

ANTI-LYNCHING BILL IS REJECTED

MOB-LYNCHING BILL IS SMOTHERED BY SENATE COMMITTEE

Senate Group by Vote of Nine to Three Refuses to Report Measure Which Is Given Serious Backset.

NORRIS ABSENT DOES NOT VOTE

Two Republicans and One Democrat Vote Favorably and Four Republicans and Five Democrats Oppose.

Washington D. C.—The senate judiciary committee, by a vote of 9 to 3 declined, Tuesday in executive session to report the McKinley Anti-Lynching bill.

Two Republicans and one Democrat voted for a favorable report and four Republicans and five Democrats voted against it.

These senators voted "Yes": Ernest, Republican, Kentucky. Cummins, Republican, Iowa. Ashurst Democrat, Arizona.

These senators voted "No": Borah, Republican, Idaho. Means, Republican, Colorado. Harrell, Republican, Oklahoma. Deneen, Republican, Illinois. Overman, Democrat, North Carolina. Reed, Democrat, Missouri. Walsh, Democrat, Montana. Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas. King, Democrat, Utah.

The bill is similar to the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill passed by the House some years ago but still in the Senate by a filibuster of southern senators.

Friends of the measure declare that the bill is not dead and that they will make another effort to have it reported by the senate judiciary committee.

The McKinley bill would make lynching a federal crime. Any county in which a lynching took place would be required to forfeit \$10,000 to the estate of the victim and any sheriff or county officer who permitted a mob to lynch a prisoner for whom he was responsible might be subjected to a term of five years and a fine of \$5,000. Two or more persons would constitute a mob.

Senator Ashurst confirmed Tuesday outside the chambers of the Senate, standing in the capitol before newspaper men, authenticity of the above article.

Senator McKinley who introduced this bill last December was away on a vacation in Florida. Colonel Smith who defeated him recently in the Illinois primaries, was in Washington when the measure came up.

Senator Harrell who favored the bill all along thought it unwise to precipitate another filibuster and voted against it.

Senator Reed proposed killing the bill for all time instead of postponing it for another week or so.

Senator Deneen, of Illinois, was either absent or unwilling to vote. He was recorded among the nine against the bill.

Senator Norris of Nebraska was absent and so did not vote. His attitude is not known.

SLAYER NOW DECLARED ONLY INSANE

Trenton, N. J.—Harrison W. Noel, white, sentenced to death for the brutal murder of Raymond Pierce, taxicab driver, and Mary Daly, a white child, victim in an attempted kidnaping, won a new trial this week on the ground of insanity.

The crimes were committed near Montclair, N. J. The Court of Errors and Appeals by a vote of 12 to 1 granted the appeal from conviction on the ground that Noel was insane at the time the murder was committed and was still technically an undischarged inmate of the Overbrook Insane Asylum.

The pleas of insanity was set up during the trial and it was declared the prisoner was in a mental state to stand trial.

URBAN LEAGUE PRESENTS CAUSE OF RACE TO IMMENSE CROWD

New York—On Wednesday evening, May 19th, a distinguished audience of white and colored people filled Town Hall to capacity to hear the "New Negro Tell His Story." The occasion was the opening of the drive to secure an Urban League's Sustaining Fund of \$350,000 to assure the running expenses of the new York, Brooklyn and National Urban Leagues for three years. Undoubtedly, it was one of the most brilliant interracial gatherings ever witnessed in Greater New York. With L. Hollingsworth Wood, President of the National Urban League, presiding, there were addresses by Charles S. Johnson, Editor of "Opportunity" Magazine; John E. Nail, Harlem Real Estate Operator and Mrs. Elsie McDougald, Assistant Principal of Public School No. 89. Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, gave a brief review of the astonishing growth and effectiveness of the League's work. The Reverend Henry Hugh Proctor recently elected Moderator of the New York Association of Congregational Churches discussed the function of the Negro church in relation to social service among Negroes. Coming down from Harvard University, especially for this meeting, Countee Cullen read from "Color" and otherwise delighted the audience. The Harmonic Quartette, through the courtesy of J. Rosamond Johnson, Mrs. Charlotte Wallace Murray and C. Carroll Clark, accompanied by Miss Beatrice Lewis, sang Negro spirituals. Lloyd Garrison great grandson of William Lloyd Garrison and Treasurer of the National Urban League, spoke of the fiscal problems confronting the Urban League and pleaded for racial justice.

