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National Convention Of K. of T. Ends Meeting

HUMANE SECRETARY SPEAKS

Dr. A. Fitzhugh Wallace, S. G. R. of Knights of Toussaint Presided

SESSIONS WELL ATTENDED

Prof. George H. Hampton, Appointed Member of Education Commission

Jacksonville, Fla., Mar. 4—The great national convention of the Knights of Toussaint of the world ended their first national convention here last night at a George Washington banquet, featuring address by Mr. Earl F. Hubert, President of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College of Georgia, of Savannah.

Dr. A. Fitzhugh Wallace, the supreme grand ruler of the K. of T. presided at all of the sessions. In his annual report at the opening session, Monday morning, he reviewed the work of the organization for the 16 years that it has been active, told of its work in relief, disaster and relief, charities, donations and orphanages.

Seymour Carroll, southern field secretary of the American Humane Education Society of Boston and Columbia, with Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs of Daytona Beach, Florida, were the principal speakers at the public exercises at Ebenezer M. E. Church Monday night.

Mr. Carroll referred to his life long record in the interest of humane education in southern schools. He was far from being a white man, but he kept his audience laughing, at times he laughed with them. He advised against racial hatred and feeling, but would have his hearers always in a good spirit with the teachings of kindness, justice, love and mercy for every one.

Mrs. Bethune brought greetings from the Bethune-Cookman College of which she is the president and the National Women's Clubs, reaffirming her strong belief in the people for better citizenship and confidence in the younger set when instructed to their hands and keeping this big task of living.

Dr. M. A. Evans, well known woman specialist of Columbia, S. C. and vice-president of the National Medical Association introduced Mrs. Bethune Dr. Evans was in the South Carolina delegation. H. U. Spabrooks, M. D., a member of the grand lodge of Charleston, presided at this session.

The second day was almost turned over to Major General W. L. Crockett, head of the military unit of Atlanta, Georgia. The staff was complete and made public, among those named by General Crockett are:

To be chief of the staff, Gen. John S. Bigsby, Atlanta, Ga.; to be Adjutant General, John Wesley Henderson, Atlanta, Ga.; Surgeon General, Col. R. S. Douthard, M. D., Atlanta; Col. M. A. Evans, M. D., Columbia, S. C.; Col. R. E. Edwards, Tampa, Fla.; (Continued on Page Eight)

COLORED AVIATOR TO FLY FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK

COUNTEE CULLEN TO ADDRESS N. A. A. C. P. MEETING

BEARS GREETINGS TO MAYOR WALKER

HARRY S. NEW SPEAKS ALSO

Invitations Being Sent Distinguished Speakers In All Parts Of The Country

PROGRAM TO BE OUT SOON Indianapolis Branch Would Know How Many To Expect And Provide For

New York, Feb. 25—Countee Culen, distinguished poet, author of color and assistant editor of "Opportunity," has accepted an invitation to address the Annual Spring Conference in Indianapolis this June, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was announced today.

Postmaster-General Harry S. New has also tentatively accepted an invitation and will probably speak at the mass meeting on the night of June 27th. Invitations are going out to distinguished speakers in all parts of the country and the N. A. A. C. P. hopes to complete its program and announce it at an early date.

THE WEEK'S EDITORIAL: COLORED PRESS

(From the Colored Citizen, Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 11th) N. A. A. C. P.

This organization is rendering a more noteworthy and deserving service to the race and humanity, than any organization since the Freedman's Aid, immediately following slavery. Its influence is world-wide. Its executive officers and promoters represent eminent white people as well as colored. It is waging a fight for advanced civilization and human rights. Its branches are active everywhere, and its work is well known. How an enterprising colored man or woman can make this claim for themselves, and completely ignore this organization is a consistency without parallel. We are glad to note there is an active branch in this city, which it has been our pleasure to attend several times. Mt. Zion Baptist Church is glad to forego its own program, and extend to this Association the offices of the auditorium for their special meeting Sunday afternoon, February 13.

STATUS OF NATIVE AGITATES SOUTH AFRICA AND BRITAIN

New York, Feb. 25—Widespread discussion throughout the British Empire accompanies the effort of white South Africa to dispose of the status of the native through the "color bar" and land bills proposed by General Hertzog.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has received clippings from magazines and newspapers both South African and English showing the public mind to be aroused over the situation. An editorial in the London Times, entitled "The greatest African problems," declares: "What is generally termed the native question is a long series of questions, all arising out of the superior numbers and inferior status of the black man. How is it possible to preserve white civilizations without arbitrarily denying economic opportunity and political rights to the native?"

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R. BROWN REPORTS TO N. A. A. C. P.

Local Y. W. C. A. Opens Doors To Race Girls And Women

SOLICITS MEMBERSHIP Boys And Girls Crawl Into Public's Hearts By School Activities

New York, Feb. 25—An amazing record of breaking down barriers of race prejudice is reported to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People by its Branch in Hollidaysburg, Penn. R. Brown, Branch Secretary reports that through branch activity, the local Y. W. C. A. has opened its doors to colored girls and women, soliciting their membership and treating them cordially; the Y. M. C. A. also opening its doors to colored men and boys, taking them into the gymnasium classes and giving

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NO DIFFERENCE FROM WHITE

Bantu People Of Africa Live In Town Locations With Whites Standard Of Life

EDUCATED IN EUROPE African Doctors Have Many Europeans As Well As Natives Among Patients

New York, Feb. 25—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received a copy of the January, 1927, Journal of Philosophical Studies, containing an essay by Professor R. F. Hoernle on the black man's mind. As a result of evidence derived from studies of the Bantu peoples of Africa, Professor Hoernle concludes there is no reason for supposing any essential difference to exist between the white and the black man's mind.

