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PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE HEADS HAVE FALLEN

NEGROES STILL SERFS IS CLAIM

Digesting...
The News
(BY CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL)

On giving Thanks!
Nations, races and individuals, being human, respond to that unlimited source of power—HOPE. Ambition, education, wealth or power that is not used or motivated with the hope to achieve or accomplish some one thing to make the world better and richer for having lived in it results in a terrific waste of human energy and stores up a mass of values that are entirely fruitless and during periods of stress evaporates into thin air leaving in its wake a trail of misery, poverty and ruined lives.

During the year nations have been aroused and governments have fallen, races have become alarmed and individuals thrown into hysteria, but all have been comforted from that un-failing and unceasing power—HOPE. Basked and inspired by the power of hope, nations, races and individuals are again able to reconstruct and profit from the errors of the past are able to build toward a millennium of peace, prosperity and happiness.

Unlike many commercial commodities, however, the power of HOPE carries with it an obligation to the users and while the price may not be easily determined in commercial terms, yet it must be paid and in paying we do so in the form of Thanks and at this time of year, nations, races and individuals are paying, in thanks, their obligation.

In spite of physical and hysterical conditions prevalent, our nation has much to be thankful for. While we recognize errors that must be corrected we have not yet lost faith in our form of government. We still believe in the christian principles are little practiced.

As a race, we are grateful for that solace and blessing to be found in HOPE. Although greatly abused and discriminated against we still have right on our side. At no time have we violated the sacred principles upon which our American form of government is founded and consequently have done nothing that we should be deprived of all the privileges of American citizenship. Being so situated and with an abundance of hope we may yet live to see the day when the tenets of the Constitution mean exactly what they say.

Individually, we are thankful for the inspirations received through the power of hope. Even when our castles and well-laid plans have come tumbling down all around us have we been able to survive and hope has shown us the way and drawn for us other pictures of a land of utopia 50 wards which we can build and dream of achieving. Personally, I would be lost without hope and I am thankful that my mind and body are so attuned to receive a perfect reception of the messages that HOPE is continually sending out. It is nice to here give thanks to the many friends and acquaintances who have worked so hard in my behalf during the past year and even in the face of obstacles we are thankful for the privilege of finding happiness in the power of HOPE.

LONG WAY TO PAY SENTENCE

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 26—More than 15 Negro and White class-war victims are imprisoned in the Chicago House of Correction, serving at the rate of \$1.50 and \$2.00 a day fines of \$100 and \$200 for militant labor activity according to William E. Browder, head of the Chicago district of the International Labor Defense.
Most of the imprisoned men were fined \$200 and costs, which means that they spend 105 or more days in the House of Correction. Here, according to the Chicago I.L.D., "the cells are indescribably filthy, the food is foul and insufficient in quantity, and working class prisoners are compelled to do the hardest and dirtiest work."
126 others workers Negroes and Whites, face trial before Nov. 16. A total of 150 workers are now either imprisoned or facing trial in Chicago on charges which grew out of street demonstrations. Seven of those were seized during the eviction battle of August 3, when three Negro workers were killed by the police.
Scores of thousands of names will be signed to a demand for the release of those prisoners, to be presented to the city council on November 12 or 13. Workers of the International Labor Defense, R. F. of L. locals, the Trade Union Unity League, the Unemployed Councils and other organizations are circulating the petitions.

NATIONAL BENEFIT TROUBLES

CONSTERNATION REIGNS WHEN POLICE SEIZE SOUTH'S PRELATE

SLAVERY STILL IN EVIDENCE

UNTIL INDUSTRIAL EQUALITY ASSURED

"Until Negroes are assured a permanent place in the industry of America the real emancipation of the black race will not be accomplished," asserts Dr. W. E. B. DuBois as he publishes the first of a series of articles in the December Crisis, depicting jobless-Negroes being lost in the maelstrom of the present depression.
"While America makes itself over industrially the Negro is being almost entirely left out of the pattern," he continues.
Economically weak, the Negro is put to test to keep his head above the starvation line. What few jobs that are available are not for him. The lack of organization causes this, the Editor believes. He suggests a five-year plan for the Negro, which calls for a directing of America's black buying power so that it will create an outlet for Negro labor. Only a firm economic foundation can lift the race out of a virtual state of slavery.
In attacking this question of employment, unemployment and relief, Dr. DuBois made an official survey of nation's cities through their mayors to find out to what extent Negroes were suffering and the provisions that were being made for them. These reports, Continued on page four

