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Manhattan Wins First Prize in Elks Parade

Garvey's Weekly DIGEST

FELLOWMEN OF THE NEGRO RACE, Greeting:

We hear of the great Emperors of Rome, of the great Emperors of France; we hear of the John D. Rockefeller, we hear of the great emperors who swayed the marts of commerce and industry; we hear of the great emperors who swayed the political sceptres of the world.

Black Men, Understand Nature

We hear of men becoming sovereigns in their particular spheres by their knowledge of Nature and their mastery of her. Black men, the responsibility of understanding Nature's laws rests upon you. As a child must understand the Kindergarten and the primer so must you understand the necessary rules of Nature, and when you understand them you will be able to use them, you will be able to shape them, you will be able to manipulate them to serve you.

Just as the man who knows the low of gravity would use Nature to carry out his particular design, so can you use her to carry out yours. The man who understands life goes to the roaring river, sees her dashing over the mighty cataract and says to her: "I can use that power of yours to create electricity to give light to the world." And an Edison comes forth and marvels the world with his invention of electricity. He took Nature's book and studied it.

Negroes, What Are You Here For?

Black men, what are you here for? Black women, what are you here for? Some of you can only answer: Just to eat, drink, sleep, get sick and die; and you think God would waste time with you just to eat, drink, sleep, get sick and die?

If you have no other function in life then you are no better than the things without life, because they serve no purpose; but man is here to do the work that God has not finished; because God gets better pleasure in seeing His creature finish His work than to do it Himself. Just as a father seeing his son completing his work would get better satisfaction, so God gets better satisfaction in seeing His creature finish what He has left undone.

God could have built cities, but He never built any; He could have built nations, but He never built any. Because He felt He would have received greater satisfaction in seeing His creatures doing these things, in that there would be no pleasure doing these things Himself in that He has Infinite Power.

God Wants Men To Build

God only gave the land for man to build cities and what a great pleasure it must be to God to see what His creature—man—has done with the wilderness, the forest, the prairie, the valley and the dale. He has changed them all from rugged coarseness to the refinement of civilization.

Wouldn't God Almighty be pleased to see the beautiful city of London, the beautiful city of Paris, the great city of New York, that He never made? New York was only a settlement of rock and wood—the gift of Nature—but God made man the superior of the rock and wood, and man went there and felled the trees and built the city of New York, more beautiful than Babylon, more beautiful than Nineveh with all the happiness and prosperity that is to be found in the world. What is true of New York is true of Continental Europe where man has beautified the work of God and justified His existence.

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LOOK LOOK
How to Win a Free Ticket to
LIBERIA
Popularity Contest Now Started
by The Negro World
See Advertisement on Page Eight
Any Person Can Enter
This Contest

Finley Wilson Again Heads Nation's Elks

Reelected by Wild Acclaim —Phila. Gives Them Warm Welcome

By S. A. HAYNES
(Special Correspondent of The
Negro World)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The 32nd annual convention of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World—mightiest of fraternal Negro organizations—has made history in the city of Brotherly Love. 3000 delegates were in attendance, reporting from such far places as South and Central America, the West Indies, and England and 50,000 visitors and friends of Elksdom poured into the city for the week's activities.

The annual memorial services for dead members marked the opening session which took place at Tindley Temple, Rev. William Avant, grand chaplain, conducting the services. Music was rendered by a special chorus of 300 voices under the direction of W. Franklin Hoxter, music maestro.

Mayor Harry A. Mackey greeted the grand lodge officers at Independence Hall, home of the Liberty Bell, and later welcomed the delegates in the name of the city at Tindley Temple.