The climax of the evening came, however, when a letter from Casper Holstein, the donor of the \$1,000 awards in Opportunity's recent literary Prize Contest, was read, in which there were a check for \$500, making a total of \$1,000 Mr. Holstein, a colored man, has given so far to the Urban League's three years' sustaining fund.

In his letter to Mr. Jones Mr. Holstein said, "I intended to be present at the meeting tonight but unfortunately I cannot do so. "But I am so vitally interested in the efforts the Urban League is making for funds with which to conduct and solidify its work for the next three years that I cannot withhold the impulse to send you another check for Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), merely as an expression of what I, as a humble member of the Negro race, deem to be my duty, with the hope that it will encourage other Negroes to realize their responsibility to the Urban League."

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP GROWS

The recent census of religious bodies, taken by Dr. H. K. Carroll, shows a total church membership in the United States of 46,883,756, or approximately 42 per cent of the entire population. The largest protestant body is the Methodist, while the Roman Catholics maintain almost an equal lead with the Methodists. Following these two large bodies are the Baptists, the Disciples of Christ, the Presbyterians, and the Lutherans, in the order named.

Among the Colored denominations the National Baptist, with two organizations, leads with a membership of 3,044,528, followed by the A. M. E., with 698,029, the A. M. E. Z., with 490,000, and C. M. E., with 342,000 members. Dr. Carroll claims that the National Baptist organizations suffered in recent years by the heavy migration of colored families to northern cities.

SENDS ENGINEER ABROAD

Chicago—Henry E. Cobb, mining engineer employed by the Payne Company, has been ordered abroad to the company's office in Paris. Eighteen years ago he began with this company as a laborer. His specialty is building artesian wells.

A SERIOUS CHARGE WHICH MIGHT HAVE CAUSED TROUBLE

Vernon A. Ashford, 24, 2514 North Thirty-first street, porter at Dorsey's chicken shack, Fifty-fifth and Center streets, was arrested Saturday night and held for investigation upon the serious charge that he had detained and abused a little 7-year-old white girl, Rosie, daughter of Mrs. Georgian Ayden, 5606 Dorcas street.

The mother is a widow and in poor circumstances. The little girl, who is very small and looks like a child of 5, was seen by a neighbor munching candy Friday morning, and was asked why she was not in school and where she got her candy. She said a man at the chicken shack kept her from going to school and gave her three nickels. The woman jumped to the conclusion that a Negro had tampered with this child. The story grew and it was rumored that there would be a serious trouble and that there were threats of lynching. Police Officer Bell reported the case Saturday afternoon and Saturday night three detectives arrested Vernon Ashford, whom the child said gave her the money. Ashford was released Sunday afternoon on his own recognizance. Monday morning the case was dismissed. Mrs. Ayden stating that the child had not been harmed and there was nothing to the story. As a matter of fact, Ashton, who is married and has two children, aged 4 and 2, respectively, and bears a good reputation, did not go to work until 1 o'clock Friday afternoon and was at home, several miles from his place of employment at the time when it was said by one of the newspapers that he had pulled her into the chicken shack. The child comes to the place quite frequently and a white patron, doubtless moved by a generous impulse, gave the child the money with which she bought the candy.

Had the Omaha newspapers written up the story with scarecrow headlines and in a sensational manner it is not hard to imagine what the result might have been. Here was a lie told by someone that might have caused a tragedy.

CHICAGO MEAT-PACKERS EMPLOY COLORED WOMEN

According to a study of women in Illinois industries, just released by the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, the meat-packing establishments of Chicago absorb a large percentage of colored women engaged in the industrial life of that city. Laundries, house furnishing manufactories, and textile plants also employ a good percentage of this racial group of workers.

The Bureau states that large proportions of women 30 years of age and over were found in the slaughtering and meat-packing houses; while this same racial group performs fifty per cent of Chicago's laundry work.

SEEK U. S. AID IN WAR ON SLAVERY

Washington—The Foreign Missions Conference of North America has sent a memorandum to President Coolidge, Secretary of State Kellogg, and Senator Borah, recommending that the United States co-operate with the League of Nations in adopting a new international convention against slavery.

