

1908 - Twentieth Anniversary Year - 1928

FORD HALL FORUM

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MARCH 4

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA KROPOTKIN—Daughter of Prince Peter Kropotkin

"The Russian Riddle: Is the Peasant Defeating Communism?"

Musical Program—SARAH G. MINDES, *Violinist*

LINWOOD D. SCRIVEN, *Accompanist*

MARCH 11

DR. MORDECAI WYATT JOHNSON—President of Howard University

"The Conquest of Prejudices"

Musical Program—THE LYRIC MALE QUARTETTE

1st Tenor—John H. Powell

1st Bass—Alfred T. Clark

2nd Tenor—Paul L. Broadnaux

2nd Bass—Gilbert C. Harvey

MARCH 18

ANNA LOUISE STRONG—Author, Traveler and Lecturer

"From Moscow to Hankow: Behind the Scenes in China's Revolution"

Musical Program—RODOLPHE JANSON-LA PALME, *Baritone*

Arias and Art Songs

MARCH 25

MORRIS HILLQUIT—America's Leading Socialist

"Socialism and Soviet Russia"

Musical Program—*Peabody House Chorus, Orchestra and Soloists*

RUSSELL COOK, *Conductor*

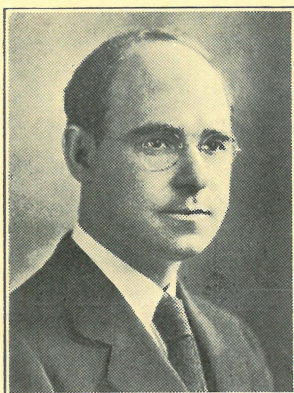
FORD HALL, Corner Bowdoin Street and Ashburton Place.
Doors open at 7.00 o'clock. Half-hour Concert. Address by noted Speaker.
Questions from the Audience.

TO HELP MEET EXPENSES A SILVER COLLECTION IS TAKEN AT THE DOOR

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA KROPOTKIN, only daughter of the famous scientist and social reformer, the late Prince Peter Kropotkin, has had a unique opportunity to study the Revolution in Russia. Her family traces its descent in an uninterrupted line from the first Rurik who came to rule Russia in 862 A.D. Prince Peter Kropotkin, after having been the personal favorite of Tsar Alexander II, forsook a brilliant court career to become a Cossack Officer, attached to the Governor General of Siberia, and there he saw that which made him a revolutionary working for the overthrow of autocracy in Russia. After his escape from the Fortress of Peter and Paul, where he was imprisoned for his writings and speeches against Czarism, Prince Kropotkin lived in London where his house was for many years the meeting ground for the most famous scientists and social reformers of the whole world. To meet representatives of a dozen different nationalities in his drawing-room was a common occurrence. The Princess was, however, as strictly trained in imperial behavior as in democratic principles. She went to Russia in 1915, and then foresaw and predicted the Revolution. For eighteen months before that Revolution came she was in the closest touch with the men who later formed the Kerensky Government. There is no phase in the Imperial downfall, or the Provisional Government, of which she cannot speak from personal knowledge. And her estimate of what Russia has gone through and still has to face is not warped by either personal resentment or political theories. She has mysticism held in check by a sturdy common sense and a rich sense of humor; she has great personal charm, of appearance, dress and manner. Princess Kropotkin, who speaks Russian and English equally well, says, "Russia, to the entire civilized world, is a riddle—a riddle past solving, to most people; a riddle with a solution only to those who know the Russian peasant; his past, what the present regime has brought him and what every Russian patriot prays hourly the future may make of him—a peaceable, prosperous small farmer." Princess Kropotkin considers that the Revolution was inevitable but is entirely out of sympathy with the doctrines of Communism. The Princess says, "Today Russia does not need material charity, but more than ever does she need understanding. Such understanding should be given as bare justice by the great democracies of the world, to a people whose ideal is to till the soil and whose struggle against autocracy is, as it has always been, single-handed."



