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HOUSE PASSES DYER BILL

By a vote of almost two to one the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill was passed by the House last week after a long and spirited debate, in which the democrats opposed and the republicans favored the measure. The vote was almost unanimously partisan, 221 republicans voting in the affirmative and 102 democrats in the negative. Eight democrats and one socialist voted with the republicans, making the total affirmative vote 230, while 17 republicans voted with the democrats, swelling the negative to 119. The democrats' opposition by no means reflected credit upon them. Their methods were unbecoming and undignified, being largely confined to filibustering. In debate they substituted puerilities, innuendoes and fallacies for argument and dragged in the race question, which seems to be the chief political asset—a veritable Aladdin's lamp—of the southern representatives. With notably few exceptions there was no serious attempt upon the part of the opposition to meet argument with argument, but upon the contrary to sway by demagogic appeal to passion and prejudice. This is always unfortunate and regrettable, as it beclouds the issue and obscures the principle at stake. The principle involved in this measure is very clear. It is this:

Shall Lynching or Mob Murder, which is a national menace and a disgrace and reproach to the whole nation, and which the individual states seem powerless to suppress, be made a federal offense and as such punishable by the federal authorities? It is a question simply as to the best practical way of reaching by remedial legislation a national menace which all thoughtful Americans recognize and deplore. The House has given its answer. It remains now for the Senate to speak. The Monitor believes that the measure will pass the Senate. We regret that it became a partisan measure in the House. We believe it should have been passed not as a partisan measure, but as a patriotic one. We hope it will be so considered by the Senate and treated and passed upon its merits as a sincere effort to expiate the nation from the crime of mob-murder, in the guilt of which we all share when we condone or silently acquiesce. We hope, as we have said before, that the South, in which we believe there is a growing desire to suppress this evil from which it more largely suffers than any other section of the country, will be brought to see that a federal law will help them to bring to pass just what the best minds and hearts among the people of the South desire: the suppression of mob violence and the maintenance of the supremacy of law, the only safeguard of civilization. We believe the day will come when all sections of the nation will recognize the fact that Congressman Dyer and all who have so zealously worked with him to frame and enact this measure have rendered America a great, patriotic service. We must not overlook the fact that the Dyer Bill has yet to pass the Senate and that, therefore, friends of the measure must not relax their efforts to impress upon the senators from their respective districts that they desire them to support it, not as a racial, sectional or partisan question, which it is not, but as a patriotic duty to save not some hapless victim, black or white, but Columbia herself from the lyncher's and the assassin's rope.

CREDIT DUE.

Great credit is due the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People for the passage of the Dyer Bill by the House of Representatives. The always courteous, sane, gentlemanly, well-informed James Weldon Johnson, the general secretary, was on the ground constantly during the debate and was in close touch with the leaders on the floor, who frequently consulted him as to statistics and data, which were used in the arguments against the opposition. It was no doubt the carefully tabulated facts and statistics which had been so carefully compiled by the national office, as much as anything else, which created favorable sentiment for the bill, even among democratic members who, while admitting their cogency, voted against it because of their traditions and party fealty. Credit also is due William Monroe Trotter and other representatives of the Equal Rights League, and other outstanding men of the race like Kelly Miller, Archibald Grimké, Robert Church and Emmett J. Scott, who used their influence wisely and unostentatiously. Our people were and are unitedly for this measure because our people have been so largely the victims of mobs and believe this will bring relief. The intelligent, sane and dignified manner in which representatives of our group rendered assistance should be a matter of pride and congratulation. It shows the value of intelligent and united action.

PACKER'S STRIKE ENDS

THE ending of the strike of the packing house employees this week brings a sense of relief to many. The strikers lost their fight. This was clearly foreseen by many owing to its untimeliness and the general unemployment. Many of our own people were affected both as strikers and "strike breakers." It is to be hoped that the packing industries will on the grounds of simple justice retain in their employ the workers who came to their relief when the strike was called. Many of our people who had been out of employment for months and were facing a serious situation availed themselves of the opportunity of working. It would be manifestly unfair to replace these men by strikers. With an increased output it is to be hoped that places will be found for many of the former packing house wages. The Monitor hopes that improving industrial and trade conditions will make it possible for every man and woman who desires work to secure it.

