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LYNCHERS SHOULD BE HANGED.

President Taft At Last Makes Public Utterance Agaiust Lynching Evil

BLACK CABINET LEADS IN THE APPLAUSE

Dwight O. W. Holmes, of Baltimore, Makes Plea For Howard Gymnasium.

Washington, April 10—That the people of some sections of the country have not a high regard for the courts and that the leaders of lynching bees should be hanged was the declaration made by President Taft last nlight at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, where local members of the Howard University Alumni Association held a big mass meeting in the interest of raising $10,000 toward the erection of a gymnasium on the university campus.

Whlie a fair audience, including 500 students of the university and a number of the resident graduates, was on hand, many of the most prominent colored residents of the District of Columbia were absent. This is taken as an indication of the strong anti-Taft sentiment among the rank and file of the colored people. The praise which Prof. Kelly Miller bestowed upon the President, in introducing him, for the appointment of William H. Lewis as an assistant attorney general was only feebly applauded, even though the faithful Black Cabinet led in the applause.

The address is regarded here as a disappointment as the President made no reference to his policy of excluding colored men from high political office in the South—the policy which has made colored people all over the country hostile to the renomination of Mr. Taft. Disfranchisement, Jim-crowism, and other discriminations which the colored people of the country are hostile toward and depely concerned with are among issues of the present campaign.

The public declaration against lynching is somewhat late as President Taft has for months been urged by influential colored men and bodies to make a declaration against the lynching evil, and to urge Congress to enact suitable legislation against it. The President, however, has told colored delegations that he abhorred lynchings.

Among those seated on the stage with the president were: Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of the university; members of the faculty; Judge Robert H. Terrell; Auditor Ralph W. Tyler; Assistant Attorney General William H. Lewis; Register of the Treasury James C. Napier; Recorder of Deeds Henry Lincoln Johnson; Hon. John C. Daney; Robert A. Pelham, secretary and treasurer of the gymnasium campaign committee; D. O. W. Holmes, vice principal of the Baltimore Colored High School and president of the General Alumni Association of Howard University; and James C. Waters, Jr., secretary of the association.

Others who spoke at the meeting included: Shelby J. Davidson, President Thirkield and Mr. Pelman. Music was furnished by the Howard University Orchestra, and Mr. Joseph Douglass, who played several violin selections. Prof. Kelly Miller presided and introduced the various speakers.

The gymasfuium nd received a large addition during the evening. The amount received last night makes that pledged and already in hand exceed $5,000. The alumni of Philadelphia have already raised $1,000

In his address, Mr. Taft said:

"We have very good courts if they are only respected. The trouble about it is that we "don't always have public opinion strong enough to support the authority of the courts. We don't always find that individuals are stiff enough and rigid enough in their view of the enforcement of the law and the respect for the law to make the courts respected as they ought to be throughout the length and breadth of the land.

"Take the matter of lynching. That, as well as the administration of our criminal law, form a disgraceful page in our social history. I just think it is well to take a text on that subject. I know that our courts are not perfect. I know that they don't apply the law with he certainty and dispatch in crimnal cases that they ought to, and I believe that part of this departure

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International Conferenc To Meet Next Week

Many Questions of Varied Importance Will Be Discussed By Prominent Speakers

Tuskegee, Ala., April 12—The world wide problems of the Negro, with especial emphasis upon the missionary and educational needs of the race in various countries will be discussed at the International Negro Conference, which will be held at Tuskegee Institute next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Delegates from twenty-one countries and colonies will be on hand, as well as representatives from a large number of religious and secular bodies.

Among those who will speak are: Dr. Booker T. Washington, Dr. Ernest Lyon, Liberian consul general to the United States; Casely Haford, West Africa; Bishop I. B. Scott, Roland P. Falkner; Prof. John Dewey, of Columbia University; E. D. Morel, editor of the West African Mail.

The problems of West and South Africa, the West Indies, as well as the race question in this country will be talked of by the delegates, who will number several hundred.

New Jersey Conference

Trenton, N. J., April 12—The annual session of the New Jersey A. M. E. Conference is being held at Mt. Zion Church.

Among the speaker today were Rev. W. W. Beckett, secretary of missions of the denomination and a leading candidates for the bishopic; George F. Woodson, dean of Payne Theological Seminary; B. F. Watson' secretary of Church Extension; and Prof. James M. Gregory, principal of the Bordentown, N. J., Industrial School.

