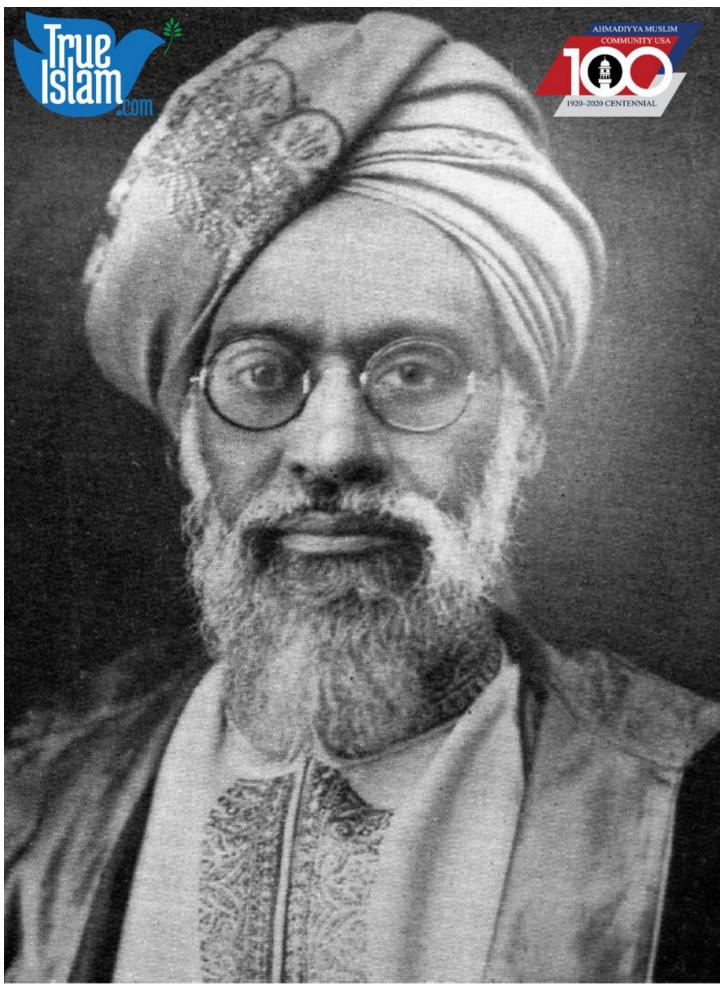
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101 years ago today, Islam reemerged in modern America with the arrival in Philadelphia of a sage and scholar named Mufti Muhammad Sadiq.

Follow along as we recount his story alongside a brief history of Muslims in the United States. (1/16) #100YearMovement



The presence of Islam in America dates back to the 13 colonies, when West Africans were enslaved and brought to the new world against their will. Many were Muslim and continued to practice their faith even as it was impossible for them to live freely. (2/16)

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But by the end of the 19th century, Islam as a religion in the U.S. started to wane. The descendants of Muslim slaves had little connection to their forefathers, though some had inherited relics such as prayer mats and copies of the Holy Quran. (3/16)

Around the same time Islam was fading in America, a new spiritual movement was awakening halfway across the world.

It was known as the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India. (4/16)

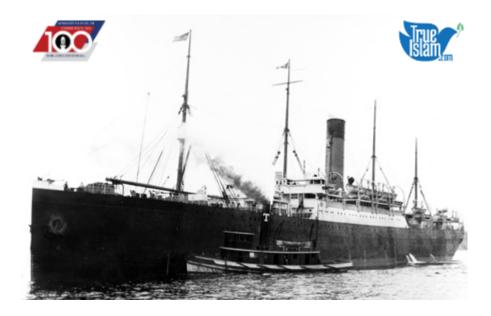
#PromisedMessiah



Ahmad claimed to be the awaited latter day reformer and Messiah for all religions, who came to revive the true and essential teachings taught by the Holy Prophet of Islam. His movement began as a small group in an Indian village and has grown to millions worldwide today. (5/16)

In Dec. 1919, the 2nd Caliph (successor) to the Promised Messiah and the global leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, instructed Mufti Sadiq—one of the community's learned missionaries and a companion of the Promised

Mufti Sadiq set sail from England on Jan. 26, 1920, aboard the SS Haverford. During his sea voyage to America, he preached the message of the Holy Prophet of Islam and the Promised Messiah, converting men from Bosnia, England, Syria and China. (7/16)



Mufti Sadiq landed on the shores of the United States on Feb. 15, 1920—exactly 101 years ago today. But his entry into America was not without trials. In fact, he was arrested and detained for two months before being allowed to enter Philadelphia. (8/16)