ALEXANDRA KROPOTKIN
March 4

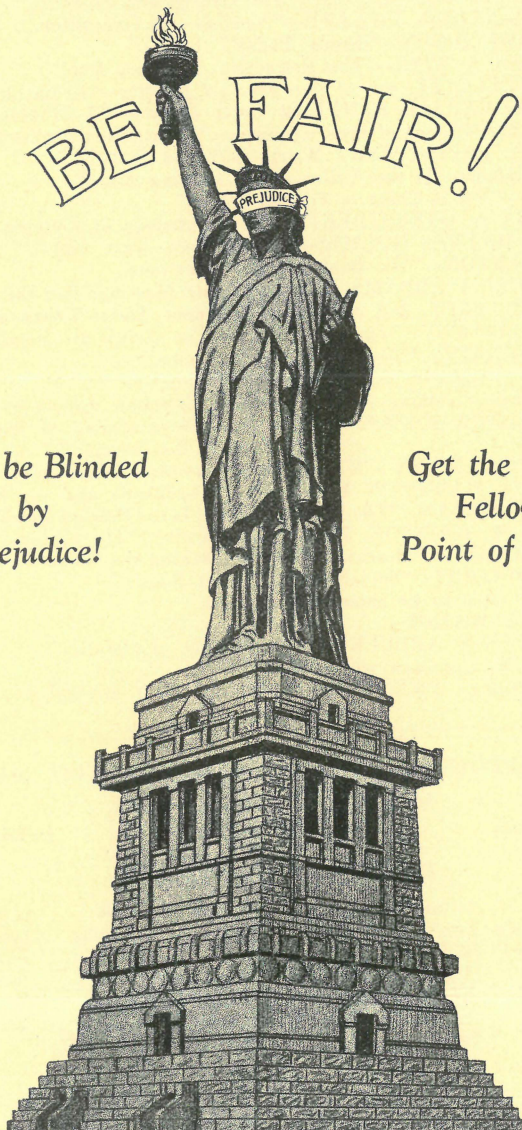


MORDECAI W. JOHNSON
March 11

Dr. MORDECAI WYATT JOHNSON, President of Howard University, was born January 12, 1890 at Paris, Henry County, Tennessee. He graduated from Morehouse College in 1911, and was Professor of English at Morehouse College from 1911-13. He attended Rochester Theological Seminary 1913-16, pastoring at the Second Baptist Church at Mumfords, N. Y., at the same time. He received the degree Bachelor of Divinity from Rochester Theological Seminary in 1921. In 1921, he entered Harvard on leave of absence for a year's study, receiving the degree of Master of the Science of Theology. In June, 1922, he delivered, at the Commencement, an address entitled "The Faith of the American Negro." While he was at Harvard he was an attendant at the Ford Hall Forum. June 30, 1925, he was elected to the presidency of Howard University, the first of his race to head the institution sometimes referred to as "the cap-stone of Negro education." Howard University embraces a school of medicine, school of dentistry, school of religion, school of law and many others. The College at present has an enrollment of two thousand. You will be interested in reading what Mrs. Walter

Rauschenbusch, the widow of the saintly Walter Rauschenbusch who was such a warm friend of the Ford Hall Forum, has to say about our speaker for this evening. Mrs. Rauschenbusch heard President Johnson deliver a sermon in Rochester a year ago and wrote, "It was certainly the most remarkable thing I've heard in ten years or more—such love, such humility, such concrete application—everyone was too much moved to breathe almost—he was trying to tell his people how to transmute their humiliations—their sufferings—into sufferings as Christ suffered—not unwillingly but sacrificially for the ultimate good. He gave them concrete examples. Dr. Johnson was a pupil of Walter's, who loved him dearly—as he would a son—and considered him the most brilliant student that the Rochester Theological Seminary ever had. There is so much reserve power in the man—he is so quiet in his delivery—so absolutely master of the situation—he carries his audience with him—I felt that he is one of the great social forces." We are glad to present for the first time to a Boston audience this man who seems destined to be one of the intellectual leaders of America.

BE FAIR!



Don't be Blinded
by
Prejudice!

Get the Other
Fellows'
Point of View!

