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SECTION ONE

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### FAMOUS TRUMPET KING FAILS TO BE FRIGHTENED BY CHI GUN MEN

Chicago, April 30—Louis Armstrong, world famous cornetist and orchestra leader, who is at present engaged in a Loop night club, defied the threat of two notorious gangsters, who threatened his life last week if he did not pay over to them \$6,000 in an extortion plot. Armstrong was approached by Joe Fiore and Emmett Ryan, former body guard of the late Jake Lingle, slain gangster-reporter of the Chicago Tribune, and threatened with a "ride" if the money was not forthcoming.

Armstrong's lack of fear is said to have caused the gangsters to drop their initial demand, a thousand dollars at the time, until they stated that one thousand dollars would keep Louis alive and tooting his cornet. But Louis wasn't to be bluffed.

"No a dime!" he is reported to have told the men.

Since then he has been playing at the "Showboat" every night as usual. The gangsters are in jail.

### LOOKS LIKE THIS NEW HUDSON "8" WILL GO FOR LESS VOTES THAN REQUIRED FOR OLD "PIANO AND RING" CONTEST

Judging from present indications, this beautiful Hudson "8" automobile is going to be given away for less votes than usually are required when a sewing machine, a phonograph, a wrist-watch—or a small diamond ring are given.

Publication of the first count today does not mean that nominations are closed. Far from it! This campaign is only starting. There are more candidates who have not accomplished anything than there are who have. The campaign is hardly under way yet. Certainly, some candidates have not gotten into their stride yet.

Live, earnest, energetic candidates—subscription getters—can enter now and walk away from slow-going entries. Speed, pep, work—subscriptions will win!

#### Car Goes for Little

That is the honest truth. Votes turned in so far would not justify one of the old-time piano, sewing machine and ring campaigns. The lack of interest manifested by candidates in general is not only regrettable—it is appalling—it is ridiculous!

Here The Advocate is putting up over \$1500 in a new, handsome straight eight Hudson automobile, and purses of money. And some who have entered are content to stand by and let their friends cast votes for them!

In fact, more votes have been cast in some instances by the subscribers themselves over the counter in The Advocate office than most of the candidates have turned in.

This means that friends who would subscribe or renew anyway in the natural course of business, come to The Advocate office, pay their subscriptions without solicitation, and because they are friends of the candidate, cast their votes for their various friends.

Some, too, are only coupon chasers, who would rather spend profitable time looking for coupons when one subscription would offset a "whole flock" of coupons. Of course, this is perfectly all right. The Advocate desires business and business makes the votes—either from subscriptions or coupons. But The Advocate also wants to see candidates manifest some enthusiasm themselves in their own election.

It takes more than friends to win—it takes work. Work means subscriptions. Subscriptions mean votes. Votes mean prizes!

#### In Sackcloth and Ashes

Sooner or later in this campaign, a candidate now entered, or one or more who will yet enter, will get their stride and the drones are going to find themselves weeping in sackcloth and ashes at the roadside. While the live one spins past in his or her new car automobile won through consistent effort!

No one needs to be a drone. Everyone has it in him or her to accomplish and to do. The dormant power must be awakened!

#### Wake Up! Get Busy!

You candidates who are in: You have been nominated! Your friends have helped you! They will continue to help you! Some of you are willing to help yourselves. Others of you have yet to see the light. Wake up! Start doing! Accomplish! Win!

### Big Cable Crosses Golden Gate



—Ewing Galloway.

Where ships from all the world enter San Francisco Harbor through the famous Golden Gate, a new deep-sea telephone cable now lies beneath the waves, carrying conversations between San Francisco and other parts of the state. Above: a view of the Golden Gate. Right: a "cut-back" section of the cable, one of the largest in the world. Note the center cores of telephone wires surrounded by protective wrappings, including two layers of heavy steel wire to withstand the fierce action of the tides.



# FIRST VOTES PUBLISHED

## NOT MANY VERY ACTIVE

### William Pickens Hails Struggle Of White and Negro workers to Save Youths. Of Lynch Verdict

### BRAVE WOMAN FOILS LYNCHING MOB BENT ON TAKING PRISONER

#### Evanston Gets First Colored Alderman

Evanston, Ill.—C.N.S.—Piling up a total of 1890 votes, Edwin B. Jourdain, former Harvard University athlete, and managing editor of the Chicago Bee, was elected the first colored alderman here in the municipal election last week.

Jourdain's election came out of a bitter fight in the hottest city contest Evanston has ever seen. Judge John C. Rus, white precinct committeeman and his nearest opponent received only 1,505 votes.

#### POPULARITY CONTEST IS IN FULL SWING

The membership drive of the local branch N.A.A.C.P. got into full swing last week with all of the contestants and their sponsors doing the work of organization looking forward to winning the honor of "Miss Portland" for one of three popular high school girls, Miss Lillian Bellard, Miss Bonita Abernathy and Miss Julia Mae Blanchard. The goal set by the committee is 500 members.

The contest will close positively on May 27 and no one can forecast the winner. It was impossible to get full reports this week but at a meeting held with the sponsors of each contestant last Monday night, the standings were: 1st Miss Bellard; 2nd Miss Blanchard; 3rd Miss Abernathy. Miss Bellard had 1200 votes; Miss Blanchard 950 votes and Miss Abernathy 100 votes. It was decided that reports would be received each Monday night instead of Saturday nights as previously announced.

Votes are credited at the rate of one vote for each cent reported in memberships and donations. The local branch urges all Negroes in Portland to join at once so as to strengthen the organization so that it can carry on the many racial fights now in prospect in Portland.

