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NEGRO CONGRESS

The Second Annual National Negro Educational Congress Closed Last Tuesday With Much Work Accomplished Resolutions Adopted Condemning Mob Violence.

The National Negro Educational Congress, which convened in this city last Saturday, closed its session last Tuesday. The Congress was represented by delegates from every state in the Union and many of whom participated on the program with interesting papers and addresses. Wm. McDonald of Fort Worth, Tex., presided over the meeting, which from start to finish proved to be one that will go down in history for its great accomplishments for the race.

The following resolutions were adopted condemning the recent lynchings in Pennsylvania and Oklahoma. "Whereas, we note with regret the lawlessness of some of the citizens of the state of Pennsylvania in committing mob violence upon another citizen of that commonwealth, also the lawlessness of some of the citizens of the state of Oklahoma in committing similar acts of violence upon a citizen within said state within the last few days, therefore be it

Resolutions of Censure.

"Resolved, that we the accredited delegates to this congress do, in the strongest possible language, condemn any and all acts of mob violence upon any man, any woman or any human being at any time or in any place.

"Resolved, further, that we do now put ourselves on record for all time to come as unalterably opposed to any and all acts of lawlessness committed by any citizen of this nation, but especially do we condemn said acts and all of them committed by a member of the negro race, and we will henceforth renew our efforts in trying to stamp out lawlessness in any and all forms among the members of our race.

"Resolved, further, that we are heartily in favor of the strictest enforcement and most exacting execution of any and all of the criminal laws upon the statutes of the various states of this nation; but we are unalterably opposed to the placing of one construction and interpretation upon said laws as applicable to the Negro and a different construction and interpretation upon the same laws when applied to any other citizen than a Negro.

Pledge to Uphold Laws.

"Resolved, further, that we do now reiterate declarations heretofore made that we will uphold and sustain the law both of the respective states and of the nation and we will heartily support those officials and executives who fearlessly enforce said laws without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude, and in this connection do we especially commend the stand taken by Governor Shafroth in preventing violators of the law from disgracing this great commonwealth by committing mob violence upon helpless and defenseless citizens of this state, also do we commend the heroic stand taken by Governor Lee Cruce of Oklahoma in behalf of a Negro citizen and in behalf of the Negro race when he commuted the sentence

of John Henry Prather. "Be is further resolved that we thank the press of this city for its liberality in publishing the proceedings of this congress, and in this connection do we especially commend the editor of The News for the strong editorial denouncing the mob violence of Pennsylvania."

A separate motion was passed thanking Governor Shafroth for his prompt action in preventing the lynching of Robert Harris of Rocky Ford, accused of murder.

Vice-President J. D. Harkless, assisted by the local committee, deserves no little amount of praise for the untiring efforts put forth to make the convention a success. Mr. Harkless is responsible for the Congress coming to Denver, and notwithstanding he did not receive the amount supported by the citizens of Denver as he should have. He saw to it that the delegates were well cared for and extended the hospitality of the city and state for which the resolutions verify.

The next place of meeting will be held at St. Paul, Minn.

The officers elected were as follows:

President J. Silas Harris of Kansas City; vice president, Wm. H. Harrison of Okla.; recording secretary, Miss J. C. Alves of Kentucky; corresponding secretary, H. R. Graham of Mississippi; attorney, George T. Wasson of Kansas; statistician, Professor N. C. Nix of South Carolina; stenographer, Mrs. Jessie D. Robinson of Missouri; medical registers, Dr. Henderson of Pueblo and Dr. W. P. Thompkins of Kansas; musical director, Dr. Taylor of Ohio; domestic science director, Mrs. S. C. Rogers; chaplain, H. M. Tarver of Texas.

E. Arlington Wilson, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist church of Kansas City made an address at the Tuesday evening session. Judge I. F. Bradley of Kansas City delivered an address on the "Basis of Taxation in Government."

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS.