The third day of the session 25,000 Elks and Daughters Elks dazzled Philadelphia in one of the most fantastic, alluring, picturesque street parades this city has ever seen. An endless chain of black and white humanity stretching from the base of the Parkway Beautiful, encircling the City Hall, and spreading out on either side of South Broad street, acclaimed the Antlered Herd as they marched triumphantly. A background of Roman setting, traffic in the downtown sections was paralyzed as office workers rained down stream after stream of ticker tape and confetti upon the prancing visitors. The parade was six miles long and took more than two hours to pass the reviewing stand. Manhattan Lodge, New York, and Morning Star Lodge, Washington, won first and second.

Labor Government Out in Pound Crisis

National Cabinet of All Parties is
Formed; Labor Party to Oust
Premier MacDonald

LONDON.—Ramsay MacDonald ceased being Socialist Prime Minister of Great Britain at 5 o'clock this afternoon when he handed the resignation of himself and the entire Labor Cabinet to King George at Buckingham Palace. The King accepted, and then immediately asked Mr. MacDonald to resume his momentarily interrupted premiership and form a new national government of all parties to deal with the country's financial crisis.

New Cabinet Formed
King George this evening approved the list of members of the new national Cabinet submitted to him by J. Ramsay MacDonald. As expected, the Cabinet proper contains only ten men—four Laborites, four Conservatives and two Liberals.

The two chief members of the Laborite Cabinet retain their positions, Mr. MacDonald as Prime Minister and Philip Snowden as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Stanley Baldwin, head of the Conservative party, will be President of the Council (the Privy Council, the King's advisers). This is largely a nominal post, to enable Mr. Baldwin to act as floor leader in the House of Commons. The Marquess of Reading, Liberal, will be Foreign Secretary.

New Cabinet Meets
The new compact Cabinet of only ten members, representing all three parties, assembled at 10 Downing street as soon as they had received their seals at Buckingham Palace.

MacDonald Defends Policy
Prime Minister MacDonald sent a personal letter to all Laborite members of Parliament today asking them to "think over the situation without prejudice or passion before reaching their decision as to which way they will take." The alternative to immediate action for restoring credit, he told them, would be a drop in unemployment benefits which would be more likely to reach 50 per cent than 10 per cent, "if, indeed, the government charged to meet such a situation would have continued them at all."

BULLETIN

GANDHI SAILS FOR LONDON
BOMBAY, Aug. 29.—Wearing a loin cloth, a scarf and sandals, Mahatma Gandhi sailed today on the liner Rajputana for England to participate in the London round-table conference.
As the scantily clad, bare-headed and slight figure climbed the gangway, wildly excited crowds shouted "Victory, Gandhi!" and "Long live the revolution!" cries which were reminiscent of the civil disobedience campaign.

American Girl Joins Gandhi

Daughter of Noted Author Renounces World to Follow Truth

AHMEDABAD, India.—Foreswearing the pleasures of the world, Miss Nilla Cram Cook, daughter of the late George Cram Cook, American poet and playwright, has joined Mahatma Gandhi's movement for the independence of India.

She is the first American to be admitted to his "Ashram" or model colony, conducted on the banks of the sacred Sharmati River. She arrived here recently from Greece, where she had played prominent parts in the Delphic festival and where her father died, in 1924, among the shepherds of Mount Parnassus.

For two years Miss Cook, who is twenty-one years old, has lived in a convent to prepare herself for the life of asceticism, sacrifice and service which she will lead as a member of Gandhi's sisterhood. She will have as a companion Miss Madeline Slade, the Mahatma's English attendant and disciple. Miss Slade, daughter of Admiral Sir Edmund John Warne Slade, joined Gandhi's colony in 1924, shaved her head and vowed celibacy. She is now thirty-six years old and has adopted the name Mira Bai.

Wears Grecian Robes
Miss Cook speaks Indo-Aryan and other Oriental languages as fluently as she does English. She is a girl of striking beauty and classic Greek mold, dresses in graceful, flowing robes of ancient Greece, wears sandals and goes bareheaded.

