

# American Woodmen National Convention Aug. 13-18

Opening Exercises at the Auditorium, || Barbecue and Picnic at Glacier Lake  
Tuesday Night, Aug. 14 || Thursday, Aug. 16

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## DROPS COLOR LINE FOR INCREASE OF DEPOSITS WHEN WAR SERVICE.

Washington, D. C.—The color line will not be drawn against the Negro in sending American troops to France. The question did not arise when the first division of regulars was ordered to Europe, as all the colored regiments except cavalry were on duty outside the continental United States.

It is expected that the Negro will make a better fighting man the superior in every way for such operations as are now being conducted on the western front, than any of the nonwhite troops employed there by either Great Britain or France. The East Indians proved a lamentable failure in France.

Military observers assert that Lord Roberts really lost his life in an effort to rally the panic stricken Indians after their contact with the German army. He failed, and the Indians were virtually abandoned for European fighting.

Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.—Money order business of the Des Moines postoffice has increased considerably since the coming of the Negro troopers to Ft. Des Moines, officials say. One night recently after the regular money order window had closed a special window issued about seventy orders, aggregating \$1,800, to Negro soldiers. The orders were sent to all parts of the United States.—Des Moines Capitol.

## NEGROES DEPOSIT FIRST MONEY.

Indication of the increase in deposits which will accrue to Des Moines banks through the location here of the cantonment with a pay roll reaching into the millions every month, was presented by the first monthly payment of the Negro candidates for commissions in the training camp at Fort Des Moines last week.

Savings account were opened by about 10 per cent. of the pay checks for the first deposits. The conscript men will receive less but are certain to include many of saving inclinations.—Des Moines Capitol.

Columbus, O.—Col. Charles Young of the Tenth U. S. Cavalry, who has been detailed to command the new Ohio colored regiment now being recruited, arrived here late Monday afternoon, and is registered at the Litchfield hotel. Col. Young will at once take charge, and it is expected that under the direction of this experienced and efficient commanding officer the new regiment will quickly be recruited up to full strength. The colonel looks the part of an officer, and is in fine health, and ready for immediate service.—The Advocate.

Colored cavalrymen of the 9th and 10th Regiments acted as an escort to Marshal Joffre at West Point.

## STRUGGLING FOR THEIR RIGHTS

### National Equal Rights League Call.

Hilburn, N. Y., July 16, 1917.

Fellow Comrades and All Colored Americans:—

Our nation, with the rest of the so-called civilized world, is agonizing in the throes of world-wide "human wreckage."

Alarming indeed, therefore, must be the condition of any particular group of American citizens that could justify them, during such awful times, in assembling in large numbers with their own interests chiefly in view. Any justification for the calling of such an assemblage in a group of loyal Americans, numbering fully twelve million, casts a damaging reflection on our national sense of justice and Christian practice.

### A Speedy Get-together Needed.

And yet, in view of unjust and unbearable conditions that continue, with increasing horror, to afflict all Colored Americans, we challenge this nation, and the world to show why we have not just and sufficient cause for a speedy and general getting together at this time, in self-interest and in self defense. However much this may reflect on our boasted Christian Democracy, it is, nevertheless, the truth and nothing but the truth.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as president of the National Equal Rights League, I do hereby issue this call for the tenth annual convention of said League, and also for the second National Congress of All Colored Americans to convene in September.

There are no words in any language that can adequately portray the increasingly appalling humiliation to which we Colored Americans are being daily subjected in certain prejudiced-cursed sections of this country.

The party in power has its iron heels on our necks. Our nation's chief executive and his associates in power, has not only done more less for us, but has done more against us, than any other administration since the days of Abraham Lincoln. The ruthless disregard for our civil, social and political rights; the fiendish destruction of our hard-earned property; the shameful segregations and humiliating discriminations everywhere enforced against us; the horrible of Colored men, women and children in both southern and northern states, and the sleeping apathy of the American conscience present a picture so infernally horrible as must cause laughter in Hell and weeping in Heaven.

The fresh, warm blood of innocent men, women and children of color, that clods the clay in East St. Louis, Ill., cries aloud to our racial leaders and to our great masses, TO GET TOGETHER.

In the face of such unspeakable horrors who can justly charge us with lack of patriotism because we are forced to pause in the midst of international strife and to raise our shackled hands and our unheeded cry in defense of our own outraged manhood?

If White Americans during such trying times can cling with such a struggling grip to their color-phobia, should we be blamed for striking a blow for our own continued existence? When the Caucasian, while plunged into the very hell of war, and death, and national and racial decay, can find time at every turn of the road to practice his vile color schemes against us, it is high time that we poor, oppressed burden bearers of the nation, should call a halt to the oppressor's rod. So heavy grows our burden, and so galling becomes our yoke that patience on our part will soon become a crime against ourselves.

