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Pickens Holds Mammoth Meeting In Prussian Parliament Building

Seven And A Half Million Negroes Without Library Facilities

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## SOUTH CAROLINA

## MUTUAL RELIEF AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION NEGRO EXTENSION WORKERS HOLD SESSIONS

ORGANIZED IN CAPITAL CITY

By Close Attention and Study it has Become a great Insurance Company

JAS. H. GOODE- MANAGER

"IT IS NOT THE

USUAL CRIME

Crime," Supposed Basis

for Lynching

LYNCHING IS "A CURSE"

White Women Repudiate Mob

Violence as a Protection to

White Womanhood

New York, Jan. 28 James Weldon

hate on lynching published in the De-

Notwithstanding the Financial Depression the Company Increases Financially

On January 20th 1927, the Board of Directors of the Mutual Relief and Benevolent Association of South Carolina met in its annual meeting to consider the report for the FISCAL year as given be the General Manager, James H. Goode, Going into every detail of the report, the members were favorably simpressed with the year's business and progress

In spite of the so-called economic and financial depression the report showed that the resources of the company were not in the least impaired; ges the facts and figures in the deand even thoughthere has been a steady exodus of members of our comber, 1926 issue of the Forum. In group to other States the volume of his letter, Mr. Johnson challenges business done did not suffer any ser- the assumption put forth by the rritious effects. This healthful state of ers in the debate that "the usual affairs shown by the report is a fine crime" is a justification of lynching index of the good type of service ren- and charges that the debators igdered to stockholders by their Mana- noved the figures which they themagement amfwy mfwyp mf selves quoted from the N. A. A. C. P. ger and his assistants. It should be records. kept in mind that this company is . Wr. Johnson cites the N. A. A. C a mutual association, that each policy P. statistics showing that less than holder is a stockholder, that it is a 18 per cent of 3,590 mob victims in South Carolina product by the peo- 23 years were even accused of crime ple of South Carolina for the people against white womanhood. The bruof the State and that its fundamental tal murders of Aiken, South Caro policy is to operate all matters to the line are cited together with the pubadvantage of our people at large. lished utterances of bodies of lead-It does not seek to hoard funds, but ing white women in the Southern

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GRAND JURY

FINDS NO BILL

On aDebate staged the "Usual After Deliberating several days Hewrites that 1500 jammed the Brings in No Bill in Aiken Lynching Case

The N. A. A. C. P. Sends Message to the President and Governor Richards

New York, Jan. 29-Failure of the Johnson, Secretary of the National Aiken, S. C., Grand Jury to indict Association for the Advancement of nembers of the mob which last Octo-Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue; iner 8, lynched a colored woman and a letter published in the February istwo men of the Lowman family, after removing their victims from the Aiken County jail, today brought a telegram from the National Associiation for the Advancement of Colored Reople to President Coolidge, asking him urge passage of a federal antilynching law upon Congress; and a statement from Waiter White, Assist Secretary of the Advancement Association and first to investigate the Aiken lynchings, declaring th. the names of the lynchers are known hroughout Aiken County.

At the office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, Mr. White said:

The names of the Aiken County ynchers are known throughout the County. Last October, I went down here. I spoke to leading white citiens. The names were freely menioned. I sent those names in a seen page letter giving circumstantial acts, to former Governor Thomas i. McLeod of South Carolina. Sworn flidavits of people in the jail at the ime the mob victims were removed, and of others, corroborated my chares that the sheriff and officers of the aw connived in delivering the prisners to the Aiken mob. What evilence was presented to the Grand Jury by the State we have of course no way of knowing. If the State anted to present evidence warranting indictments, the evidence was at hand. The present Governor has this e idence. The State Detective W. W. Rogers, had it. And presumably, he State attorneys also had it.

"The failure of the Aiken County Grand Jury to indict is nothing more nor less than a proclamation that South Carolina, despite the appeals of its Governor, its leading editors, lynch law, I care not what the ofstand by lynchers within its borders because of the mob murderers are and strikes at the very foundation such a State civilized is to travesty lynching, which the evidence shows

The telegram to President Coolidge, signed by James Weldon Johnson, has happened in our State. Secretary, and by Mary White Ovington, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Perple, is as follows:

January 29, 1927. 'Hon. Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D. C.

Yesterday the Grand Jury of Aik-

IN HERRENHAUS

JOHNSON CHALLENES LYNCHING "DEBATE" SOUTH-WIDE

Aisles and Every Seat was Occupied

FEDERAL LAW NEEDED BE HOME IN FEBRUARY

Pictures of Him and told of His Meetings

New York, Jan. 28-The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has heard from Wilfiam Pickens, its Field Secretary now on lecture tour in Europe, that he had held his biggest meeting in Berlin, capital ciity of Germany, in the Herenhaus, the Prussian Parliament Building. Mr. Pickens wriites:

"About 1,500 jammed the aisles and every seat of the Herrenhaus. In the afternoon about 6 Berlin newspapers carried pictures of me and announcements of meetings."

Mr. Pickens is expected to return to New York early in February, after which he will lecture and write extensively on his experiences in Eng land, Russia, Germany and France.

GOV. RICHARDS'

DECLARATION

"I am very much dissapointed at the failure of the Aiken Grand jury to find True Bills against those who have been charged with the Lowman lynching.