#### New York City, April 23—(CNA)—

William Pickens, Field Organizer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has published an appeal for support of the campaign to save the nine Negro boys framed-up and condemned to death at Scottsboro, Ala. The fight is being conducted by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. Mr. Pickens' call for support of the united front proposed by these organizations to save victims of the Alabama "court house lynching" was made known in a letter received yesterday by the Daily Worker, a New York Communist newspaper which is taking a leading part in the fight. Among other things, Mr. Pickens said:

April 19, 1931 Kansas City, Mo. "Dear Daily Worker: "I am writing from Kansas City, where I have just seen a copy of the Daily Worker for April 16 and noted the fight which the workers are making through the International Labor Defense to prevent the judicial massacre of Negro youth in Alabama. "Enclosed is a small check for that cause. Please send it to the I.L.D. in enclosure stamped envelope. "The promptness with which the white workers have moved toward defending these helpless and innocent Negro boys, so prophetic. The only ultimate salvation for and white workers is in their united defense, one of the other. Other causes and movements may do a good work, but all other causes are good only as

#### Invoke Protection at Hands of Justice Instead of the Mob

Jackson, Miss., April 30—Asking that justice be their protector, instead of the mob—"that howling, cowardly creature of the jungle,"—the administrative committee of the Association of Mississippi Women for the Prevention of Lynching has given to the press a vigorous protest against recent lynchings in this state. Signed by the eleven members of the administrative committee, all of them women of prominence in Mississippi.

#### HOWARD FACULTY BACKS PRESIDENT

Washington, April 16—The widely heralded chastisement of Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, by the board of trustees failed to materialize Tuesday. On the other hand, the board of trustees passed a resolution of unqualified confidence in him as a man and in his administration as head of Howard university.

#### GOLDEN GATE IS CROSSED BY BIG SUBMARINE CABLE

#### Double Armor Guards Talking Circuits From Strong Tides in Famous Waterway

One of the largest submarine telephone cables in the world has been installed beneath the waters of the Golden Gate, the entrance to San Francisco Bay from the Pacific Ocean, by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Contains 300 Pairs of Wires. The cable has been constructed to provide additional toll circuits. It covers a distance of 12,000 feet and contains 300 pairs of 19-gauge copper wires, each insulated with double thicknesses of paper, and is sheathed in 5/32 inches of lead. Around the sheath is a layer of water-proof jute, and surrounding this is a row of 1/4-inch steel wire armor. Another layer of jute follows, and then a second row of steel wire.

This unusual feature of a double layer of steel wire armor is to protect the cable against the heavy tides that offer a constant challenge as they surge in and out of the Golden Gate. Cable Weighs Over 160 Tons. The cable has a diameter of more than four inches, and each foot weighs 26 pounds. The total weight is over 160 tons. The new cable replaces two smaller ones which have been in use for some time. The course of the cable follows a carefully selected route, to avoid large rocks, pinnacles, and depressions on the floor of the bay. In all likelihood, this will be the last submarine cable to be laid over this route, for when the proposed Golden Gate bridge becomes a reality, it will probably carry future communication lines.

### NEXT TEN DAYS OFFERING REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW ENTRIES

More Enlistments Wanted to Replace Those Who Are Not Going to Do Anything In This Big "Everybody Wins" Election — Telephone ATwater 2536 Today!

Today the first count in The Advocate's big "Everybody Wins" election for the Hunson "8" automobile and cash prizes is printed. Hereafter, the vote count will be published each week and will include all votes cast for publication up to the night of the day before date of publication. Today's vote score is as of Thursday evening. That's how it is today. More votes have been cast by subscribers themselves than most candidates have secured.

Neither the list of candidates nor the recorded vote today is a fair indication of how the race will be. Subscriptions and coupons have been turned in for some who as yet have made no actual effort themselves. Another few have tried to "skim the cream."

Eventually, the election will narrow down to the real workers—the real prize winners. Some Quit Easily

Some candidates there are who will get along very well for a few days. They will bubble over with enthusiasm. But it won't last. They'll go out and get their ears knocked down once or twice and they'll be ready to quit. They have not got the stuff in them that will urge them on, and rather than admit their deficiency, they will come in or write in and say, "I haven't the time." Others will be content to let their friends vote for them when they turn in their subscriptions over the counter of The Advocate. Some will start, but will not finish.

Really, it is regrettable that the votes are no more than they are. In truth, the present status of this election would not justify The Advocate in putting up more than a cheap di-

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preliminaries to that consummation. The one objective for final security is the absolute and unqualified unity and co-operation of ALL WORKERS, of all the exploited masses, across all race and color lines and all other lines. "This is one occasion for every Negro who has intelligence enough to read to send aid to you and the I.L.D. "Very sincerely yours, "William Pickens."

### HARLEM SOCIAL CIRCLES AGOG OVER DIVORCE OF POPULAR PAIR

New York City, April 23—(A.N.P.)—Social circles in Harlem were startled this week when the news leaked out that Madame A'Leia Walker Wilson Kennedy had been divorced by her third husband, Dr. John A. "Jack" Kennedy, prominent physician, formerly of Chicago, but now of the government veteran's hospital of Tuskegee. The decree, which was granted to Dr. Kennedy, was secured three weeks ago, and had been kept a secret since that time. It is understood that no alimony was allowed.

### Communists Run Negro Worker for Office in Charlotte

Charlotte, N. C., April—(CNA)—The Communist Party of America has filed the name of Timothy Williams a City member as candidate for the Party Council. Williams, the Negro candidate of the Communist Party is the first Negro to be placed as a candidate for elective office since reconstruction days. The primary will be held Monday.

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