"It is for the ideals of Gandhi, master Yogi of the world," she said, "that I have been searching Sanskrit writings ever since I was fifteen. I have renounced this worldly life, which is absolute illusion. I know when Mahatma Gandhi sees me, he will realize that my understanding and love for all he stands for is not based upon caprice or foolish feminine adoration. The one and only desire of my life is to follow the traditional Yogi path of renunciation and love. I know that by love, humility and truth, Gandhi will show the world the path to salvation. In the future he shall be my guide and father and I shall be his daughter."

Following her pilgrimage from Greece, Miss Cook passed two months at Kashmir where she completed a novel which is a disguised narrative of her own eventful life. During her monastic life she introduced spinning and weaving among the Sisters of Charity and the peasantry.

Father Noted Author
George Cram Cook, who was noted as an author and as director of the Provincetown Players, was married in 1902 to Sara Herndon Swain, of Chicago; in 1908 to Mollie A. Price, of Chicago, and in 1913 to Susan Gaspe, playwright, whose "Allison's House" won the Pulitzer Prize this year.

France Is to Give Up Its Mandate in Syria

PARIS.—The Havas Agency gave out a report from Geneva that the French Government intended to renounce its mandate over Syria.

The announcement would be made at the next meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, the agency reported and France would make the renunciation after negotiating a treaty of alliance with the authorities of the mandated territory.

Application would be made, it was said, for Syria's admission to the League.

HARLEM SNAPSHOTS By Nose-for-News

Fight for Negro Leadership in 21st Starts in Earnest

In response to a call of the Harlem Progressive Democratic Association more than 250 candidates for the county committees met at the Witoka Club, 222 West 145th street, for the purpose of launching the final drive to elect a complete Negro ticket in the 21st Assembly District.

Eugene McIntosh, candidate for the leadership of this district, carefully outlined the issue involved in the fight and placed the responsibility of the successful election of a complete ticket on the shoulders of the committeemen. He was followed on the stand by Dr. Oma Price, candidate for the aldermanic nomination. Shepard Grain, candidate for the Assembly, H. G. Mudgal, editor of the Negro World, C. Victor Coles, C. A. Dickens, Mrs. Viola Carter and Albert Hawkins whose brilliant speeches stirred the committeemen to a high degree of enthusiasm.

C. A. Jenkins who made the main address delivered an appeal for funds to carry on the work. The audience responded readily with a substantial cash donation and several large pledges were made to be paid before the campaign was over.

The chairman of the various committee elected to carry on the work of the campaign are: C. Victor Coles, manager, Albert Hawkins, assistant manager, James Brooks, chairman of the Finance Committee, C. A. Jenkins, chairman of the speakers bureau, Dr. A. G. Best, chairman of the committee on arrangement of meetings and Mrs. Viola Carter, chairman of the Women's Division.

Sweepstake Ban Put by Post Office

You can't take a chance on a "chance" and the Postal authorities are watching the mails so that you won't. Lottery tickets to be drawn for the "Limerick Sweepstake" under the name of the Franciscan Fathers of Limerick, Ireland, are being distributed here, it was learned.

Postal inspectors are watching all mail addressed to the lottery committee in Limerick and stopping and examining all letters for lottery tickets, it was announced.

Five-Year Old Killed Flying Kite

Little Earl Thomas, 5 years old, of 1732 Madison ave. while flying his kite from the roof of his home tripped over the edge of the roof and plunged five stories to the ground on Thursday and was almost instantly killed.

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A New Working Class Party With Negroes in It Proposed

Proposals for the organization of a new working class political party are advanced in a statement issued last week by the Conference for Progressive Labor Action with headquarters at 104 Fifth avenue, New York City. The statement is intended to initiate discussion in the labor movement and among others interested as to the practicability of such a step.

A. J. Muste, chairman of the C. P. L. A., has issued a call for a conference to be held at Brookwood Labor College, Katonah, N. Y., on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 5, 6 and 7, to consider whether existing working class political organizations in the United States, such as the Socialist and Communist, meet the needs of the hour, or might be readily fitted to meet them, or whether some new political party of workers and farmers ought to be formed in the near future.

