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Fellowmen of the Negro Race, Greeting:

Confined as I am in my prison cell my heart grieves within me when I read the newspapers and magazines from many countries and learn of the concentrated efforts of the leading nations of the world to hold the weak and oppressed peoples in further subjection, while within our group, and even in the fold of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, there are those who are but the tools of the oppressors, their paid agents, used to destroy the force of this great organization and thereby make the path of the ravager in Africa easy.

On the other hand, I am pleased to note the stand that has been taken by many loyal sons of Ham against the perfidy of others. The Committee of Presidents, Messrs. Ware, Toote, Haynes and Craigen, were elected at a Conference of Presidents of large divisions in America. This conference, called by Mr. Sherrill, without my knowledge or permission, discussed the affairs of the Association and the Black Cross Navigation and Trading Company, and, following an investigation by the Committee, it was decided that in order to place the Association upon a firmer footing, a change of the chief officers was imperative. The Committee felt that in this way men might be secured who would truly and honestly interpret the spirit and programme of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and protect the properties and investments of the people. I have gone carefully into the documents they presented regarding their investigations and I heartily endorse their recommendations which include the calling of a Convention to remove and replace some of the present officers.

Being a prisoner I am unable to lay before you full details of the intrigue and disloyalty of some of my associates to whom I entrusted the work of the Association. I have done everything possible to get the authorities to place me in a position to protect your properties, or to do so themselves, but I have failed, and now I implore the members of the U. N. I. A. to rouse your divisions, branches and chapters as never before to select and elect the most intelligent and sincere members to represent you at the coming Convention. Send to Detroit men who cannot be bought and who cannot be swayed from doing right by eloquent speeches and the promise of a job. The alien oppressor is scattering plenty of gold, and I warn you members to be on the look out for those who fall a prey to graft and try to destroy what it has taken us years of toil to accomplish.

The eyes of the world are on you, and may God guide you all at this crucial hour, and let nothing weaken your determination in the work of African Redemption.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,



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LET'S PUT IT OVER

THE CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA

ALL the information coming out of South Africa goes to show that the relations of the European whites and native blacks are fast reaching the breaking point. There are only 1,500,000 white Europeans in the Commonwealth as against 6,000,000 natives, and these latter are increasing so rapidly as to alarm the whites, who have so many privileges that they are styled by European correspondents as "the white aristocratic rulers." That is what it amounts to. It is also generally admitted that the natives are not only gaining in population but that they are gaining in intelligence and co-operation, with strong leaders of their own, who are standing firm for the rights of the natives and are commanding more respect than at any other time. General Hertzog, the new premier, recently stated what is regarded as his policy in dealing with the natives. He does not think they can have equality with the whites in the voting and should not have economic parity with the whites in the various industries, and that they should be segregated into a territory of their own with qualified self-government. He would give the "mutatoes" equality with the white whites.

The leaders of the natives are opposed to the Hertzog program, and with good reason. They are to be given a segregated territory of their own, where it is to be found and why should they be limited in their self-government? It is generally understood that the sop thrown to the "mutatoes" is for the purpose of dividing the native forces; and if they are to remain in the Union they insist upon a larger measure of civic participation in the government and a more liberal economic policy. The main point is that the natives have their own organization and leadership and that the government feels that it must consider these facts in settling the questions in dispute. It has not been this way in the past in any part of Africa ruled by Europeans. The natives have not been consulted at all; they have just been legislated for and ruled without their consent. It is generally conceded that the native Africans have caught the spirit of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, with Africa for the Africans and conservation of Negro social and economic values for Negroes, and this doctrine is rapidly spreading throughout Africa and disquieting the lordly Europeans a great deal, more so than ever before. This spirit, we are assured, is bound to spread among native Africans, and with it a larger outlook upon life and a livelier appreciation of their own values of whatever sort. Native organizations are doing a great, good and necessary work in spreading the gospel of race organization and leadership and many contentions for native rights. The name of Marcus Garvey is one of inspiration and hope among native Africans, who see in his constructive principles the redemption of Africa and the conservation of Negro values.

The crisis in South Africa will not come to a head until the situation is ripe for it, but it is coming, and that is the main thing. Blacks and whites alike recognize this fact. It is good that it is so.

THE ROCKEFELLER GIFT TO OLD EGYPT

IT is natural for a large part of mankind to worship wealth. That is to say, the disposition to worship the thing we create and which should be our servant rather than our master, is very general. It was so among those of ancient times, and it is obviously so among the moderns. The average person bows to wealth and to those who occupy the high seats. That may be because the major part of mankind does not think very rapidly and must look to others to do his thinking for it. This is very largely the case, although the average person is not aware of it, and resents accordingly. It is of being such as an affront. And yet the great mass of mankind does not do its own thinking and would sink to a dead level if left to itself to do it. That is the most imperative reason why those who are able to think and to lead should be loyal and true to those who must follow, who must be directed, in the way they should go. "How shall the people know if they have no teacher?" exclaimed Paul, the chief apostle to the Gentiles. And so the masses everywhere, now as in the past, look to the few who have been blessed above their fellows, to think for them and to direct them in all the great events which come along invariably in the life of every race, every family, every nation.

