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**TAFT CHIEF JUSTICE**  
 WILLIAM Howard Taft has realized his life-long ambition. He has been appointed Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. This is an honor which he has long coveted. His confirmation was opposed by a small group of northern senators, but warmly championed by several southern senators. This fact is rather significant. It shows how Taft's position on the race question has, as one southern senator tersely put it, made him "beloved by the South." During Taft's administration our group received no favorable consideration and his avowed policy was a decided hindrance. He has since his retirement from the presidency continued to give our people a vast deal of gratuitous, no doubt well-meant, but unwisely-phrased advice along decidedly pronounced pro-southern lines. His pious preachments have grated harshly on our nerves. As Chief Justice we hope that Judge Taft will impartially interpret the law without bias and without prejudice to any class of American citizens. We hope that the impartial verdict of history may accord him an honored place for the wisdom and fairness of his decisions.

**FIGHT IT OUT HERE**  
 "I'm disgusted with the United States. Just as soon as I can arrange it, I am going to Mexico or South America, where manhood and not color counts. I have spent some time in Mexico and know conditions there. I can see no hope for our race in the United States. As our people advance in education, refinement and wealth here conditions become worse instead of better."

The speaker was a young man of good education and character, just the kind of men America needs and our race needs to remain here in the United States and fight it out. Were his case an isolated one, it were hardly necessary to speak of it, but this young man is but one of many who are becoming disgusted or perhaps it were better to say disheartened over the attitude of this country towards our people and are looking towards the Latin countries as a haven.

The Monitor admits that race prejudice is increasing and that it's mighty galling to young men of spirit and to older men of cooler blood to be constantly encountering it, but that is no excuse for running away from it. There is the greater reason for standing one's ground, screwing up one's courage and by strength of character, virile manhood and proven sterling worth fight and conquer it. God had a purpose in bringing our ancestors to this land and in giving them and us such a large share in its development. It is therefore here that we are to work out our destiny. We urge our young men not to become discouraged and seek other lands but to fight it out here and help save the United States.

**GET BEHIND IT**  
 THE Cooperative Store, a \$100,000 corporation located on North 24th street, owned and operated by Colored people should command the attention of all of us who have pride in the advancement of our people in big business lines. Born under a charter which permits engagement in any kind of enterprise, as a subsidiary and arranged to include in its membership at least six hundred and twenty families, it showed far-sightedness on the part of its founders and is logically in a position to command a large trade and consequently in-

Company in their mistakes and blunders proved costly. That is one, not even they the usual in worth while on this character. But is it the reasonable thing to do, to

stand aloof and rain eternal criticism upon them for these mistakes? Suppose we saw a child by mistake, drowning, would it be the proper thing for us to stand on the shore and shout criticism on him because it was his blunders that placed him in the precarious condition? Would it not rather be our duty to either plunge in or throw out the life line and save him? The same is true in this and all other honest race enterprises. Let us throw out the life line now and save it. Recently in order that the Company might remedy some of those mistakes, it made a complete change in management by appointing Dr. J. R. Lemma as general manager. They already show signs of a great revival of interest and advancement. Under the versatile management of Dr. J. R. Lemma; it has finally got down to a real merchandising business with a grocery department well stocked and selling at as low a price as any other store in the city. Their front windows as well as their ice boxes and shelves are well stocked with the very best in their line. The store is attractively decorated, not with flowers and ornaments, but with eatables, which would grace any table. Their left wing is now open with women's ready-to-wear garments, under Mrs. Vordie Massey. Let's get behind it and push.

**HENRY LINCOLN JOHNSON**  
 Henry Lincoln Johnson has been named as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. In our judgment this is too small a position for a man of the caliber of Colonel Johnson. It looks to us like an adroit move to remove him from his present important position of national committee man from Georgia. If, however, he is to be given something commensurate with his services and ability he merits something bigger than Recorder of Deeds.

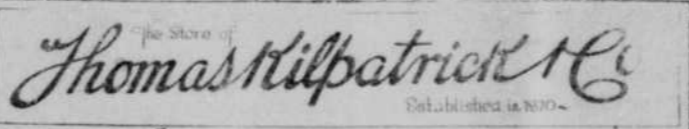
### PRESS COMMENTS

**OKLAHOMA'S CIVIL WAR**  
 The American Negro is no longer "docile and easily lynched," as Mr. Dooley once described him. He is asserting his right to live under the white man's law and have the privileges and immunities and guarantees of that law. So long as he is denied that right in whole or in part the way is open to the repetition of such tragedies as that which cost so many lives and destroyed \$1,500,000 in property at Tulsa, Okla.  
 The civil war that took place in that city between whites and blacks had its origin in lynch law. A Negro had attacked a white girl in the elevator of a department store and was arrested. Immediately the rumor spread that he was to be lynched. Negroes with arms went to the jail to protect him. White men with arms followed them. The police did nothing. Then a white man tried to seize a gun from a Negro and what then took place is described for the World's readers by Richard Lloyd Jones, publisher of the Tulsa Tribune:  
 "The blacks were reinforced by other blacks. The whites hurried for arms. The city was in darkness. Stores having firearms in stock were smashed into. The blacks and the whites in growing groups began to parade the street. Two hours before midnight the battle began."  
 Government ceased for the time being to exist and the streets of Tulsa ran with blood. But in vast sections of the country government has a habit of ceasing to exist where the legal rights of the Negro are concerned. Had the offense in question been committed by a white man the law would presumably taken its course. Although white men are sometimes lynched when accused of crime, the general presumption is that they will not be. Although black men are often not lynched when accused of crime, the general

presumption in many parts of the United States is that they are likely to be. Out of that presumption came Tulsa's race war.  
 A great change has come over the American Negro's attitude toward the white man's government during the last four years—a change for which the war was largely responsible. The Negro was conscripted like any other citizen. He was put into a uniform, given a rifle and sent to France to fight for his country. He was good enough to die for the flag, and naturally he refuses longer to believe that he is not entitled to privileges and immunities for which the flag stands. He is no longer submissive but aggressive, and while this change has its grave dangers to the Negro himself, it is an inevitable consequence of the failure of local and state governments to administer evenhanded justice.  
 It is the fashion to attribute most of the recent race riots to economic rivalry between whites and blacks, but economic rivalry is no new thing. For more than fifty years there has been an irrepressible conflict between the blacks and the so-called "poor whites", and this conflict is bound to go on as long as the two races compete for their daily bread. Rivalry, however, is not riot, and back of all these miniature civil wars which disgrace the nation from year to year is the breakdown of government and the denial of due process of law to the Negro.

Lincoln said that this government could not endure half slave and half free. It cannot endure with one law for the white man and another law for the black man. There must be one law for both, and until there is one law for both every community of mixed population is living under the shadow of threatened anarchy.—New York World.

**MISSOURI DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF C. M. E. CHURCH**  
 Harmony and progress were the dominant notes of the interesting District Conference of the Missouri District of the C. M. E. Church which was held in Grove M. E. Church last week. Many prominent delegates and visitors both clerical and lay, were in attendance. The session opened Tuesday morning. Rev. R. P. Tyler of Sedalia, Mo., Presiding Elder of the district was in charge. Dr. J. A. Hammett of Jackson, Tenn., editor of the Christian Index, delivered an interesting sermon Thursday. Bishop N. C. Cleaves, of St. Louis, arrived Thursday and presided throughout the remaining session, preaching at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning to a large congregation.—Rev. A. Sims is the able pastor of the local congregation.  
 Boxing! Don't forget the time and date. Tuesday, July 12, 8:30 p. m. Admission \$3, plus war tax.



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