URBAN LEAGUE TO MEET IN PITTSBURGH

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 26—The Executive Board of the National Urban League at its last regular meeting selected Pittsburgh as the next meeting place of the League's annual conference. This conference with the Pittsburgh Urban League as host will be held Thursday to Saturday, May 12, 1932, and will consider among other questions the social problem which will be intensified through maladjustments growing out of unemployment.
The official of the League are making note of the problems of employment, health and lowered family standards, which always follow in the wake of periods of depression and will discuss means by which its evil ef-

MOVIE USHER HELD FOR BAIL FOR JIM CROW IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 26th—A former head usher at Loew's Valencia Theatre, in Jamaica, Long Island, has been held in \$500 bail pending trial in the Court of Special Sessions, because he refused to allow a colored woman, Mrs. L. E. Williams, to sit in the orchestra seat to which her ticket entitled her. Mrs. Williams was represented in court by Attorney Cecil H. Riley, to whom the case was referred by Dr. C. M. Reid, President of the Jamaica Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Dr. Reid and William T. Andrews, special legal assistant of the N. A. A. C. P. were both present in court. Mr. Andrews reports: "Mrs. Williams stated that at about 2:30 in the afternoon she went to the theatre and bought a ticket which, according to the custom of the theatre, permitted the purchaser to choose a seat either in the balcony or the orchestra, but that O'Conners met her in the lobby of the theatre and refused to allow her to sit in the orchestra, but told her because she was colored she must sit in the balcony."
Mrs. Williams made a convincing witness on her own behalf. O'Conners denied that he had discriminated

HELD FOR FAILURE TO PAY BASTARDY CLAIM

sternation and confusion reigned at the Thursday morning session of the North Alabama A. M. E. Conference in St. Paul church here when Sheriff James Hawkins of Jefferson county arrested the presiding bishop, R. A. Grant on orders from the sheriff of Geneva county, where the alleged crime was committed.
I am leaving this conference in the hands of Bishop M. H. Davis until I get back. If I get back," Bishop Grant is said to have cried out to conference delegates and the large audience seated in the building as the Jefferson county officers were taking him to jail.
Bishop Grant was kept in jail about five hours, during which time the conference sang and prayed for his deliverance. This was not granted by the Jefferson county officials until a cash bond of \$1,000 was posted. It is claimed that this was raised from conference funds. According to reports, many leading Birmingham citizens, able to sign the bond, stood aloof.
Bishop Grant is charged with bastardy by Miss Ollie Glass, the attractive young daughter of Rev. J. B. Glass, of Hartford, Ala. A warrant was secured for the arrest of the high churchman; it is claimed, because he had failed to keep up payments as provided in a contract he signed on October 29, 1929.
Bishop Grant is reported to have signed a contract with Miss Ollie, Rev. J. B. Glass and Mrs. Glass, mother of the girl, agreeing to pay \$2,000 for the alleged damages to Miss Glass. According to the terms of the agreement Bishop Grant was to pay immediately \$300 in cash and \$170 annually until the full sum of \$2,000 was paid. It is charged that the bishop, in recent months, has been making efforts to evade the terms of the contract and has not met his installments. In the meantime Miss Glass has been caring for her young son, of whom she declares Bishop R. A. Grant is the father. The trial was to be held at Geneva on November 23.

GIRL RADIO SPEAKER BEFORE FEDERAL BOARD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (ANP)—Mrs. Geraldine Diamond, popular, New York city society matron, and journalist was in the capital to see the Federal Radio Commission for a week length for the proposed all-colored radio broadcast station in New York City. She stopped with Mr. and Mrs. J. Finley Wilson.

ATTACKS LABOR DEFENSE WORKER

SNOW HILL, Md., Nov. 26—When Helen Mays, 22 year old investigator for the International Labor Defense, went to the Snow Hill courthouse, together with Bernard Ades, I.L.D. attorney, to file a motion for a change of venue in the case of Orphan Jones, 60 year old Negro farmhand, she was beaten by aynch mob.
Miss Mays, posing as a saleswoman of face lotions, has been investigating the murder charges against Jones and finds that he is the victim of a frame-up. She charges that Judge Joseph Baily of the Snow Hill court tried to halt the I.L.D. motion that would give Jones a fair trial in Baltimore, that he ruled Ades out of the trial, and that city and county officials gave her and the attorney no protection against the lynchers.
Both were severely beaten. The I.L.D. which has produced for publication in the Baltimore press signed statements showing that Jones wants Ades for his lawyer, is still fighting for a change of venue to Baltimore and Jones' freedom.
against the complainant, but became confused in the attempt to explain that the orchestra was at that time filled to capacity. Magistrate Doyle decided that a prima facie case had been made out and held him for a trial in the Court of Special Sessions. The action was brought against the wrong door, and in no way involved the theatre or its management."

