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RACIAL HATRED AND RACIAL GOODWILL

There have been two awful outbursts of racial hatred in this country within the last ten days. One was the fiendish lynching at Memphis, Tennessee, horrible, ghoulish, hellish; the other was the brutal mobbing of Negroes, who simply sought the right to work, at East St. Louis, Illinois. Regrettable, inexcusable, indefensible manifestations of racial hatred, which show how near below the surface of our culture and Christian civilization the untamed and rebellious savage in human nature lies.

While there have been these awful manifestations of racial hatred, which if dwelt upon would make us morose, bitter and vindictive, there have also been manifestations of racial goodwill. From fire-swept Atlanta, Georgia, comes the cheering news that racial lines were entirely forgotten in ministering to and caring for the suffering and destitute. We hope this advice is true; for it reveals the better side of human nature, the side which if cultivated will make such savage scenes as those at Memphis and East St. Louis which all right-thinking people must deplore, impossible.

Despite much apparent evidence to the contrary, racial goodwill is far more prevalent and potent than racial hatred.

SOUTHERN SIDELIGHTS

The following comes to us as an authentic manifestation of the nobility and chivalry of the grand old south. A Colored man intended coming to Omaha and informed his employer he would quit the following Saturday. This man had worked at the one job for a little over seven years. The boss said it was all right and when the man went about his business, he called up the sheriff and told him that he was going to send his "nigger" down the street on an errand and that he should stop him and search him. He then called in his "nigger" and told him to carry his revolver to a gunsmith and have it fixed. Sheriff stops Colored man; discovers gun; makes arrest; Colored man gets six months of county dear. That is what we call real southern white genius.

REALLY RICH

No one ever accused Editor Du Bois of being a humorist (but this from the June Crisis is certainly a pipin: "We should worry.")

If they do not want us to fight, we will work. We will walk into the industrial shoes of a few million whites who go to the front. We will get higher wages and we cannot be stopped from migrating by all the devilry of the slave South; particularly with the white lynchers and mob leaders away at war.

Will we be ousted when the white soldiers come back?

THEY WON'T COME BACK!

WILL THE DREAM COME TRUE?

The other night we dreamed we were riding on a North Twenty-fourth street car, which was in charge of a Colored conductor and motorman. Naturally, we were delighted at this new industrial opportunity for our people. The car was running smoothly and there seemed to be no excitement on the part of either train crew or passengers, who were the average patrons of that line with the average proportion of both races. It all seemed as a matter of course. We regretted on awakening to find that it was only a dream. But dreams, you know, sometimes come true. And why may not this dream come true?

Our people spend thousands of dollars yearly with the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway Company. We have young men with just as much brains, good judgment, common sense, honesty and ability to be trained as motormen and conductors as they of the other race. Why then should not some of our men be given the opportunity of serving in this capacity?

Of course there is the jealousy of the white laboring classes to overcome as well as some slight opposition from the public. This opposition will not arise, however, in any great degree, at least, if the white laboring classes do not foster it. The time is coming when the white laboring man must see that his truest interests are in common with those of the black laboring man and the interests of each can be best conserved by standing together, asking only for the right to earn their daily bread at a respectable living wage in any honorable field of labor for which they may be qualified.

Then why not Colored motormen and conductors? Will the dream come true? We hope so. We believe it will.

DOING THE RIGHT THING

We are glad to know that several young men of our race from this city have filed their applications for admission to the officers' training camp at Des Moines. It shows the right spirit. The men who have applied have the educational, physical and moral qualifications required by the government. They are not one whit inferior to the splendid and capable young white men who have gone from this vicinity to Fort Snelling and other camps. Most of them are college bred men. All of them have had high school training and in addition thereto professional training in law, medicine, pharmacy or dentistry. Four of them have had military training. So Omaha has reason to be proud of the men who have offered themselves for the Des Moines officers' training camp. And here's wishing them success. They are doing the right thing.

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SKITS OF SOLOMON

War.

The naughty name that Mr. Sherman called war was some right, only worse. We have had more scares thrown into us during the last thirty days than comes to a turkey four weeks before Thanksgiving. It isn't because we are scared of der kaiser, because we aren't. All of us be aching to take a fall out of his honorable right angled moustache. Ny-tiur are we losing sleep over his submarines, because our navy chaps are all praying to catch sight of the periscope, not bothering about the sub proper. What we are bothering about are the eats. One A. P. dispatch says the graneries are bursting with grain and before the ink is dry another says its all a mistake. Next day Washington says that Sir Hoover is studying the British food control to see how many beans to allow a family and then Sir Hoover says that he wasn't studying anything but the ticker. Up Boston way they issued a crop of indictments against some food speculators and then the Gov. sent out word to manufacturers to ship their junk because the U. S. will grab all freight cars pronto to ship lumber, et cetra, to military camps. When that happens a food speculator will look like a mustard seed in an oil tank. One guy says don't buy up any supplies because it makes prices higher; another gink says lay bold of the needful 'cause he thinks it's going to rain. One lady bird says that Americans are wasteful and housewife chirrup back that she can't get enough to eat, let alone waste anything. And so on, and on, and all on account of war. Whipping Germany isn't such a big job, but it sure is worrisome.

WHY READ THE DAILY NEWS?

Omaha's premier joke sheet, The Omaha Daily News, advertised a prize contest for the first June bride. The primary condition for winning in this contest was that the bride must be white. Any Colored person who will longer take this newspaper excuse after this wanton exhibition of prejudice has little respect for the race to which he belongs. Our advice is DON'T READ THE NEWS!

Obvious Observations

Omaha's political upheaval has been a long time coming, but it has finally come with a sure enough explosion. Don't crowd the arena, citizens! Give the performers plenty of room to pummel each other.

Did you see Satan Monday night? Some class to his majesty, eh? Really didn't think a man of his reputation could draw so many good people to look at him.

What is the difference between the Turks in Armenia and the Americans in Tennessee? Only that the former are more civilized.

Our garden is doing nicely, thank you. How's yours?

A camp for Negro officers has been approved. Watch out for your sweethearts, boys. A woman certainly likes gold braid.

Henry T. Burleigh certainly deserved the Spingarn medal. He has done some things that talk for him without his saying a word.

If some of those tornadoes would visit the kaiser's camp we'd feel lots better of the windy effects.

Honestly now, did you ever stop to think that it takes real sure enough coin to run a newspaper? Then loosen up, brother, loosen up.

Are you going on any of the Des Moines specials this summer, Genevieve?

Thanking you for your most ardent attention, we will now wrap a bacon round round a tantalizing sore throat.

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