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CLARENCE DARROW TO HEAD SWEET CASE DEFENSE

N.A.A.C.P. Press Service.

New York, Oct. 16—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, today announced that the celebrated lawyer, Clarence Darrow, who was chief counsel in the Tennessee evolution case, has been retained to head the defense of Dr. O. H. Sweet and 10 other Negroes charged with murder for defending Dr. Sweet's home from a mob in Detroit.

Arrangements were concluded with Mr. Darrow yesterday and he left Chicago at once to go to Detroit and prepare the case for early trial. Associated with Mr. Darrow will be Arthur Garfield Hayes, of New York, of counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

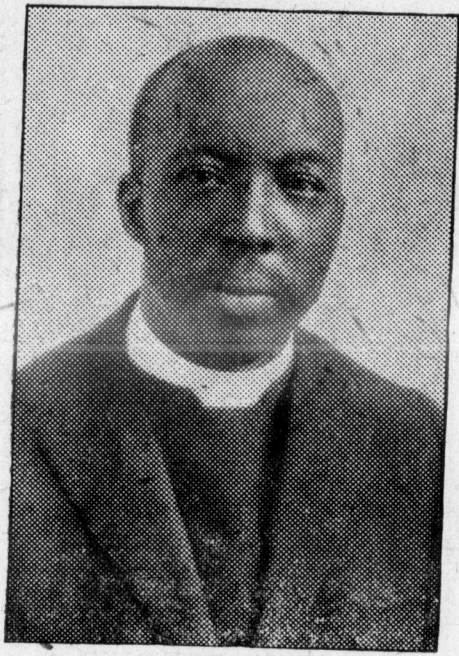
The staff of counsel retained for the case, who will work under the leadership of Mr. Darrow includes a well known white Detroit attorney, together with the colored counsel who have been associated with the case from the beginning.

In making the announcement of Mr. Darrow's association with the case as chief counsel, James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said:

"The Detroit case involves the 3rd and most dangerous phase of segregation. The N.A.A.C.P. has fought and won a victory in the United States Supreme Court, in the matter of segregation by ordinance or law. We shall very soon argue in the supreme Court the question of segregation by private agreement among white property owners. We are now facing in Detroit, segregation by mob violence.

"If in the Detroit case the Negro is not upheld in the right to defend his home against eviction by a riotous mob, no decent Negro home anywhere in the United States will be secure. In the Detroit case where the colored people are being tried on the charge of murder in the first degree because they did exercise the right of defending their home, the Association has secured the best legal talent that the United States affords.

"The N.A.A.C.P. will spare no effort



REV. H. D. WRIGHT, one of Canada's eminent divines, who was recently made Honorary President of the Brantford Branch of The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People.

Find African Gold Reef

London, Eng., Oct. 14—Possibility of a new immense field of gold in the Transvaal region of South Africa seems foreshadowed in a report received here last week, saying that the "long lost main reef" on the Randfontein estate has just been discovered by an English company.

It is said that the reef has been discovered at a depth of from 700 to 900 feet and that it can easily be worked.

and, so far as our resources go, will spare no money. The amount of work the Association can do on this case, the case now pending in the Supreme Court and other cases, will depend on the financial support the colored people of the country will give.

"The N.A.A.C.P. wants money to fight these cases. These two segregation cases, together with the vitally important Texas disfranchisement case, which has now also reached the Supreme Court, obligate the N.A.A.C.P. in the sum of approximately \$20,000. Will the colored people of the country furnish the ammunition for this fight upon which one of their most fundamental rights depend? We want contributions of from \$100 to one dollar. Send checks to J. E. Spingarn, Treasurer of the N.A.A.C.P., 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City."

Wills Shows Great Form At Detroit

Detroit, Mich., October 14th—Close to a capacity house tendered Harry Wills, giant Negro heavyweight and outstanding challenger for Jack Dempsey's title, a rousing reception when he crawled through the ropes for his four round exhibition at the Arena Garden Friday night and just as many accorded Paddy Mullins, venerable manager of the Black Panther, a like ovation when he finally was induced to be introduced to the crowd.