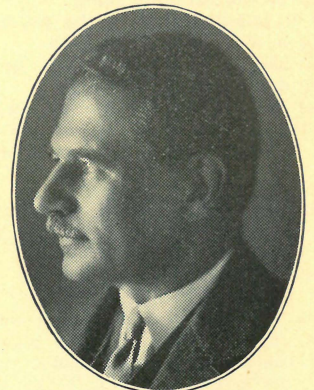
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SAFETY VALVE of AMERICA



ANNA LOUISE STRONG
March 18

auto, traveling three thousand kilometers through districts hitherto untraversed by machines, then to Moscow by auto and the Trans-Siberian Railway in time for Miss Strong to attend the Congress of Women Officials from all the Soviet Union on October 8. Meantime Miss Strong has written two books, "China Aflame" and "From Hankow to Moscow in the Caravan of Borodin," which are being published by the largest publishing house in Russia, and are being published also in Germany and France and will later be published in America. Miss Strong will have an unusual story to tell of the Chinese Revolution, of adventures in the backyard of China and of the historic journey with Borodin's Caravan across the Gobi Desert.

MORRIS HILLQUIT, America's leading Socialist, was born in Riga, Russia, in 1869. Emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1886. Graduated New York University Law School 1893, and has engaged in the practice of law since then. An able and very successful lawyer, he has, however, at great sacrifice of time and strength devoted himself to Socialist causes in particular, but also to other liberal movements, supporting La Follette in 1924. In 1917, he was nearly elected Mayor of New York City on the Socialist ticket. The inside story of that election makes interesting reading. Many New York citizens will tell you that Hillquit was actually elected but that the ballots were destroyed and he was counted out. His debates with our good friend Father Ryan on Socialism attracted international attention. He is the author of the following books: "History of Socialism in the United States," "Socialism in Theory and Practice," "Socialism Summed Up," "Socialism—Promise or Menace" (with John A. Ryan), "From Marx to Lenin." Last year Mr. Hillquit, as many of you will remember, had to cancel his engagement with us because of serious illness. We have asked Mr. Hillquit to take this particular subject, "Socialism and Soviet Russia," that he is to discuss for us because there is a good deal of confusion in the minds of many about the differences between Socialism and Communism. People who know nothing about either think they are both one and the same thing, and those of us who want to be accurate in our knowledge of political movements will welcome this opportunity to listen to an expert tell us wherein Socialism and Communism are similar and where they branch off. Those of us who know anything at all about these two parties know that the antagonism between them is greater than between any other political parties known to history. It is said that the Communist dislikes a Socialist more than he does a member of the Republican or Democratic party. That is why we are in for a very illuminating as well as spirited evening.

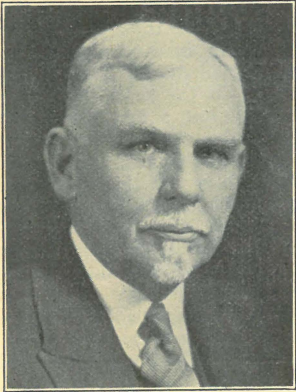


MORRIS HILLQUIT
March 25

Each subject presented at the Ford Hall Forum is further considered during the following week in various DISCUSSION GROUPS, where a critical study of the subject is possible.

Three of these DISCUSSION GROUPS are open without charge to all attendants at the Forum, namely:

Tuesdays at 8 P. M. in Room 1243, Little Building.
Thursdays at 8 P. M. in the Library at Temple Israel.
Fridays at 8 P. M. in Room 355, Little Building.



Save This Date:

TUESDAY EVENING — APRIL 17

To Celebrate The Twentieth Anniversary of the Ford Hall Forum,—

To Welcome Home our Leader—George W. Coleman,—

To Express our Appreciation to him and all those who have made these meetings possible.

Further particulars later.

FORUM SONGS

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

NATIONAL NEGRO ANTHEM

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heav-en ring,
Ring with the har-mo-nies of Lib-er-ty;
Let our re-joic-ing rise,
High as the list-ning skies,
Let it re-sound loud as the roll-ing sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
That the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us;
Facing the ris-ing sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till vic-to-ry is won.

