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10,000 FACE FAMINE IN THE SOUTH

10,000 LIKELY TO DIE OF FAMINE THIS YEAR

Starvation Confronts Thousands in the South; Break in the Market is Held as the Blame.

Washington, D. C., July 21.—Famine has developed in many sections of the south which is responsible for 10,000 deaths this year according to the public health service.

It is the farming section from Texas to Carolina that the conditions are worse in.

The tenant farmers who devoted all their land to cotton are forced to let their cattle, hogs and chickens die of starvation. Nevertheless they must be carried over without any assurance for better in the market.

K. K. k. Busy Again

LASHES MINISTER

At Miami, Fla., eight masked men seized Rev. Philip S. Irwin, white, archdeacon of the English Episcopal church, and head of that church work among the Florida Negroes and taken into the woods and applied a coat of tar and feathers.

Mrs. Beulah Johnson was last night taken from a hotel porch in Shreveport, stripped and tarred and feathered.

At Warrenburg, Mo., Richard Johnson a retired farmer was seized and whipped by three men. He was warned to leave the country.



MOVIE MAGNATES OF CALIFORNIA AGREE TO DESTROY "BIRTH OF NATION" IF NEGROES WILL STAND WITH THEM ON THE CENSORSHIP QUESTION

New York, July 16.—The N. A. A. C. P. announces that through actions taken by the legal advisor of the Los Angeles branch, the showing of the Birth of a Nation film had been stopped in Los Angeles and in the state of California.

The Associated Picture producers have assured the Negro that the "Clansman" would no longer be shown in California if the Negroes would stand with them on the censorship. It is agreed that the "Clansman" is to be destroyed. The feeling is everywhere that the picture is unfair to the Negro and injurious to the public.

Extra

TULSA RELIEF DAY

Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 11.—The colored citizens of Tulsa, Oklahoma through their relief committee, respectfully ask that Sunday, July 24, 1921, will be set aside in all churches throughout the United States, as Tulsa Relief Day, and that the pastors and officers of their churches will ask the prayers of every member of their respective congregations for the thousands of victims of the cruel mob that looted and burned the homes and business places, churches, schools, lodges and everything that the people possessed, and to this day have tried to take the land for other purposes and remove the colored people to a remote field of eighty acres of land wholly outside the city limits and to which a good title cannot be had.

Our people are living in tents loaned to them by the Red Cross, many of which have only dirt floors and no bedding save government cots. Cooking utensils are very much needed. Should winter catch us in this shape there will be great suffering.

This appeal is to every church, lodge, club, commercial club and every other organization of the race and to organizations of other races who will help.

Send all money and other articles to

S. D. HOOKER, chairman,
Colored Citizens Relief Committee, Cor. Exeter and Easton streets, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MASONS PASS ONE THOUSAND MARK

Grand Master Gross Re-elected

Sioux City, Iowa.—(Special to Bystander)—The thirty-fourth annual communication of the United Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. held at Sioux City last week proved to be in several respects the most successful in its history.

Grand Master W. W. Gross reported two new lodges organized during the year, namely, Tuscan lodge at Centerville, Iowa and Corinthian lodge at Ft. Madison, Iowa. The number of lodges in the state is twenty-two and raising the membership from 794 last year to 1,013 being the first time the membership has passed the one thousand mark, and while the reports of the grand secretary and grand treasury showed eighteen death claims the largest number in the history of the Grand Lodge as having been paid during the year their balances showed remaining in the treasury over four thousand dollars.

The members of Decatur lodge and Harmony chapter of O. E. S. covered themselves with glory in the magnificent way in which they entertained the grand lodge holding the regular sessions in the splendid Pythian temple (white) while all meals were served by the ladies of the O. E. S. in the regular hall of Decatur lodge.

On Tuesday afternoon the grand lodge called off and made a grand street parade through the principal streets of the city headed by a splendid brass band and at the conclusion of the parade boarded a train of electric cars furnished by the local lodge and were conveyed over into South Dakota to a beautiful park where a program was given consisting of addresses of welcome by the Hon. Mayor of Sioux City and Past Senior Grand Warden, M. Askew of Decatur lodge which were responded to by Grand Master Gross, Junior Grand Warden, D. N. Crosthwaite and Past Grand Masters John L. Thompson and S. Joe Brown after which the ladies of the O. E. S. spread one of the most sumptuous repasts ever set before a Grand

Lodge during the serving of which delightful music was dispensed by Prof. J. W. Walker's inimitable Jazz orchestra.

On Wednesday evening the usual grand lodge of sorrow was held at the Malone A. M. E. church at which eulogies were delivered by F. S. Johnson, Worshipful Master of Union Lodge No. 1 of Keokuk, Iowa, and Rev. I. B. Smith, Deputy Grand Master of Nebraska, who in addition to being pastor of the A. M. E. church is also teller in a white bank in Lincoln, Nebraska, and who was the honored guest of the grand lodge.

Among the other distinguished visitors present were Mr. Z. A. Taylor of Ottumwa and Mr. R. N. Hyde of Des Moines, both of whom were present at the organization of the grand lodge thirty-four years ago.