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LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS' JOURNAL

N. A. A. C. P. Statistics Show 34 In 1926 Against 18 In 1925

SHAMEFUL RECORD IN U. S. Will Cause Renewed Efforts For Passage Of Anti Lynching Bill

Quoting from statistics of the N. A. A. C. P. showing 34 lynchings in 1926 as against 19 the year before, the Locomotive Engineers Journal for February, 1927, in an editorial headed "Land of the Lynching Bee" says: "This shameful record will doubtless cause renewed efforts for the passage of the Federal Anti-Lynching Bill. It has also evoked a petition to President Coolidge from Governor Thomas G. McLeod of South Carolina who is charged with failing 'for family reasons' to proceed against the lynchers of three Negro workers at Aiken."

NEGRO INNOCENT THOUGH CONVICTED WHITE VIRGINIA EDITOR POINTS MORAL

New York, Feb. 25—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received copy of an editorial published in the Virginia Pilot which points the moral of "speedy justice" for Negroes in the South and the lynching, legal or otherwise, of colored persons accused of crime. The Virginia Pilot's editorial in full is as follows.

A Sobering Lesson John Wilson, the Negro who was found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Ella S. Heath, of Olive Branch, and sentenced to the penitentiary for life, appears after all to have been innocent. He is still in the penitentiary and still, theoretically, in the shadow of death, but if the recommendation made by Commonwealth's Attorney Garney to the Governor is complied with he will soon be a free man.

The facts are as follows: Mrs. Ella S. Heath was murdered on August 21, 1926. On August 24 the court convened a special grand jury. On September 7, the grand jury indicted John Wilson and Paul, alias Kat, jointly, and John Wilson separately.

On the same day, Green being then at large, Wilson was convicted and sentenced to die on October 22. On November 26, Green was tried and found guilty of the crime and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Meantime two reprieves had stayed the execution of Wilson.

The principal witness against Wilson having admitted that she lied, and Green having been convicted of the crime on evidence precluding Wilson's implication in it, the commonwealth's Attorney, after lengthy and prayerful consideration of the facts in the case, has reached the conclusion that Wilson is not guilty and that he should be at once released from the penitentiary. On the face of the facts as they stand determined of injustice, the conviction of Wilson was a mistake. Only the grace of God has prevented it from being a fatal mistake.

Here is a sobering lesson with a special moral for Southern justice. The murder of the aged white woman was a brutal one. Public sentiment was aroused to such an extent that when suspicion fell on Wilson, the judge of the Circuit Court was alarmed for his safety and ordered him transferred to the Norfolk city jail. What might have happened had the court not acted promptly to remove this man to a place of safety and had the friends and neighbors of the dead woman yielded to the passions of the moment, is not pleasant to contemplate. On a smaller showing of guilt many a Negro has been lynched. Had a mob taken this case in hand it would have put to death an innocent man.

There is a lesson in this case for all those who are disposed to temporize with lynching. Let these ask themselves how many scores of innocent John Wilsons have been done to death by lynchers in the past 25 years? The answer, if there were any way of ascertaining it with exactitude, would be appalling. There is another lesson in this case for judges and juries confronted with the duty of making life and death judgments in cases concerning which there is great excitement. The more one considers the case of John Wilson, the more one must realize how essential it is to justice, to elementary decency, to stamp out lynching as one would stamp out a poisonous snake.



SAM LOWMAN "The Man of Sorrow."

Lowman Leaves State

SERVED ALL BUT 72 DAYS

Indicted On Two Counts—Treated Harshly And Unjustly By State

"A MAN OF SORROW" Mr. Lowman Leaves For Philadelphia Says "Can't Live Among Them People"

After two weary years, less 72 days off for good conduct, Sam Lowman, a "man of sorrow" left the State penitentiary early Wednesday morning, February 23rd. Perhaps no man in the history of the State has been more unjustly and harshly treated by a State than this old man. Sentenced to two years imprisonment ostensibly for violating the liquor law, but in reality because he was the father of Demon and Bertha and

DORCHESTER COUNTY TEACHERS HOLD MEETING AT SUMMERVILLE

The Dorchester County Teachers Association held its regular meeting February 26th at Summerville, in the auditorium of the Alston High School building.

A very unique program was rendered. After which our president, Prof. T. H. Pinckney made a short talk requesting each member to pay their registration fee which will admit them as members to the State Teachers Association. The enrollment was splendid.

After the meeting, Mrs. G. M. Ash, principal of the Alston High School, invited the members of the association into the domestic science hall, where we were served with a delicious salad course, cream and cake.

Rev. O. Blessingame was asked to thank the hostess for the repast.

All present went away feeling greatly indebted to the faculty of Alston High, for having entertained us so royally.

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