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4th Pan-African Congress Ends Lengthy Sessions

New York, Aug. 26.—The Fourth Pan-African Congress, ending its sessions here on Wednesday night published a manifesto in the name of its delegates, "from 20 American states, from nearly all the West Indies Islands, Germany, Japan, India, South America, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Liberia and South Africa." The manifesto states the following main demands of Negroes throughout the world:

1. A vote in their own government.
2. Native rights to the land and its natural resources.
3. Modern education for all children.
4. The development of Africa for Africans and not merely for the profit of Europeans.
5. The reorganization of commerce and industry so as to make the main object of capital and labor the welfare of the many rather than the enriching of the few.
6. The treatment of civilized men as civilized despite differences of birth, race or color.

The manifesto further demands the withdrawal of American armed forces from the black republic of Haiti and the restoration of self-government there. Condemns the attempt of white South Africans to monopolize the land belonging to the black natives; and after touching on African conditions, says of conditions in America:

"We believe that the Negroes of the United States should begin the effective use of their political power and that instead of working a few minor offices or for merely local favors and concessions, they should vote with their eyes fixed upon the international problems of the color line and the national problems which affect the Negro race in the United States."

The manifesto urges the entrance of Negroes into trade unions in this country and says:

"We urge the white workers of the world to realize that no program of labor uplift can be successfully carried through in Europe or America so long as colored labor is exploited and enslaved and deprived of all political power."

On international affairs the congress expresses itself as desiring freedom and national independence in Egypt, China and India and the cessation of

To League Branches

The London local branch of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People invites you to a convention to be held in this city, Monday, October 10, 1927. Each Branch is urged to send one or two delegates. The London Local will entertain, free, one delegate from each Branch. A program for the day and evening will be forwarded later.

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interference by the United States in Central and South American countries.

Two members of the staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Robert Bag-nall, director of branches, and William Pickens, field secretary, served as regular delegates to the congress. An international committee has been chosen to plan the next session of the congress two years hence.

Commenting upon the sessions just ended Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, founder of the movement, said: "The fourth congress, with its upwards of 200 delegates, was the largest in the series and that it had received the largest amount of carefully catalogued information concerning the peoples of African descent presented to any such session. The international committee chosen to plan the fifth Pan-African Congress was also going to work out a permanent international organization, said Dr. Du Bois.

Race Pride Fires Hearts of Chinese

Long Ignored People Rise Mightily in Demand For Recognition With Other Races of World.

New York Aug. 31.—Western nations must accord justice to China or lose the trade of that far-away country, said F. C. Atherton of Honolulu, an officer and one of the founders of the Institute of Pacific Relations who arrived here from Honolulu where the institute met last month. Mr. Atherton hinted that the Chinese would use the boycott in an effective manner if they are denied justice.

"A national consciousness is rapidly growing up amongst the Chinese" he said. "The Chinese reveal a growing feeling that many of the treaties with western nations are unfair, but so far these countries have been slow to respond to the demands of the Chinese for the revision of these treaties.

"Events are moving so rapidly in China now that the Chinese hope to see the western nations exhibit a willingness to meet them half way and treat them individually. China is becoming more and more a valuable trade territory and the Chinese attitude may be phrased as follows: "If you want our trade and our good will you can meet us half way. If you refuse China will not forget it in the coming years."

Get Acquainted Club Holds Picnic

A very pleasant picnic of the Get Acquainted Club (colored) of London was held at Springbank Park on Saturday, August 27. It proved to be a very wonderful success, each and every one expressing themselves as having had a wonderful time. With a few exceptions every colored family in the city and surrounding towns attended the picnic. Many were the close finishes to a number of races, and thrills and spills abounded all through the sports program of which the soft ball game was the first. Two teams were picked on the diamond, one, the Soda Fizzes, the other the Bone Crackers. The Soda Fizzes proved superior of the two at bat, but the Bone Crackers had the edge on them in the field. Mrs. Powers, captain of the Bone Crushers, hurled very fine ball, while Mrs. Moxley at short and Mrs. Brown on third gave her wonderful support. Mrs. Gibson of the Soda Fizzes, also hurled good ball and drove out a homer, as did her team-mates, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Chantler and Mrs. Poindexter. But the most sensational play was made by Mrs. Butler of Lucan, who made a running-one-handed catch of a foul fly to left field. Both pitchers were given wonderful support by the male members of both teams, especially the oldtimers, who were trying to be young. They developed some very sore muscles and were demanding liniment and rubbing lotions galore after the game.

Mr. C. Poindexter, president of the club, acted as umpire, but could not locate the plate till at the supper table and was then very good on the corner.

