

**CRIME IS A DISEASE THAT
DRAWS NO COLOR LINE**

**Influential White Daily of South Has
Interesting Editorial.**

(By Associated Negro Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 16.—The following editorial expression from the Columbia State, one of the most influential dailies of the south, is being generally discussed by people of all classes and is regarded as one of the frankest expressions of the results of lawlessness ever printed. It says:
Attacks on Negroes merely because they are Negroes, as reported from Georgia, excite the indignation of all self-respecting white men of the south. When a crime is committed by a Negro and white ruffians set out to chase and kill other Negroes, against whose innocence is no shadow of evidence, these white men place themselves on the level of the Turks who massacre Armenians—they are a disgrace to the citizenry of any land, civilized or semi-civilized.

Occasionally a man has killed an innocent Negro and fancied that "he got by with it"—but it is not true. Manslaying is not necessarily murder, the laws wisely draw the distinctions, but no mortal man has ever gained by murder, whether his victim was of the lowly or the mighty, and no murderer goes unpunished that the country of the murderer does not suffer the penalty many times over.

Thousands of graves of white men slain by white men are in the cemeteries of the south because of the toleration and tacit encouragement of murder of Negroes for when the white jury neglects to punish the murderer of a Negro it fosters murder as a habit. Probably never was an innocent Negro slaughtered in the south that some white man, not in any way connected with the quarrel, did not bite the dust as a result of it for the simple reason that crime is a disease that draws no color line and white men infected with it by the killing of Negroes infect their brethren.

It is in the law of nature that the killing of Negroes does not go unavenged and there is many a family of white orphans in the south that owe their sorrowful condition to the folly that permits the practice of lawlessness against men with black skins.

**AUSTIN AGAIN SHOWS
FOOLISH NARROWNESS**

**Refuses to Grant Charter to Negro
Protective Association—Claims Segregation Laws Enacted for Protection of Negroes.**

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Austin, Tex., Sept. 17.—In rejecting a charter for the incorporation of the Star Progressive Association, with headquarters at Greenville, the acting secretary of state, Judge C. D. Mims, Friday took occasion to point out that the segregation laws of Texas were enacted for the protection of the Negro; for the prevention of race disturbances, and that they have well served that purpose. If it were permitted to mingle the races in street cars, railroad trains, places of amusement, and hotels and restaurants, there would very quickly be a condition which would be most disastrous to the Negro; and so, for the protection of the loyal and respectable element of that race, the segregation laws must stand.

The purposes set forth in this application for a charter are numerous and because of this reason the application was rejected. The charter is contrary to the statutes in that it contains a considerable number of purposes; and the secretary of state is restricted in filing charters, and they must contain only such purposes as are closely allied and related and permissible. He is not authorized to file such charters as this.

Information in the office of the secretary of state from most reliable sources, is that the particular organization was planned in France; that it is to be restricted to the soldiers who were in service abroad largely, though influential and well to do Negroes who may desire to join will be taken in as members.

There has been a rush for such charters as is proposed in this filing and several schemes of similar sort have been and will be rejected on the broad ground that "Social Equality" is really what is aimed at.

AN "AMERICA SAFE" SUNDAY

**Colored Race Urged to Hold Meetings
Simultaneously All Over the Country
on Sunday, September 21 for
Protection in Our Land—Each Meeting
to Choose Delegates to National
Gathering for a "Safe America"
September 23 to 25.**

Boston, Mass., Sept. 8.—The slogan "To Make America Safe for Americans," as the object of the 12th annual meeting of the National Equal Rights League to be held in the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, 15th street, between L and M streets, Washington, D. C., September 23-25, has met the hearty approval of the race. Indorsements of this object for the convention has been received at the office of the corresponding secretary here from all quarters.

Hence the league has decided to ask the entire race to hold simultaneously all over the country, mass meetings demanding a "Safe America" on Sunday, September 21, and asking the favor of Almighty God in the struggle for our rights. It is suggested that these race meetings be called by Equal Rights committee of citizens or of the church and, each meeting constituting itself a local league, send delegates to the national convention for a Safe America of the Equal Rights League on September 23.

Such a spontaneous nation-wide movement will certainly impress our fellow Americans and the government that we, as a race are determined to get equal rights. Let "On to Washington for September 23-25" be a national race cry and we shall win by a united spirit. We certainly need to be banded together for protection now. Secretary J. L. Neill, 906 T street, N. W., will supply all desired information.

A NATIONAL RACE CONVENTION

Time—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, September 23-25, 1919.
Place—Metropolitan A. M. E. church, 15th street, N. W. Between 15th and 16th, Washington, D. C.

Of—National Equal Rights League of U. S. A.

For—"Making America Safe for Americans."
By—(a) Plan for national race defense. (b) Program of rights protection through enforcement of amendments. (c) Internationalization of cause of race.

Features—(a) Delegate Wm. Trotter's report of trip to Paris. (b) First hand reports of race conflicts in Texas, Washington and Chicago. (c) Banquet—International speakers.

