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CHICAGO RIOTS AGAIN

REPUBLICANS MUST STOP FIGHTING TO CARRY MISSOURI MONARCHS AND CHICAGO GIANTS OPEN FIVE GAME SERIES TODAY

Prominent Men Tour South

**Their Purpose to Make An Exhaustive Study of
Negro Business and Educational Development
An Interesting Trip From Every Angle**

CHAPTER VII.
As recorded in our last Chapter, we left Atlanta at 8:30 p. m. after a most strenuous but enjoyable day for the next stop on our itinerary which was Chattanooga where we arrived at 1:10 in the morning of April 17. We remained in our car until 7:30 when the local committee headed by Mr. J. F. Trimble, the well known undertaker who is President of the Chattanooga Negro Business League and E. D. Anderson, Secretary called to escort us to breakfast which was delightfully served at Dent's Cafe, 421 East 9th street. At 9:00 o'clock a splendid line of autos owned by Colored Business Men of the City took us on a sight seeing trip to Chickamauga Park and Missionary Ridge a part of which is in Georgia and part in Tennessee.

Chattanooga abounds in Civil War historical interest and is possibly the greatest "Monumental" City in America. More monuments being erected here to achievements of historical interest of both sides in the Civil War Conflict than all the rest of the country combined. If you know history, then you know what a tour of these famous battlefields and Look Out mountain means. Every foot of the ground from the time you look upon the old engine of the daring Raiders which greets you in impressive silence at the Union Station until you have traversed every foot of the historic soil of this section is filled with thrills. And though many of our party had decided previous to our arrival in Chattanooga that they would spend the day resting, they unanimously agreed at the close of the day's activities that it was the most enjoyable and inspiring sight seeing tour we had received on the entire trip. To one who has never been over Chickamauga Park and Missionary Ridge, it would be impossible to convince of the weird and wonderful beauty of these historic places. But imagine thousands of monuments and tablets of bronze and stone and iron costing from one hundred dollars to two hundred thousand dollars with well kept road-way and historic cabins and houses in a splendid state of preservation with bronze tablets telling the particular deeds performed upon this certain spot, everywhere you turn, and you have a faint idea of what these places mean in the history of the Civil War. At 1:00 o'clock we returned to a specially prepared luncheon at Dent's Cafe and after a half hour's rest, we were loaded aboard a special car where we were taken to historic Lookout Mountain, one of the most thrilling and inspiring spots we have ever visited. Here we were placed in charge of a Colored man who in some respects was the most remarkable man we have ever met and his recital of the historic events that transpired on Lookout's lofty summit where was fought the battle above the clouds and from which at a certain point can be seen seven states, made it a delightful and memorable afternoon. As a guide thoroughly posted and eloquent to a degree, W. P. Parker, the man of whom we speak is absolutely in a class by himself, and not only our party followed him from spot to spot and hung on his every word as he graphically described the events that transpired here fifty-seven years ago but large parties of sight-seeing white tourists also gathered around him eager to hear every description he presented so eloquently. Parker says that for thirty years, he has been acting as guide and lecturer upon historic fields of this section and knows every nook, monument, battlefield and point of interest by heart and has earned as high as \$200.00 per day voluntarily contributed for his remarkable services. Our party presented him a purse of \$18.50 at the conclusion of our afternoon on the mountain. Some people think it's a thrill to ride up the Cog railroad ascending Pike's Peak but if you want a real thrill that sets your nerves tingling and almost causes your heart to stop beating, take a ride up the almost perpendicular railroad that rises sheer onto the face of the mountain for three quarters of a mile reaching Lookout Summit. At the conclusion of our trip we returned to the City and from 5:00 to 7:00 spent the time visiting the business places of Colored people in Chattanooga which compares favorably with the business places visited in other cities. Chattanooga has a large Colored population who are doing nicely and who are ambitious to make their City one of the greatest in the South. At 8:00 o'clock we were tendered a reception by the Chattanooga Business League in the elegantly furnished rooms of the Y. W. C. A. in the Masonic Temple where an elaborate spread was served and many short but entertaining talks were made by both citizens and members of our delegation. Among those who contributed largely to the success of our stay in Chattanooga were: Mr. G. W. Franklin Jr., Mr. J. J. Oldfield of the Chattanooga Defender, Mr. J. F. Trimble and Mr. Wm. Dent.