"I am familiar with the evidence gathered by Governor McLeod and his officers, and that secured by myself, and I am convinced in my own mind that it makes out a prima facie case. The failure of the grand jury to uresent those charged before must rest squarely upon their shoul-

"The evidence has been submitted. The Judge, the Attorney General, and the Solicitor, have discharged their buty faithfully and fearlessly, and with a sincere desire to uphold the majesty of the law. And yet there remains this miscarriage of justice through the failure of the Grand Jury to realize the situation and fearlessly discharge its solemn duty.

law, spits in the-face of the courts, white and the victims black. To call of our civilization; and the Aiken and dignity of our state. was the act of a very smallgroup of men, is one of the most bestial that

> "I promised in my Inaugural address that I would stand for the ma- members of our body. Some did not lasty of the law. I meant what I appear and are now in other states. said. I promise the people of SCouth Carolina that if it lies within my made close inspection of certain wer the Aiken lynchers shall be brought to justice."

Text of Presentment

"To the Honorable J. Henry John-

n, presiding judger "We beg to submit the following in

PICKENS LECTURES FOUR-FIFTHS HAVE NO LIBRARIES

> 37 per cent of all Counties in the Nation have no Public Library Facilities

RECENTLY - DISCOVERED

6 Berlin Newspapers Carried Many Counties have been over looked Completely, Some

Receive Attention

(Pacific Coast News (Greau) (Your City) Jan -Four-filler therural population of the are without library service and 1,160 or 37 per cent of all counties in the nation have no public libraries with- lems that arise in extension work ain their boundriies. Seven and onehalf million Negroes in the Southern

ized State library extension work. These facts have recently been brought to light by the American Library Association thru a recently completed survey which uncovers the fact that many counties have been completely overlooked while others receive attention of a number of agencies.

and seven States are without organ-

reference to what is known as Aiken lynching:

general, Hon. J. M. Daniel, for the ining to apprehend the party or part- number. ies respjonsible for the crime. We further wish to thank Detectiv Rogrs, the solicitor and the court for con-

the state, and have weighed carefully and Its Improvement." in our minds said testimony, allowment to interfere in arriving at our decision.

"We wish to inform the court that we do earnestly believe in the observance of law and order and the enforcement and respect for the laws of our state, and assure you of our ELITE LITERARY, AND SOCIAL willingness and desire to do what is in our power to cause such a condition to exist.

"We realize the publicity that has been given this crime and we hope Club of this city, shown in the presenlynching, mob violence, or any act that will bring reproach on the peace ed for burns received in April at her

"We have endeavored to bring before our body as witnesses all persons whm we had reason to believe could give us any information, some of these names being furnished by

"Our body has visited the jail and we beg to submit the following as dignity of the state. our findings:

"To wit, That we do not feel that

Meet at State College, Orangeburg, S. C .- Many Notable Guests Present

SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE

Assistant Director A. P. Spencer of Florida Presides at the Sessions

Orangeburg, Feb. 1-The meeting of the Negro Supervising Agents convened in the new Y. M. C. A. building, A. & M. College, at nine o' clock for its second day's work last

Assistant Director, A. P. Spencer, Extension Work Florida, presided at mong Negroes, but the discussions of yesterday and today are beginning States are without library facilities to give us a view point upon which we may base our future understanding of he questions discussed."

Efficient Agents, extension publicity and Negro 4-H Club work were subjects discussed during the morning. Dr. J. A. Evans, Assistant Chief, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, presided at the afternoon

In discussing publicity Director Keffer, of Tennessee, defined news as facts of interest to the general pubile. Opinion is not news. The edi-"First of all we wish to extend tor states the opinions and beliefs of our sincere thanks to the attorney his paper. His news columns are open to facts that will interest and terest and aid given us in endeavor- entertain his redaers and add to their

The program at night given jointly by State College and Agents' Conference, included Mrs. Ola Powell siderations shawn us in our under- Malcolm, Field Agent Southern States and Miss Lonny I. Landrum, State "We have listened with interest to Agent, South Carolina, as speakers all testimony brought defore us by on the following subject: "The Home

- Dr. C. W. Warburton Director of ing neither prejudice, favor or senti- Extension Work, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will be on the program in today's meeting.

In order that the Conference delegates might meet the faculty of the College, a reception in their honor was held during the afternoon.

CLUB REMEMBERS LITTLE A-MANDA HAMPTON.

We are glad to report the generosity of the Elite Literary and Social the same publicity may be given the tation of \$6.50 to Little Amanda fense. The lynchers disregards all fact that we do positively condemn Hampton, who is a patient at the Good Samaritan Hospital being treathome in Springfield, S. C., while play ing in the house with other children,

We are glad t ohear that she is convalescing rapidly.

sufficient evidence has come before us at this time to warrant our asking for indictments against any one or more parties.

"Again we wish to extend our doors and cells and their relation to thanks to the court and all who have the cells occupied by the parties who aided us in our investigation, and aswere lynched, and after carefully and suring the court of our willingness diligently considering all evidence to co-operate with it at all times in and facts that have come before us an effort to maintain the peace and

"Aiken County Grand Jurors, J. J. PLUNKETT, "Foreman."



AMES H. GOODE Manager of The South Carolina Mutual Relief & Benevolent Association

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