IMPORTANT WARNING!

Receiver Reports
Vast Sum Needed
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (ANP)—The best way out of the difficulties confronting National Benefit Life Insurance Company, is to reorganize the institution upon a mutual basis for the benefit of its policyholders, according to recommendations contained in a report filed by Receiver Daniel C. Roper, in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, last Tuesday.
Presenting to the court the results of the work of the auditors and the actuary who have been examining the records and transactions of the company, ever since his appointment as receiver, September 24th, Mr. Roper set forth the present financial condition of the organization and showed that the sum of \$2,825,000 would be necessary to make good the impairment now existing in the logat reserve of the company.
National Benefit had \$60,000,000 worth of insurance in force. The amount required by law to be set aside as legal reserve for the policies outstanding is \$6,963,503.98 less liens and unpaid premiums totalling \$538,374.34. Against this is the net worth of the company which Mr. Roper reports as being \$2,393,749.29. The capital stock of the organization is \$250,000.
Stockholders May Reclaim Company if They Raise \$3,000,000
The stockholders are to have an opportunity to make up the impairment if they so desire and to this end Receiver Roper recommends that they be instructed to appear in the Supreme District Court and express themselves regarding their desires with respect to contributing the necessary fund. If the stockholders were able to make up the amount necessary to overcome the impairment they would render the company sound, remove it from receivership and enable it to re-establish its business.
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E. Stims Campbell, the designer, is well known for his illustrations which have appeared in such magazines as Judge, Life, Ballyhoo, Collier, Humor, The Chicagoan and others. Many of his cartoons have been copied in German, French and English periodicals. Young Campbell formerly lived in St. Louis. He studied art in Chicago and has been living and working in New York for several years. Last year he did two covers for Judge.
The idea of selling a Christmas Seal for the N.A.A.C.P. originated with Mrs. M. T. Garrison of Gary, W. Va. and she has had charge of the sale each year. Thousands of people and firms each year piece these attractive seals with their silent plea for justice on their gifts, packages, letters, invitations and greeting cards. The seals sell for one cent each and come bound in books of 250. They may be bought in any quantity from the local branches of the N.A.A.C.P. from Mrs. Garrison, Box 364, Gary, W. Va., or from the National office, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

SOVIET PIONEERS FIGHT SCOTTSBORO FRAMERS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 26. (CNA)—Ella Lucille Wright the young sister of Roy and Andy Wright, who are among the nine framed Scottsboro boys has received a letter from the Young Pioneers of Moscow, pledging the Soviet children in the fight. The letter says in part: "We all congratulate you on your militancy in defense of your two brothers and the other boys as well. Our comrades like the letter of yours, especially insofar that you, as young as you are, show already that you know the meaning of class struggle when you say that I'm not only helping to free Roy and Andy, but the other seven boys also."
"The Pioneers here in the Soviet Union have from the very beginning been fighting against this frame-up in fact, our Pioneers were the first here to speak about the Scottsboro boys. As early as last May 2 the Pioneers of the Soviet Union had mass protests and resolutions adopted over a mass radio hookup reaching to all parts of the Soviet Union. There isn't a working class child in the Soviet Union that doesn't know about the vicious frame-up. Keep up the spirit, young comrade, and together with us we will keep up our fight for the freedom of the nine Scottsboro boys as well as of all class war prisoners. The Alabama Ku Kluxers will never dare roar our boys in the chair if we raise a mighty protest that will swing their prison door open."

SOVIETS APPOINT NEGRO TO UNIVERSITY POSITION

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 26. (CNA)—News has been received here from Moscow that an American Negro, Nevet Fort Whitman, has been appointed professor of mathematics and chemistry to teach the children of American engineers and technicians in Russia.
D. C. THEATERS STAGE BENEFIT
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (ANP)—All Washington theaters joined hands this week in helping the District's unemployed, when they all staged benefit shows on Wednesday night.
The Lightman theaters joined the movement as a whole, and all receipts from their shows on that day went to charity; while the Howard put on a special midnight, and gave the whole of the proceeds to Commissioner Whitford's unemployment fund.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR GREEN SUSPENDS GRAND OFFICIALS

MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS STRONGLY HINTED

KENTUCKY COURT INDICTS DREISER

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 24. (ANP)—Summary action was taken here Tuesday by S. W. Green, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, against the principal officers of the South Carolina jurisdiction because of their failure to comply with the laws of the Supreme lodge.
The men against whom the supreme chancellor issued a suspension order are: J. A. Brown of Charleston, S. C., grand chancellor; J. B. Lewis of Columbia, grand keeper of records and seals, and Dr. R. S. Wilkinson of Orangeburg, grand master of the exchequer.
In the place of the suspended grand chancellor, Mr. Green appointed E. F. Floyd, former vice chancellor. The new grand chancellor is directed to appoint new men to fill the positions of vice grand chancellor, grand keeper of records and seal and grand master of the exchequer.
Mr. Green's action was the third move in a series growing out of a controversy between the suspended South Carolina leaders and the supreme jurisdiction of the lodge.
The smoldering sentiment of hostility was brought to a flame two months ago when certain factionalists in the South Carolina order held a meeting and agreed upon a program which was construed as secession from the supreme lodge. This action was taken without the knowledge of the supreme chancellor. The explosion came because of friction between the grand lodge and the supreme lodge over the payment of certain taxes prescribed by the supreme lodge laws by the

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 26. (CNA)—Members of the writer's committee headed by Theodore Dreiser, who investigated conditions among the Negro and white miners of the Kentucky coal fields, face prison sentences of 20 years on charges of criminal syndicalism. The courts owned by the coal barons brought these indictments after the Dreiser committee had exposed conditions of starvation and misery in Kentucky.
One of the charges made by Dreiser's committee after its investigation is that the 3,000 Negro miners in the county live in a slavery and poverty that is worse than that of Chinese coolies.
At a series of open meetings, miners and their wives testified before the committee to kidnappings, beatings, dynamiting of soup kitchens and murders by hired thugs deputized by the sheriff. The bosses in Kentucky fields have made desperate effort to create division in the ranks of workers along lines of color. But in spite of this effort to impress color differences on the minds of Kentucky miners, these miners have been fighting in a solid body, even defending each other with their lives. Black and white are joining the National Miners Union. Four of the 34 miners who will be tried on framed up murder charges because of union activity are Negroes.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 24. (A NP)—Attorney Charles H. Matthews, 24, 729 E. 17th St., was appointed as assistant district attorney by District Attorney Burton Fitts last week. Mr. Matthews, a native of Florida, came to Los Angeles at an early age, went through the public schools here and graduated from the University of California. He has been practicing but a year. Mr. Matthews is the second colored appointee to the office by District Attorney Fitts. The first, Leon Whitaker died a few months after he assumed office.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT TO RESPONSIBLE POSITION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (ANP)—Speaking before a gathering sponsored by the Washington branch of the N.A.A.C.P., Dr. W. E. B. DuBois declared Sunday afternoon a new South is in construction. He stated that the old South of cotton and corn characteristics was passing, and a new textile machine-governed South was being made, in which the Negro had no place, except as a menial. Proper education in schools, was suggested as a solution of the Negro's problem. He spoke at the Nineteenth St. Presbyterian church, here.

JUST A LITTLE LIQUOR

William Johnson, Negro, arrested November 10 at 308 Williams court, when deputy sheriffs and state police found one-half pint of moonshine whiskey, was fined \$40 Wednesday by District Judge Mears.

Every State, City and Town to Participate In Nine Months Bicentennial Celebration

These points should be emphasized with respect to the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington next year:
1—It is sponsored by the United States Government; Congress created the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission and the President of the United States is its chairman.
2—it will not be a world's fair or exposition, and it will not be held in any one place.
3—it will be nation-wide, even a world-wide series of celebrations in which every state, city and town—every organization and institution, every home and individual—in this country, together with Americans and others in many foreign countries, will participate. Every community is expected to plan and carry out its own program of events, in cooperation with the United States Commission and the State Commissions.
4—it will last from Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1932, to Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1932 with special local and national celebration everywhere on all holidays, anniversaries, or other days which can be connected with the life of George Washington.
5—While the ceremonies on February 22 should be especially elaborate and impressive, as marking the actual Two Hundredth Anniversary of George Washington's Birth, arrangements also should be made for public gatherings pageants, plays, processions, musical festivals, tableaux and other events at various times during the entire period of more than nine months. Every program should relate to the great life and work of the First President and Founder of the Republic. On Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and other national and local holidays or anniversaries there should be special programs, but the celebration should not be confined to these days.
6—it will take time to prepare the local programs and arrange for the local celebrations. The United States Commission urges mayors and other officials of every city and town in the country to appoint George Washington Bicentennial Commissions or Committees, in order to prepare for the events of the Bicentennial Year.
7—All organization and institutions of whatever character—civil, business, labor, educational, religious, fraternal, social and others—are urged to plan for a "George Washington Year" in 1932.
8—The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington Building, Washington, D.C., will send literature and suggestions for local programs to any committee, organization or group that will write for them.