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GETS FACTS ON GEORGIA LYNCHINGS

New York, Oct.—An investigation of recent Georgia lynching made for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, discloses that two at least and probably more of the victims were entirely innocent of the alleged crimes which occasioned the mob murders.

One lynching at Hawkinsville, near Rhine, Ga., was of a Negro whom the sheriff feels sure was innocent of the attack upon a white woman with which he was charged. The Negro was shot six times, one bullet penetrating his lungs, as he ran from a mob which had intercepted the sheriff who was taking him to Eastman, Ga., for safe-keeping.

The report of the killing of three Negroes at Darien is made as follows by the N.A.A.C.P. investigator: "Two Negroes were seen late at night on the streets of Darien near a bank. The policeman thought they intended to rob the bank and started to arrest them. It seems that there was a running gun battle and the police-

man was killed. The Negroes escaped in a nearby swamp; one was captured and placed in jail. In the meantime, troops had been ordered out and reached Darien and put their machine gun in place, but in spite of the presence of the soldiers and machine gun, the mob went into the jail and killed this man. Later, another man was killed in the woods and it seems to be pretty well established that this man was not in any way connected with the affair."

New York, Oct.—Copy is received here of the Cuban daily newspaper, Diario de la Marina, of recent date, which publishes in full a letter written by William Pickens, Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to Secretary of State Henry L. The letter strongly protests the restrictions put upon tourist and other travel to Cuba by American Negroes, and cites the embarrassment inflicted upon a number of colored travelers, including Dr. R. P. Sims and daughter, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, and Miss Sue Bailey.

Mr. Pickens reports that leading colored citizens of Cuba are eager to join hands with leading colored citizens of the United States, in work for the advancement of the race.

A FEDERAL ANTI- LYNCHING LAW

As was to have been expected, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has reopened its campaign for the enactment of a Federal anti-lynching law. This organization, best known in this part of the country for its activities in connection with the defeat of Judge Parker for the United States Supreme Court, has been pushing the Dyer bill for years. It is endeavoring now to commit all candidates for the House and senate to support of a similar measure.

The opening gun of its present battle in a statement from President Hoover, given to the Association under date of August 15th. "Every decent citizen must condemn the lynching evil as an undermining of the very essence of both justice and democracy," the President is quoted as saying. No one can quarrel with that. It is absolutely and literally true. Mr. Hoover does not, it will be noted commit himself to support of a Federal anti-lynching law; but the Republican platform of 1928 did promise the early enactment of a law "to exterminate the hideous crime of lynching."

With eighteen lynchings already in 1930—twice as many as in the whole of 1929—it is not surprising that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People should have seized the present opportunity to make the enactment of a Federal anti-lynching law a political issue if possible. The Dyer bill passed the House several years ago by a p to 1 vote and was then put to sleep in the Senate. We do not believe that such legislation is the way to put an end to lynchings. There is serious possibility, we think, that it might, for a time at least, increase the number of lynchings. But the imminent possibility of the enactment of a Federal anti-lynching law must be taken into count.

Among Leading Women

New York—In a list of fifty leading women of the United States, selected by Ida Tarbell from among business women, educators, scientists and the field of the arts, and published in the Evening World of recent date, one of the names included is that of a leading colored educator, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune.

Miss Tarbell, who made the list is well known for her expose of the Standard Oil Corporation in a history she wrote of that corporation. In selecting her list, Miss Tarbell said she used a threefold measuring rod: Ability (1) to initiate or create, (2) to lead or inspire, (3) to carry on.

In naming Mrs. Bethune among the fifty outstanding women, Miss Tarbell writes:

"Mary McLeod Bethune—Born of Negro parents, slaves. Founder in 1900 of Bethune-Cookman Institute for colored boys and girls at Daytona Fla., now enrolling some 250 students. Established a home for delinquent Negro girls at Ocala, Fla. Active in all forms of social educational and moral betterment. A woman to be proud of."

THANKS NEGROES FOR THEIR SUPPORT

New York, Oct.—Frank Murphy, Judge of the Records Court in Detroit at the time of the Sweet case, who resigned from the bench in order to become the successful candidate for mayor, has written a letter to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People expressing his thanks for the loyal support given him by colored voters.

At the time Judge Murphy announced his candidacy, Walter White, Acting Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., who handled the Sweet trials in Detroit for the N.A.A.C.P., wrote a letter commending the spirit of fairness prevalent in Judge Murphy's court and saying in part:

"I am certain that you will have the united support of the colored citizens of Detroit. I know if I were a resident in the city you could certainly count on one ballot."

"When I came to Detroit in 1925 at the time of the attack upon the home of Dr. Ossian H. Sweet, the situation was such as to be most discouraging, so far as obtaining an impartial trial for Dr. Sweet and his ten co-defendants was concerned. Those fears were dispelled only when we found in your court a most extraordinary degree of even-handed justice, an experience which unfortunately the Negro defendant could duplicate in few courts of law, North or South. I am certain that you as Mayor will hold to those high principles of justice and fair play to all men regardless of race, creed or color, which I saw exemplified in the famous Sweet case."

In his letter of thanks on the primary election Judge Murphy writes: "Everything came out all right. Your people were as faithful and true as any group could be. They went right out on the firing line for me and stood by me almost to a man."

Speaking of British Preference, said a newly elected M.P., I can remember when every knife you put in your mouth was made of Sheffield steel.

"How did that fellow get into the purchasing agent's office.
"Threw a cork over the transom.

Sometimes the light that shines in her eyes is a stop light.

And there was the Scotch athlete who hated to loosen up his muscles.

When she says she feels cold, suggest the cover of darkness.

Why is it, the farmer would like to know, that as soon as a crop starts coming up in the fields it starts going down in the markets.

Walking home from an auto ride is a big moment in any girl's life, but few girls have big moments.

If caught by traffic in the middle of the road, the best thing to do is to stand still, says an expert.

Yay, and if time permits, scribble a farewell message on the back of a visiting card.

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