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THE COLORED SOLDIERS AT LEAVENWORTH ARE GOOD PRISONERS RACE LEADERS MAKE BRILLIANT START

GREAT SANHEDRIN COURT DRAWS TOGETHER EVERY FACTION OF COLORED RACE IN AMERICA—MEETING CALLED BY PROF. KELLY MILLER

Future Conduct of Race in America Discussed.—Plans for Larger Cooperation Between Leaders Outlined.—Hope for Equal Rights for Race Greater

(Special to The Advocate.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Harmony prevails at the Sanhedrin. No clouds mar the optimistic blue skies of the great court, and indications point to a triumphant session. The meetings are flavored with brilliant thought, rare genius and clever deductions. There have been suggestions, declarations, discussions, pro and con, weighty problems, and with it all the large delegation has kept in mind the slogan of the convention "unity." The registration climbed to the 250 mark late Wednesday. Delegates from Texas were among the late arrivals.

One hundred and seventy-five delegates sat attentively, applauding at intervals, and again showing great interest by breathless silence. Dean Miller said he believed the delegates had caught the spirit of the great meeting, and from all appearances they had.

Among the delegates were men and women from the North, South, East and West.

Dean Miller welcomed the delegates and visitors. He said in part: "Let me write 'union' at the top of the page, and I care not what you write underneath," was Lincoln's famous reply to the representatives of the seceding states seeking to effect a settlement of differences. If the Negro Sanhedrin can but effect union of aim and harmony of purpose, its chief aim will have been accomplished. It is more essential that the race should act in union than that it should act in any given direction. The Negro Sanhedrin is an influence rather than an organization. Principles must be laid down and programs outlined. The plans must be constructive, remedial, ameliorative and inspirational. The resulting type of agency which is to put into effective operation the things agreed on must be the outcome of the conference itself. Its sessions will probably be triennial. It is not without significance that the Sanhedrin is to be held during the week covering the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln."

The appointment of fifteen important commissions by Chairman Kelly Miller marked the big step in the program of the Sanhedrin. "The work of

the conference will be done through committees," Dean Miller announced. "The findings or results of the Sanhedrin will be in the hands of a commission on permanent results," he said.

HOTEL NOTES

It is rumored that two of the prominent bellhops at The Portland will be before the end of the present year, take unto themselves two among our best young ladies. In advance The Advocate extends congratulations to the happy couples.

Messrs. H. L. & Jerome Day with their families, and their sister, Mrs. Edward Boyce, all owners of The Portland, were guests at that popular hostelry this week. The former coming from Pasadena, Cal., Mrs. Boyce from San Francisco, and Jerome Day and family from Wallace, Idaho.

Ed Washington, pioneer hotel man, has accepted a position on the buffet and parlor car on the S. P. running to Marshfield, Oregon.

John Bruce, head porter in Portland barbershop, is on the sick list and unable to perform his duties.

The Whitelaw Hotel, famous hostelry of Washington, D. C., walked right on the auction block and then walked right off again—without being "knocked down."

P. P. B. A. OF A. NOTES

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Local Lodge No. 26 held its social meeting at the residence of Mrs. R. C. Sims, instead of at Mrs. A. Alexander, owing to the illness of Mrs. Day. Porters being invited, many were present, foreign and home. The hostess served potato salad, sandwiches, coffee and cake. Local lodge will hold regular and anniversary meeting jointly March 15th, in the Assembly Room, Union station, and the Ladies' Auxiliary will serve luncheon from 12 to 1 P. M. to porters present. The L. A. P. B. A. of A. will meet at the residence of Mrs. W. C. Buford, 700 South First street, for a business meeting, March 3rd, Monday, 8:30 P. M. Phone MA6070.

Local and Foreign News Briefs

Stay off March 17th. Swastika Club, O. E. S., will have a card party at Stag Club.—Adv.

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Mrs. Dolly Paries, Portland's sweet singer, will be the soloist at the afternoon service at Zion church, Sunday, March 2nd.

Stay off Easter Monday night. St. Phillips Guild.—Adv.

WILLIAMS AVE. Y. W. C. A.

The Blue Triangle Club is entertaining their friends at a Leap Year party on Friday evening, February 29th. We are pleased to note that Miss Effie Johnson, the President of this club, is improving.

The High School Reserves held their social hour on Sunday and a most enjoyable time was spent by those present.

The Valentine Party given by the Grade Girl Reserves on Saturday was well attended. Valentines were exchanged and after a pleasant time with music and games, refreshment was served.

The Bible Class did not meet Friday evening, as it was Washington's Birthday, but will meet Friday evening, February 29th.

Miss Danly is now living at the home of Mrs. Jerome Harris, 492 Rodney Avenue. The telephone number is East 1988.

We are pleased with the manner in which many of the Y. W. C. A. members are renewing their membership. On Tuesday, February 12th, the Housing and Sanitation Committee

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gave a Silver Tea. Quite a number stopped in during the afternoon to assist in raising the first \$10 toward the Building Fund. This amount is to be deposited in the bank and from time to time we hope to add to it.