The John D. Rockefeller family are among the richest families in the world. They amassed their wealth in the oil business, in which they were intelligent pioneers, as Andrew Carnegie and others were pioneers in the steel industry. The Rockefellers have more public spirit, have a more general interest in the welfare and well doing of mankind, than the average rich. They are not selfish. They have made princely contributions to education, in which the American people have shared liberally, to original research in medicine and the sciences, and to purely charitable help for worthy causes and institutions. And rich Americans are more generally generous than other countries disposed to the charity which embarks in great and helpful movements. They give more liberally to needy people than the rich of other countries, and they give not only to

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their own need but to the needy of the world, and that with little regard to the vexed question of race and color. America is the youngest, strongest and wealthiest of the nations. Egypt is among the oldest. That the young civilization should look up to and revere the old is in the natural order, but it does not always follow. Mr. John D. Rockefeller has just announced the gift of ten million dollars to Egypt for the purpose of building a suitable museum and institute of research in archeology, in which Egypt is most rich, and other things. Mr. Rockefeller's realization of this fact has led him to make his princely donation. It has not been accepted by the Egyptian government, because of conditions of control attached to it, but there is hardly a possibility that satisfactory understanding will not be reached in the course of the negotiations.

European exploration and discovery in Egypt have done much to enable scholars to reconstruct the history of the ancients, and it is rightly believed that the Rockefeller gift will help to extend and further systematize the work already done and being done. It is possible that we shall have an entirely new reading of the history of Egypt and the wonderful people of the Nile country. The African people are bound to benefit by discoveries which enlarge our knowledge of Egypt and the Nile country and enable us to rewrite history from the standpoint of the facts rather than of fiction. This will be a great gain, because of its influence upon the thought and aspiration of the African people, who never in modern times have shown a more general and intelligent interest in their past and in estimating their present values of whatever sort.

Modern civilization owes Old Egypt more than it does the civilization of Greece and Rome, which borrowed liberally from Egypt. Mr. Rockefeller's gift will help to bring out the truth more strongly than we have it at present.

MAHATMA GANDHI REFUSES TO LEAVE INDIA FOR WEALTH

MAHATMA GANDHI, the mystic leader of the East Indians, sacrificed a great fortune and his high standing as a lawyer in order to serve the people of India in their conflict with their British rulers for some justice and fair play in the conduct of their own affairs. He who was greatest among them in India, greatest in wealth and reputation, became least in these respects in order to accomplish a great work of unifying the varied and confusing thought and concentrating the divided efforts of the East Indians to get what they desired. It was a great sacrifice that Gandhi made. Many great men, among the greatest, of the past who have led reformations, have suffered such fate as has befallen Gandhi. In like manner it has befallen our own Marcus Garvey. Gandhi may die in poverty and be buried at the expense of his followers, but he will have the satisfaction that he served his people and not himself. If his people forget him not, very good; but curiously, the disposition of the people has always been to desert and forget those who give their all that they might have much. Those who make the great sacrifice might be deterred from doing so if they should soberly consider the cost. The people are usually unthankful. They easily forget those who have served them most faithfully and unselfishly. They did so with Jesus and with most reformers since He was crucified on the cross. The true reformer does not count the cost to him personally. He counts rather the good he may do for mankind by his sacrifices.

Mahatma Gandhi has been invited to make a lecture tour of the United States, with a princely offer in money, but he has declined it in order that he remain in India and help his people at close range in their many troubles. It is the supreme spirit of unselfishness which so rarely manifests itself. When it does people marvel at it; although there is nothing new about it, mainly because the world is selfish and prone to pursue its own greedy phantoms. The New York World, having in mind the disposition among distinguished men and women of Europe to accept lecture engagements in the United States, in order to replenish their pocketbooks and to make more reputation for themselves, says: "And he refuses all this just to stay in India, because he thinks that he belongs in India. The man must be crazy." But the World was far from serious in saying "the man must be crazy," and that he thinks that he belongs in India. Gandhi is not crazy, although very fanatical in his devotion to the Indian people and their interests; and he thinks he belongs in India now because the people need him in India. If he could serve the Indian people better by lecturing about their troubles in the United States than by remaining in India and giving them the benefit of his presence and counsel, he would tour the United States! That is his viewpoint, the supreme test of sincerity in a cause, and the people of India, we believe, will so regard it.