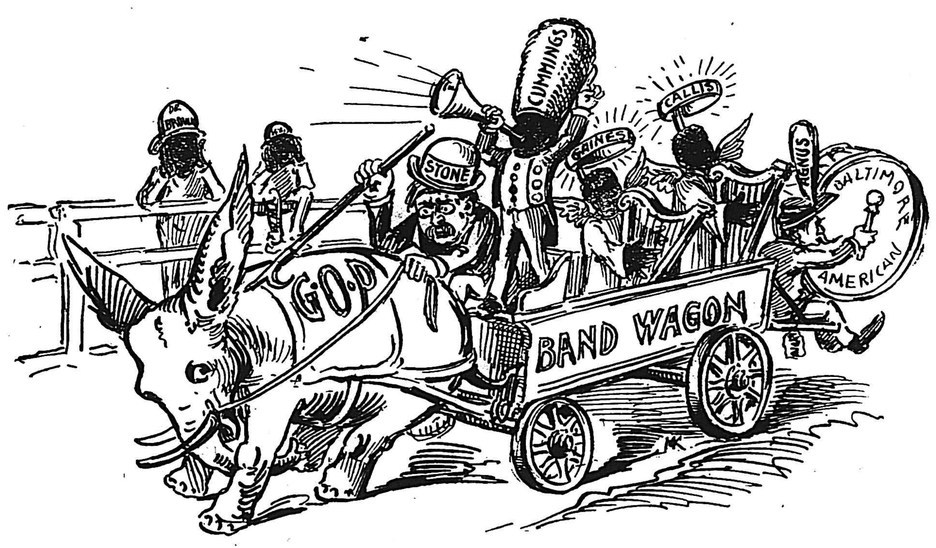
At the opening session Wednesday, Mayor Donnelly made an address of welcome. Responses were made by Bishop Tyree, who is presiding, and several ministers.

At the annual session of the Women's Mite Missionary Society tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon, Mrs. I. W. Roundtree, of this city; Mrs. R. C. Ranson, of New York, and Mrs. Mary F. Handy, of Baltimore will speak. Bishop Tyree will preach Sunday morning. The conference will adjourn Sunday night.

Performs Serious Operation

Labanon, Tenn., April 10—Dr. R. F. Boyd, the Nashville surgeon, was called here last week by Drs. Lewery and Bailey, to perform a serious operation on Annie House. The operation was successful.

A GLANCE AT MARYLAND'S TAFT BAND WAGON



SHOULD PROVIDE FOR GIFTED MEMBERS

Prof. Dubois Says Responsibility Is Too Mueh for One Family

That the colored people of a community should help to provide for the education of the gifted members of their group was urged by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, editor of the Crisis, a magazine published in New York, to the first public mass meeting held under the uspices of the recently formed local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People at Union Baptist Church Thursay night.

The meeting was largely attended the audience including many of the most prominent resients of the city. Seated on the platform were: Joseph C. Manning, of Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Mary W. Ovington, of New York, who delivered an address; W. Ashbie Hawkins, who presided; Dr. F. N. Cardozo, president of the local branch of the association; Rev. G. R. Waller, Prof. Mason A. Hawkins, principal of the Baltimore Colored High School, and Rev. Dr. J. O. Spencer, president of Morgan College, this city, who delivered an address in which he declared that the colored people had made greater progess since emancipation than had been made by any race in history. A male quartet from Morgan College sang several selections.

"While many are disposed to assert that the work of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People is mainly negative," said Dr. DuBois, "in that we protest against discriminations against the race we are trying to do a most needed work in aiding promising young men and women of the race. The National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People found out that Richard Brown, who was painting barns in West Virginia, had talent as an artist. Through the aid that the association was able to give him in obtaining an art education he was able to sell a $1,000 lot of pictures in New York city in one week.

"The training for leadership of gifted members of a group is something that all members of the group should be interested in. The expense, worry and time in the education of a gifted member of a group is something that cannot be fully met by a single family and the group should help. There is no color line in the ability to be an artist because artistic ability is not the particular heritage of any particular race."

After stating that educated members in each group, whose aptitudes are brought out in their trainig, should be the leaders of the colored people, Dr. DuBois asserted that the race question needs careful and accurate study from the leaders of the colored people in every community.

Miss. Ovington, in her address, spoke of the general work that the association is doing, and declared that if the colored people tamely submitted to one discrimination they would be forced later to submit to others.

Miss Ovington held a conference yesterday morning at the home of Mrs. Mason A. Hawkins, 1532 Druid Hill avenue, with a number of the leading spirits of the DuBois Circle, a local organization of prominent women. The conference touched mainly upon the work that the circle is tring to do.

