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Saturday, September 26, 1925.

Frederick Palmer, the writer, discussing in Colliers "Why they hate us," referring to European nations, says, "While we go to Europe to learn what she has to offer, there is one thing we can teach Europe. It is the folly of race hatred. Lord, Lord, how could that man write that with a straight face! Think of America teaching any nation "the folly of race hatred."

The Special Agents sent from Washington to investigate the charge of conspiracy against Walter L. Cohen, Collector of Customs at New Orleans, have found out what every fair-minded, sensible man knew, that is, the charge was a frame up. It was only an effort to get Mr. Cohen because he is a Negro and held a very high and important Federal position.

On October 1st, the Standard Life Insurance Company will again become a company of the colored people. It will be remembered that this company was taken over last year by the Southern Life, a white company. The President of that company however agreed that he would let any responsible group of colored men buy it back any time within 10 years. He has kept his word.

The report of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is not very complimentary to the effort to legislate temperance into the American people by the Volstead Act route. Liquor will not be banished by this Act for the good and sufficient reason that the people don't believe in the law as it is. There is too much corruption, brutality and hypocrisy connected with its so-called enforcement for one reason. The prestige of the Federal government for the enforcement of its laws is not enhanced either by this impossible act.

The storming of the Buncombe County jail in Asheville, N. C., by a mob estimated at from 500 to 1000 in an effort to get a Negro charged with a crime but who had been spirited away, is a beautiful illustration of the civilization of the great Nordics. There is no higher test of civilization than orderly government and until the great white race can control itself, it ought soft pedal on the proposition that some darker races being inferior, cannot establish and maintain governments that

insure safety of life and property. Though known, not one of the rioters and would be murderers and destroyers of jail property will be ever indicted.

Georgia And Mississippi!

Perhaps nothing ought to be said about these two States. Murder in the form of lynching is so common in them that as a process of punishing alleged crime, it is about as firmly established as their system of Courts. But think of people who can tolerate the lynching of an inmate of an insane asylum! People too who only a week or two were bowing down to God and praying for rain. They had better pray that God would let a little better understanding of the teaching of Christ enter their heart, mind and conscience. Murdering a crazy man in charge of the State too for the purpose of being cared for! Oh, what a beautiful Christian civilization is this of the 20th century as is being exemplified by those who believe they say—in the literal interpretation of the Bible, God's holy word.

And Mississippi! Can't the Negroes of America start a fund for the civilization of Mississippi? Missionaries ought be sent to that benighted land and teach the inhabitants thereof that even savage tribes have ceased to burn human beings. Mississippians go to church on Sunday mornings and to human burnings in the afternoons. Not long since boosters from this State were in Chicago trying to tell the people just what a great State Mississippi is, and how much better place it was for the Negroes who had left there and were living in Chicago and other northern points. That Sunday mob however is booster enough. It boasted those colored people who left in their determination to stay away, and, no doubt, it has and will boost those whites, who might have investigated, to give such a place a wide berth. Who would choose a place to live and rear children where the inhabitants think nothing of going out and burning human beings? Georgia and Mississippi—Christianity and democracy!

The Curse of Slavery.

Judge Ramage a few days ago charging the grand jury, said among other things: "Negro slavery was the greatest curse which could have befallen a people, and the country is suffering from its effects today. It was a great blessing when the Negro was freed." With this statement we heartily agree. While the Negro was restrained of his physical freedom the master class, knew not what work was and hence that part of the country where the system was fastened became the poorest and most backward of all. And even to this day it has not shaken off completely the curse of physical slavery. But what of the spiritual side? Has not the result been as bad? Has not, because of it, a two fold system of justice sprung up and is practiced without much compunction of conscience? Has not, because of it, democracy become a mere by word, all-but meaningless? Is not because of it, even the Constitution of the United States regarded as a step-child? Is not Christianity itself given queer quips and tremors? Yes, "Negro slavery was the greatest curse which could have befallen a people"—only it didn't befall, slavery was deliberately instituted and fostered. What so ever ye sow, that shall ye also reap is as true today as when first expressed. What of tomorrow's harvest?

THE SITUATION AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

By: Dr. Jas. E. Shepardi

President, North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham, N. C. (For Associated Negro Press.)

As one vitally interested in the success of the race of which I am proud to be a member, and particularly in the success of Howard University, because I number some of my closest friends, many of its graduates both men and women, and because I have been accepted into the folds of the Alumni of the University as an honorary member, I feel free to address this letter which I hope each graduate of the Institution and each member of the Alumni Association will regard as personal.

I concede to every man and woman the right to free thinking and free speech, but I do hope that every member of the race regardless of this freedom will recognize certain basic principles. The first one is every man's liberty ends where another man's rights begin. It is because of the rights of the Negro race and the involving of its future progress that certain liberties should end and the rights of others be considered.

