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DARROW TALKS AT DEPRI CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. —Over one thousand persons packed the John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church here last Friday to hear Clarence Darrow, noted lawyer of Chicago, address the final meeting of the De-Priest Non-Partisan Conference which convened here last week. Mr. Darrow told his audience that the time had passed when the Negro was the darling of the North and that now the only salvation of the colored man lay in banding together for their own deliverance.

"I think the Negro needn't expect much from the white man. Nowadays the white man has a hard enough time looking after himself even after taking jobs away from the Negro," declared the speaker.

Discusses Politics.

The audience broke forth in applause a number of times during the lawyer's address. Most of the applause came during his caustic comment on the political situation for the colored voters. "I have voted every ticket except the Republican ticket," said the speaker.

"While I am not going to advise the Negro not to vote the Republican ticket, I do say that there is no reasonable weapon which the Negro can get that he ought not use. The ballot is about the cheapest and most effective weapon the Negro has, and he certainly ought to make full use of it."

Would Have Negro Keep Politicians Guessing.

Political power is very important the speaker said. "If there is one thing the Negro ought to do it is to keep politicians guessing. You cannot add to your political power unless they think you will vote independently. While I would not advise any group in America to put themselves first above other interests of good government, I certainly advise the colored people to do so. No other question on earth is so important to Negroes as the question of color. In other words, you have got to make politicians afraid of you—and politicians are none too brave."

Wishing One and All A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



Rev. E. Alph. Richardson, Gen. Sec. of B.M.E. Conference

No better purpose could possess us than to give ourselves more fully to the work of evangelism in all of its branches. Heartiest cooperation and earnest prayers are requested for the work of our whole church. Wishing all a very Merry Christmas.

Race's Health Improves

CHICAGO, Dec. — That there has been a decided improvement in the health of the Negro, was indicated in figures presented by George R. Arthur, Director of the Rosenwald Fund.

According to Mr. Arthur during the years immediately following the Civil War the Negro death rate was 40 per 1,000. In 1911 it had dropped to 17 per 1,000 and in 1929 the rate was 14 per 1,000.

"In checking up the death rate from specific causes," said Mr. Arthur, "We find that tuberculosis has shown the greatest decline. Out of every 100,000 colored people in 1911 418 died of this disease as contrasted with 225 per 100,000 dying of the same disease in 1926, representing a decline of 54 per cent."

MAKE MARCH ON THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. — "Sign of the times" attended the opening of the Seventy-second Congress here when 2,000 colored and white "hungry marchers" paraded through the streets of the capital bearing banners and shouting and singing in a communistic demonstration. They demanded Federal guarantees of employment for the idle at a minimum wage and the enacting of national unemployment insurance legislation.

Warn They Will Return.

Repelled by police guards in their efforts to enter the White House and the Capitol, the served notice on the Capitol that they would return here late in February with a "superior force to sweep aside the armed thugs of the Government."

They marched first to the Capital where they were kept inside a roped area with machine guns and tear gas bombs trained on them. They next went to the White House where guards told them that the President could not receive a committee, but they could send a written message. This was dissatisfactory with the leader and they proceeded to the front of the American Federation of Labor building. Here a committee was received in the office of President Green. They condemned the Federation for not favoring unemployment insurance. The last stop was the Auditorium where a flood of inflammatory oratory was unleashed.

Denounce Government.

In front of the White House David Pondexter, a colored marcher from Indianapolis, was lifted to the shoulders of his companions. He told the crowd "President Hoover had barricaded himself behind the police and refused to see them. The worker," he said, "will not take no for an answer." A colored marcher acted as chairman at the Auditorium meeting. He told the crowd that he represented the most oppressed race in the country.