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Monitor Starts Relief Fund for Tulsa Riot Victims

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TULSA'S NEED

WE publish in this issue an appeal, for which we most gladly contribute the advertising space, for help for our distressed brethren in Tulsa, and also another appeal sent out by the same committee requesting that next Sunday be made Tulsa Relief Day in all our churches throughout the land. These appeals are issued by the Colored Citizens' Relief Committee of which S. D. Hooker, one of Tulsa's most responsible merchants, a member of the firm of Elliot and Hooker, clothiers, whose splendid establishment was destroyed by the mob, is chairman. The executive secretary of the committee is G. A. Gregg, Secretary of the Hunton Branch of the Y. M. C. A. The other members of the committee are well-known, dependable, up-standing citizens. What they say comes therefore with authority and compelling force. There is no doubt about the fact that there is suffering among the colored people of Tulsa. Not only were their homes burned but those homes and business places were looted and robbed by the vandals before they were fired. Tulsa does not sincerely intend to grant adequate relief. The disgraceful report of the grand jury, throwing the blame for the riot upon the colored people and the indictment of scores of colored citizens for rioting and about a dozen whites for looting clearly proves this and shows the hypocrisy and insincerity of the white business men of Tulsa who sent forth the statement that the destroyed homes would be rebuilt. The movement, which The Monitor sincerely hopes will be thwarted by legal procedure, to compel the owners of property in the burned district to dispose of their valuable property and build two miles distant at the undesirable spot designated outside the city limits to which a clear title cannot be obtained, brings this sham and vaunted philanthropic pledge of restitution into clearer light. No, as our special correspondent pointed out some weeks ago, Tulsa is not penitent nor does she intend to make restitution to her outraged colored citizens. Generous individuals will no doubt do what they can, but not Tulsa as a whole nor in any great part. Help must therefore be given our brethren there from the outside. The Monitor realizing this started a Tulsa Relief Fund to which the contributions have been small. We hope that those who promised to send relief through The Monitor, since the need has been so forcibly placed before them will do so promptly and the amount whatever it is will be sent to the Colored Citizens' Relief Committee. If others desire to send their contributions directly to the Relief Committee, well and good. The point is we must send relief to our brethren in Tulsa. We hope the churches in Omaha and Nebraska will cheerfully comply with the request of the committee and present the needs of Tulsa's riot victims who are suffering through no fault of their own to their congregations next Sunday.

HEAPING UP WRATH

Members of the notorious organization which is taking the law into its own hands and administering punishment to those upon whom it looks with disfavor are heaping up wrath for a day of vengeance. Horse-whipping and tarring and feathering women and priests is neither chivalrous nor heroic, and this lawless organization revived in the south and seeking membership in the north and west has as one of its tenets and protection of womanhood. The members of the organization MAY get away with acts of violence towards hapless Negroes, but when it undertakes condign punishment of white women and

white men, priests and laymen, it is numbering its days. The Monitor is glad to see the cowardly gang showing its true colors, for it means its speedy dissolution.

DECEITFULNESS

Deceitfulness is one of the lowest of human vices. You didn't know it was a vice? Well it is and among the lowest and meanest of vices. Judas has always been looked upon as a despicable character, because of his treachery, but underlying his treachery was deceit. Beware of the deceitful man or woman. If you are a deceitful person get rid of your deceitfulness before it undoes you as it certainly will sooner or later.

CURRENT AND OTHERWISE

By W. H. A. Moore
 I am more than glad that Jack Johnson is out of Prison. I now trust he will find his levels of life, make his last fight and then go out into the oblivion that inevitably awaits him. I like sports. I bewail, however, the situations of "obscene professionalism" to which many of its phases have fallen. Boxing is a beautiful sport. Professional prize-fighting has gone about as low as it is possible for it to sink. I imagine, I am one who does not think that a Negro champion is in any way a necessary adjunct to the upbuilding of our particular species of mankind. I don't think the "color line" will be wiped out by the fists of any colored fellow no matter how strongly and skillfully he might use them. And yet if it will break up the prize-fighting game if a black pugilist should win the championship I am for a black champion. I, for one, am heartily tired of the yelping of the American white man about the stand he feels he must assume to maintain the integrity of his kind. In one breath he feels free to discard on the close relationship of the Negro to the gorilla and in the next breath he flatly refuses to permit the best white brute to engage in a fistie encounter with the best black brute—mind I am speaking of prize-fighters—engage in a fistie encounter to establish the question of superiority, whatever that may finally mean. There is no color in brutes. Jack Dempsey is as low in the social scale as it is possible for a human being to sink and Jack Johnson is about in the same boat. So what is the difference?

