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## Charges President With Hypocrisy

Prominent Member of the Reichstag  
Advises Americans to Manifest  
Democracy at Home.

### STRIKES A "VULNERABLE SPOT"

Dr. Ludwig Haas Advocates Abolish-  
ment of American Outrages  
Against Colored Citizens.

Berlin—Discussing the American attitude in the Tageblatt, the well-known member of the Reichstag, Dr. Ludwig Haas, said that many Germans characterize Wilson's message as a document of shameful hypocrisy, but as Wilson has many millions of Americans behind him, "one man may be a hypocrite, but never a whole nation. If the American people accept this message without protest then a tremendous abyss separates the logic of Germans and Americans."

Haas says that to democratize Germany is the aim of his friends and members of the left because democracy affords a much larger number from which to choose able leaders and officials.

"Wilson's heart belonged to England and France," Haas says, "when they were yet tied in friendship to the Czar. Now he rejoices over the collapse of Czarism, and he would probably rejoice just as honestly if Czarism had defeated Germany."

Haas declares Wilson "permitted his American people to aid the Czar in every way to defeat the Central Powers. Wilson wants to liberate Germany from autocracy, and for the sake of this delivery he has blessed us with mountains of American munitions.

"No doubt the world is growing more democratic," Haas continues. "After the war is over the democracy of the world will find it incumbent to oppose unhealthy nationalism wherever professors and other spectacled persons raise their voices. But the American President seems blind to the fact that a handful of men made it their secret, uncontrolled business to direct the fate of European democracies.

"Germany democracy rejects liberty by the grace of Wilson. It would be better if he had first thought of reforming his democracy of corrupt officials and his democracy of industrial magnates into true democracies before bestowing his blessings on Germany. He might also abolish outrages against the Colored people in his own country. If Americans lynch the poor Negro all is well and good, but if the Negro happens to perish on a torpedoed ship Wilson shouts, 'Citizens your country is in peril. American honor is violated!'"

**JAMES E. CHURCHMAN  
DIES AT ORANGE, N. J.**

Orange, N. J.—James E. Churchman, one of the best known Colored men in the state of New Jersey, died Monday.

MR. HOG AND MR. CORN.



—New York Herald.

## Strikes a Vulnerable Spot

DR. LUDWIG HAAS, according to a dispatch from Berlin, has been saying some very uncomplimentary things about President Wilson. He charges that his able war-message is a document of shameful hypocrisy, and that his heart all along belonged to England and France.

It is but natural that Germans like Dr. Haas should criticize President Wilson. Our only regret is that in certain matters Dr. Haas' arraignment of American hypocrisy cannot be successfully refuted. Outrages against Colored Americans have become notorious, and America's apathy in this matter deserves the scathing rebuke that it is receiving from Germanic sources.

Colored Americans, despite glaring injustices of which we are the victims, will stand manfully behind President Wilson in these trying times to serve valiantly and faithfully wherever our services may be needed, and we indulge the hope that before the war is ended we will be accorded those rights and privileges to which we are entitled as citizens of the republic.

A few years ago Tristram Bey, the Turkish ambassador, flung a well-deserved taunt at "Christian America for lynching black Christians," and now a representative of a government allied with Turkey strikes the same vulnerable spot.

Achilles was vulnerable only in his heel. When it comes to the race question in the United States of America, Brother Jonathan is vulnerable from head to foot and the shafts of adverse archers find ready mark.

How long will this remain true? How long will it be before this reproach will be rolled away? Out of this war may America emerge a righteous exemplar of true democracy.

## Photoplays Dealing With Negro Life

An Important Branch of Film-Making  
Industry Being Rapidly Brought  
Into Prominence.

### MOTION PICTURE COMPANIES

Overcoming Difficulties of Producing  
Race Plays. Lester Walton Gives  
Opinion in New York Age.

Throughout the United States Colored people are forming film corporations to produce photoplays dealing with Negro life. This is the right move in the right direction. If the pictures put out are up to the artistic standard no difficulty ought to be experienced in disposing of them. There are hundreds of Colored theaters in this country which should furnish a ready market for photoplays posed for by Negro actors.

### Film-Making Industry

Here is one branch of the film-making industry that has been overlooked by motion picture men that can be made remunerative if the pictures produced compare favorably with those of white concerns. The success of a picture depends largely upon the staging, and only those who have had valuable experience in stagecraft should be employed to attend to this highly important function.

### "The Birth of a Race"

The Douglass Motion Picture Company in New Jersey seems to be making progress after overcoming many difficulties, and in the west another firm, the Lincoln Motion Picture Company, of Los Angeles, has been started which hopes to attract general attention. Another ambitious movement on foot is the production of a photoplay entitled "The Birth of a Race," which will be shown to counteract the evil effects of "The Birth of a Nation." Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Tuskegee Institute, has written the scenario for this picture.

### GERARD TELLS YALE

### WAR WILL BE LONG

"I have seen the Germans take as many prisoners in one day as we have men in our whole army. To organize and train a large army therefore there will be tremendous need of trained officers and college men have proved themselves best fitted for such responsibility.

"The United States must not go into this conflict half heartedly, for it will be a long and serious struggle. There is but one choice—universal service or universal training. The nation that stands opposed to us today probably has no less than 12,000,000 men under arms. The reason Germany is standing strongly, although she is fighting the world is because in that country there is universal service and every man and youth of military age can be called to the colors."