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Ministers' Alliance of Birmingham
Appeal to Religious Leaders in
the North.

CHIEF CAUSES OF MIGRATION

Prejudice, Jim-Crowism, Disfranchise-
ment, Maltreatment Account for
Great Exodus.

Birmingham, Ala.—The A. M. E. Ministers' Alliance of Birmingham, has issued the following to Colored ministers North, East, South and West:

"To Colored Ministers North, East and West:

It is alarming to note the unrest and dissatisfaction among our people here in Birmingham, Ala., and throughout several southern states. This unrest, dissatisfaction and moving about of our people to certain parts of our commonwealth is nothing more or less than an effect. This effect cannot exist without a cause. The alarming and bitter effect is predicated upon multifarious causes, to-wit:

No. 1. **Prejudice.** The prejudice of our white south has been and is today, hot, bitter and strong. It is an incubator out of which have come many unfair things to stir up and cause this unrest and exodus of our people.

No. 2. **Disfranchisement.** Any sane man whether white or black, ought not to be deprived of his vote, because of color. The Negro was disfranchised many years ago in most of our southern states. This cause stirred him and created unrest, but he had no redress, nowhere to go until now.

No. 3. **"Jim Crowism."** "Jim Crowism" is anywhere and everywhere in our Southland, especially on the passenger trains with full fare paid for a first class ticket, only to take the fare that is not commensurate with the money paid. Added to this insult our women are forced into this embarrassing condition only to find in most every case that men and women use the same toilet. They are humiliated and with them this race of ours, in this Southland, are bleeding at the heart and have been and are and will continue to be dissatisfied unless our southern whites learn to treat us fairly and squarely on street cars, elevators, sitting rooms, parks and many other places, the treatment is not good.

No. 4. **Lynching.** God knows it is less than a shame for any people to claim civilization and Christianity and indulge in human slaughter without law, or reason. The law ought to have its course on all crimes.

No. 5. **Maltreatment.** Thousands of our people have for a long time over crowded the cities because of the bad treatment received on the farms. The landlords, merchants, and too many times our courts fail to observe the Golden Rule toward our people.

"German Barbarians" and the Infamous Ku Klux Klan

The Senior Senator From South Carolina, a State
Stained With the Blood of Murdered Blacks,
Horrified at German Ruthlessness.

A few days ago Ben Tillman, who has boasted in the United States Senate that the people of his state "shoot down 'Niggers' and will continue to do so to keep them in their place and make them understand that this is a white man's country"—God save the mark—insolently said: "Send Bernstorff back to his German barbarians." The country applauded this sentiment.

This only shows how purblind Americans are to their own moral turpitude. That a United States senator should be permitted in such a body as the United States Senate to openly boast that in his sovereign state they murder Americans for the atrocious crime of having been born black and go unrebuked should cause all decent Americans to hide their heads in shame. And it illy becomes one of the Tillman ilk to prate about "German barbarians!"

Moreover, in this connection, it may be well to call attention to the six months' record in sections of South Carolina of the Ku Klux Klan, that band of midnight marauders, murderers and despoilers of women who are being pictured today as paragons of virtue in widely-advertised movies. This is the record of that band of cut-throats for six months in only one section of South Carolina as published, after an official investigation, in 1871:

"In the nine counties covered by the investigation for a period of approximately six months, the Ku Klux Klan LYNCHED and MURDERED 35 men, whipped 262 men and women, other-

In other words, in our helpless condition, ignorant, poor and cowed down, we have been easy prey for the enemies of our race.

No. 6. **The Boll Weevil.** The Boll weevil has done its duty and has assisted much in giving rise to this great exodus.

No. 7. **Flood.** The July flood of 1916 did its work well and lent its help to this mighty exodus.

Following are some of the secondary causes: Because, for the first time in the history of our country Negro labor is in great demand in the shops, factories and railroads in the North, East and West; because he becomes a franchised elector in the North and can vote; because he is not "Jim Crowed" to death if he pays first class fare; because he is less liable to be lynched and has the protection of the law; because his children get the benefit of first class school facilities, and because more courteous treatment is accorded him and his family.