At 11:00 o'clock, escorted by the members of the committee we repaired to our special car where we in turn held an informal reception for nearly an hour preparatory to leaving for the next point on our journey historic Nashville called the "Athens of the South" of which we will speak in our next issue.

THE TEXAS CLUB CELEBRATES THE 19TH OF JUNE IN KANSAS CITY.

The Texas Club an organization with a membership of several hundred in greater Kansas City observed Saturday, June 19th in Swope Park with a big basket picnic and a spy program. Special cars were employed and managed by Mr. W. H. Monroe to accommodate the large crowd. Sharply at 11:30 a. m. they departed from 18th and Vine streets to the great Swope Park. It required the service of a motor truck to carry the many baskets that had been prepared for the occasion. The arrival in Swope Park was followed by a brief period of recreation and sight-seeing. Mr. N. S. Adkins, Vice President of the Club called the people together; and in a concise way stated the purpose of the meeting and proceeded to conduct the program. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. Tolson. After which Mr. W. H. Monroe was introduced and read to the joy and pleasure of all present "The Emancipation Proclamation" issued by President Abraham Lincoln January 1, 1863. Following this the Vice-President Mr. N. S. Adkins in a timely way introduced Rev. James S. Anderson, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church as orator of the day. With only one moment's notice, Rev. Anderson with his usual preparedness, responded and swayed the large congregation with ease. Rev. Anderson spoke in part as follows:

"I am glad that I was born, reared, converted, educated and began my public life in Texas. For the reason that Texas is not only the largest state in the Union, but when it comes to Negro progress and development, Texas leads all the other states in the Union. "The Emancipation Proclamation" read by Mr. Monroe brings to our minds the fact that on January 1, 1863 President Lincoln by the stroke of his pen emancipated four million Negroes from the chains of slavery. But in the face of this Proclamation, and the close of the Civil War April 9, 1865, the North had reasons to believe that the South would refuse to obey the laws of the Union, and continue to treat their Negroes as slaves. With this in mind garrisons were established in the south. On June 18, 1865 General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas, and the next day he issued a proclamation declaring the slaves free. It is for this reason that the Negroes of Texas celebrate June 19 as "Emancipation Day." This day is a very important day in Texas. Every city, town, village and every place where Negroes are found in Texas are crowded today in the celebration of this day. Now may God bless the "Texas Club" for endeavoring to disseminate the principles of religion, economy and sociability. Several other persons delivered impromptu speeches. There were enough baskets to furnish tables a half block long. These tables were heavily loaded with pork, beef, chickens, cakes, pies, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables. In addition to these, ice cream and lemonade were served free. Foot races and other innocent amusements were engaged in. The Texas Club takes this method to invite all Texans in Kansas City to come to the meetings every Wednesday night at the Y. M. C. A.

OFFICERS FOR 1920.
Dr. J. E. Dibble, Pres.
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Rev. M. J. Battle, Chaplain.
Mrs. L. M. Jackson, Clerk Reporter
Henry Monroe, Chairman Executive Committee.
S. P. Allen, Custodian.

ROGERS-HARRIS WEDDING.
Mrs. Sallie Rogers of this city, one of our most accomplished and wealthy teachers and Mr. Arthur W. Harris, Government Inspector at Chicago, were quietly married in the City Thursday at 4029 Langley avenue. Mrs. Harris is expecting to be transferred to Kansas City shortly. Their many friends extend congratulations.

CHICAGO "RIOT."

(City Associated Negro Press.)
One Negro policeman, a disinterested cigar store clerk and a middle-aged sailor were the victims in a near riot scene at Indiana avenue and 35th street, Sunday night. The sailor and the clerk are dead. The Negro policeman may die. All were shot in a fracas that was started by a flag ceremony in which a group of colored people styling themselves the "Star Order of Abyssinia," were engaged in at the front of Entertainers Hall in 25th street and Indiana Ave. The Society had been parading through the streets in the "Black Belt" and had halted at the front of the hall where a ceremony in which the American and the Abyssinian flags were symbolic features, was started. Feeling that the American flag was being desecrated by the ceremony the Negro policeman rushed at the crowd followed by the sailor. In the scrap precipitated by their action the sailor was killed, the policeman probably fatally wounded and the clerk was killed in his store by a stray bullet.

