General Race News

THE NOBLER RACE?

(From Wednesday's News.)

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 11.-While 300 persons cheered him and prayed for him, a Negro boy swam out from a bank of the swollen Passiac river this afternoon into the rushing current until he was within a few feet of the eighty-foot drop of Great Falls and certain death, tied a rope about the limp body of Josephine Dermico, and held fast to her until willing hands pulled the unconscious girl and her rescuer to safety.

Atlantic Highlands, N. J., Aug. 11. -Asserting that a number of white bathers made no attempt to save a young Negro from drowning in Clapit Creek this afternoon, the Negro population of this place is indignant tonight. The drowned Negro was Harold Young, 19, of 135 West 132d street, New York City. Several Negro men and women who were on the beach at the time say there were a number of white bathers near by when Young sank, but that none of them went to his aid despite his cries for help.

These two items printed as above under the caption "The Nobler Race?" appeared in a recent issue of "The Evening Post," New York's fairest and most liberalminded daily newspaper. The noble-hearted Villard meant to drive home a much needed lesson by printing these news items together. Do you grasp his meaning? -Editor.

FRANK'S BODY SAVED FROM THE MOB BY NEGROES

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 17-When Judge Newton A. Morris made his plea to the mob, asking that the body of Leo Frank, who was taken from the state prison at Milledgeville and brought to this town and lynched, be not mutilated, the only men he could find in the crowd of more than 5,000 who had the courage to support his request and take an active part in the rescuing of the body were two Negroes.

The Associated Press, after telling of the cutting down of the body, told the story as follows:

"At that instant the man who had voted 'no' ran forward and began kicking the body.

"Again and again, as a man grinds the head of a snake under his heel, did the man in his awful frenzy drive his heel into the face of Leo Frank. grinding the black hair of the dead man into the black dirt.

"'Stop him! For God's sake stop him!' cried Judge Morris as he ran up the the man and begged him to stop. "A Negro ran up to Judge Morris. 'Here I am, Judge,' he said. 'Here's the wagon.'

"Judge Morris gave orders and the Negro and another opened the back of the wagon and pulled out an undertaker's basket and started with it toward the body.

"'Bring the body on, men,' shouted Judge Morris; 'bring it on.'

"But none of them would pick it up, and Judge Morris, beckoning to the Negroes, wedged in and worked his way toward the body until the Negroes finally got hold of it and started toward the undertaker's wagon."

MORE CONVENTIONS FOR OMAHA

Two more big conventions have selected Omaha as the best place on the anyone is punished or not. map for their annual meeting. The

Northwestern Hotel Men's association and the United Master Butchers of America will gather at Omaha next

"Protest and Then Simmer Down."

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 21, 1915.

To the Editor of The Monitor: Relative to the many opinions expressed by correspondents as to the effect of the Frank lynching, published in your issue of the 21st inst., permit me to venture my hummble opinion.

It seems that most people in the north, particularly Negroes, do not seriously taken into consideration the characteristics of the native South-

They forget that he is a product of an institution which flourished in this country for 250 years and which required a bloody, costly, four-year war to eradicate, namely, slavery. It is now fifty years since this transpired. Under the influence of this institution he grew up, generation after generation, obsessed with the idea that, because he was white, he was born to rule and the Negro to serve. This idea was, and is today, a part of the religion of the majority of the whites in the South. After the war, defeated, crushed but not conquered; slaves taken from him and all his institutions overturned and destroyed, he stood defiantly and asked his conquerer, "What next?" He has not forgotten nor forgiven the north for thus humiliating him. Notwithstanding the beautiful sentiments passed back and forth and from time to time at reunions, banquets, etc., about a "united country," "one flag," and all the rest of it, there is no sincerity in any of

In the north, when a particularly atrocious lynching occurs, the press, the pulpit occasionally, boils over in its usual indignant manner, and we Negroes protest and protest and then simmer down and quietly go on in our strenuous chase after the dollar, until the next lynching occurs, and repeat the performance. The Southerner knows this and he doesn't care two straws about it because he knows that the majority of northern whites don't care, and really sympathize with him. He also knows that the Negroes cannot help themselves.

Now, what effect will the Frank lynching have on the general situation? Absolutely none. True, he was a Jew and has a multitude of sympathizers. Much money will be spent in order to secure a conviction, but none will be secured. Why? Because no white man in Georgia can give any information in this case and live. No jury can be secured which will convict a single member of that mob, if he should be detected.

We should not forget that the commutation of Leo Frank's sentence was due wholly and directly to the petitions circulated in the north. And when Governor Slaton granted this commutation, it was a concession on his part, a southern man, to northern sentiment. The lynching of Frank was only an incident in the general spirit of latent hostility on the part of the majority of southerners who resent northern interference in their affairs. In a month from now, nobody outside of the immediate family of the victim will be concerned as to whether

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