We, as ministers of the A. M. E.

wise OUTRAGED, shot, mutilated, burned out, etc., 101 persons. It committed cases of sex offenses against Negro women. During this time the Negroes killed four men (probably in self-defense—the Editor), beat one man, committed 16 other outrages, but no case of torture. No case is found of a white woman seduced or raped by a Negro.

"The reasons given for the Ku Klux outrages were that the victims should suffer in revenge for the killing of four men and for some cases of arson; that they were Republicans; that they were radical; that they had attempted to hold elections; that they were carrying arms (supplied by the governor of the state when he organized the Negro militia); that they were 'niggers'; that they were 'damn niggers'; that they boasted that they would own land."

The Ku Klux Klan were murderers, thieves, cowardly cut-throats, ravishers of women. But you know, according to Dixon and Tillman, they were most honorable men, who ravished, murdered, tortured and robbed "to protect white civilization in the South," Miserere, Domine!

And the pity of it is that the LYNCHING, MURDERING, BURNING and MALTREATING of men, women and children, because they are black, which was begun by the Ku Klux Klan, continues.

"German barbarians," indeed. And this in the face of the heroizing of the infamous Ku Klux Klan!

Ministers' Alliance of Birmingham, Ala., pray and beg that our ministers, and ministers of other denominations in the North, East and West, for humanity's sake look after these our poor helpless people, many of whom are splendid people. We are depending upon you not to lose a single opportunity to help our people make good in church, State and their daily vocation, through your advice and leadership.

We feel and believe that this great exodus is God's plan and hand. The great door of industrial, financial, political, educational, moral and religious hope has been thrown wide, and in a mysterious way, God is moving upon the hearts of our people to go where He has prepared for them. May the blessings of God attend your efforts to help and bless our people who are fleeing from oppression and maltreatment, from darkness to light.

The white people of Birmingham and vicinity are greatly alarmed over the preparations being made by Negroes to leave the South.

Interesting Facts Concerning Africa

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GREAT DEPOSITS OF MINERALS

Colonial Possessions of France and
England Cover Vast Extent
of Territory.

Nearly one-fourth of the earth's land surface is comprised within the continent of Africa. It is as far around the coast of Africa as it is around the world. Every eighth person of the world's population lives in the Dark Continent. The blacks double their numbers every 40 years and the whites every 80 years.

There are 843 languages and dialects in use among the blacks of Africa. Only a few of the languages have been reduced to writing. Thirty-five years ago the export of cocoa from the Gold Coast amounted to \$20,000. Today it is over \$8,000,000.

The coal fields of Africa aggregate 800,000 square miles; its copper fields equal those of North America and Europe combined, and it has undeveloped iron ore amounting to five times that of North America. Africa has 40,000 miles of river and lake navigation, and water powers aggregating 90 times those of Niagara Falls, according to the estimate of a writer in The World Outlook.

If Africa had the same proportion of railroad mileage as the United States according to its size, it would have 1,000,000 miles of track instead of the 25,000 miles now in operation. One area in Africa unoccupied by missionaries is three times the size of New England, a second would make four states like New York, a third would cover eight Iowas, and a fourth is 18 times the size of Ohio. Throughout Africa there is one missionary for every 133,000 souls.

Almost the entire continent is now under European flags. France has a colony in Africa 20 times the size of France itself. The British flag flies over a territory as large as the United States, and extends, almost without interruption, from the Cape to Cairo, a distance of 6,000 miles.

DELAWARE AND HUDSON APPOINTS COLORED MEN

Albany, N. Y.—One of the first acts of J. T. Loree upon assuming the duties of General Manager of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, with offices in this city, was to appoint a number of Colored men to good positions and raise the salaries of several cooks and waiters, all of which was done at the request of R. M. Madison, the popular Colored steward of the business cars. Mr. Madison's suggestions also met with the approval of L. F. Loree, President of the road, who is the father of J. T. Loree.