Teachers In Annual Session

Selma, Ala., April 10—The thirty-first annual session of the Alabama State Colored Teachers' Association, held here last Thursday and Friday, attracted teachers from all parts of the State.

The discussion embraced rural schools, high school work manual training and the problems peculiar to the work of colored public schools.

Dr. Booker T. Wahington was the principal speaker at the session Thursday night.

White Farmers Compel Negroes to Work For Them

Tuskegee, Ala., April 10 — In order to compel the colored people to work on their farms, white planters have secured the enactment of a law forbidding trespass on lands. During the berry season, large quantities of which grow wild and are left to rot, a large number of the colored people of Macon county have earned neat sums by selling the berries in around Tuskegee Institute. As they could earn more money by picking berries and without the hard labor in the sun when working in the cotton fields, the planters had to go short handed on colored help. This will probably end berry picking on other folk's land, as a sentence on the chain gang awaits violators of the trespass law.

Cockeysville School Associrtion

Cockeysville, Md., April 11—The patrons of the Cockeysville Public School have organized an association with the following officers: Joseph F. Tucker, president; A. Robinson, vice president; George H. Johnson, secretary, and Marshall Robinson, treasurer.

The Easter service at the church were largely attended.

GOOD WORK BY WEST VIRGINIA INSTITUTE

Col. Midnight Lauds Work Being Accomplished by Prof. Pillerman

Montgomery, Ala.—I have never been able to understand this education business, but I suppose if I could get it then I would understand it better. I have just been looking at the men and women who have it and then I am a little more inspired to try to get it, but I fear that I have slept on my rights.

Whether I get it or not, I am coming to Baltimore and will be with Rev. A,. L. Gaines, in Trinity A. M. E. Church. I shall be delighted to see my friends when I come to the city. I do not know just how many other places I am going, but it is settled that I am gong to speak for Dr. Gaines.

You see it has been a long time since I have been writing much about education, but spring is coming and the time is on hand when we should be getting down to business, and I feel that this will happen.

I did not write a letter last week because I was so full of the education idea. I was going entirely too fast for you, and up to this time I am not through going yet. I went to Institute, W. Va., and it has been a long time since I was there, and I saw many good things there to make me happy. The school is in a flurishing condition. It is called the West Virginia Colored Institute. Realy it is the Agricultural and Mechanical College for the training of our boys and girls. It is just a school full of inspirtaion. To see the school is to make you see just what the Lord hath done for his peope. The school was founded some few years ago and Prof. J. McHenry Jones was the first president, and when he had gotten away from it then he was called to his rest. Then for a few days it was a question with the people as to who would succeed him, but already there was a man in training. The man was Prof. Byrd Prillerman, who was also one of the instructors when the school opened, hence he understood the work. He stepped right in and took hold of the work and it has been growing every since. One starts a work to be finished by others. Prof. Jones discharged his duty, and was called up. Now Prof. Prillerman is in charge and he will carry it just so far and and another will take up where he leaves off, but each must

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TAFT SUPPORTERS BAR NEGROES

Policemen Stationed at Convention Door To Keep Colored Men Away

LILYWHITEISM WITH A VENGEANCE

Colored Voters Will Send Rival Delegation Instructed for Roosevelt

New Orleans, April 0—At a meeting held here last Friday by white men backing the various Republican presidential candidates, it was agreed to keep the Negro off the State committees and from participation in the party councils. Some of those present were loud in their protests against the effort of emissaries of the Republican National Committee being sent to Louisiana for the purpose of having colored men elected to membership in the Republican State Central Committee.

The meeting was called by Frank B. Williams, who claims that he is still chairman of the Republican State Central Committee. He says:

"They (the emissaries from the National Committee) wanted me to admit certain men we had excluded from our February meeting. I refused to agree to anything of the kind. We offered them what they came for—a solid Taft delegation. They wanted Negroes in the committee in order to control the Negro vote of the North and West."

Postmaster A. F. Leonhart and Dr. Fowler withdrew from the conference.

At the Louisana State Republican Convention held in Alexandria, La., a police sergeant was stationed in front of the theater where the convention was held to keep colored men out. The convention elected white men delegates at large, and they were instructed to vote for the renomination of President Taft as long as his name is before the Chicago convention.

After the adjournment of the convention, John L. Rogers who headed the delegation of colored people from Caddo parish, said that the Fourth Congressional district, as a result of the exclusion of the of the colored delegates, would send a rival delegation to the National Convention instructed for Roosevelt. All of the colored men who tried to get in the convention said that they had been sent and instructed for Taft.

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