Following the ball game came the races, some of which were very close, with spectacular finishes. Winners in the various sport events were: Tiny tot race—Fred Jenkins and Lloyd Kelly; girls under 12—Evelyn Jenkins and Dorothy Moxley; boys under 12—James Jenkins and Billy Butler; boot and shoe race—Beatrice Harris and Gladys Stafford; go-and-get-it-and-bring-it-back race—George Anderson and Bertha Moxley, Allan Anderson and Pearl Brown, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Cabara, Charles Marshall and Billy Harris; jockey race—Mrs. C. Jenkins, Mrs. P. L. Kelly; calamity race—Allan Anderson and Fred Ball; snowshoe race—Gladys Stafford and Mrs. Maud Carbara; mixed coat race—G. Stafford and Harry Coursey, Pearl

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PRIZE WINNERS



Donald Laverne and David Ross Jenkins, who won the Special Prize in the Baby Show Contest in London on Labor Day.

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Editorial

THE SOUTH AND LYNCHING.

We have rarely mentioned, editorially or otherwise, the frequent lynching of Negroes which occur in many sections of the southern part of the United States. There are several reasons why we have not done so. First, we are loath to soil our pages with crimes committed by semi-barbarians. Second, the Negro press throughout that country is fully capable and does give due publicity to all lynching. However, the lynching of Winston Pounds at Wilmot, Ark., last week illustrates just how far the mob spirit had gone in the Southland. Pounds and his father had worked on the McGuire farm for years. They were considered hard-working, respectable citizens, never having been in any kind of trouble during their whole lives. Some time during the night Mrs. Birdie McGuire awakened and screamed. She reported that she saw the form of a Negro in the bedroom in which she and her husband were sleeping. Next day the sheriff came and arrested the younger Pounds. He was started off to prison. On their way the sheriff and his deputy took occasion to leave the prisoner unguarded, although knowing there was a threatening mob present. Of course the prisoner was taken by the mob, carried out a short distance and murdered in a most cruel manner. Mrs. McGuire, on being questioned after the lynching, admitted that she was not sure she saw a Negro or even anyone in her room.

The lynching of Pounds illustrates clearly two or three things. First, it shows on what flimsy charges Negroes are lynched. It also shows that there is co-operation between the officials and the mob. It shows that there need not be even a suspicion of guilt on the part of the accused whenever his accuser is white.

If the federal government can see the necessity of attempting to curb the crime of lynching, we fail to see why it cannot find a reason to uphold the Monroe Doctrine or even the constitution.

AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY.

A Georgia Negro, who had been a slave in his youth, died at Atlanta recently, leaving an estate of a million dollars, and what is still better, the

esteem of all who had known him regardless of race.

He started as a barber in his early twenties and his industry and courteous manners won him the respect of his white customers who steadily grew in number. When he died he had many outside interests but retained his original shop which had grown from a one-man affair to one requiring the services of 42 men. And this colored capitalist had more than 700 Negroes working for him in one capacity or another at the time of his death.

There ought to be a lesson for all of us in this man's career. He did not have the priceless heritage of American liberty at the time of his birth. But, by using industry and sound judgment coupled with courtesy and attendance to business, he was able to make a success of his life under what to most of us would appear to be insurmountable difficulties.

The life of this Negro is only another evidence of what can be done in America. Even the humblest child may later in life win some sort of success by proper attention to business. The qualities most required are honesty, industry, a reasonable amount of intelligence, and by staying on a job.

Opportunities are greater in America now than ever before. The country is expanding and developing in a way that was undreamed of a few years ago. All of this expansion and progress means new opportunities for American youth.

Surely, if a man born in slavery, with the handicap of color, can win his way to success, there is no reason why the average American youth should feel afraid.—Snowflake, Ariz., Herald.

Topics of the Hour

"Without Controversy Great is the mystery."

The Universal Press naturally expected that our "Topics of the Hour" would excite a storm of debate, that is just what we need as a people. We must learn to see the large questions of the hour from more than our own angle. Our little opinion without investigation consultation and experience does not amount to much. In fact no man ever had the sole truth. It is from the sum total that we get the whole. For this reason we desire this space to become an open forum in which will appear the truth on great questions from our different types of mind.

We hold that Booker T. Washington gave us a great measure of truth, in fact so much, that the most popular schools of today in America are junior high schools, miniature types of Tuskegee. He had not the following of the entire race because we have not yet learned to recognize the need of following and respecting our great characters with a special mission. Dr. Du Bois fulfilled as great and special a mission as did Washington, no doubt greater, for when we were sleeping, in large numbers changing in abject imitation of other types and races, he fought for manhood.