MORE ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA

(By Ralph Holmes)
Last week we had a brief discussion of the immediate town, its harbor, and two types of Negroes. In order of their importance, the Basuto comes next. A Basuto, like the Zulu, works a few months each year in a coast town. They are, however, more of an agricultural people. I was on a farm of 3000 acres. The chief crop was maize (corn) and wheat. Some of the other farms farther out on the veldt are large cattle ranches. Their king is "Letsoie", the next important chief is Letsotho. I didn't get to meet any more chiefs or their daughters, for the day before of our sailors ran away with a chief's daughter, so they politely asked us to visit some other tribes. Well, we couldn't refuse, with a couple of thousand "sheikhs" with spears handy waiting for the good word. Before leaving, I gathered some interesting information. 1. A Basuto is the most independent of all the African tribes. 2. No white man lives in or inhabits Basutoland. 3. The race as a whole is enterprising. The English built an industrial school because of their industrial ambitions.

After leaving Basutoland we drove to the Kaffir kingdom. I was not so deeply impressed with the Kaffir tribe, for the other tribes were more courteous, and to a great extent, more ambitious. A Kaffir, if courteous, expects prompt payment, if not prompt, he will call for a couple of "sheikhs".

Well, I never found what resulted, for I always paid.

The Kaffirs are great cattlemen. They are only partially civilized.

The women of the three tribes are remarkably beautiful, fine features, very obedient, and are loyal wives. I could continue writing for pages but I can talk for a longer period of time and say more. If doubtful, come to Bethel A. M. E. church Friday, February 25, 8 P. M.

I will speak on, 1. The Labor Problem; 2. Marcus Garvey's Doings There; 3. Politics; 4. Race Prejudice in Africa.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH TO HAVE PROGRAM IN CELEBRATION OF FIRST BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

The Independent Baptist church will observe its first anniversary and annual rally day Sunday, February 24th, 1924, Sunday morning at 11 A. M. We are asking members and friends to give as the Lord has prospered them. Services will be held all day and lunch will be served from 12:30 to 2:30.



Dinner for those who will remain over for the evening service will be served from 5:30 to 7 o'clock. Meals free. Come and enjoy with us that day the social and spiritual food that will be in abundance.

Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, anniversary sermon by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Dyer; speakers appearing on the program: Mrs. A. S. Phillips, Mr. J. D. Lewis. Offering and Benediction.

At 3 P. M. the following ministers and their respective congregations will be represented: Sermonettes, Rev. A. R. Fox, Rev. E. J. Magruder and Rev. Robert R. Searle, representing Bethel A. M. E., Zion A. M. E. and the House of Prayer churches respectively. Offering and Benediction.

8 P. M.—Speakers for this service: Dr. J. A. Merriman, Messrs. Lee C. Anderson and J. C. Logan. Offering and bank opening and report of units. Benediction. Community singing all day.

PRISON OFFICIALS AND OTHERS RECOMMEND CLEMENCY FOR HOUSTON RIOTERS.—WARDEN SAYS HE WOULD TRUST "THOSE THREE MURDERERS ANYWHERE".

Wobblies Mutiny and Are Pardoned But Colored Soldiers Who Are Model Detainees for Life.—Tribune Conducts Campaign for Their Release

(Special to The Advocate.)

By Donald Ewing in Chicago Tribune
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 17.—Back in April, 1919, some 1100 prisoners filled into the Leavenworth federal penitentiary dining room on a certain night for supper. When the guard banged his gavel as a signal to start eating a riot started. The I. W. W.'s were at work again, even behind the bars, for the revolt had been there for seeking to betray their friends by a group of wobblies sent country in time of war.

As cups and dishes were hurled at guards one group of prisoners was noticeably quiet. Their activity lay only in trying to quell the riot. They were fifty-four Negroes, serving sentences for participation in the Houston, Tex., mutiny riot of 1917, when colored troops flared up in a racial outbreak that brought death to 12, mostly whites, at Camp Logan, which was being prepared for Illinois troops.

Army vs. Prison View
In army records they are mutineers and murderers. In prison records they are the best behaved and most docile of the convicts. In at least

some civilian quarters many of them are looked on as oversentenced for a riot, into which at least some were unintentionally dragged. Two days later another riot was started by the imprisoned I. W. W.'s. Again the Negroes sentenced for murder and mutiny sought to restore order. A guard was knocked down by a wobbly. Other wobblies started for the prostrate form, when several of the Negroes stepped in and saved the guard's life. Some weeks before they had fought bravely in putting out two prison fires.

The wobblies who rioted have long since been released. The Houston rioters are still behind the bars, despite recommendations from prison officials that their sentences be commuted. Some of them are undeserving of clemency, but the majority have shown a desire to behave.

Many Made Trustees

Many have been made trustees and have the confidence of their guards. A visitor at the penitentiary recently (Continued on page 4.)

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The above is the million dollar building with vociferous applause home of the B. P. O. E. of Portland, Oregon, which at a recent session of the lodge received a communication of congratulation from Rose City Lodge (colored) of Elks on their fine

cess of their colored brother Elks. Monroe Goldstein, one of the best known men in Portland, is in charge of the building. Barnett Goldstein, well known attorney, is Exalted Ruler and M. R. Spalding is Secretary.

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