It is not one man's job to run an institution such as Howard University, Fisk University, or other similar institutions. The one man at the head is simply an executive officer using time and talent to carry out the suggestions of the many educators of the country to the best of his ability and power to bring to the institution those things which will mean the growth, expansion and deepening of the university's ability to train and fit men and women for future service. I take it that education means the preparation of an individual for constructive service in the world.

The combined strength and generosity of two continents stand in the background of Fisk University's progress, so surely the great United States as represented by Congress is and has been the background of Howard's progress. Every sane and thoughtful person should ask him or herself the question, "Can I afford as a member of the race and a recipient of such favor to forget the progress already achieved and to waste my time and strength kicking against the petty thought of who is leading unless the leader is unworthy of leadership? Is it not the time to forge ahead to a more perfect building of impregnable fitness for our place in the scheme of things?"

As a race we stand unalterably opposed to rioting, lawlessness, disorders, strikes, and against treason in any form. These are the things which we fight tooth and toe nail. How then can we introduce such principles in an institution devoted to the higher training of the Negro race to fit our young men and women for the leadership of the future? To do or to encourage such things prove us unworthy of leadership and unworthy of the assistance of our friends in any race. Leaders who devise such are not striking at Howard University only, but they are striking at the whole program of education for the Negro people in this country.

I hold no brief for the President of Howard University. I have admired him as a man for several years. I have admired his fearlessness in standing for the rights of a race of which he was not a member. I have heard him speak out in the North and in the South against injustices and oppression, pleading for a chance for a backward race to come fully into its own. I have heard him in the pulpit, in educational gatherings, and

not once can I believe that he is inimical to the progress and achievements of the race to which I belong. Such a stand now would be contrary to all the principles for which he has stood in the past. If he has changed, is it the part of wisdom to destroy an institution and blight the future of the Negro race so far as an institution supported by the Government is concerned in order that we might destroy the President who can go no further than the Board of Trustees gives him power to go.

One of the things which deserves careful consideration is the tremendous progress made at Howard University in the past five years; it is now an A. College; the large number of finely equipped new buildings which have been added in the various departments of the Institution; the large amount of endowment raised, and the vast number of students which have been added until today Howard University has the largest number of students of any school in the country.

I appeal to my friends in my race to not let us go on record as opposing a president because he may be of a different race than the one to which we belong. We need the support of our white friends. We need their encouragement and strength. I believe we are fast coming to the time when Negroes should manage their own institutions, but I am frank to say that the time has not fully come to all the institutions at the present time. Let us show we are worthy of our sanity, by our judgment, by our executive ability to construct things, then we will be called from the things we now control to things we ought to control. I appeal to every graduate of Howard University; I appeal to every student of Howard University to put down disorder; to put down strike; to put down rebellion and not to put in jeopardy the future progress of Howard University by some petty jealousies or selfish desire. I appeal to my race not to make the race bear the brunt of the opinion of the world that it cannot be trusted in leadership; that it has not poise and judgment; that it seeks to pull down instead of putting up. I appeal to the members of my race to put down and put from us those who encourage rioting, strikes, and disorders of any kind. This is not the way to permanent success. Law and order must prevail. No form of lynch law must be tolerated by a free and progressive people.

There can be no progress without the mutual help and consideration of each race. We cannot live apart in America. We must plan together and work together if we are going to develop two races side by side, each with inalienable rights which must be protected and regarded by the other race. We have no time for sewing seeds of discord or encouraging any individual or group of individuals who are seeking their own personal aggrandizement rather than the rights and advancement of the whole race. If three are wrongs at Howard University they can be remedied in the Council Chamber by the friends of education and the friends and supporters of the university. They cannot be remedied by strikes, intimidation, or force.

It is in the spirit of a brother and friend that I address this personal letter in the form of a public appeal to the members of my race.

SPECIAL NOTICE. SCHOLARSHIPS.

To all Subordinate Lodges of the G. U. O. O. F., Greetings: You are hereby notified, that

the committee on Odd Fellow die Stephens and Mr. Willie Carter will leave Wednesday for Clafin University. We hope for them a successful term. A. L. Ackerman, Reporter.

Allen University, Columbia, S. C.; Benedict College, Columbia, S. C.; Clafin University, Orangeburg, S. C.; State College, Orangeburg, S. C.

All children and orphans of lawful Odd Fellows in District No. 13 are eligible, allowed and invited to take the examination at which ever of the above named institutions they may prefer. The awards will be made to the applicants making the highest mark in the examination. The terms and conditions of the District Grand Lodge's requirements must be at the place and hour named and must present documents showing good standing in an Odd Fellow lodge of his or her parents, evidence of good health and good moral character.

