was kept busy until midnight answering questions and giving information. At this conference pledges and cash for the important work before the association to the amount of \$145 were voluntarily made by the men present. Thursday was largely devoted to correspondence and meeting of individuals. Friday morning he delivered an inspiring address before the University of Omaha, where he made a very favorable impression upon faculty and students. Friday afternoon he held a conference with a large group of representative women at the Colored Commercial Club, where plans were laid for a popular baby contest and pledges and cash for the Association's work to the amount of \$110 were received. Saturday he was busy interviewing individuals and Saturday night attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the local branch. Sunday morning he preached at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon and in the afternoon he addressed a mass meeting in Zion Baptist Church, where he spoke for an hour and a half and so intensely interested was his audience that they thought his address was quite short. At this meeting \$345 in pledges and cash were made. He left at midnight for Denver, Colorado. His visit here has been most beneficial to the local branch. Enroute to St. Paul, Mr. Bagnall will spend Tuesday here.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY IS TO HAVE NEW ATHLETIC FIELD

(Lincoln News Service)

Washington, D. C., Mar. 28.—Acquisition of land at Howard University for the erection of an athletic field and gymnasium is provided in a bill introduced in the House by the House District Committee. The land to be taken over comprises 45,000 sq. feet, and is faced with a 300-foot front on Euclid Street, Northwest. Portions of adjacent streets and alleys will be closed.

RACE COMMISSION BILL PASSED

Annapolis, Md., March 28.—Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to name a commission of 21 members of both races to study the welfare of colored people in the State and report to the Legislature in 1927, was passed by the House March 13.

It was introduced by Delegate Joseph, of the fourth district, and the administration measure passed without opposition.

We have 608 photographers, 101 of whom are females.

What Are the Wild Waves Saying?



What is the Matter With Christianity Today? There is Something Wrong About It? What is it?

(An address delivered by the Rev. Francis J. Grimke, D. D., pastor of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., at the Seventh Annual Convocation of the School of Religion of Howard University, Washington, D. C. It was this address which so offended certain Southern Senators that they withheld the appropriation for Howard University.)

Part I

"Ladies and gentlemen, in the time that I am to occupy I wish to address my remarks to the question, What is the trouble with the Christianity of today? There is something wrong about it; what is it? In one direction at least, I think I know what that trouble is.

To my mind it is its hypocrisy, its manifest insincerity. It professes to believe what it has no intention of living up to, except so far as it doesn't interfere with its selfish aims, so far as it does not run counter to its prejudices. The great indictment which Jesus Christ would make against it if he were here today is, "Why call ye me Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

(1) Its great deficiency, as I view it, is not in the line of its non-acceptance of Jesus Christ as the Great Teacher sent from God. It hails him as the greatest of teachers. It has studied, and studied very carefully, all the things that he has said. Every word that fell from his lips, as handed down in the Scriptures, it knows and knows the meaning of. Volumes have been written extolling him as Teacher and expounding his words, setting forth his ideals and principles. The Christianity of today is not deficient in knowledge of what Jesus said, of what was clearly in his mind as to the principles that were to have away in his kingdom. He not only, while he was on earth, outlined what those principles and ideas were, but after he had gone, in accordance with his promise, sent the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles in unfolding those principles. No one can read the 21 Epistles of the New Testament and fail to see exactly what is involved in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Everything is set forth clearly, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. The Christianity of to-day knows perfectly well what is required of it, what it ought to be, and what it ought to do.

(2) Its great deficiency, as I see it, is not in its non-acceptance of Jesus Christ as priest. It makes much of his atoning blood; it magnifies the cross of Christ as the great sacrifice for sin. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life,"

it preaches. It believes that Jesus is the only Mediator between God and man and that His blood cleanses from all sin.

A Federation of White Churches

On these two points it seems to be mainly or largely right; but when we go a step further and think of Jesus Christ as King we find that it is far from being right. The one thing which it does not acknowledge, except in a halting, hypocritical way, is the right of Jesus Christ to control its action, to say what it shall do and what it shall not do. It has never learned and shows no disposition to learn the great lesson which God taught centuries ago through Samuel, "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." The Christianity of today is a Christianity that makes no serious effort to carry out the whole counsel of God, to live up to the full requirements is precisely that of the bootlegger and the whole criminal gang represented by the liquor power in this country in regard to the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead Act; it chooses among these God-given requirements which it will carry out and which it will not. When its prejudices are crossed, its selfish interests interfered with, it sidetracks the law of God, it shuts its eyes to the violation of the most sacred and fundamental principles laid down by the founder of Christianity. It professes, e. g., to believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—these are both vital and fundamental principles in Christianity—and straightway, in the face of these principles, everywhere is setting up barriers against men on account of race and color.