On Thursday afternoon occurred the election of officers which resulted as follows:

Grand Master, W. W. Gross, Keokuk; Deputy Grand Master, W. W. Williams, Ottumwa; Senior Grand Warden, B. N. Hyde, Des Moines; Junior Grand Warden, Ed Askew, Sioux City; Grand Treasurer, John D. Reeler, Mason City; Grand Secretary, Geo. L. Suter, Marshalltown; Grand Custodian, J. E. Bradford, Davenport; Senior Grand Deacon, Albert Gater, Des Moines; Junior Grand Deacon, H. B. Smith, Davenport; Senior Grand Steward, Geo. Montgomery, Clarinda; Junior Grand Steward, H. Crayton, Washington, Grand Chaplain, M. O. Culbertson, Clinton; Grand Marshal, W. A. Givin, Council Bluffs, Grand Master of Ceremonies, Virgil Warren, Mason City; Grand Standard Bearer, J. W. Lacey, Waterloo; Grand Sword Bearer, J. W. Roberts, Mason City; Grand Pursuivant, R. Nelson, Okaloosa; Grand Auditor, L. D. Lowery, Cedar Rapids; Grand Reviewer, A. G. Clark, Okaloosa.

The next session of the grand lodge will be held in Des Moines in July, 1922.

LEGION POST BACKS JOHNSON FOR FIGHT WITH JACK DEMPSEY

Chicago, July 21.—The Sol-Sai-Mar post of the American Legion has pledged Jack Johnson its full support in a match with Jack Dempsey, and will immediately start a campaign among other legion posts favoring such a match, it was announced tonight.

Speakers at a banquet given by the post, which is made up entirely of white men, praised Johnson for his war work, saying he was engaged in government secret service, and condemned Dempsey. The war records of the two men made it imperative that Johnson regain the title from Dempsey, Capt. J. P. Tansey, commander of the post said.

Previous to taking action, the post had Johnson examined by a physician, who declared the Negro to be in splendid shape and fit to fight. Pressure will be brought to bear on the governors of various states to permit the fight, according to the post's plans.

YES, HE IS A JUDGE AND A GOOD JUDGE TOO!

(By The Associated Negro Press.)

Chicago, Ill., July 21.—"If you women come into this court again I'll have your teeth pulled. Now sign the bond to keep the peace for a year and a day." So Judge Haas in South Clark street court settled a dispute as to whether Mrs. Emma Seymour or Mrs. Lucille Arsenaux, both living at 3213 Ellis avenue and both colored, bit the other first. Mrs. Seymour charged she had been bitten on the back.

Developing Self-Control.
Self-control may be developed in precisely the same manner as we tone up a weak muscle—by little exercises day by day. Let us each day do, as mere exercises of discipline in moral gymnastics, a few acts that are disagreeable to us, the doing of which will help us in instant action in our hour of need.—W. G. Jordan.

A Question.
Said the near cynic: "Judging from the time some of the young blood of this town arrive home in the morning, it's hard to tell whether to call them night owls or larks."

SEVEN YEAR OLD COLORED GIRL VICTIM OF OUTRAGEOUS ATTACK BY DEPRAVED WHITE MAN

Child in Serious Condition—Fiend in Jail; Daily Papers Ignore Case.

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 21.—Animal passion of the very lowest type and almost inhuman brutality played the leading roles in one of the most nauseating crimes of years when Frank Kwiatkowski, a Polish fiend, lured seven-year-old Eleather Clemens to a lonely spot near the Monongahela river last Tuesday evening shortly after 6 p. m., criminally assaulted her, and then, aided and abetted by a gang of ruffian friends, succeeded in getting away, only to be later captured and placed in jail.

Mother Tells Story.

With trembling lips and eyes filled with tears, Mrs. Clemens, mother of the small girl victim painted a vivid picture of all of the sordid details of the crime. Aided now and then by her brother, Mrs. Clemens told of sending the child to a nearby store of the man's forcing the girl to accompany him, of the assault committed under threat of death if the girl made any outcry, of the child's return in a pitiable condition and of the chase and capture.

GOV. KENDALL APPOINTS MRS. GERTRUDE E. RUSH AND MRS. ELNORA GRESHAM REPRESENTATIVES

The Northwestern Federation of C. W. C. to be held in Phoenix, Ariz., which the above named prominent Iowa ladies will represent the state where the tall corn grows.

Governors in other states have also appointed representatives to represent their respective states.

Among the prominent ladies that will attend this meeting are Carrie Hockaday of Gary; May Black Mason of Minnesota; Carrie L. Hamilton, Lillian Barlow, Geraldine Withers of Illinois.

PARKER-JOHNSON WEDDING.

The home of Mrs. A. L. Johnson, Sixteenth and McCormick avenue was the scene of a pretty wedding when Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parker and Adolphus, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson were married in the presence of fifty relatives and friends. Rev. G. W. Robinson read the ring ceremony. The bride wore white beaded georgette and carried a shower bouquet of valley lilies and sweetheart roses. The wedding march was played by Miss Alice Bolden, who wore pale blue satin and a corsage bouquet of valley lilies. The bride was attended by Mrs. Marie Platter who wore grey satin and georgette and wore a corsage of sweet peas.

Mr. Donald Platter served the groom as best man. After the ceremony a four course dinner was served. Many beautiful and useful presents were received.

That Was the Reason.
"The paper states that you pleased a big audience at the banquet last night." "The paper is wrong. I did not appear." "Um, I guess the paper is right."

Proof Conclusive.
"No bachelor can understand a woman," declared Mrs. Stubkins. "Huh, you don't say so!" replied Stubkins, with a snort. "What else in the world do you suppose makes a man a bachelor?"—Judge.

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