Children of only financial Odd Fellows will be recognized. The committee resumes no responsibility in the matter of the expense involved in the applicants attending the examination.

The awards having already been made for Morris College and Harrison College for the present year; no examinations will be held at the last named institutions at this time. The scholarships are confined to the High School Department.

The following subjects will be used: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography, English, History and allied subjects.

The Committee will be at the Institutions as follows: Clafin University, Tuesday, October 13th, at 9 A. M. State College, Tuesday, October 13th, at 9 A. M. Allen University, Wednesday, October 14th, at 11 A. M. Benedict College, Wednesday, October 14th, at 11 A. M.

Committee: Dr. C. C. Johnson, Rev. J. E. Beard, Rev. U. S. Rice, Prof. J. A. Pierce, Rev. I. D. Davis, Chr.

Ruffin News.

Rev. J. Shaw, of Fairfax, S. C., closed his revival meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist church, Wednesday night. Sunday was a high day spiritually and financially. They raised \$108.03. Surely the Lord has opened the heart of his people.

Bro. James Byrd, Charlie DuBois and others are uplifted in calling a man to serve them like the Rev. Shaw. They can say Mt. Zion was dead but is alive once more.

The Rev. Wilson Bowers closed his meeting at Hunter's Chapel Baptist church, who preached a noble sermon from Acts 27: 31. Prayer offered by Bro. W. M. Beeling. A collection was raised amounting to \$21.25. One accession was added to the church.

At 3:30 Rev. C. B. Brown, pastor of the M. E. church, Ruffin charge preached a soul-stirring sermon, using for his text: Daniel 1:18. Subject: "The Boy who dares to do right." Rev. Brown sure explained this in the highest degree. Many a soul was made to rejoice. After the sermon Bro. Isaac Walker led in prayer. Song led by Sister Maggie Grant. Bro. Walker and W. M. Allen lifted a collection amounting to \$10.05. After the close of the service Mrs. A. L. Ackerman was found quite busy writing subscriptions for The Palmetto Leader—one of the papers being sent her from Simon Davis, of Abbeville, S. C. She saw where the people of Colleton need to read it, so she got busy. Misses Lula May Steward, Za-

die Stephens and Mr. Willie Carter will leave Wednesday for Clafin University. We hope for them a successful term. A. L. Ackerman, Reporter.

North Carolina Editor Speaks in South Carolina City.

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 22.—Hon. J. D. Carr, Editor of the Asheville Enterprise, spoke at Tabernacle Baptist church, Sunday evening, September 20. He was eloquently introduced by the good pastor, the Rev. W. J. Davis. He spoke for about 45 minutes, briefly on various uplifting subjects. He spoke on the advantages of publicity of the church's activities thru the Race journals. He also spoke on the advantages of patronizing and reading Race literature. "The future of the race depends on the young people of today," stated the Editor.

He was received very cordially by the members and friends of the church and highly entertained, as is the custom of South Carolinians. He was also invited to come again.

Hon. J. D. Carr also spoke again Monday morning at the Greenville High School, of which Mrs. Martin is principal. The school boasts of having 800 students and twenty teachers. He spoke on the necessity of obeying the teachers and preparing for the future. He said the future of the race depends on the coming generations.

RICHMOND STIRRED BY JOHNSON'S DEATH.

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Richmond, Va., Sept.—This city is very much concerned over the recent death of Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Republican National Committeeman from Georgia, whose death occurred today, following a stroke of paralysis, according to reports. Mr. Johnson was well-known here, was best known through his connection as Grand Legal Advisor to the Improved Benevolent Protective Order Elks of the World. His frequent visits here, in the interest of the order, to commune with Lawyer James T. Carter, Grand Treasurer, brought him in close contact with business Richmond. While here he usually stopped in the home of the parents of the wife of J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, which put him in touch with the social side of the city.

Henry Lincoln Johnson is especially remembered here because he was so prominent in the Elks' convention held here three weeks ago; for it was said that it was his keenne maneuvering that steered Wilson into the Gran Exalted Ruler's seat again.

What is believed by many to have been the best short speech Mr. Johnson ever made, is also believed to have been his last, and that was when he responded to the welcome the governor of Virginia extended to the visiting Elks here, August 24, at which time he showed masterful oratory, "revealing the 'Old Master' in his best form." One remark in particular made by Mr. Johnson that will live in the minds of the people always, was when he said, "We have never attempted to kill an officer, we have never assassinated a president, we have always left that to the benevolence of the white people." Many prominent Richmonders will be in attendance at the funeral.

The indebtedness of Tokyo per family has increased to more than \$300 since the earthquake.

It is estimated that the old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone Park has been spraying water over the landscape for 50,000 years.