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Negro Has Won Revolution In Public Sentiment

Cleveland, June 27—The American Negro stands on the threshold of a new era, having won a revolution in public sentiment during the past 20 years, declared Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Editor of The Crisis Magazine, delivering the opening keynote address last night before the 20th Anniversary Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The Conference will be continued here through July 2.

Reviewing the twenty years of the Advancement Association's activity, Dr. Du Bois contrasted the difficult situation of colored citizens of this country twenty years ago with the advantages they have won and now enjoy.

"Twenty years ago," declared Dr. Du Bois, "there was scarcely a reputable scientist who dared to assert the equality of the Negro race in any essential particular. Africa was assumed to have no history and there was only one college in the United States that offered a course of study in Negro history and psychology. Dunbar and Chesnut and others were writing but they were looked upon as exceptional and no one for a moment dreamed of counting American Negro literature as part of the literary gift of America.

"At this time in 1909, they were lynching three Negroes every two weeks and in the previous decade, Negroes had been lynched at the rate of 78 a year. The Supreme Court had never passed on the legality of the 15th Amendment and southern legislatures repeatedly demanded the repeal even of the 14th as Texas did. Tillman and Vardaman were in their glory. Vardaman declared in 1909 that 'the most illiterate white man is better equipped to understand the scheme of this government and to vote intelligently than any Negro.'

"George White, the last of his race to sit in Congress until 1929, left Congress in 1901. The attempt of the Negro to vote independent of the Republican party was laughed at in 1908, vigorously denounced in 1912 and regarded as treason to the Negro race even as late as 1916.

"It was declared by all reputable



Mr. J. W. Montgomery, of Toronto, who was in the city last week as a delegate from Lodge Court, Queen City 81, Canadian Order of Foresters. He has been past Chief Ranger of this fraternal order for 25 years. Mr. Montgomery is the National President of the C.L.A.C.P.

authorities that the fate of the Negro race in the United States was extinction and death, and that what tuberculosis did not do, crime and inefficiency would finish. And finally it was said by the Negroes themselves almost unanimously, that real effective organization for the attainment of the rights of black men in America was impossible.

"But we disregarded the advice of our friends. We went in for agitation. We pushed our way into the courts. We demanded the right to vote. We urged and pushed our children into college. We encouraged Negro art and literature. We studied African history and in season and out of season we declared that the colored races were destined at least to share in the heritage of the earth.

"We stand to-day at the threshold of a new generation, with 12,000 of our children in college; with a recognized place in American literature and art; with the reappearance of the black man in Congress and, what is more important, with the emergence of an independent Negro vote. We have recognized Negro leadership in education, science and in legal defense. And our demand to be recognized as civilized people, no civilized American can deny.

Emancipation Day At Oakville Aug. 1

Oakville, June 25th, 1929—According to plans now being made by the Rev. W. C. Perry, Oakville is to be the scene of an Emancipation Celebration this year. It has been some time since this memorable day was observed in this part of Ontario, and because of the locality, which is central, there is no reason why many of the colored people around should not decide to attend and make it a success. Rev. Perry has invited all colored fraternal societies and churches and has sent special invitations to the ministers of Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines, and it is hoped that an interest will be taken so that this great day commemorating the emancipation of our fore-fathers will be duly observed. Each fraternal society is asked to be specially represented, and if the requests or invitations are accepted there is to be a parade in the forenoon and public addresses by leading Negro orators.

With this celebration, the A.M.E. Church will also hold their annual garden party in the afternoon with a special program in the evening. To these events of momentous importance Oakville gives a welcome to members of our group in Ontario. Oakville is one of the beauty spots of Ontario, an up-to-date residential district, easily reached from Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines.

Kid Chocolate Scores Knockout

MAPLE LEAF STADIUM, June 24—Kid Chocolate, latest sensation of the boxing world, made quick work of Jackie Johnston, of Toronto, with a startling knockout in the first round of their scheduled 10-round bout here to-night.

The swiftness of the Cuban's victory came as a stunning surprise to 9,000 fans, who cheered Johnston as he made an auspicious start and the next minute was counted out.

A clean right to the jaw that traveled with meteoric speed sent Johnston to the floor in 2 minutes and 47 seconds of fighting in the opening round. The dusky battler had started out by boxing cleverly, with Johnston launching a drive for the stomach. Most of his blows found the

Edwards Equals Half-mile Record

NEW YORK, June 12—That determination to succeed gains in reward has been strikingly exemplified in the case of Phil Edwards of New York University, who has risen to be one of the world's greatest track stars.

