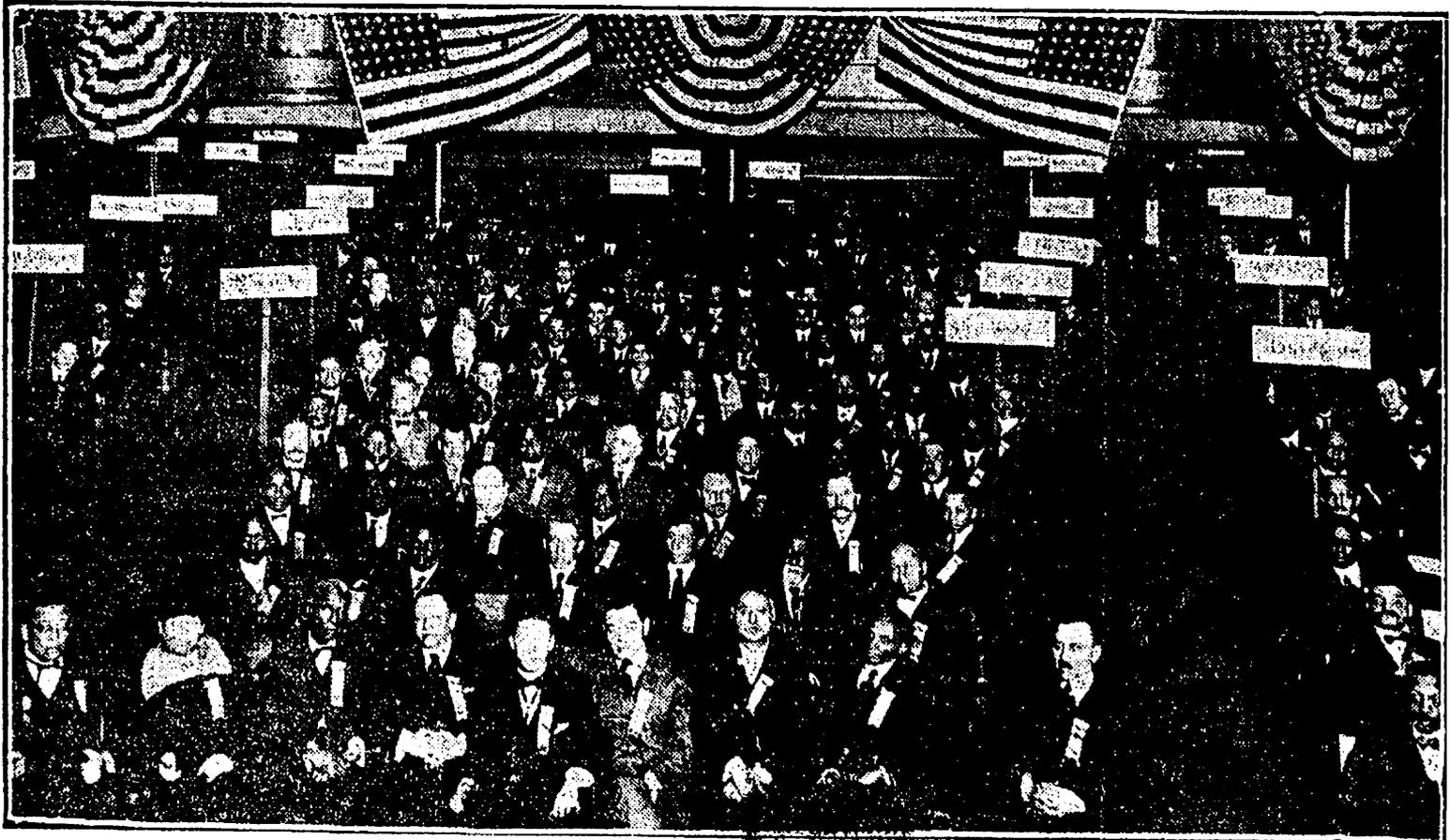


DELEGATES ATTENDING LINCOLN MEETING SOUTH PARK M. E. CHURCH, CHICAGO, FEB. 11



The Lincoln League of America assembled Wednesday morning, Feb. 11, at South Park M. E. church, was called to order by Perry W. Howard of Mississippi, who introduced Alderman Louis B. Anderson of Chicago as temporary chairman. The key-note address was delivered by Col. Roscoe Simmons. This meeting was in celebration of the first anniversary; the call was read by Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson of Georgia; invocation by Dr. J. W. Reynolds of Memphis, Tenn. At the first session of the convention over 400 delegates answered the roll call, representing every state in the Union.

The gathering was conspicuous by the absence of former Governor Pinchback of Louisiana. A number of brief addresses were made by notable characters representing the various states. Among them were Editor W. H. Stewart, Hon. W. C. Napier, former registrar of the treasury; ex-Congressman John R. Lynch, Ralph W. Tyler of Ohio, former auditor of the navy. The trend of each speaker led to the conclusion that the fight was on to make America safe for Americans—safe against disfranchisement, against prejudicial labor organizations, against Jim-Crow cars, against mob violence and lynching. Resolutions were presented by Hon. Edward H. Wright, delegate from Illinois, calling attention to Section 2 of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, that representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective number, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians,

not taxed. But when "the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a state, or the members of the legislature thereof is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such state being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such state." The object of Delegate Wright's resolution was to enforce the strict provisions of the Constitution.

The following delegates registered at the Defender office: Henry Lincoln John, Atlanta; Thomas W. Fleming and wife, Cleveland; Chas. H. Galloway, Kansas City; A. G. Perkins, Galveston; Walter L. Cohen, New Orleans; Dr. S. A. Furniss, Indianapolis; Anthony Josey, Madison, Wis.; Isaac H. Nutter, Atlantic City; Pleas B. Boales, Denison, Tex.; W. F. Satterwhite, Albany, Ga.; Wm. Warley, Henry Allen, Louisville; Sidney B. Thompson, Cleveland; R. S. Lewis, Memphis; J. E. Shipp, Jackson, Miss.; Jas. Boyd, Detroit; Wm. McDonald, Fort Worth; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Frankfort; Maj. R. A. Byrd, Springfield, Ill.; Jos. L. Jones, Cincinnati; Frank D. Donaldson, Kalamazoo; Dr. F. F. Lytes, Pine Bluff; Judge Scipio Jones, Little Rock.

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