Booker T. Washington, perhaps one day to be rated the greatest educator of his time, died years earlier than destiny designed because his spirit was broken by the apathy in the race to his great mission. He was giving of

his very heart blood, all his energy but for lack of esteem and for calumny from some sources he left us in his prime. Du Bois who should be loved for the scholarship that he devoted to digging up the great past of the Negro, blazing out a train that other scholarship might follow, is still in our midst. In the fight for Negro manhood he should have the following of us all.

If we differ from him, tell him so from the ranks of co-operation. Don't look for what he has not done. He has done much, we nothing as yet. We are using these two characters to prove the assertion that we need the full truth as to Negro nature. Negro needs and their solution then perhaps when the characters come along to fulfill these needs we will be better able to recognize and co-operate with them. We are asking you in writing to speak tersely, forcefully and constructively for we will not devote this precious space to mere criticism, any man can do that—the race needs solutions.

Benjamin Brawley gives us in "Opportunity" a telling illustration of the thing we wish to say. He tells us the story of the life of Edmund T. Jenkins, who in the Royal Academy, London, won so many prizes and became an assistant teacher. He came back to America with dreams about a great American school of music of a publishing house, and an orchestra that would tour the country. How needed an enterprise by a race as full of musical genius now prostrate to lower outlets. In Washington, Baltimore and New York he was met with dubious smiles. Deciding that all was of no avail he returned to Paris. How much he promised for budding genius. Now he is dead no more.

What is the lesson? That we can never be anything as a race until we recognize and co-operate with true genius. How many times have you noticed that the finest things within you were met by that same dubious smile of envy indifference, laziness or the opposition of ignorance. We must learn to cheer on other talent than our own. When the white race finds genius within itself, so often the family will sacrifice, the city will applaud and the entire nation sometimes concerns itself that this bud of genius shall flower for the good of all.

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ST. CATHARINES

Mrs. Clifford Johnson, of Owen Sound, is visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Overton of Chicago, Ill., motored to the city and spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Brewster.

Mrs. Wesley Fountain and family, of London, Ont., are visiting at the home of Rev. E. A. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson and family of Gowanda, N.Y., motored to the city on Sunday, visiting Rev. E. A. Richardson and family.

The M. W. P. H. G. L. of P. H. M. of the Province of Ontario, D. of C. convened in Chatham on August 15.

Mr. J. B. Brewster attended Grand Lodge in Chatham.

Mrs. G. Ghee and family of Erie, Pa., are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell.

Miss Gertrude Bell spent the week-end in Toronto, visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Louis Bell.

Miss Bertha Rudd of Toronto is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Overton of Chicago, Mrs. Clifford Johnson and son Beverly of Owen Sound, Mr. B. Brewster and Miss Verita Smith motored on Sunday to Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the Lake and Port Weller.

The lawn social held at the home of Mr. Alex. Nicholson, Vine street, was a great success.

Master Theodore and Melvin Grayson of Toronto are visiting at the home of Mr. B. Brewster.

Mr. Edwin Lawson of Jamestown, N.Y., spent a couple of days at the home of Mrs. B. Brewster, en route to the Toronto Exhibition.

STRATFORD

Mrs. Joiner of Washington, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Mathews. She will also visit her brother, Mr. Peter Butler, of Lucan, before she returns home.

The Messrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hesson and family of Port Huron motored through the city en route to Syracuse, N.Y. They stopped over a few hours to visit relatives.

Mr. J. Lawson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Halestock and daughter and Miss Mary Howard spent Sunday in the city and worshipped at the B. M. E. Church.

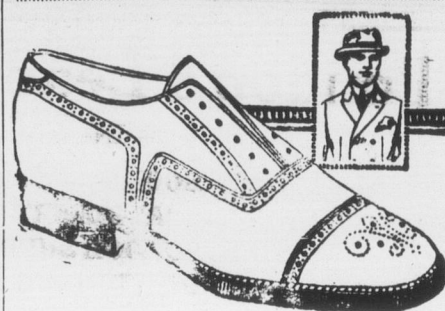
Mr. and Mrs. John Malott, their mother and auntie, of Brantford, spent last Sunday in the city as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley.

Miss Gladys Armstrong and Miss Hazel Wesley spent last Sunday with friends in Listowel.

Mrs. Geo. Strickland and daughter of Guelph are visiting Madame Harrison and family.

Mrs. R. Jackson is spending a few weeks with relatives in Detroit.

Mr. A. Lorde of Owen Sound, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family of Kitchener were recent visitors in the city.

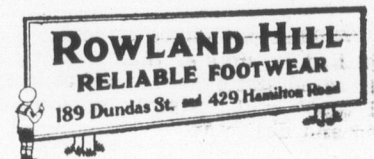


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Mrs. Edna Thompson is now convalescing at Victoria Hospital.