The Wills' exhibition was the headline attraction of the show sponsored by the American Legion. The main event of the supporting card was a match between Tommy Burns, of Detroit and Joe Lohman, of Toledo.

Wills Shows Speed.

Wills, 215 pounds of bone and muscle, stepped around the ring like a lightweight. His speed was surprising, his boxing ability, greater than that displayed by any heavyweight that ever showed in Detroit, and his condition excellent in view of the fact that he has had no real fights of recent date.

Incidentally, Jeff Clark, the "Joplin Ghost" of other days, was also in the ring, but Wills would have made an equally good impression had he been shadow boxing. Clark was in there catching during the four rounds and the other fellow inside the ropes was Sam Hennessey, whose duties during the exhibition were confined to ambling around the ring.

Mike McNulty was in Wills' corner, but retained his composure much better than when Tommy Lee and Tommy Burns were throwing and catching punches. Mike's duties were nullified in the main event however, since Wills needed no instructions.

Objection of Jack Dempsey to the proposed heavyweight fight in Newark, New Jersey, between Harry Wills and Floyd Johnson on October 26th will not alter the arrangements made Tuesday, Paddy Mullins announced today.

Although the heavyweight champion has said he understood that Wills would not engage in any bouts before their anticipated title fight.

LONDON

A quiet wedding took place at the B.M.E. Parsonage, Grey Street, when Miss Mary Henry, of Brantford was united in marriage to Samuel Martin of London. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Woodcock.

CANADIAN LEAGUE GROWS APACE AT BRANTFORD

On Sunday, October 11th, our Executive and Organizing Secretary, J. F. Jenkins, was called to Brantford, where he spoke in the B.M.E. Church, setting forth the aims and objects of the League and recounting in detail the progress thus far made. It was Harvest Home Sunday and for that reason the church was crowded to capacity. The Secretary was given an attentive hearing, after which the audience gave much evidence that his message had been well received and that they were thoroughly in sympathy with the aims and objects of the League.

Rev. H. D. Wright, pastor, with his characteristic race pride, added much enthusiasm to the meeting. Some of Ontario's most level-headed colored citizens abide in Brantford and we were pleased to note that without an exception, all were favourable to the establishing of a branch of the League.

On Monday evening the same spirit prevailed and amidst much earnestness and joy a branch of the League was formed in Brantford and the following officers were named: Honorary President, Rev. H. D. Wright; President, Miss Gladys Walker; Vice-Pres., Clara Delfish; Secretary, Mrs. James Wilson; Assist. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. John Mollotte; Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Walker.

In view of the fact that this branch marks the first league in which all the officers are women it becomes to us a branch of a special and peculiar interest. For this reason we are watching Brantford with great expectancy.

TORONTO

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McGruder gave a dinner party at their residence, 177 Dovercourt Rd. in honor of Mrs. Annie King Hughes, of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Caroline Foreman, Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. G. Richard Carter, Monrovia, Cal., formerly of Toronto and Mr. Jas Turner, Toronto, on Monday evening. The table was beautifully decorated and all expressed enjoying themselves. After dinner, all were entertained with an excellent radio programme.

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Editorial

USING OUR FRANCHISE

We coloured folk should not fail to cast our vote in the Federal Election on Oct. 29th. When we remember how our people are disfranchised in the United States and especially in the South, we should be all the more anxious to use our privilege to vote in this country. No phase of our civilization serves better as a barometer of the intelligence of a people than the manner in which the citizens use their franchise. If our law-making bodies are composed of weak and incompetent men, it is our fault, not theirs. If the affairs of our country are mismanaged, primarily, it is the fault of the electors and not the fault of those who govern.

First of all we should give careful consideration of the issues involved and if possible to do so (pick from such a heterogeneous array of issues) we should choose those principles which are for the best interest for the whole country, for all the people. We should then cast our votes for the men who stand for these principles. But by all means we should vote. Instead of making any particular party the basis on which we choose our candidate we should choose him from the principles he advocates.