Speaking of superiority I notice that Japan has been invited to sit at President Harding's disarmament conference. Mighty risky business. There may be a Japanese point of view to contend with. What then? What if it should mark the beginning of the end "white supremacy"? The Japanese are sure to have their say. Is not human supremacy the thing after all to be sought by the nations of the earth? Let us hope that this year will prevail at the proposed conference.

EDITORIAL SQUIBBS

Leading one's self is a big job. Forgetting yesterday is great sport for some people.
 America first when she's right, when she's wrong, take your pick.
 The comet came, saw and then went on about its business.
 We would like to know if President Harding's disarmament conference will include a discussion of a plan to disarm American army officers who shoot down unarmed yet "impudent niggers?"

CATCHY NEW SONG

THE MONITOR is in receipt of a song entitled "Now President Harding has His Seat," words by Cora M. Ray, music by A. M. Bienbar. It is dedicated to the Bronze Cabinet. The words and music are snappy and catching. The composition is a credit to the composers. It is for sale by the composer, Cora M. Ray, St. Joseph, Mo. at 25 cents per copy.

ADDRESS TO COUNTRY BY N.A.A.C.P. CONVENTION

The following Resolution is really an address to the Country and is considered the most important act of each Conference.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its Twelfth Annual Conference, meeting in this great crisis of the world's reconstruction, would remind the nation that from our very first conference we have planted our agitation and action upon a careful and thorough investigation of the truth concerning the Negro problem. Often when we have published in our organ, THE CRISIS, and in letters and articles in the press, our findings and conclusions, we have been accused of exaggeration. Today we stand vindicated before the world in the revelations of Georgia, and knowing that Georgia is little if any worse than half a dozen other states, we solemnly adjure this nation to give more serious attention and more earnest action to this festering social sore.

Lynching and mob violence against Negroes still looms as our most indefensible national crime and unless the present administration takes early action by legal enactment it will stand condemned of all thoughtful citizens north and south. Increasingly the Negro at Washington, Chicago, and Tulsa has been forced to give his life in self defense. No man can do less for his family and people and it is a cruel campaign of lying that represents this fight for life as organized aggression. Negroes are not fools. Eleven million poor laborers do not seek war on a hundred million powerful neighbors. But they cannot and will not die without raising a hand when the nation lets its offscourings and bandits insult, harry, loot and kill them.

What is the cause of the new conflict of race in America? It is not simply a growing sense of manhood on the part of the blacks, it is increased lack of sympathy and sense of justice on the part of the whites and this arises from the snapping of those human bonds which must exist between neighbors. If the Negro child is not educated; if the Negro is segregated in federal departments and Oklahoma cities; if he is publicly insulted by "Jim Crow" cars; if he is treated unjustly in the courts as in the twelve pending Arkansas peonage cases; if in the army and navy the Negro is grossly and continually discriminated against and faces plans for further discrimination in the national guard; if he has no voice in the administration of the law especially as to labor, agriculture and education; and if finally the nation is being honeycombed by secret societies like the Klu Klux Klan, who stir up race hatred by innuendo and appeal to the lowest brute instincts—if all these things are done, how can we help but kill the human sympathy, the spirit of the Prince of Peace, the strong faith and the desire for humble effective co-operation which alone can save civilization?

Men and women of America, the program of those who would save America from bitter racial hatred and conflict and murder is short and simple:

1. The Right to vote under the same conditions as other persons vote.
2. A federal law against lynching and mob violence.
3. Justice for the convicted peons in Arkansas.
4. Equitable treatment for Negro soldiers and sailors.
5. Abolition of the "Jim Crow" cars in interstate traffic.
6. Free public schools for Negro children.
7. The appointment of an inter-racial commission, of high class, fair-minded men and women representing both races, to make a scientific survey of race relations.
8. The withdrawal of our military forces from Haiti and carefully planned aid for Haiti and Liberia.
9. The weight of our influence to secure justice for the natives of Africa particularly in the former German colonies.
10. A world wide attempt to promote peace through inter-racial understanding and equality, and through a wider recognition of the basic identity of race and labor problems.

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