The following delegates attended the N. N. E. C. this week: B. T. Williamson, M.D., Greenwood, Miss.; A. A. Cooney, Mound Mayon, Miss.; David J. Marsh, Cañon City, Colo.; Attorney Arthur G. Froe, Welch, W. Va.; Attorney Wasson, Kansas City; Wm. A. McDonlad, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Dr. R. P. Beshears, St. Joseph, Mo.; Wm. J. Thompkins, M.D., Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. L. L. Downing, Roanoke, Va.; H. H. Buckingham, Meridian, Miss.; Rev. J. R. White, St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. A. P. Dunbar, Columbia, S. C.; J. Beverly F. Shaw, Ph.D., Meridian, Miss.; E. Arlington Wilson, Ph.B., D.D., Kansas City, Kans.; Rev. G. W. Goode, Danville, Va.; J. T. Strong, Ita Bena, Miss.; Rev. J. C. Taylor, Toledo, Ohio;

T. P. Langon, Grand Junction, Colo.; C. J. Walker, Indianapolis, Ind.; M. B. Clark, Newport, News Va.; Rev. W. T. Hall, Danville, Va.; J. R. Wilson, Danville, Va.; Mrs. Eva Monroe, Springfield, Ill.; Rev. R. H. Bowling, Norfolk, Va.; Rev. L. L. Downing, Roanoke, Va.; J. Silas Harris, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. S. C. Rogers, Kansas City, Mo., and many others whose names we failed to get.

THE MAN FARTHEST DOWN

THE WOMEN WHO WORK IN EUROPE.

By Booker T. Washington.

While I was in Vienna I went out one Sunday evening to the Prater, the great public park, which seems to be a sort of combination of Central Park in New York and Coney Island. In this park one may see all types of Austrian life, from the highest to the lowest. Sunday seems however, to be the day the common people and the night I visited the place there were, in addition to the ordinary laboring people of the city hundreds, perhaps thousands, of peasant people from the country there. They were mostly young men and women who had evidently come into the city for the Sunday holiday. Beside the sober, modern dress of the city crowds these peasant women, with their high boots, the bright-colored kerchiefs over their heads, and their wide, flaring, voluminous skirts (something like those of a female circus-rider, only a little longer and not so gauzy), made a strange and picturesque appearance.

Meanwhile there was a great flare of music of a certain sort; and a multitude of catchpenny shows, mountebanks, music halls, theaters, merry-go-rounds and dancing pavillions gave the place the appearance of a stupendous country fair. I do not think that I ever saw anywhere, except at a picnic or a barbecue among the Negroes of the Southern States, people who gave themselves up so frankly and with such entire zest to the simple, physical sort of enjoyment! Everywhere there were eating, drinking and dancing, but nevertheless I saw no disorder, very few people who seemed to be the worse for drinking, and in no instance did I see people who showed, in the disorder of their dress or in the blotched appearance of their faces, the effects of continued excesses such as one sees in so many parts of the London. The people were, for the most part, neatly and cleanly dressed, each class of people seemed to have its own place of amusement and its own code of manners, and every one seemed to keep easily and naturally within the restraints which custom prescribed.

I do not mean to say that I approve of this way of spending the Sabbath. I simply desire to point

out the fact, which others have noticed, that the effect of the drinking habit seem to be quite different in England from what it is in countries on the Continent.

I had an opportunity to observe the evil effects of the drinking habit upon the Englishwomen of the lower classes when I visited some of the police courts in the poorer parts of London.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

"TRUE REFORMERS" IN TOILS

Richmond, Va., Aug. 9.—The grand jury today indicted five general officers of the Grand Fountain of the Order of True Reformers, a Negro fraternal order, for complicity in the looting and wrecking of the True Reformers' bank.

The grand jury estimates the amount of shortage as traced to date at \$290,000.

The officers indicated are W. L. Taylor, grand master; Edward L. Ellis, Jr., vice grand master; W. P. Burrell, grand secretary; J. C. Robertson, general attorney, and Reuben T. Hill, cashier of the True Reformers' bank, who is now a fugitive under indictment for grand larceny.

Richmond Negroes are highly excited by the development. Many of them have lost their savings of a life time in the crash of the True Reformers' Bank and in the collapse of the fraternal order which founded it. There are upward of 3,000 subordinate fountains and the membership of the order of True Reformers is spread over twenty-eight different states.