According to the Conference's memorandum, slavery still persists in a number of places. With the opening of Africa for trade, it is claimed that the labor of the natives is being unjustly exploited by plantation and mine owners.

GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN APPOINTS RACE COMMISSIONER

Lansing, Mich., May 27.—(By The Associated Negro Press) Fulfilling a promise given to the Advisory Board of the Division of Negro Welfare and Statistics in its first annual session, Alexander J. Grosbeck, Governor of Michigan, has announced the appointment of a State Interracial Commission consisting of ten members, five colored and five white.

NEGROES IN FOUR CITIES SUBSCRIBE \$100,000 TO "Y"

Philadelphia, Pa. May 28.—(By The Associated Negro Press) "With the closing of this campaign the colored citizens in four cities, Buffalo, N. Y., Little Rock, Ark., Dayton, Ohio, and Germantown, Pa., have shown their ability and willingness to meet a great challenge based on an altruistic motive. In each city except one the goal sought has been over-subscribed by one hundred per cent. During this year the colored people have contributed more than \$100,000 toward the building, land, and equipment for these Y. M. C. A. plants. This, together with the pledge of Mr. Rosenwald of Chicago and friends in the respective cities, has added a total of one half million dollars of property holdings for the work among colored men and boys. This has been the year in building campaigns since the great war."

George W. Deane, general chairman of the drive, stated: "The unity of purpose shown by the men of Germantown leads me to believe a new day of co-operative activity will follow the splendid results of the campaign."

Dayton with a goal of \$15,000 the previous week reached a total of \$30,500. In March the men of Little Rock turned in more than \$32,000 in a drive for \$15,000. In Buffalo where the colored men was expected to raise \$10,000, \$21,000 was raised. Already plans have been drawn and building operations will be actively under way within a few days for a building in Buffalo on Michigan Avenue to cost between \$150,000 and \$175,000. The indications are that at least five cities will conduct campaigns for modern buildings next year.

AMERICAN ATHLETIC UNION ADMITS NEGRO CLUB

New York—The American Athletic Union has admitted to its membership the Century Athletic Club, an organization of crack Negro track and field performers, whose representatives have repeatedly covered themselves with glory in open competition with performers of the New York Athletic Club and other leading athletes of the New York, Westchester and Long Island districts.

The headquarters of the Association will be maintained in New York City.

HOW THE SUNNY SOUTH ENCOURAGES EDUCATION

Raleigh, N. C.—There are only 166 public high schools for colored children in the United States, according to the bulletin of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, soon to be issued.

The list of schools includes all 17 southern states.

While there are only 166 four year high schools for colored children in the whole south, one progressive southern state alone has 436 accredited high schools for white children.

N. A. A. C. P. RECEIVES BEQUEST OF \$424

New York—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, has received a check of \$424, representing a bequest from the estate of the late George T. Morgan, who bequeathed this sum in his will.

DILLARD AT MORRIS BROWN COMMENCEMENT

Atlanta, Ga.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Dr. James H. Dillard, president of the John F. Slater Fund, will deliver the commencement address at Morris Brown University this year. The baccalaureate sermon, May 23, will be preached by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom.

PRESIDENT OFFICIALLY DESIGNATES AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE WEEK

Southern Democrats Otherwise Head Nation-Wide Observance Arrangements—Protest Sent to Coolidge.

Washington, May 15, 1926—An "American Independence Week" will be observed throughout the country from June 28 to July 5, to mark the sesqui-centennial this year of the Declaration of Independence and the centenary of the death of Thomas Jefferson.

Decision to that effect was reached today by the commission appointed by the Government to arrange for the observances at a meeting in the White House, presided over by President Coolidge.

The commission selected Mr. Coolidge as honorary chairman. Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, as honorary vice chairman, and as the active chairman, Stuart G. Gibboney, president of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

The commission plans to prepare a patriotic and educational program for the week with the cooperation of Governors, Mayors and civic organizations.

President Coolidge read a telegram from Felix M. Warburg, a member of the commission, suggesting that as a tribute to Thomas Jefferson's stand for religious freedom, a Protestant, a Catholic and a Jew each contribute \$100,000 to the fund for the purchase of Monticello and to the endowment fund.