Delegates—Branch leagues, active or non-active—Also new branches, race persons everywhere being authorized to form local leagues at once to send delegates—All religious, fraternal and other bodies subscribing to principles of league for equality of rights. Delegate fee \$1.

Information—Address inquiries to J. L. Neil, secretary, 906 T street, N. W., Washington, D. C., or Wm. M. Trotter, 34 Cornhill, Boston.

Invitation—Come, colored America, to prepare for safety and liberty—form local leagues, or affiliate your present organization.

Action—Make Sunday, September 21st, "Safe America Sunday," and every place hold mass meetings and send delegates to "Safe America" convention.

Rev. E. M. Moore, Pennsylvania, president; N. S. Taylor, esquire, Mississippi, and Rev. A. C. Powell, N. Y., vice presidents; Rev. B. Gunner, N. Y., chairman executive committee; Prof. A. W. Whaley, national organizer; T. Walker, District of Columbia, treasurer.

**CONFESSES HIMSELF
TO BE A BOLSHEVIST**

Sims, for Thirty Years Member Chicago Federation of Labor, Makes Frank Statement of His Position—Claims Millions of Working Men Believe as He Does.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 3.—There will be race riots in every city of the United States until the whites allow the Negroes to work alongside with them on terms of equality. It is because the capitalists know they have 12,000,000 Negroes in this country to take the place of white workers who strike that they dare refuse to meet the demands of the working-men.

R. T. Sims, a Negro, member for thirty years of the Chicago Federation of Labor, and also a member of the I. W. W., made these statements at the I. W. W. hall, 119 South Throop street, at the weekly meeting Sunday night. He was speaking on the "Race Question and Its Situation"

Sims is employed in the city hall and is affiliated with the Municipal Janitors' union.

He said a majority of Negroes employed in the stock yards do not want to join any union. In explanation he said the unions had once had an opportunity to capture all the Negroes employed in the yards.

"But they failed," said Mr. Sims,

"because they allowed race prejudice to stand in the way. Today the Negroes are thinking along more radical lines than the organized unions. Bolshevism is spreading among them.

"They see that the American Federation of Labor, as run by Gompers, is simply a tool of the capitalists," he said.

"I myself am a Bolshevist, if believing in the soviet form of government such as is now running Russia constitutes the making of a Bolshevist. And the business interests of the country are beginning to realize that there are millions of working men who believe as I do—in Bolshevism as a means of attaining our demands for a fair share of our labors."

Following his address, Mr. Sims was loudly applauded. "Big Bill" Haywood, erstwhile leader of the I. W. W., and recently released from Leavenworth prison, was one of the first to reach the platform to congratulate "Fellow Worker" Sims on his speech.

**GIRLS IN HOME
REVOLT AND ESCAPE**

Attack Superintendent With Clubs, Smash Furniture and Hurl Bricks.

Tipton, Mo., Sept. 3.—The ninety-four Negro girls, inmates of the industrial home here, engaged in a pitched battle recently, the culmination of bad feeling which has existed for

some time between the girls and the superintendent, Mrs. S. P. Sanderson.

Esther Bolton and Lorene Henry of St. Louis and Lela Collier of Kansas City were the leaders. Lela Collier attacked the superintendent with a club. Knives, clubs and brick bats were freely used.

Approximately half of the girls were in the corridors when the trouble started and they released the remainder from their rooms by forcing their doors open, badly defacing them.

Two girls jumped from the second story to the ground. Window lights and safety screens were broken, furniture defaced.

Former Governor Painter, member of the prison board, accompanied by Porter Gilvin, warden of the penitentiary, Theo. Stuckenschneider and Pen Morris, officers of that institution came, on the suggestion of Mayor James, and took the leaders to the penitentiary.

The girls were found in various parts of the country, but all were returned to the institution but two.

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**CAMPBELL'S REMARKS RAISE
STORM OF PROTEST**

**Extracts From Speech That Calls
Down Ire of His Race.**

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Austin, Tex., Sept. 16.—President L. L. Campbell said concerning the race question:

"There is no just ground for complaint. The races in the south are getting along smoothly, and where the Negro accepts that advice of his white neighbor, prosperity is in evidence.

"The officers of the law who took necessary precautions to prevent a clash were indeed wise, for at this present moment an altercation between black men and white men, while not so intended, might possibly have been

the means of the death of many innocent good citizens of both races.

"I recommend that the executive board tender its services to Governor Hobby and the authorities, assuring them of our sincerity and readiness to co-operate for the enforcement of law.

"We should let it be known by the passionate, extremist, irreconcilable persons of our own race seeking fights with other persons that we do not approve of this and will in no sense be responsible for the outcome.

"Our people should be advised to obey the law, stay in their places, keep busy, and refuse to be hoodwinked by idle and purposeless classes.

"I am awfully sick of this scare-crow of social equality and Negro domination, terms coined by cheap politicians."

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