Another consideration which should guide us as a race is of course, group consideration. This ought not to HAVE to be a consideration, and all other things being equal, we would not advocate group consideration in casting our vote. But facts are facts and our government, provincial or Dominion, have given us very little consideration in the line of positions, aside from a few positions in post offices as letter carriers. Very few of the government plums are distributed among our group. Even such positions as porters, janitors or messengers are very rarely open to us. Still our government has many to offer.

It would seem advisable, therefore, that we as a group should bargain with the different parties for the best offer for employment for our people and if the platform of the party which makes us the most liberal offer coincides with our own views, most certainly we should BY ALL MEANS WORK FOR, AND CAST OUR VOTE FOR THAT PARTY'S CANDIDATE. If, for instance, a candidate promises to assist us in securing employment in the government in proportion to our numbers, this should, of course, have great weight with us in casting our vote, provided we have reasons

to believe in the integrity of the candidate.

It is said of SOME of us that in days of old our vote could be purchased for a few paltry dollars. As to that we cannot say. However, we feel certain that if such a custom ever existed among us, it is only a matter of ancient history. At present 95 per cent. of our people would consider it a gross insult to be offered money for their votes. For we are seeking now to advance the interest of our whole group rather than trying to reap individual gain. We have learned that as the interest of the group is furthered the interest of each individual member is made more secure.

Let us not forget to use our franchise in the coming election. Let us seek to vote for the best interest of the race.

OWEN SOUND

Sunday last the people here had an extraordinary treat in the visit of Rev. S. R. Drake, Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Wright and Mr. Monteaure of Windsor.

Mr. Monteaure spoke to a very attentive audience in the morning on "God and Science." Mrs. Wright gave an excellent and encouraging address to the Sunday School.

At 7 p.m. Rev. Wright brought us a message on "Prayer", what it is and how it is to be used. Supt. Drake was in charge of the services.

Mrs. LeBurtis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cromwell were visitors to Mr. and Mrs. Molock over Sunday on their return home from the summer cottage.

A surprise was sprung on Rev. and Mrs. Richardson when Mrs. Wright and Mrs. S. Johnson presented a gift on behalf of the members and friends it being their tenth wedding anniversary.

Rev. Richardson has been in charge of this work for three years.

The party left for Collingwood, the Eastern point of the Owen Sound circuit.

WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Jack Cooper and son and daughter of Collingwood are the guests of her daughters, Mrs. W. A. Cromwell and Mrs. Horace Marshall Jr.

Misses Daisy James and J. McDowell of Toronto, are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. James, Bain St.

Mr. Perce Fuller of London spent Sunday the guest of Mrs. M. Taylor.

Mrs. Sadie Parker of Detroit spent a few days the guest of Mrs. Emery Wiley, New York.

Mrs. John Henderson, Ingersoll and daughters were visitors in town Tuesday and were entertained at Mrs. H. Morton's.

Mr. W. A. Cromwell is in Toronto, attending his medical office.

It is Time to Halt Extravagant Spending



A. KING HODGINS, Liberal-Conservative Candidate

The King Government, during four years has increased the national debt by about \$200,000,000—one million for each week it has been in office.

It has utterly failed to reduce the scale of taxation, and lower totals under some heads merely reflect decreased commercial activity.

The Progressive candidate in East Middlesex at Thorndale: "No use talking of reducing taxes with the debt we have and the interest to meet. If you pile up national debt you can reduce taxes for a few years, and it seems to me that is the way taxes have been reduced during the last four years. We have added to our national indebtedness about \$1,000,000 a week. If you add that to the debt you can decrease taxes meantime,—but there is a day of reckoning coming."

What did the Progressives at Ottawa do to curb extravagant expenditure or initiate measures of economy? The King Government was able to carry on only with their support. Whatever convictions Progressives may have held respecting economy, they traded their legislative birthright for a mess of low-tariff pottage.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen has pledged himself to curb with a strong hand extravagant expenditure at Ottawa. In his address at Springbank on August 19, he said:

"Give us economy. Cut out these expenditures in Europe, remove them in Paris and London and in Canada. If the next Government fails to do it, let the next Government be defeated. It will be unpopular to do it, but it must be done. We must cut expenditure, not by small portions, but by large amounts. It can be done and it will be done."