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During his imprisonment, he wasted no time in his mission, sharing the message of Islam with his fellow detainees—19 of whom converted as Muslims by the time he was released. (9/16)

After being released, Mufti Sadiq spread the teachings of Islam around the US, delivering more than 50 public lectures and earning favorable coverage from newspapers in more than 25 states. One paper noted his success in spreading Islam "without the sword." (10/16)



Cutting from The Philadelphia Inquirer (14 March 1920) in which news was given on Hazrat Mufti Sahib's detention upon arrival in the USA | Ahmadiyya ARC

# ALIENS IMPATIENT AT LONG DETENTION

Englishman With American Wife Held at Gloucester Station Hopes for Release

GLOUCESTER, N. J., March 13.-GLOUCESTER, N. J., March 13.— There are two impatient aliens in the detention house of the Bureau of Im-migration who are anxious to know whether they are going to be liberated soon or sent back across the ocean. One of them is Robert James Rock-ford, the young Englishman, who has an American wife in Boston, Mass., and has been ordered deported because he came across as a stowaway without

and has been ordered deported because he came across as a stowaway without a passport. He was scheduled to go back two weeks ago, but the ship on which he was to go did not go to Liverpool. He believes that the State Department will eventually release him so that he can join his American wife in Boston. Assistant Commissioner James I. Hughes said today that his case remains in the same state as before and he will go back on the first ship of the American Line that leaves Philadelphia for Liverpool. Then he will apply for a passport and come back will apply for a passport and come back as soon as possible. The other detained alien is Mufti

Sadiq, the East Indian missionary, who

arrived three weeks ago on the steam-ship Haverford for the purpose of or-ganizing Mohammed branches in the United States. He will not be released until he can prove to the authorities in Washington that he is a legitimate Ahmadi preacher. Sadiq has sent at least a hundred letters to Washington to prove his standing. to prove his standing.

#### Haddonfield Girl to Wed

Special to The Inquir HADDONFIELD, N. J., March 13 .-Invitations were issued for the wedding of Miss Helen Biddle Dewey, daughter of Miss Helen Biddle Dewey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Dewey, of 210 Washington avenue, and Albert D. Stiles, of 421 Penn street, Camden, to take place on the evening of March 31 at the Dewey residence. The Rev. Joseph B. C. Mackie, pastr of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Miss Helen Irving, of 401 Mansion avenue, and Miss Marie Sitley, of 200 Mansion avenue, will be the bridesmaids. A twin brother of Mr. Stiles, George Stiles, of North Broad street, Philadelphia, will be the best man. After the wedding the pair will reside at 3531 North Twenty-first street, Philadelphia.

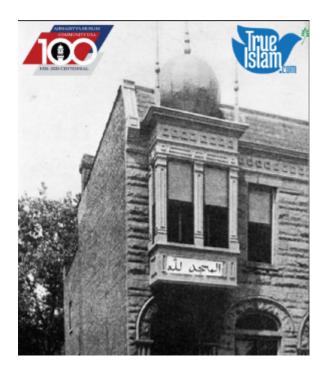
### Sea Isle City Approves Budget

SEA ISLE CITY, N. J., March 13.— The Commissioners have approved the school budget as prepared by the Board of Education, calling for \$9400. The State will add about \$3500. Teachers' salaries will amount to \$5400; \$1400 is provided to repair the schoolhouse, and \$1370 will be needed for transportation of high school pupils to Ocean City, besides \$600 for their tuition.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 14, 1920

Mufti Sadig was tireless in traveling around the country and corresponding with Americans of all stripes, including President Warren Harding, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. He befriended Marcus Garvey and converted many of his followers. (11/16)

In Oct. 1920, Mufti Sadiq moved the US headquarters of the community to Chicago, establishing the first Ahmadiyya mosque on Wabash Avenue. Now known as the Al-Sadiq Mosque, it is one of the earliest mosques in the US and the oldest standing mosque in the country. (12/16)



The construction of the Chicago mosque was funded predominantly by donations from African American converts, who were drawn to Islam's message of social and racial harmony. (13/16) #BlackHistoryMonth

In Highland Park, Mich., he opened a mosque that welcomed "believers of all religions." He explained it was a Muslim's duty to be a good citizen and learn the country's language. The Detroit Free Press headline of the inauguration read "Moslems Avow Loyalty to US." (14/16)

Within 13 years of Mufti Muhammad Sadiq's arrival in the United States, 20,000 Americans had become Ahmadi Muslims. His legacy lives on today.

Read more about his life and work here (15/16): https://t.co/hLJOxc9LoC

Stay tuned for more on the history of Ahmadi Muslims in the US and the message of the #PromisedMessiah this week. (16/16)

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