Several years ago Edwards came from British Guinea, a small undersized student with little more athletic equipment than a heart full of courage. Edwards trained hard and built up legs of steel to match his heart, and only a few weeks ago went out and ran the third fastest indoor half mile in history. His performance was by far the outstanding event of the inter-collegiate A.A.A.A. When Ted Meredith, one of the memorable figures of track athletes raced the half mile in 1:52 2-10 thirteen years ago for world and national records, few believed that anyone ever would be able to come close to that time.

In the Inter-collegiate A.A.A.A. Edwards equalled Meredith's time while running what amounted to a solo flight. The fact that he led a splendid field by twenty-five yards with a little more than a furlong to go is mute testimony of the unparalleled brilliancy of the performance of the N.Y.U. captain. Had he not tired up with the goal in sight there is no telling the heights Edwards would have reached.

mark, but the Cuban bonbon took them dancing away. Once Johnston landed a light left to the side of the head and Chocolate began testing a long left towards Johnston's face. As they sparred in a neutral corner, the "Kid" feinted lightly with the left. As Johnston set himself to launch another drive for the stomach, a long black right arm streaked out and crashed solidly to the side of Johnston's right jaw.

TR'IED TO GET UP.

The Canadian went down in a heap, rolled over, and with a vain shudder tried to rise at the count of eight. His body partly left the floor, but with a quiver he again fell face downward and was carried to his corner after the count of 10.

The former Canadian bantam champion was soon revived, but sobbed for some minutes when he realized that his long training activities at Midland, Ont., and his hopes of feather-weight laurels had been shattered by one decisive blow.

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Editorial

THE SOUTH-AFRICAN MENACE.

The people of South Africa have again handed the reigns of government to Hertzog and his followers. This leaves him free to carry out his plan to humiliate and rob the natives of their rights as citizens. He may enact more such laws, such laws as the Color Bar Bill, which was meant to reduce the natives to economic subservience and he may also restrict or even take away the franchise from them in order to make white rule for ever safe. All of these things he is now free to do and in doing such he may stay the hand of fate temporarily but not forever. And even so, in his frantic, ruthless and unjust methods of seeking to avert one menace he is fast bringing upon the people of his country a more serious one than that of native rule. This is the menace of the "poor whites" of European descent.

Referring to the situation in South Africa The London New Statesman has the following to say: "In every considerable community there are those who are not fitted for skilled work. In Europe such men become dockers or porters or navies—humble but honorable toilers. But in South Africa these labourers' jobs are regarded as 'Kafirs' work; no white man would dream of undertaking them. The result is that if the European is incapable of skilled work, he cannot enter the ranks of unskilled labor, but falls below the level and becomes a 'poor white' social parasite, a loafer, hanging on to the skirts of white society, a decadent, slowly sinking into the morass of degradation, a reckless, hopeless figure. ONE WHITE MAN IN EVERY DOZEN IS IN THIS CATEGORY IN SOUTH AFRICA TO-DAY! It is the greatest social problem with which the country has to deal."

Hertzog and the Nationalist party are now adding fresh fuel to a flame which was started by the first white settlers who landed in South Africa, centuries ago. They regarded the natives as less than human. The aboriginals were enslaved and when they refused to be slaves they were shot like dogs. First the Bushman was wiped out and the Hottentots were reduced to economic slavery and now for a hundred years the people of South Africa have tried to reduce the Bantu or Kafirs to the same status, failing to do this com-

pletely she has labelled all the drudgery work of the community as 'Kafirs' work' which now no white man will do. These natives not only did all the rough work but showed a great aptitude to become skilled mechanics and therefore through fear lest the white mechanic be supplanted entirely by the natives the Color Bar Bill, which prohibits the natives doing skilled labor has been placed upon the statute books.

Turning again to the "poor whites", a twelfth of the South Africa's white population who are neither mentally or physically fit to do skilled labor. With him there is no first rung of the ladder to which he might cling if unable to go higher. From social usages, even if not from desire, he must become a loafer and a parasite. With the native there is no top rung, only the first. Which of the two offers a greater menace to the social, economic and industrial world? Perhaps Hertzog will overcome this threatening menace by decreeing that South Africa's 12th white citizen shall be drowned. This would be just retribution for having introduced slavery in South Africa two centuries ago and for their present biggotted attitude towards manual labour.

We recall here the valiant fight which Dr. John Philips made along this line more than a hundred years ago. He then told the settlers that there could be no progress for them so long as the natives were regarded as something inferior, as merely a worker, a servant and a producer, and that prosperity would come when the native was recognized as the consumer with money to spend and free to sell his labor where he would; in a world as a man with a man's rights.

In concluding his remarks in the Statesman upon "The Black Continent's White Problem," Mr. W. L. Speight says: The attempt to keep the Negro in his place industrially, in other words, to restrict him to unskilled work, cannot go on indefinitely. A vigorous and virile people cannot be repressed. The day will come when the Bantu will enter into his own. But in the meantime there is the 'poor whites' whose number is steadily increasing."