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Liberal-Conservative candidate in

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It is alleged that when the clerk at one of the city's leading white hotels, the Millard, declined to register a colored Legionnaire from South Dakota, the post commander insisted that he be registered and it was done. A similar incident is also said to have occurred at the Carleton Hotel with the North Dakota delegation which had two colored representatives. In each case the Legion stood firm against discrimination and won out.

STRATFORD

Mr. T. Brightwell and sons Wm. and Ward, of Whitehall, Mich., spent a few days with his sister.

Master Clyde Duncan of Guelph spent a few days with his sister last week at the home of Mrs. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall and daughter and Cecil Miller, motored to Drayton on Sept. 27.

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THAT the administration of the affairs of this country will be placed upon the highest plane, where every man, regardless of color, race or creed, will be given a square deal.

THAT industry will flourish as it has never done before, and whereas now we have empty factories and lack of employment, then we will have busy shops, thriving industries, and plenty of work for every man to do.

THAT the farmers, as well as the manufacturers will have the Home Market to themselves, to develop Canada's resources through the employment of Canadian men and Canadian women. The Home market is the best for the Canadian farmer, but it cannot be preserved without the assistance of the adequate protection which the Conservative party offers.

THAT the National Policy of Sir John A. Macdonald, to which Canada owes the share of prosperity she has received in the past, will be placed back in the hands of the people most capable of administering it.

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London Critics Praise Robeson

Clippings testifying to the London triumph of Paul Robeson in Eugene O'Neill's play, "The Emperor Jones," have reached the N.A.A.C.P. and were made public today.

Mr. Robeson was hailed as a "Black Chaliapin" by the Critic of The Star who said that he "electrified the house by his interpretation" of the part. Hubert Griffith, critic for the Daily Chronicle said:

"Mr. Robeson, the colored actor, surprised us. Of magnificent height and physique, he has a voice of the loveliest quality. And he dominates the stage and his fellow actors, not only by physique, but by sheer actor's power—power of emotion and intellect."

The Daily Graphic: "No praise could be too high for the performance of Paul Robeson, whose physique is as magnificent as his acting, but we were moved by the natural dignity of his personality and the magnetic charm of his extraordinarily musical voice than we were by the story."

The Daily Sketch: "As for the Emperor, Paul Robeson, a magnificent figure of a man, with a wonderful voice is terrific; in his agony of terror, his pathetic self-exhortations make an uncanny picture of a human soul stripped bare."

The Evening Standard: "The Emperor himself is Mr. Paul Robeson, a Negro actor of immense height and capability. His rich rolling voice, his changes from real dignity to childish fright, his attempts at self-encouragement, and his true tragic powers at the end make a visit to this curious play an experience of value."

The Daily Mirror: "Paul Robeson is an actor who gives us something new in the expression of fear—that particular fear that belongs to savage and primeval people."

The Daily Mail: ".....all the time he held the audience almost spell-bound."

The Daily Telegraph: "To Mr. Paul Robeson it fell to bear almost the entire burden of the performance on his shoulders, and most gallantly he carried this task set him to a successful conclusion."

The Times: "It is a superb performance that he gives you, a triumph of the uncanny that, you fear, will haunt you long. The man is an artist jusqu'au bout des ongles (to his finger tips)."

The Manchester Guardian: "His performance is a fine-wrought compound of physical and mental distress. Rarely does one see an actor so put his mind to the governance of his body that not a muscle may be wasted in the service of his fine art."

Westminster Gazette in a review entitled "Negro Actor's Triumph": "His performance is an amazing individual achievement, a breathless exhibition of power and pathos; unprecedented, unique."

In addition to the laudatory reviews Mr. Robeson was interviewed by representatives of many newspapers on the day following his opening.

Mr. Robeson received an ovation when he stepped on the stage and took 12 curtain calls before a cheering audience of distinguished people at the close.