Here in this city we have a federation of churches—a federation of what kind of churches? A federation of white churches. The very fact that such a federation exists in this city shows what kind of Christianity we have here, what kind of Christianity is represented in these churches. It is not a federation of Christian churches, but a federation of white churches, which shows that these churches, consciously, are standing for a Christianity that lays greater emphasis upon the color of a man's skin than upon his Christian character.

What right has any group of churches, calling itself Christian, to set up barriers against another group on account of race or color? When the Christianity of today comes to recognize fully the authority of Jesus Christ in all that it does; when it turns a deaf ear to every other consideration except the will of Jesus, as Lord, there will be no white churches, or colored churches, nor white federation of churches; nor will there be any colored churches, or colored federation of churches. All churches, all

federations of churches will be open alike to all who are Christians without distinction of race, color, or condition.

We have also in this city a white Y. M. C. A. and a white Y. W. C. A., from which colored people are excluded and excluded because they are colored, because they happen to be of another race variety. The very fact of the existence of such associations is a standing reproach to the Christianity that they represent. What right has any so-called Christian association to draw the color line on anyone? It may have the right as an association to do so, but not as long as it bears the name Christian. That name, that sacred name, forbids all such distinctions. And the man who does not see that it does, it either a fool or is woefully ignorant of what Christianity really is and what it teaches. Surely, the wayfaring man, though a fool, if he knows anything about Christianity, the Christianity which Jesus taught and lived, knows that such distinctions are entirely out of place in a Christian organization.

(Continued next week)

HELP TAKE HOTEL

Lakewood, N. J., Mar. 28.—Caraslo Hotel closed here by bankruptcy is in the hands of 200 cooks, waiters, bellboys and maids. They declare they will act as guests until they get their month's back pay. Food enough is on hand to last several weeks.

10,000 WORKERS FOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Washington, D. C., March 28.—A membership of 10,000 working women is expected at the National Wage Earners' Club headed by Miss Nannie Burroughs, which has purchased the property at the corner of 12th and Rhode Island avenues, N. W.

SENATE REWARDS CHILD OF DEAD BARBER

(Lincoln News Service)

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Under a Senate resolution recently passed, provision was made for the payment to Annie M. Peterson, sole surviving child of John Hickman, of one year's compensation at the rate Hickman was receiving at the time of his death. Hickman, a colored man, at the time of his death recently, had been on the rolls of the United States Senate for 58 years. Virtually all of that time he was in the Senate barber shop, where he became acquainted with every man who has served in the Senate in the last half century. In appreciation of his faithful services the usual six months' compensation in lieu of funeral expenses in his case was doubled.

MRS. AMES JOINS RACE COMMISSION'S STAFF

Former Leader of Texas Women Voters Actively Enters New Field

Belton, Texas, March 28.—Dr. J. C. Hardy, President of Baylor College and chairman of the Texas Interracial Commission, announces that Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, of Georgetown, has been secured by the Commission for field work in the State and has entered upon her duties. Her work will be to set up, strengthen and stimulate local interracial committees, and to promote the work of the State Commission with special reference to the organization and development of the woman's department.

As organizer and former head of the Texas League of Women Voters, Mrs. Ames is one of the best known and most influential women in Texas. She was also a charter member and the first chairman of the woman's section of the State interracial Commission. The Commission feels that she is peculiarly fitted for the work upon which she is entering.

TELLS OF SHORTAGE OF NEGRO MEDICAL MEN

(By the Associated Negro Press)

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Congress recently struck out from the Howard University appropriation the items designed to take care of an improved and enlarged medical school which had been recommended by Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work. Mr. Work called attention to Howard's position as the only college, save one, for colored physicians and dentists. In his annual report to President Coolidge, made the 13th of this month, he explains.

"The recommendations were made after an investigation showing that the colored population of the United States has increased to nearly 12,000,000 and that there is only one colored physician to 3,194 persons, while the white race has a physician to every 553 citizens thus raising an important issue in the Negro inhabitants. The disparity is even greater in the proportion of white and colored dentists. Statistics show that there is one white dentist to every 2,070 white people in the United States, while there is but one colored dentist to every 20,500 colored persons.