KNOCKERS.

Judging from reports which have reached us recently there are certain dignitaries going about the City of Toronto attempting to discredit the work which the C.L.A.C.P. is doing for the colored people of Ontario. It is evident that such attempts are being made for personal gain, such men are trying to mount the ladder of fame not by dint of their worth and achievements, but by trying to crush other people and other organizations.

As for the C.L.A.C.P. it is willing to stand or fall on its own record. This is an obvious fact since a statement is issued annually concerning its activities, its finance and its disbursements. This statement is published through the Dawn and it is also sent direct to persons who have shown interest in the movement. Its accounts are audited by accredited auditors and an annual report is made to the federal government from which the League holds a Dominion Wide charter. Each year, so far, it has received an O.K. from the government.

Furthermore, if these knockers had been interested in the work of the League, if they had wanted to know what is being done they could have received a statement of the League's activities by writing to either the Secretary or the Treasurer.

One charge they bring against the league is that its influence is not felt in Toronto. Listen to this: within the past ten weeks the League has secured employment for fourteen colored men. They are still working and supporting their families. We are willing to wager our right arm that these knockers have never secured 14 colored men positions in their whole selfish lives. The biggest interest they have shown in the race is an interest in themselves.

Now, let us advise these dignitaries to wash their own garments before they sling mud at other people. We know who they are and we also know that their records will not bear uncovering. One of them, a former citizen of the U.S.A., dare not cross the border and re-enter that country. Another has been asked to leave a certain city because of an offence against a young girl. It is also reported on god authority that another received a commission of \$1500 for a certain sale and pocketed this money instead of applying it to its proper source. None of these charges is guess work and they can be proven if need be. And now we challenge these gentlemen to bring forth any such derogatory charges against any officer of the League or against the League itself.

STRATFORD NOTES

Mr. Cecil Miller has gone home for the week end in Drayton.

Mr. John D. Hall is visiting his family in Stratford.

Mr. H. Brown of Buffalo has accepted a position in this city.

Mr. Lewis Groat of London has accepted a position in this city.

John Thomson and family of Kitchener spent the Sunday in Stratford visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Duncan of Guelph spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Harrison.

Mrs. E. Hesson, after visiting her daughter the past six weeks in Port Huron has returned home to Stratford.

LONDON

The death of Mrs. Mildred Smith occurred last Saturday, June 24th, at 2:15 p.m. at her late residence, 755 1/2 St. George Street. Mrs. Smith had been ill since January and had borne her illness with marked patience. She was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jean Brown of this city. Mrs. Smith was a faithful member of the Hill Street Baptist Church from which she was buried last Tuesday evening at 2:30 o'clock after a brief service was held at her late residence. Services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Richardson. Interment was made at Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

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DUE CREDIT TO ENGLISHMEN.

Merlin, Ont., R.R. 5; June 24th, 1929.
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I am not posing as a propagandist for any particular race and is true in the case of the Englishman of whom I am to speak. Since his race has shown marked aptitude for centuries to take full care of itself.

Nevertheless there are times when failure to register credit where credit is due for services rendered, is not only unprogressive but even ungrateful and unChristian.

The incident which I shall now relate took place in the early 80's. Our little school was progressing nicely as could be expected with good, bad and indifferent masters. It was a case of no "licking" no "learning" and much more licking than learning. The American Civil War was still fresh in the minds of people and our school being a mixed school (white and colored) mud slinging was the pastime. At last our school board, of which my father was a member for 18 years, secured a man with first class life-time credentials.

This man had not been with us long before it became evident that he was exceptionally efficient as a teacher. Pupils began to come in from all directions, and before his 3 years were ended many pupils from outside districts enrolled with us. We also drew many from the separate school. In fact, our little school was filled to overflowing.

I have not the slightest idea as to the religious affiliation of the man, but considering the matter now in these later years, it seems to me he did more in our community to bring about the spirit of peace on earth, good will toward men, than any man I ever met. This man was unmistakably an Englishman. After he left us the powers that be recognized his worth and it was not long before he filled a vacancy of I.P. S. of our county.

Almost surrounded as our farm was by English settlers for nearly a half century, I believe I have good reason to speak with authority when I speak of the habits and customs. There are, of course, exceptions to every rule, but generally speaking, an English settler means a good neighbor and that means progress.

I know very little about the English of our towns and cities except in a business way and I will admit, on the whole their customs do seem strange at times to us of the land of the open space. I am well aware they are not popular with many of our group and the reason is not far to seek. For instance the two races do not understand each other's view point. The great difficulty with two races living together and not understanding each other is that too often the best efforts for peace and progress are wasted.