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MONTREAL

The greatest event of the season and one of the greatest on record in the history of our people in this city was the marriage on Monday, September 28th in Liberty Hall, Chatham Street, of Miss Marion Knight, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgehill, of the West Indies, to Mr. William Horatio Trot, son of Mrs. Jennie DeShield formerly of New York City. The Rev. Chas. Este of Delisle St. Church, officiated at the ceremony. The bride was attired in a pretty dress of white silk georgette, with veil to match and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Pauline Handley also wore white silk georgette. Mr. W. Marshall was best man. Liberty Hall, crowded to the doors, was profusely decorated with roses, palms and smilax and as the bride entered on the arm of her father the U.N.I.A. choir sang "The Voice that Breathed Over Eden." Mrs. Clara De Shield, sister of the groom presided at the piano. At the signing of the register "Perfect Love" was sung. Reception from 10 to 12 p.m.

A grand concert given by the Mite Missionary Society for the benefit of the Coal Fund, was a marked success.

The Willing Workers held their concert and drawing contest on the 13th inst. The quilt is the work of Mrs. E. Stucker.

Fairmon W.C.T.U. gave an At Home at St. Giles Church on the 15th inst, at which the Excelsior Union was well represented.

BRANTFORD

October 10th and 11th was observed as our Annual Harvest Home Festival. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with a wonderful display of vegetables and fruit.

Mr. Jenkins and little daughter Evelyn were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Wright while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith, Mrs. Evans and son Percy, Mr. R. Blair and Mrs. McClure, all of Woodstock, were visitors in the city for the Harvest Home Festival.

Mrs. Horace Marshall Sr. and Mr. H. Marshall Jr. were recent visitors in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas.

Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Fox of Buffalo were recent visitors in the city, Mrs. Spencer visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Ross, Mrs. Fox visiting her father Mr. Chas. Johnson.

Mr. George Johnson the pulpit in the absence of Rev. Wright.

Mr. R. Campbell and party were motor visitors in the city for a few days en route to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. S. R. Drake, general Supt. and Mr. M. Monteir of Windsor were visitors in the city the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Wright.

The Church Aid wishes to thank all who helped to make the tag day on Saturday the great success it was.

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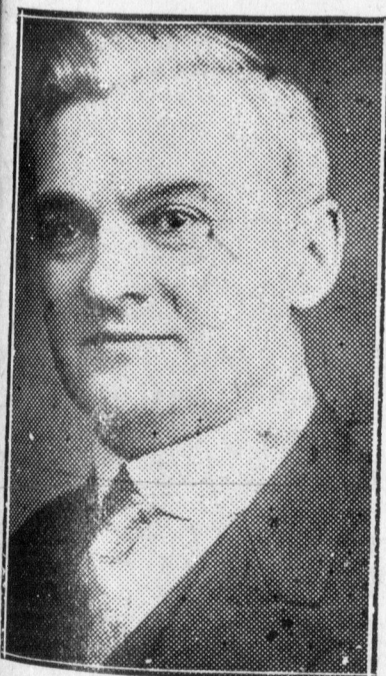
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11. An eight-hour day or 44-hour week.
12. Equal pay for equal work for men and women.
13. Protection of all engaged in dangerous trades, with added protection for women and children in industry.
14. Old age pensions.
15. National health and unemployment insurance, the latter to be a charge against industry.
16. The abolition of grants towards military training in our educational institutions. No support in any form in estimates or otherwise for the maintenance of any armed force in Canada.
17. Substitution of reason for armed forces, through a World Court of Justice.
18. An act forbidding private corporations arming their staff, being a usurpation of military powers and inimical to good government.
19. EMIGRATION.—Fullest control of emigrants at point of embarkation. Adequate financial and other assistance. Government and emigration authorities to be responsible for all emigrants in event of unemployment. An Advisory Board with adequate Labour representation to determine the policy.

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Col. Robinson has always believed in a square deal for everybody in the community regardless of race, religion or color.

Col. Robinson stands for a policy that will bring back prosperous times and create plenty of work for everybody.

Col. Robinson believes that on all Government Work, all creeds and races should be given consideration in proportion to their numbers.

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 He will look after your interests in Parliament and
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