A NEW APPOINTMENT

Washington, D. C., August 11.—Through persons who are in a position to know, information comes to us that Captain Charles Young, commander of I Troop of the Ninth Cavalry and commander of the third squadron of the regiment, will be advanced to the rank of major in the fall. This will be the first time that a colored man has reached so high a position in the regular army of the United States in time of peace, excepting of course, the advancement that has come to chaplains. Captain Young is a West Pointer, an Ohioan by birth, and a gentleman by practice whom the enlisted men honor and respect. He is a scholar and a lover of the race whom all who know him delight to see advance, for he believes in lifting as he climbs.

It Wasn't a Plot. "What do you think of the plot?" asked the theater manager. "That isn't a plot," replied the man who had paid two dollars to see the show. "That's a conspiracy."—Washington Star.

RACE NEWS

GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 4.—Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett, platform speaker, race leader and editor, a woman of international acquaintance, has been selected by the National Independent Political League to organize auxiliaries for Illinois, and Kentucky. No better person could have been named from this state to no that particular work.

Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 8.—The Supreme Court of the United States will determine the constitutionality of the "Jim Crow" law passed some months ago in this state. Attorneys Harrison, Barbour and Tyler will contend that the obnoxious measure is in direct conflict with the interstate commerce law.

Application has been made to the directors of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company by widely known Negroes, including Booker T. Washington, Bishop C. H. Phillips and Bishop H. M. Turner for permission to install a Negro department in the exposition of 1915. Embodied in the application is a request that the department be officered and controlled by Negroes under the supervision of the officials of the company. Instead of being local in its scope, as in the case of the Atlanta and Jamestown expositions, it is suggested that the Negro department of the San Francisco exposition be international in scope.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—F. A. Holmes a Negro running under the colors of the Illinois State Gaelic Athletic Association, was the individual star of annual Gaelic meet here today, gaining the highest individual points and winning the meet for his team. Dan Ahearn was the only one of the three New York record holders—Ahearn, Melvin Sheppard and Con Walsh—who completed in the meet who was able to gain a place, mainly because of the handicaps imposed on the Easterners. Sheppard ran a strong race in the mile run, but was unable to overcome his handicap. Walsh entered all weight events, but was unable to gain a place.

ALBUQUERQUE NEWS.

Mrs. L. S. Black is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Francis and Katie Ellsworth has returned after a year's visit to

California points, they are much improved in health.

Rev. J. W. Rodgers, chairman of our local delegates to the National Negro Educational Congress left Thursday for Denver to attend the session.

A grand reception was given last week at the home of Miss Francis Ellsworth by the Choral club to assist the delegates to the National Negro Congress. A nice program was rendered and refreshments served.

Mrs. M. Houston and daughter Monica of Los Angeles left for their home last week accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Bettie Turner.

Mr. Orval Anderson arrived Friday to accompany his wife and three children back to their home in Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. Martha Harrison, a well known young woman of our city lies dangerously ill, with consumption at her home. Little hope is left for her recovery.

O. P. Hudson, a promising young attorney at law from Oakland, Cal., has located in our city. He speaks Spanish fluently which is a big asset to success in his profession, we trust he may do a thriving business.

T. O. Mason, worshipful master of Eureka Lodge, No. 19, A. F. & A. M. entertained last Sunday afternoon at his residence, the Past Masters of his lodge. Those present were: M. Jones, Jeff Click, H. Bramlett, T. J. Dunlap. A pleasant afternoon was spent.

Rev. J. P. Watson and wife were pleasant visitors to our city last week, while in the city Mrs. Watson preached at the A. M. E. church the Sunday before she left for home among those who entertained the Reverend and his wife while in the city were Mrs. T. O. Mason, Mrs. L. S. Black, Mrs. A. B. Montgomery and Mrs. E. T. Ellsworth.

Rules and Exceptions. "Any fool can find fault," James G. Cannon of New York cautions a group of ministers. In a notoriously fault finding world most of us will be inclined to lay the flattering unction to our souls that the maxim does not apply both ways, to affirm that anybody that finds fault is a fool.