The Englishman cannot understand why the colored man, after the solemn declaration of liberty was signed—why the colored man did not set about learning the meaning of stocks and bonds or even getting a roof over his head, he simply left his little cabin without even locking the door; why he just went fishing. It does not strike him that the colored man, after three centuries of enforced slavery just might want, and even need a holiday.

The colored man, on the other hand often regards the coolness and aloofness of the Englishman as being enmity. But I know this is not the case.

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TORONTO NOTES

June 2nd was the 4th Quarterly meeting of the B.M.E. Church for the Conference year.

June 9th was children's Day Service at the B.M.E. Church. A splendid programme was given by the children at 7.30 p.m.

June 16th was Men's Day at the B.M.E. Church with a special programme in the evening and at 4.60 p.m. Mr. Henry who has been a Missionary in Africa for a number of years, gave a very interesting and instructive address to the Missionary Society.

Those on the sick list are: Mrs. Ball and Mrs. C. Sharp. Mr. R. Costello and Mr. Clarence Harper in the hospital.

Mrs. M. Howard is able to be out again.

On June 3rd at the A.M.E. Church the funeral of Rev. Hackley took place; a large number turned out to pay their last respects.

On June 10th, the funeral service of Lillian Richardson eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson took place at the home of her grandmother, 222 Lippincott St. The many friends wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

The U.N.I.A. has purchased a beautiful three story structure in the business section of the city. A portion of the building has been made suitable for a ball room or for public meetings. Other parts of the building are for rent.

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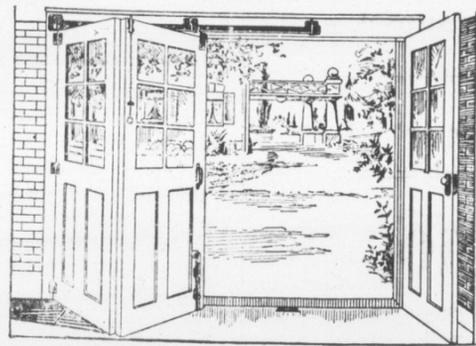
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Mr. Lawrence Melbourne of Windsor visited Miss Marguerite Moxley of Grey Street a few days ago. Mr. Melbourne expressed himself as having been in love with our city and with a certain young lady in particular.

Card of Thanks.

Will the many dear friends who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement in the loss of our girlie, Lillian Esther, kindly accept our sincere thanks.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson, 424 Gray St., London, Ont.

Lillian Esther, twelve year old and eldest child of the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson, fell asleep in Jesus, Thursday, June 6th, in Victoria Hospital, where she had been for two months of a period of seven months' illness.

A brief service was held in the Beth-Emanuel Church when Rev. J. Bruce Hunter, pastor of Metropolitan United Church officiated. Six girls of the church acted as pall bearers to the train, when the remains were taken to Toronto, home of her parents, for burial.

The Get-Acquainted Club held their Fourth Anniversary Service at Beth-Emanuel B.M.E. Church, Sunday, 19th.

While the service under the direction of Mr. Frederick Ball was worthy of a full house, there were but few in attendance. The singing by the Club was indeed inspiring, but was lacking in balance of parts and tone-color owing to sickness and bereavements depleting their numbers.

Mrs. Bertha Moxley very affectionately sang "Alone"; Mr. Paul Lewis rendered a baritone solo, "I Come to Thee" The male trio also rendered "Drifting."

Miss Florence Drake presided at the organ as well as playing the piano accompaniments.

Rev. Richardson, pastor of the church, extended greetings to the Club and congratulated them on their fourth anniversary, also in high terms of appreciation on their assistance rendered to the needy during the past year. Mr. Richardson also said that men and women with talent and earnestness as he had found in the members of the Club, if consecrated and surrendered to the Christian cause would enable the Churches of London to reach many and glorify the cause of Christ.

Mr. Ball speaking for the Club, extended good wishes for the sick of our community and sympathy to all who had been bereaved.

The sick among us are: Mrs. Nellie Washington, in Victoria Hospital, improving slowly. Mr. C. H. Brown in Victoria Hospital, condition remains the same; Mr. Clifford Phoenix, in Victoria Hospital, improving satisfactorily. Mr. Wm. Booker, in Victoria Hospital, slightly improving.

Last Thursday evening Miss Leta Smith and her brother, Fred, both of Woodstock entertained at the home of Evelyn Jenkins in honor of Miss Mildred Smith also of Woodstock, but who is residing in the city at present. This affair was in celebration of Mildred's birthday. Miss Jean Selby of Woodstock was another out of town guest. The young people spent

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Mr. John Montgomery of Toronto, National President of the C.L.A.C.P. spent last week in the city. He was here as a representative of his lodge, Court Queen City 81, Canadian Order of Foresters.

Mr. Thurmond Cherry of Chatham and Mr. Barton of Texas were visitors in the city last week. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Poindexter.