PETTY CLAIMANTS FOR APPLAUSE

(From the Portland Advertiser)
It is the little man who clamors for the credit, and must be advertised as the figure of supreme importance on the landscape wherever he appears. Petty claimants for applause and praise invite the amused tolerance of the truly great, who wonder why human beings should so perturb themselves over the trivial insignia of rank, authority and social precedence. What is any honor that man can bestow on man compared with the need of getting the world's work done?

HEALTH TOPICS

By DR. B. S. HERBEN
of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association

Earthquakes at Their Feet
The person who patiently awaits a sign from the clouds for many years and yet fails to notice the earthquake sign of being such as an affront. And yet the great mass of mankind does not do its own thinking and would sink to a dead level if left to itself to do it. That is the most imperative reason why those who are able to think and to lead should be loyal and true to those who must follow, who must be directed, in the way they should go. "How shall the people know if they have no teacher?" exclaimed Paul, the chief apostle to the Gentiles. And so the masses everywhere, now as in the past, look to the few who have been blessed above their fellows, to think for them and to direct them in all the great events which come along invariably in the life of every race, every family, every nation.

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POLITICAL JOTTINGS

By AL JAY
In making his formal bid for Negro votes in Illinois, United States Senator Wm. McKim Clayton introduced, a few days ago, an Anti-Lynching Bill similar to the famous Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill of a few months ago which was stashed in the heart by the art of filibustering in the Senate. No decent person believes in lynching as a deterrent method for lessening those alleged crimes for which lynching is said to exist. How many social physicians or pay-choleologists believe an Anti-Lynching law will destroy the motives which lead to lynching? If the bill becomes a law, by whom will it be enforced? Will it be enforced by the same members of the community in which lynching is likely to take place? There are some of the questions hurled at the point of view of the bill, and intellectual standing their opinions on the Senator's bill.

To be specific, my question was: Do you ladies and gentlemen believe that the Anti-Lynching Bill of Senator Clayton will stop lynching? Five said "no" and gave the following for their reasons: The lynching of Negroes—they are the ones suffering most—is a political issue. Give the Negro the franchise and you would not have so many Negroes lynched. Justice is a part of political government, therefore the race group which has no political power cannot acquire or exact equal justice. It is the interest of the alleged Lincoln's character was his absolute honesty—honesty with the world, and what is most difficult of all, honesty with himself. Were we as a race to draw one lesson from his life above all others we might draw this one: never be able to direct those whom we help ourselves. Let us look ourselves in the eye, coldly, critically, even an old Lincoln look at himself—Portland Advertiser.

TEN MILLION GIFT OFFERED TO EGYPT

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Would Finance Museum in the Land Where Culture is Oldest—Research Institute Proposed
John D. Rockefeller, Jr. has offered to King Fuad and the Egyptian nation the sum of \$10,000,000 for the erection and maintenance in Cairo of a great museum and archaeological institute. This fact became known through premature announcement of the gift by Prof. James H. Breasted of the University of Chicago, who is present in Egypt and who will be chairman of the trustees of the new museum if King Fuad accepts certain conditions for its location in the city of Cairo. All members of the Universal Negro Political Union are requested to oil up their political instruments in order to bring about the realization of this gift. The United States having joined the World Court is going to acquiesce in the brutal colonial policy of France and England. Most Negroes with whom I have talked are trying to find out the best of President Coolidge's modus operandi. President Coolidge in his Omaha speech said: "It is the foremost of thought, the magnanimity of ideas which makes progress." Those who disagree with Marcus Garvey should think that the President's modus operandi is that of a man who has no idea which makes progress. Next week we shall give you the names of the United States Senators who will soon knock at your door for re-election. Political power is the only thing which injures respect.

Both Sides to Be Heard by Senate in Filipino Independence Fight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—In answer to an inquiry in the Senate today about hearings on the question of independence for the Philippines, Senator Willis of Ohio, chairman of the Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions, said that full opportunity for a hearing would be afforded the opposing sides in the question. Hearings are conducted there will be opportunity for both sides to be heard fully.

Senator King pointed out that representatives of the government had been heard and strongly had opposed carrying out the pledge under the Jones act and that various "explosives" of the Philippines also were opposed to independence. "Some time ago" said Senator Willis, "the friends of independence had opportunity to be heard, but the opportunity was not taken. When hearings are conducted there will be opportunity for both sides to be heard fully."