Calling attention to the fact that both these civilian heads are men of Southern birth and training and democrats in politics, the National Equal Rights League has protested to President Coolidge against a program with a Southern race bias, even negatively, for the official sesqui-centennial of the Declaration which can only be constructively observed by emphasis upon the great principles of liberty and the equality of man upon which it based the right of the Colonies to become an independent nation, the violation of which should be one of the aims of any true observance of America's basic instrument.

In behalf of Colored Americans, the chief victims of the violation, the League asks that men of liberal Northern traditions be added to the active management by the selection of two Northern Republicans.

The League urges colored citizens to petition President Coolidge to make fulfillment of the principles of the Declaration for all regardless of race or color a feature of the observance. It urges all colored veteran speakers to tell the public that the observance is a mockery unless color proscription is stopped; and to observe June 17, "Peter Salem Day," Anniversary of Bunker Hill, first regular battle of the Revolution, for the express purpose of calling for enforcement and for urging the President to abolish federal segregation in honor of the event.

AUDITORIUM SEATING 4500 FOR N. A. A. C. P. MEETING

New York—One of the largest meeting halls in the city of Chicago, the Auditorium seating 4500 persons, has been obtained for the Sunday mass meeting during the 17th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this June, it was announced today. Clarence Darrow and James Weldon Johnson are to be the chief speakers at this meeting. Dr. Herbert A. Turner, President of the Chicago Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., reports that arrangements are under way to broadcast over the radio the speeches delivered at this meeting.

COLOR BAR BILL PASSED

Capetown, S. A.—(ANP) Passage of the color bar bill here denies natives the privilege of participating in government affairs and limits them to certain classes of industry. The bill does not affect the mixed breeds.

FLORIDA CALLS OUT TROOPS TO QUELL TROUBLE

Resenting Presence of Negroes Employed on Road Floridians Staged Double Lynching in State.

GOVERNOR ACTS PROMPTLY

Several Members of the Mob Placed Under Arrest and Held Without Bond—Action Unusual and Unexpected.

Labelle, Fla.—Because whites resented the presence of Negroes working on the road, Florida staged a double lynching last week.

In this town, Henry Patterson was shot and killed by a mob Tuesday of last week. His body was paraded through the streets, then hung to a tree on the outskirts of the town.

At first he was charged with having attacked a white woman. Later the woman and her friend admitted that the man only came to her house to ask for a drink of water.

Following a meeting of the grand jury troops were called out and seven white members of the mob were arrested and held without bail on the charge of murder. This is the first time such drastic action has been taken in this part of the state.

M. E. pastors scolded the lynchers in their sermons Sunday. They referred to it as a premeditated murder.

Sheriff Defends Lynchers.

Sheriff Daniel McLaughlin said that the members of the mob, whom he termed as "boys," have a lot of right on their side. "This trouble has been brewing for some time. It started when we were having a campaign down here for a bond issue to build good roads. People who were pushing the bond issue promised work to all the boys if they would vote for it. They stirred them up with promises of plenty of work and the boys supported the bond issue so it went over big.

"The next thing we knew contractors imported a lot of Negroes and the voters who supported the bond issue could not get work on the road. They felt they had been tricked and naturally they resented the presence of the colored men here. That is the story behind the trouble. There are a number of persons living here who don't want these Negroes working on the road."

St. Petersburg.

Parker Watson was lynched at St. Petersburg, Fla., Sunday. He was supposed to have known the whereabouts of some stolen goods. The body was found with five bullet holes in it and what appeared to be acid stains on his face, Monday morning.

The mob took him from the officers Sunday night. There is no explanation of the fact that when he was taken from the officers he was handcuffed and when found there were no handcuffs on him. Officer could not explain their removal, saying he had the key.

So far as is known, the governor of the state has taken no action except to send troops. There has been no indictment of the grand jury at St. Petersburg and no arrests have been made.

FISK STUDENT WINS PRIZE.

Nashville, Tenn.—Miss Ariel Williams, a senior student at Fisk University, has been awarded half of the first and second prizes in the Poetry Section of Opportunity's Second Literary Contest, was announced at a special meeting recently held in New York City.

NEGRO BRICKMAKERS

Washington—Employed in brick, tile and terra cotta factories in the United States are more than 10,000 colored wage earners, who receive approximately \$12,000,000 per year in wages. Dependent upon these wage-earners for their shelter, food, clothing and education are more than 25,000 women and children.