Other figures reveal the fact that only a very meager number of colored doctors and dentists are completing the course every year at the Howard University, the average number of physicians graduating for the past ten years being 20 while the number of dentists averaged 22. Responsibility for the situation is attributed not to the disinclination of colored youths to study medicine and dentistry and adopt them as professions, but to the deplorable limitations of the capacity of colored educational institutions. During the fall term of Howard University there were 165 applicants for admission to its medical school. Out of this number but 50 could be admitted to take the course because of the inadequacy of laboratory space, the number rejected being 125. The appropriation presented to Congress included \$370,000 for a new building and \$130,000 for equipment.

LIBERIA REFUSES GARVEY DELEGATES

(By the Associated Negro Press)

Monrovia, Liberia, March 28.—President C. B. D. King of the Republic of Liberia, has denied the application of the delegates sent here recently from the U. N. I. A. for a conference on the subject of the colonization of Liberia by members of the U. N. I. A. The President stated, "I am willing to meet the delegates if the interview is of an unofficial character and the discussions to take place are of an informal nature and as between private individuals." The president informed your correspondent that he is keeping his mind on the obligations of Liberia to the Great Powers and looking particularly to the maintenance of the Independence of the Republic.

LIBERIA REFUSES GARVEY DELEGATES

Now that the undertakers have decided to take the gloom out of funerals by disguising their hearse they should take steps to dispel the gloom that follows the presentation of their exorbitant bills.

DU BOIS TELLS OF THE PAN-AFRICAN AND TRIP ABROAD

Touched Three Continents, Saw Five African Colonies and Islands; Is Impressed with Possibilities of Dark Continent

WATCHING AMERICAN NEGRO

European Countries Especially the Colonial Powers, Show Great Interest in Development of Race

New York, March 28.—Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of The Crisis, who has just returned from extensive journeys in Africa, today through the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, recently gave out a statement summarizing his voyage. Dr. Du Bois said:

"I have just returned from a journey of 15,000 miles in the course of which I touched three continents and five European nations and 5 African colonies, also 5 African islands. I attended the inauguration of President-King of Liberia for his second term, as a spectator representing the President of the United States, with the rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary. I saw two colored Consuls at Dakar, and St. Etienne, in France.

"I spent one month in Liberia, a week in Sierra Leone and ten days in Senegal. I visited Portugal and Moorish Spain and am tremendously impressed with the beauty of Africa and especially of Liberia and its future opportunities.

"I was sent by the Foreign Relations Committee of the National Association of Colored Women to attend the third Pan-African Congress. This Congress held one session in London in November, one in Lisbon in December. The sessions were not as largely attended as in the case of the Second Congress but the territory reached was greater. The reports were more definite and interesting and the interest developed in the movement, both among Negroes and European nations is growing.

Europe Watching American Negro

"Especially was the strength and importance of the rising black population of Portugal and her colonies shown. The interest of European countries, especially colonial powers, in the development of the American Negro is astonishing. The American Negro on the one hand stands for what the race may accomplish and on the other hand stands as a sort of warning to colonial powers as to what the race may demand. There is not a single colonial power with possessions in Africa that is not watching, through literature and personal representatives, every development of the Negro problem in America."

OHIO LEGISLATOR RAISES \$635 FOR N. A. A. C. P.

Detroit, Mich., Mar. 28.—Harry E. Davis, of Cleveland, member of the Ohio legislature, addressed a meeting of thirty-four colored citizens here on March 7, in the Second Baptist church, and obtained cash subscriptions and pledges to the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, amounting to \$635.

At the meeting plans were laid for an intensive financial campaign for the N. A. A. C. P., to include social, fraternal and civic bodies.

HARVARD WANTS RACE WAITRESSES BACK

Cambridge, Md., March 28.—Race waitresses dismissed from the freshman dormitories are wanted back by the authorities who find they have to pay white girls more money.

GARMENT WORKERS OF CHICAGO ON STRIKE

Chicago, Ill., March 28.—Hundreds of girl workers in the dress and waist factory are out on strike for ten per cent in pay and 40 hours per week. For the first time these race girls are picketing the factories and urging scab workers of the South not to accept employment.

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