The condition of Mrs. Christie Charles, St. Joseph's Hospital, remains the same.

Friends of Mr. E. M. McClellan regret that he has resigned his position at the new London Hotel to return to Detroit. Mr. McClellan will enter school in the fall.

Mr. Harry Anderson has returned to the city after spending several months in Brantford.

Miss Mabel Miller entertained her cousin, M. Gordon Baldwin, and Mr. Geo. Malott of Brantford last Sunday evening after church. A dainty luncheon was served just before the visitors left the city. Covers were laid for six.

Mr. Walter Cromwell who is now residing in Detroit, spent the holidays at home. His many old friends were delighted to see him.

Mrs. C. E. Jenkins entertained at dinner last Sunday evening her uncle, Mr. Mark Harris of Lima, Ohio, her mother, Mrs. Groat, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Wells of Clifton Forge, Va., Mr. and Mrs. A. J. E. Butler.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poin-dexter a few days ago in order to be present at the Get Acquainted Club picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Jons, Mrs. Poin-dexter of Chatham, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Waller and Mrs. Allen of Detroit.

Messrs. Geo. Bartlett, C. Baldwin and Leverne Jones of Brantford were guests of the Get Acquainted Club picnic. So were Mr. and Mrs. Butler and family of Lucan.

A surprise birthday party in honor of Mrs. Myrtle Fields was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris last Friday evening. Many old friends of Mrs. Fields were present to wish her many happy returns. She was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

Miss Alice Drake is spending a few days with Mrs. Sam Smith of Woodstock.

Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Wells and family of Clifton Forge, Va., left the city last week en route to their home after spending a most pleasant vacation with relatives in London, Windsor and Detroit.

Miss Letha Smith has returned to her home in Woodstock after a pleasant visit with the Misses Jenkins and Florence Drake.

Miss Gertrude Henderson of Stratford spent a few days in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelly. She was returning home after an extended visit to points in Michigan.

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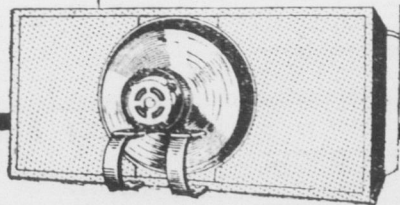
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Get Acquainted Club Holds Annual Picnic

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Kelly and Charles Poindexter; candle race—Mrs. Rev. B. Woodcock and Charles Poindexter, Mrs. M. Carbara and George Anderson; throwing the ball contest—Mrs. Pearl Brown, Bertha Moxley; time race—Mrs. G. Powers, Dorothy Moxley, Mrs. M. Carbara and Mrs. C. J. Jenkins.

While the sports were being run off the ladies were busy preparing the table, at which everyone assembled at the close of the races. There were over 80 members and friends who sat down to supper. Rev. Woodcock blessed the table. While eating, everyone expressed themselves as having had the best time of their lives. At the close of the meal, Rev. Woodcock, honorary president of the club, gave a brief speech, thanking one and all who had helped to make the picnic such a wonderful success. Following the speeches the various prizes were distributed to the winners of the races.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Waller, and Mrs. Gibson of Detroit, Mrs. Poindexter and Mrs. Jones of Chatham, Mr. and Mrs. Butler and family of Lucan, Mr. Malott of Stratford, Rev. Wells and family of Virginia, Mr. Allen and Mrs. Myers of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Ward of Detroit and Mr. Jones of Brantford.

Saturday's outing was the most successful ever enjoyed by London's colored residents.

Six Are Victims In Auto Collision

Wildwood N. J., August 31.—Six persons are in Mase's Hospital as a result of a head-on collision between two cars on the shore road at Cape May on Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Keys and their two daughters Margaret aged 14, and Lucy, 10 years old, were driving north in a sedan and John Graham, driver and Joseph Moore, both of Whitesboro, were going to Cape May. Another car attempted to pass Graham and he swerved, forcing Keys to the side of the road on the gravel. The wheels of the two cars interlocked and both went up in the air throwing the occupants out. John H. Goslin and Edward Harris of Philadelphia, and J. E. Strickland, of Talleyville, Del., brought them to the hospital. Mrs. Keys sustained severe injuries to the right hip; Margaret, minor bruises; Mr. Keys, right hand cut, and the younger child was more seriously injured, her nose being cut off and her right wrist severely lacerated. Graham suffered serious injuries.

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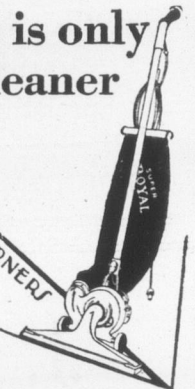
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