God of our wea-ry years,
God of our si-lent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way.
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us in-to the light,
Keep us for-ev-er in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the pla-ces,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine,
Of the world, we for-get Thee.
Shad-owed be-neath Thy hand,
May we for-ev-er stand,
True to our God,
True to our na-tive land.

—Jas. Weldon Johnson.

THE DAY OF THE PEOPLE IS DAWNING

(Music: Lyons—Francis Joseph Haydn)

We knelt before kings; we went before lords;
For theirs were the crowns, and theirs were the swords:

But the times of the bending and bowing are past,
And the day of the people is dawning at last!

We cringed before gold; we deified wealth;
We laid on its altar the life and the health
Of manhood and womanhood, childhood and youth:
But its lordship is doomed in this day of the truth.

The strength of the State we'll lavish on more
Than making of wealth and making of war;
We are learning at last, though the lesson comes late,
That the making of man is the task of the state.

Great Day of Jehovah, prophets and seers
Have sung of thy coming thousands of years;
Thank God for each sign that the dark night is past;
And the day of the people is dawning at last!

—William P. Merrill.

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

—Katharine Lee Bates.

SPEAKERS and TOPICS for THIS SEASON

- Oct. 16 NORMAN HAPGOOD—"Professional Patriots: Seeing Red."
Prof. ZECHARIAH CHAFEE, Jr.—"Free Speech Versus Violence."
23 Rev. JONES I. CORRIGAN, S.J.—"The Church and Politics."
30 OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD—"Needed—An Opposition."
- Nov. 6 Prof. JEROME DAVIS—"Russia Today."
13 Dr. STEPHEN S. WISE—"The Retraction of Henry Ford."
20 PHIL LA FOLLETTE, son of late Sen. La Follette—"Democracy vs. Dictatorship."
27 U. S. Senator GERALD P. NYE, of North Dakota—"A Program For Progressives."
R. F. CLEVELAND, son of Pres. Cleveland—"Government Regulation of Big Business."
- Dec. 4 Dr. JOHN A. LAPP—"What's Wrong with the Catholic."
11 STANLEY HIGH—"Is the Yellow Peril Turning Red?"
P. W. KUO—"Not if China is Treated White."
18 Prof. HARRY A. OVERSTREET—"The Psychology of Keeping Young."
- Jan. 1 Rev. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES—"If the State Were Moral!"
8 V. F. CALVERTON—"The Bankruptcy of Marriage."
Rabbi SAMUEL J. ABRAMS—"Companionate Marriage Not the Solution."
15 CHARLES P. TAFT, 2nd, son of ex-President Taft—"Crime and Its Treatment."
22 Dr. LEWIS BROWNE—"That Man Heine: The Ordeal of Changing One's Religion."
29 Miss IRMA KRAFT—"New Viewpoints in Drama."
Mrs. MARY AUSTIN—"New Movements in Poetry."
- Feb. 5 FLOYD DELL—"Looking At Life Through Freudian Spectacles."
12 JAMES WELDON JOHNSON—"The New Emancipation of the Negro:
His Artistic Renaissance."
19 Rabbi LOUIS L. MANN—"Why I Hate War—And What Next?"
26 Prof. DANIEL HARRISON KULP, II—"Propaganda and the Educational Myth."
- Mar. 4 Princess KROPOTKIN—"The Russian Riddle: Is the Peasant Defeating Communism?"
11 MORDECAI W. JOHNSON, Pres. Howard Univ.—"The Conquest of Prejudices."
18 ANNA L. STRONG—"Moscow to Hankow: Behind the Scenes in China's Revolution."
25 MORRIS HILLQUIT—"Socialism and Soviet Russia."
- Apr. 1 Speaker and topic to be announced.
8 Dr. JAMES J. WALSH—
15 Rev. CHARLES N. ARBUCKLE—"In Defence of Heretics."
(GEORGE W. COLEMAN will preside)
17 (Tuesday evening) TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

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