Abolition of discrimination against Negroes is included in the platform which the C. P. L. A. statement proposes for the new organization. The platform also calls for public ownership and democratic control of all basic industries; a nation-wide program of social insurance against the risk of sickness, accident, unemployment and old age; abolition of "yellow dog" contracts and the use of injunctions in labor disputes; a national

To Organize Negroes For Democratic Drive

Tenn. Negroes To Use Ballots

Record Number of Registrants Out to Vote;
No Longer

ARE THEY IGNORED

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Realizing that the ballot is the most effective weapon, Negroes in large numbers are registering here in order to assert their right of franchise in the forthcoming elections.

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of registrants in the various wards populated by Negro citizens. Under the leadership of colored and white leaders they are being marshalled and carried to the registration booths to "take out their papers."

In all of the Negro wards, to use the term customary in political circles, here, the registration books are showing marked increases. This is particularly true of the fifth, the heart of which is Beale street. In the lower precinct of the sixth, popularly known as the "railroad section", the registration has been extremely heavy, with white men taking an active part in seeing that the citizens of that district are registered.

An enormous registration was made in the twenty-fourth ward, the stockyard district and in the twenty-ninth which includes Moundville, and the thirty-fifth.

The same progress is noticed in the county districts, where farmers are registering their tenants in large numbers, apparently for the purpose of voting against some of the county officers who "have done them wrong" since they have been in office.

The registration of eight tenants on a farm owned by E. H. Matthews, white, by Sheriff Knight, was forced to surrender the papers" of the registrants to Matthews.

In the white district where the insane asylum is located it has been reported that several of the inmates have been registered as well as whites living in the home for the poor and crippled. The registrar in this section declared that most of them were blind or crippled but they could not be refused the right to register.

With the increase in the number of registrants on the part of the Negro citizenry and the decrease in the number of whites, things are expected to hum around Shelby county during the next election. Robert R. Church, nationally known political leader has always been able to receive this support and this year will hardly be an exception.

Joseph Kennedy Big Shot in Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica.—Joseph S. Kennedy, who stepped into the limelight when he won the \$150,000 sweepstakes prize earlier in the year, now bears the distinction of owning the first radio-equipped car here.

Kennedy was working as a porter in Boston, Mass., when he won the prize, and immediately returned here which is the place of his nativity. Since reaching home he has invested largely in real estate and is now engaged in the motor car business.

Natives Chosen For High Posts

A Negro Judge, Physician Appointed by New Virgin Island Regime

ST. CROIX, Virgin Islands.—Departing from a policy which obtained during the naval regime when all important public offices were filled either by civilians from the mainland or by white naval officers, Governor Pearson, with the consent of the Department of the Interior, has appointed Dr. David C. Caneagala as a municipal physician and Lawyer Hamilton Jackson, as a police judge.

Both of these men are natives of the islands and colored. Dr. Caneagala holds his doctor of medicine degree from McGill University, Montreal, Canada; and Lawyer Jackson the bar examinations of Indiana and practiced there for some time.

The people of the islands look with a great deal of pleasure on these appointments, because even under the new civil administration, Gov. Pearson had started out filling all important positions with whites from America, and overlooking native talent.

Commenting editorially, the St. Croix Tribune says that "the appointments should be regarded as splendid recognition of native ability . . . and a most welcome departure from the old and unfair policy in dealing with natives of the islands."

Both of the men appointed recently visited the United States as members of the Virgin Islands Commission to Congress.

SHOWS ART AT ST. THOMAS

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands.—Charles S. Chapman, noted American artist, gave an exhibition of his paintings of natives and island scenery today as a benefit for the hospital at St. Thomas. Fifty of the paintings will be exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum of Art at New York this winter.

