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THE BLACK PERIL

Another blot has been cast upon the fair name of American liberty and democracy. Race riots, such as those which occurred in Washington, D. C., have broken out in Chicago. The bitter struggle presents a detail of facts of such brutality, violence and bloodshed as to cause one to shudder at the horrors involved. It is hard to believe that with the end of the war for democracy, in which the American negro played so valiant and exemplary a part, such ignominious and undemocratic circumstances as race strife should come to life. Yet the bare facts stand before us. We are confronted by a spectre of race hatred and antagonism that is certain to cause us Here was erected at a later date the grave and vital concern.

It is one thing for a nation to prescribe in its constitution and documents of law equal rights and franchises regardless of race, creed and color. It is another thing for the nation to translate into terms of fact the guarantees written into its constitution. Theoretically American constitutional law provides for the political and civil rights of the negro, but actually the guarantees have often been treated as a "mere scrap of paper." Parallel to the rhetorical flourishes and extravagant verbosity that characterize our written documents of political and civil equality are written in negro blood lynching-bees innumerable and deeds of discrimination and endless persecution.

History records our tactics relative to the once paramount "yellow peril." Before we effectually barred Oriental cheap labor by a new city hall was erected in 1699. In legal processes and statutes of law, we were constantly imperilled by race warfare in the congested districts. Forcible suppression of Japanese and Chinese activities was not an infrequent occurrence. Actual murders took place. In addition to these the imposition of a social and economic boycott had a powerful result in aggravating the racial strife and in bringing it to a quick climax. Are we, then, to adopt a similar policy in regard to the "black peril"? Are these recent race riots the incipient ripples of a great tidal wave that shall immerse this country in blood and chaos? These questions are not incidental; they are fundamental to our future welfare and

One thing is certain, we cannot deport the millions of negroes in America. The white race is responsible for their presence here. We brought them here and sold them into slavery. Then, expounding principles of moral and political justice, we set them free and set out to Americanize and Christianize them. We used their vast labor powers to build up the great industries and agricultural enterprises of the South. Later we converted their raw labor energy into manufacturing power in the North; and they are a source of tremendous wealth and production in this country. For these things shall we reward them by uncivilized warfare upon them? City. We dare not do it.

But to what alternative can we turn? How can we solve the complex problems involved without incurring the danger of violent conflict? The best means of settling any problem, we believe, is by investigating the causes to which the difficulties may be charged. The causes of the race problem are threefold—political, social and educational. Cheap negro labor has displaced cheap white labor and lowered the standard of living. This is the germ of the con- etc. Down to the beginning of last flict, which is aggravated by social antagonism, due to widely divergent racial characteristics. Thus, both socially and economically, the negroes and whites are constantly in a state of suppressed excitement, which is heightened and intensified by sporadic murders, rapes and crimes by negro degenerates—especially so when in various instances white girls are the victims of the crime.

The most important phase of the problem is the educational phase. Herein lies the dominant cause and cure of the race problem. Illiteracy among the whites and blacks is the greatest single it stiffens the will, also brightens the factor tending to produce violence and lawlessness and open con- energies. If you would be sure that flict. Social and economic clashes are in part due to the widespread existence of a profound anti-negro prejudice, which is the result of ignorance and miseducation. The negro problem has never been RACE BOOKS AND PERIODICALS studied in our schools. By silence it has been ignored. This wall of silence is the beginning of race hatred and suspicion. The race riots are a sufficient indictment of its evil effects. On the other riots are a sufficient indictment of its evil effects. On the other West 140th St., New York City. hand, we have offered the negro very little opportunity for self- The Negro in American History education and advancement. We have commercialized and indus- By Prof. John W. Cromwell, \$1.40 and trialized him, but we have not educated him or offered him spirit- worth more. 1439 Swann St., N. W.,

Let us educate the nation to the truth of the race problem, so By John E. Bruce "Grit". The glorthat we can lay the foundations of a relationship between the races jour record of America's black heroes, based on mutual sympathy and respect, rather than hatred and dis- 25 cents (no stamps.) 2709 Madison trust. The truth is there is no "black peril," other than the peril Ave., New York City. of a staggering illiteracy and ignorance which we whites have fostered and nourished by our own indifference and vaccilation. The America. \$1.00 per year and cheap truth is that by social, political and economic discrimination and at that. 2299 Seventh Ave., New distinction we have bred in the hearts and minds of liberty-loving York City. negroes a deep resentment and feeling of revolt that grows bolder the Orient, \$1.50 per year. Monitor and bolder as the restrictions draw tighter and tighter. The truth office or 158 Fleet street, London, E. is that we have based our judgment of the negro race on the fact C. 4, England. that a large portion of negroes constitute the criminal element in this country, more than any other one race of people. But we must not forget, and I must emphasize this fact again, that if the negroes do largely contribute to crime and lawlessness they are not only to blame, but we ourselves-we who have done little to lift the economic and social and educational restrictions which are the bases of these criminal tendencies.

It is plain that we must adopt a policy of justice toward the negro if we wish to avert future race wars. We must put an end to lynching. We must change our industrial system so that one race, shall not by virtue of cheap labor and servile service, subsist and produce at the expense of another race. We must educate both black and white illiterates, for there is force and violence most where there is education and reason least. We must give the negro full political justice in the South, where it is denied him. Our school systems must include in their curricula scientific and historical courses dealing with the negro race and the race problems. Thus only by amenity, amelioration and education, may we hope to arrive at a proper solution of this distressing and complex problem.

In conclusion, we must raise our voices in protest against the real sponsors of anti-negro agitation and bloodshed - the profiteers. These inhuman vultures, who live on the miseries of the human race, exploit the cheap, servile, ready-supply labor of the negro to the limit of exploitation. They and not the negroes displace white labor. They and not the negroes lower the standard wage and the standard of living. They and not the negroes are the cause of rapes and murders committed by negro degenerates. These white-skinned profiteers have hearts blacker than the darkest negro color, and if we would have peace between the races we must eliminate this parasite, this exploiter, who is the root of the evil; who, for greed and profits, would set the whole world afire.

EUGENE M. KONECKY.

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New York City's Big Structures Stand on Land That Is of Sacred Memory.

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The wide strip of pavement on the west side of Nassau street in front of the Bankers Trust building bears evi dence of the former existence of Federal hall. The latter extended across Nassau street to the building line of the street and so closed the thoroughfare that a passageway was established around the building in order that pedestrians might more readily get to Nassau street. When the subtreasury was built in 1836 on the site of Federal hall, Nassau street was opened to Wall street, and the little passageway was left, and forms the wide sidewalk of today.-Equitable

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