Senator Willis replied that many persons who have no financial interest in the matter do not believe the Jones act commits the government to immediate independence. He declared that the matter was not a party issue and has been told and that the Rockefeller gift will, if it is accepted, go a long way toward the independence of the Philippines. He said that the Rockefeller gift will, if it is accepted, go a long way toward the independence of the Philippines. He said that the Rockefeller gift will, if it is accepted, go a long way toward the independence of the Philippines. He said that the Rockefeller gift will, if it is accepted, go a long way toward the independence of the Philippines.

EDITORIAL OPINION OF THE NEGRO PRESS

If we are going to stem the tide of the best Negro leadership must get together in an unselfish effort to advance the race. The internal jealousies which we referred last week must be done away with if we will overcome opposition.—Christian Recorder.

Reason should be employed in all things. A man who acts from impulse rather than from reason will often commit blunders which may not only cause him bitter reflections, but every other damaging influence along the whole course of his restless life.—Nashville Clarion.

If the white men really object to seeing a Negro enjoy conveniences and comforts in any way approaching those of himself, he has gone the Negro one better in the spirit of human continuance with all of his culture and advantages. He has simply stretched his sense of superiority beyond the point of his own confidence in it, and the irony of his situation will be the subject of ridicule in history.—Birmingham Reporter.

Progressive development is made by serious minds. Indifference and law-abiding citizens, and not by mob-laws, lynchers and ignoramus. No many of us it is an ever-burning, never-repeating fire.—St. Paul Echo.

Establishing the real cradle of civilization whether along the Nile or the Euphrates. Prof. Breasted is noted as an Egyptologist. He had an active part in the excavations at Luxor and previously successfully explored Egyptian tombs. Recently he began the exploration of the square mile constituting Aramagaddon. It is reported that Mr. Rockefeller is financing this work on such active operations will begin shortly.

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THE TRAINED NEGRO AND HIS PROBLEMS
By A. ANDREW TORRENCE
In the Negro Champion
Just out of college, vibrant with the vitality of youth, bubbling over with knowledge and confidence, the young Negro, perhaps emulating the Negro elite of yesterday, steps out into the world of men to find his place and it is not unusual that he regards his less cultured and less learned brother with an air of contempt, or to say the least, he feels equipped to make greater demands upon the world than the illiterate Negro.

It may be that he is a product of the Southern educational institutions and wholly equipped for the highest type of competition, yet it is possible that he hails from the leading schools of the United States, fully equipped mentally and physically for the great encounter. In either event he does not feel that his problem has anything in common with the problems confronting the Negro in the industrial world. But we see him a little later and his nose has turned down. As one of the average, he has had his first encounter with life and his feathers have fallen. First, he realized that his intellect and education was not as important as his color. In other words, his life and hopes were circumscribed to a profession designed for Negroes. He could not think in terms of a man and a citizen in his broadest sense. Later he realized that he and more Negroes were becoming educated and according to the laws of supply and demand, their 1904 of endeavor, already limited to a certain rank, was becoming more and more narrowed as the competitive friction became more heated.

HEAR! HEAR! HEAR!

AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE NEGROES OF THE WORLD

WILL BE HELD AT
Detroit, Michigan, From March 14 to March 31, 1926
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

This Convention is being called by the undersigned Committee of Presidents of Divisions of the U. N. I. A., who represent the vast membership in the United States of America. This action has the warm approval of the Hon. Marcus Garvey, Founder and President-General of the U. N. I. A., now paying the price for a noble work in Atlanta Federal Prison.

There is urgent necessity for a change in the present administration of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and its auxiliaries, and this Convention will, among other things, elect officers so as to insure the successful carrying forward of the work so ably begun and fostered by our great leader.

All divisions and chapters throughout the world are requested to send delegates to this great Convention. Members will see that their branches are adequately represented. Delegates must be provided with properly signed credentials. Address all inquiries in regard to the Convention to Committee of Presidents.

Care of Mr. JOSEPH A. CRAIGEN, Sec'y

1516 Russell Street
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Let every true and loyal member do all in his or her power to make this Convention a striking success. Now is the time to take action to put your organization over the top. Africa is calling, and we must answer with one voice.

Let us allow nothing to stand in the way of the prosecution of our program for a free and redeemed Africa.

To stage this Convention thousands of dollars will be required. To meet the expenses every division, chapter and individual member is asked to contribute liberally to a Convention Fund. All donations must be sent to Committee of Presidents, care Mr. J. A. Craigen, 1516 Russell street, Detroit, Mich.

Fuller details in regard to the Convention and the collection of the Fund will be furnished all branches without delay.

Let us bend every energy to make March, 1926, live in the memory.
All roads must lead to Detroit.

February 12, 1926.

- HON. FRED A. TOOTE, President, Philadelphia Division.
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- HON. SAMUEL A. HAYNES, President, Pittsburgh Division.
- HON. JOSEPH A. CRAIGEN, Secretary, Detroit Division.

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