Mr. Chapman came to the Virgin Islands for recreation and in the hope of finding beauty spots spoken of in American newspapers.

Abyssinian Emperor Acts to End Slavery

Ras Tafari Issues Drastic Decree—
Reports That He Has Put Some
Traders to Death

LONDON.—Drastic measures to enforce the liberation of 2,000,000 Abyssinian slaves are being taken by Ras Tafari, King of Kings and Emperor of Ethiopia. "The Conqueror Judas and Elect One of God," to give his majesty more of his titles, has sent a message to the Anti-Slavery Society of London, stating that in addition to prohibiting slave traffic by decree he even has gone so far as to put slave traders to death. Already slaves in possession of private owners are being freed and a school has been opened at Addis Ababa, the Emperor's capital. King Tafari promised to abolish slavery as a coronation gesture when he was crowned last November, but Abyssinia is still one of the biggest centers of the slavery system. It is estimated that there are 4,000,000 slaves in the world, half of them in Abyssinia. Sir Sidney Barton, British Minister at Addis Ababa, has been elected to the committee which is enforcing the new reforms.

G. O. P. Not Fair To Race Voters

Their Lily-White Policy,
Indifference to Race
Interests Scored

500,000 MARK IS SET

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Declaring that Negroes could expect nothing from the Republican Party in the future, The National Democratic Negro Voters League, with Dr. F. O. Williston as president and James H. Howard, journalist, as secretary, launched a campaign for a half million members.

Discussing the campaign, Dr. Williston said that the present Republican administration had ignored the Negro and had catered to lily white in the effort to build up the party in the South. During the Wilson administration, according to Dr. Williston, there were 200,000 Negroes enrolled on the roster of the League and before the forthcoming election this number will more than reach the half-million mark.

"We have not asked the Democratic National Committee for one cent," said Dr. Williston, "but we will call upon the Negro Democrats throughout the nation for financial support."

Labor Organizer to Run for Assembly

S. E. Grain Believes United Political
Action of Negroes Under Race
Leadership Can Meet Coming
Winter Emergency

NEW YORK, August 31.—One of the militant and able young orators and fighters of Harlem, former vice-president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and who now works with the organization from time to time on programs for its advancement, has thrown his hat into the political ring, and bids for the support of the electorate for his election to the assembly in the 21st A. D., along with Mr. Eugene McIntosh, who is running for leadership against Mr. Thomas F. Murray, white, and Dr. Oma H. Price, candidate for Alderman.

Mr. Grain contends that with men of vision, aggressiveness and constructive militancy and a spirit of unselfish devotion to the well-being of colored Harlem, the lot of the Negro can be immeasurably improved through intelligent political action under constructive Negro leadership. There is \$500,000 worth of political patronage in the 21st A. D., according to the labor leader, Mr. Grain, but, he continues, Negroes only receive some \$20,000 of this patronage in jobs. He maintains that Negroes constitute practically 85 per cent of the electorate and therefore have the power in their hands to dominate the district and dispense the patronage, if only they show the intelligence and determination to do so.

From the past record and activities of candidate Grain, one is justified in believing that he will constitute a formidable foe for his opponent, and that if elected he will play a significant and outstanding role in the legislature of New York, formulating and projecting measures calculated to win for the people a larger degree of economic and social consideration.

In the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, he rose rapidly from a field agent to one of the vice-presidents of the union. He probably was responsible for enlisting more porters as members in the Brotherhood than any other single man. He won the confidence, esteem and admiration of all of his fellow-organizers, together with that of the rank and file.

He is eminently qualified to represent the people of Harlem since he has been an ardent and constant student of political, economic and social problems for many years, having attended the Rand School of Social Science, specializing in political economy, and also City College of the City of New York. He is now pursuing the study of law.

Do Not Patronize Those Who Refuse You Opportunities

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esting the member
as they need unity
MARLOWE,
Reporter.