Therefore, let us come together. Let us gather from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and with the combined wisdom and strength of the race, let us "round about," and confront, and combat the forces of evil that sorely oppress us. If the flag for which we have always fought and bled can find no way to restrain the "poluted, blood-blistered, crime-cankered hands that continue their wicked slaughter of our wives and children, let us get together and find a way, or make a way, that will lead to freedom. If, under prevailing conditions, we cannot get together and hang together, our enemies will continue to hang us separately.

Any person, white or Colored, who preaches that "this is not the proper time for the Negro to air his own griev-

ances and to speak in his own behalf," is a dangerous ally to our vilest oppressors. Colored and white pacifists who, during the past have apologized for wrongs against us that they should have fought, constitute one of the root causes of our present appalling condition in this country. So far as relates to our case at this juncture in American history, a Negro pacifist ought to be an impossibility, and a pacifist of any other race, claiming to be our friend deserves to be branded as our foe in sheep's clothing.

All organizations—churches, lodges, business and fraternal societies—among us, throughout these United States, are cordially invited and earnestly urged to send one, or more delegates to represent them in this, the tenth annual convention of the National Equal Rights League, and the Second National Congress of All Colored Americans. Without regard to creed, sect, sex or party, let us come together, and compel public attention to our demand for a "square deal" as citizens of this great republic. Let the entire Colored American population, in all sections of this great country, be strongly represented at this great Race Congress. Yours for one, great, united move for freedom.

BRYON GUNNER,  
President of the National Equal Rights League.

## Race Men Hold Silent Parade in New York.

New York, July 28.—As a protest against the recent E. St. Louis race riots, Negro residents of New York have arranged for a demonstration today, to take the form of a silent parade down Fifth Avenue. It was announced that more than 2,000 had signified their intention to join in the demonstration.

## AMERICANISM FROM OUR ANGLE.

Americanism means love of liberty, tolerance, intelligence justice; it means work and duty and social service; it means strong character, a clean life, and conserving the physical mental and moral forces to run well the race of life; it means principle rather than self interest, moral courage at a sacrifice, a courage that is stronger than the powers of darkness.

It is a great privilege, never before as today, to be young and in the rush of tremendous world events. History is making rapidly in our Republic, and the educated youth, equipped for self-help and service mindful of the God of our fathers, and inspired by the ideals that made us an American people and have thus far preserved us in good and evil days, will shape its destiny. For self, for fellow citizens, for the peoples of the world, for civilization; let youth embody the true American spirit and stand for the best in the nation's life.—Young America

Boston, Mass.—For the first time in the history of Boston colored waiters are to be admitted to the union. The decision to invite colored waiters to become members was reached last week at a special meeting of the Waiter's Union, Local 34.

The four hundred Negro waiters employed at the Hay ward, Woodstock, Langham and Healey's cafes, and the Copley Square and Colonial Hotels have been asked to become union men.

The white waiters have just won a strike here, compelling eating places to pay \$35 monthly and give them one day in seven off. The wage committee of the union has promised to take steps to obtain the same terms for the colored men.

## WILLIAMS' WORLD FAMOUS COLORED SINGERS



## FAVORITES OF TWO CONTINENTS 130 PERFORMANCES IN LONDON, ENG.

The fifth tour of the Williams' Concert Company will bring this wonderful organization to Denver, Tuesday evening, August 7th. While the last two concerts were held at the great Auditorium, it was impossible to accommodate the multitudes who desired to hear them. Every box seat, parquette, dress circle and front balcony seat was sold before the program began, while hundreds were disappointed. There is every indication that the popularity of these people is still in the ascendant and the fortunate citizens will be those who get tickets in advance. It is difficult to get our friends to realize the utter demoralization of the box office on the afternoon preceding the engagement. As early as 11 o'clock long lines of eager ticket buyers have stood before the Auditorium entrance waiting for the box office to open only to be disappointed that the most desirable seats have been taken. This statement is being published in order that the friends of this company may not be forced to accept gallery seats.

Mr. Williams writes that Mr. George Johnson, the wonderful tenor, with Mrs. Merrill, emotional soprano, are singing better than ever. Mrs. Williams, the dominant personality of the company, is also at her best; as is also Mrs. Green, the prima donna. Tickets are now on sale at the following places: The Knight Campbell Music Co., The Denver Music Co., The Elite Drug Stores, Nos. 1 and 2, and the Barnes Hotel. Information concerning box seats by telephoning Rev. Over, York 6007 or York 9377.



The above is a picture of one of our own women brutally shot down by the East St. Louis, Illinois mob. Her only crime was, that she is a Negro. O Lord, how long? Kindness of N. A. A. C. P., New York City.