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NEGRO CONGRESS.

Horace D. Slatter of the Department of Publicity and Promotion, of the Negro Young Peoples' Christian and Educational Congress to be held in Washington, D. C., in July of this year, submits some interesting News for our patrons.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
April 11, 1906,

The country has not forgotten the first session of the Negro Young Peoples' Christian and Educational Congress, which was held in Atlanta in August four years ago. That was a mammoth affair, and although it was by no means perfect, it did accomplish some of the things of real appreciable and substantial merit to our people. It showed that the Negro was not hopelessly divided, and that he could unite on essentials, forgetting for the time the non-essentials which mark the differences of our various organizations.

Bringing 7,000 intelligent Negroes into Atlanta, the Gate City of the South, and placing them as it were, on dress parade, it presented to the white south, and indeed to the country, real object lessons of Negro progress, and made the impression that the Negro as a race was advancing. And, then the young Negro received such encouragement from the very name of the organization. It was an inspiration to him, and on the program he received such recognition that made him feel the leaders of the race did not reckon without him in any plans for the future elevation of the race.

It gave to the country, a concise, authoritative compendium of facts and figures as brought out by the addresses and discussions on the program. This it did between the covers of the "United Negro," which has gone into twenty thousand homes, and is there serving its useful purpose.

Now this Washington conference will do all this and more. The experience gained by the last session will necessarily make this a better and greater meeting than the one held in Atlanta. It will accomplish some more immedidate results, and at least, some of them will be readily seen. We make the mistake of expecting immediate results. Immediate results were never attained by movements of world wide importance. Under ordinary circumstances, it would have taken a meeting of the import of the Negro Young Peoples' Christian and Educational Congress four years to get on a working basis.

This second quadrermial session is going to place stronger emphasis on the necessity of Christian work among our young people. It is going to secure the proper consideration at the hands of the Negro American press as it did in Atlanta four years ago, and it is the hope of the promoters that some plan that can be easily worked shall be adopted, whereby this Conference, aside from the helpful influence of the immediate session, will be helpful to the Negro preachers and teachers. It is also going to seek out some concerted plan of action in connection with the secret fraternal societies and existing race organizations. It hopes to raise sufficient funds to have a paid representative, whose one particular business it will be to ferret out and place before the public the bright side of the race question, and thus crystalize sentiment in favor of the Negro.

Some good work has been done in placing this Congress before the people, and the responses have been unanimous in favor of the great movement.

The leading men of the A M E church, the A.M E Z church, the Baptist Congregational church, Presbyterian and other churches as well as the principal agencies doing religious and educational work among our people, are thoroughly in accord with this movement.

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In this time that tries men's souls, I thought it a good idea to say to the Pythian Army thru-out great state of "Grand Old Missouri," that the Pythians of Springfield, including the Sisters of Pythagoras Court No. 16, are yet alive and have survived the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds. A sad and damaging, yea more, a disgraceful, extremely savage and barbarous lynching occured here Saturday night, that Springfield cannot out live for the next Century to come. While the people were arranging to celebrate "Easter," and gladden the hearts of Sunday School children with the usual Easter eggs and hear the story of the resurrection, a dastardly, savage and blood-thirsty mob of Negro hating men and boys, from adjacent counties and the city of Greater Springfield, were forming and by 9 o'clock in the evening ere the people were thru shopping, this motley crowd of bloodhounds, marched thru the public square to the county jail, forced their way in, battered down doors, broke open cells, secured two young Negro men, whose guilt had not been proven and dragging them to the public square, hung them right under the statue, the "Goddess of Liberty," and then burned them; not being satisfied with this merciless sacrifice of human life, they marched back to the jail and secured their third victim, who met the same cruel punishment. The expression of the Ancient Romans is certainly applicable to Springfield just now "Sic transit gloria Mundo."

At this writing Springfield is in no little excitment. There are 3 companies of the State Militia here and are jeered and hissed at by smypathizers of the mob, but it is said that the soldiers are here to permit no more up rising nor loss of life or property. The Negroes thru-out the city are considerably worked up and many talk of leaving the city for good. But unto whom or where shall they go? Since the dominant race are in control everywhere. The need of the hour is organization and competent leadership, then all the rest follow.

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Editor Conservator:

The crimes committed in Springfield last Saturday night and Easter Sunday morning, and which the general press mildly terms "lynching," are too dastardly outrageous to be fittingly described in any language.

It wou'd dignify it to call it a butchery, and it would be a slander on the ignorant heathen to call it "Cannibalism."

The crime is the more heinous and appalling for the reason it was committed by the present day generation of the Caucasian race, who had every advantage of education and Christian civilization. Think of it the spectacle of a large crowd of civilized (?) American men and boys, in a proud American city, assembled on the public square surrounding the towering statue of the Goddess of Liberty, shouting, cursing, joking and laughing while burning the half dead bodies of three Afro-Americans, who were unarmed and helpless.

Oh ye mothers, and ministers of the gospel are these the fruit of your labors? Are these the husbands, sons and religious communicants of which you so proudly boast?

Oh! the hideous mockery of the scene itself will be a lasting blot on the escutheon of Missouri, already stained by the foul outrage at Pierce City.

View it, ye lords of creation, the lofty statue of Liberty in the center of the public square; a howling, cursing mob of America's proud citizens surrounding its base, while in their midst stands three helpless unarmed Afro-Americans. Wood is brought in large quantities, a fire is made, and these poor helpless human beings with their clothing saturated with oil, and ropes around their necks are hung to the base of the Goddess of Liberty, after which their bodies only half dead, are cast into the fire. On the very threshold of Easter Sunday, when countless thousands were preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the Resurrection of Christ, there was committed in the public square of Springfield, one of the foulest crimes ever perpetrated in a Christian country, and that too by men and boys to whom must be committed the future of this American government.

Look upon the above described scene, you of the proud Anglo-Saxon race who boast of your enlightenment and civilization, and then bow your heads in very shame.

Is this safe training for America's future citizens and rulers?

Are these samples of the future Missionaries to teach the heathen?

The citizens of this state must bear their share of the shame and responsibility for their outrage upon humanity, and a just God will surely visit swift retribution upon the perpetrators of the Springfield horror, which must go down in history as the Crime of Missouri, for, "Whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap."

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