Charge Flag Burning.
A statement by Joseph P. Owens, the wounded Negro officer, declares that the ceremony included the burning of the flags by the Society and it was this action that prompted him to attempt to break up the proceedings. "The crowd looked like a group of Colored foreigners to me. They had been parading through the streets all the afternoon and acting like 'nuts' to my way of thinking. When they stopped in front of the hall and began the burning of the flags, I thought it was high time to put a stop to the circus. I don't know how the sailor got mixed up in the matter. If he had kept out of the thing and minded his own business I don't think either of us would have been hurt."

Shot With Rifles.
The shooting is said to have been done with rifles. Onlookers stated that when the policeman and the sailor charged the crowd, two men rushed to an automobile that had been used in the parade and took two rifles from under the seats and began firing. Officer Owens fell at the first volley and the sailor was shot and fell dead over the prostrate body of the policeman a second later. By this time the air was thick with the shouts of the great crowds attracted to the scene by the shooting. Patrols filled with policemen began to arrive and when the excited people were some what scattered it was then discovered



DR. J. EDGAR DIBBLE.
One of Kansas City's most brilliant and esteemed physicians who holds many positions of trust and responsibility with large corporations in this City and who as President of the Texas Club has labored tirelessly to bring about the splendid co-operation that was evidenced in their delightful outing and celebration of TEXAS DAY at Swope Park last Saturday. Dr. Dibble has personally interested himself in every Texan of color who has come to our City to see that they secure employment, that their moral environment is the best and that they are brought in personal contact with the best people in our City both from Texas and from elsewhere. Kansas City needs more men like Dr. J. Edgar Dibble.

Leaders of Society.
R. D. Jones, a white agitator who has been preying upon credulous Negroes in Chicago and elsewhere; Grover C. Redding, Joseph Fernon and his son are accused with being the instigators of an agitation which has been accounted as the reason for a series of demonstrations among the local Negroes which called for a "back to Africa" movement with the ultimate aim of driving the white man out of the "Dark Continent." Sunday was the second time that the society had paraded through the "Belt" following a meeting held in a hall in South Street. The flag feature occurred at each parade, consisting of the members say, of a fire consecration of both the world and Abyssinian emblems to the cause of liberty throughout the world.

Not A Race Riot.
The incident was not a race riot. The casualties were caused by the overzealousness of a Negro police officer and a middle-aged "Jackie" sailor. The store clerk was an unlucky bystander who was hit by a stray bullet. Swarms of police are being kept in the "Belt" neighborhood of 35th and Indiana who are having an easy time watching the crowds of curious people who have been drawn to the scene by the "wild and woolly" stories published in the daily newspapers. In other sections of the city sailors are amusing themselves beating any lone Negroes who happen to find their way into sections outside of the "Belt." In some of these incidents the sailors have come out of the fracas with whole skins. In other instances they have caught the veritable "tartars" and been made to take to the woods.

The Negroes, in general, are not alarmed over the situation. They declare themselves ready to take care of any crisis which may come as the result of the Sunday night affair. No meetings will be held, but every precaution will be taken to vigorously oppose any attempts at general violence by "white mobs." The city officials do not expect any general uprising against the Negro population. Chicago, Ill., June 21.—R. D. Jones, the white leader and Edward Redding, the Colored leader of the "Abyssinian" outbreak of last night were arrested this afternoon. Redding was caught at his residence on the West Side and Jones was found at the home of one of his followers on the South side. They both insist that they are the innocent cause of the outbreak and that there was no in-

tention to precipitate a disturbance of any kind.

Not A Negro Movement.
Local Negroes disavow any connection with the Jones-Redding propaganda. They are keeping their heads and refuse to become excited about the matter. Jones, it is said, is an irresponsible grifter who should be squelcher at all hazards. Redding is a fanatic who has virtually lost his mind brooding over the question of the race going over the seas to redeem Africa from the "oppression of the white race."

Wrong as Usual.
The local dailies are wrong as usual. Their headlines have displayed the habitual folly of the breed and, what was an incident that could have been closed with a simple arrest of one or two men, has been magnified into a serious race clash. The Evening Post discloses a woeful ignorance of the forces at work producing unrest among the colored elements of the city's population, refers to the "childish minds" of Chicago's "Black Belt" as being the chief agency in creating race disturbances in the city.

Negroes Not Fools.
Up to this hour the Negroes have made no demonstration in connection with the unfortunate happening determining that they were in no sense a party to the outbreak. And yet they have quietly decided that if the "childish minds" of the "white press" conclude that it is wise to create a situation out of which will come a recurrence of last summer's disgrace they will meet it squarely and unafraid. In the meantime they are doing everything in their power to assure the city authorities that they have no desire to do other than preserve the peace.

WHITE MEN AND NEGROES STANDING SIDE BY SIDE.

The shooting in connection with the parade of the "Star Order of Ethiopia" Sunday night was in no sense a race riot, and should not be misunderstood in that connection. The object of the society is purely revolutionary. The burning of the American flag, which brought on the attack, is a typical manifestation of the sort of thing which the more vicious revolutionaries, white as well as Negro, indulge in. The first attempt to stop the revolutionaries was made by a Negro policeman, who now, shot four times, lies near death in consequence. The next was made by a white man, who was killed. Two men were killed and one white and one Negro bystander wounded.

Immediately the good citizens of the district, both white and Negro, cooperated to restore order and to hunt down the murderers. Organized groups of Negroes scoured the neighborhood, assisting the police in the search for the men who did the shooting and for the leaders of the "society" which was responsible. The Negro population of the district was in no way involved with the acts of the paraders, and resented the burning of the flag as fiercely as any white man in Chicago.

Trouble between races can be avoided only by understanding. The cause of the situation is that a single vicious white man or vicious Negro may be taken as a representative of the race and stir up feeling far beyond the immediate circle of his evil. Just so, however, on the other hand, the courage and prompt action of such a man as Owens, the Negro policeman, and the co-operation of the Negro business men of the locality are doubly valuable in showing that

good citizenship and a sense of responsibility are not confined to one race. Owens, whether he lives or dies, for this reason will be regarded as one of the most valuable servants the city ever had.

It would be ridiculous to minimize the seriousness of the race situation in Chicago. There are many hoodlums, white and Negro, who seek to take advantage of its existence to forward their private vendettas and to display their unhesitating brutality. But if any clearer realization comes from this affray that the mass of both races are alike in condemning the revolutionary spirit and hating and resisting to the uttermost its display in violence, good will come out of the evil, and understanding out of crime.—Chicago Herald and Examiner, Tuesday, June 22.

15,000 ELKS MAKING PREPARATIONS TO COME TO KANSAS CITY NEXT AUGUST.

Special trains will be run from Birmingham, Atlanta, Minneapolis, St. Louis, two from Chicago, two from Washington, New York, Boston, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Hampton, Va., Norfolk, Va., Richmond, Va., Tulsa, Muskogee, Oklahoma City and special pullmans are coming from every important city in the country. The Elks Convention will bring more Negro visitors to our city than we have ever witnessed before at any other Convention. Every band in the two Kansas Cities have been engaged for that week; Melford's Second Regiment Band has been secured as the Official Band for the local Elks. Visiting Bands will come from Chicago, St. Louis, Tulsa, Topeka, Baltimore and Washington; others will be heard from later. The Eighth Regiment Band of Chicago will furnish music for the Grand Ball. The Elks Grand Ball will be held on Tuesday Night, August 24th at Convention Hall and more than ten thousand will attend; you had better secure your reservations for boxes now. Several parties from New York, Washington, Chicago, Boston and Cleveland have sent in reservations for boxes for the Grand Ball. YES it is strictly a dress affair.

The old town is going to be decorated as never before. Start now to get out the old flags and show the visitors from the East what a real city we have.

The New Lincoln Theatre has been secured for the business sessions of the Elks Convention; Lyric Hall has been secured for the whole week as the general headquarters for the Kansas City Elks; Lincoln High School has been secured for the business sessions of the Grand Temple; Two hundred and fifty Temples will be represented; five hundred Elks Lodges will send delegates; five hundred Elks and their friends will leave Chicago on a special train arriving here Sunday, August 22d. The Grand Exalted Ruler, Hon. Geo. W. F. MeMechen of Baltimore, accompanied by his family will arrive here Sunday morning, August 22d and will be met at the station by every member of Mid West edge in uniform, headed by the Second Regiment Band and will be escorted to the General Headquarters. Every citizen of this city should turn out and take up their position on 18th street and give the BIG MAN of the Elks a hearty welcome.

The Elks Grand Lodge Sermon will be held at Allen Chapel on Sunday night, August 22d. Prof. W. H. Harrison and Prof. Leslie Clark left Saturday evening for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Herbert R. Johnson
Well known and popular florist
of Kansas City, Mo., and
Miss Mildred Henderson
will wed at the
Five Street Baptist Church,
Monday evening, June 28,
7:00 o'clock P. M.

Their many friends and patrons of Kansas City are invited to be present.

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