"STOLEN BY THE BEE"

Quoth Gilbert M. to Nelson B.:
 "Fie upon thee; for I see
 Thou art guilty of piracy.
 For thou hast clearly filched from me
 Financial news for thy Daily Bee;
 For which news I am charged a fee."

"I pray thee peace," quoth Nelson B.
 "The public careth naught for our controversy.
 'Twas a knavish trick thou pulled on me,
 To quote those bonds marked 'S. B. T. B.'
 So gloat not on thy victory,
 Nor charge thou me with piracy."

The World-Herald, Gilbert M. Hitchcock, owner, charges the Omaha Daily Bee, Nelson B. T. B., owner, with stealing its financial news and submits in "evidence of news piracy" a photographic facsimile of a portion of the Bee's market page, in which appears a fictitious bond quotation, "49 S. B. T. B. 5's, '51, etc.," which the World-Herald alleges was inserted in these quotations to catch the Bee, the initials meaning, "Stolen By The Bee."

AD-GRAMS

For bargains in shoes and merchandise go to C. J. Carlson's. See ad on last page of this issue.

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Sol Lewis sells songs and other music.

The Rev. Thomas A. Taggart has returned from Coffeyville, Kans., where he conducted a successful revival for the Rev. P. D. Skinner.

Mrs. Hope Wiggins died this week at a local hospital.

ARTICLE XIV. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged.

1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

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DEFRAUDED MASONS.
 Asheville, N. C., Feb. 3.—Brack L. Johnson is in jail here charged with using the mails to defraud the Masonic insurance department. He collected large sums of money by signing certificates of death of policy holders who were enjoying the best of health.

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors, especially Rescue Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., for their kindness, sympathy and beautiful floral offerings at the time of the death of our beloved husband, brother and uncle, Fred J. McCullough, who departed this life Jan. 9, 1922.
 Signed:
 Mrs. F. J. McCullough, Wife.
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Stories of Great Scouts

By Elmo Scott Watson
 Western Newspaper Union.

SACAGAWEA, "THE BIRD WOMAN" SCOUT
 In the Portland (Ore.) city park stands the statue of an Indian woman. A little baby is strapped on her back and her hand is outstretched to the west, toward the Pacific ocean. The statue is that of Sacagawea, "The Bird Woman," the sixteen-year-old girl scout and guide who led Lewis and Clark over the "Shining Mountains" to the "Everywhere-Salt-Water" toward which her hand points.

When Lewis and Clark visited the Hidatsa Indians in North Dakota on their great exploring trip west, they found a Shoshone girl living with that tribe. At the age of five she had been captured from her people by a Hidatsa war party. When she was fourteen years old, Toussaint Charbonneau, a French-Canadian trapper, won her from her captor in a game of "hide-the-bone" and married her the next year.

The Bird Woman wished to return to her people and Lewis and Clark engaged Charbonneau and his wife as interpreters to the Indians they would meet. During the winter of 1805 Sacagawea gave birth to a son, whom she called Baptiste, and this tiny popoosa went with his dauntless mother through all the hardships which the explorers afterward endured. He was strapped on Sacagawea's back one day when the clumsy Charbonneau upset one of the boats containing the precious instruments and records of the party. The Bird Woman at once sprang overboard into the muddy stream and rescued them.

More than once Sacagawea proved her value to the explorers. Far up the river when the forest and snow baffled her companions and they were lost, the homing instinct of the Indian girl led her on and she guided them safely to her people. The chief who welcomed them proved to be Sacagawea's brother, who was overjoyed to see his lost sister again. He sold the white men much-needed horses—and would have stolen them back, had not the Bird Woman betrayed the plot to Captain Lewis.

Sacagawea remained with Lewis and Clark until they reached the Pacific. On their return journey she stopped with her people, the Shoshones, and there she spent the remainder of her days. She died on the Wind River reservation in Wyoming April 9, 1884, almost a hundred years of age.

Would Maintain His Principle.
 "Look here, my friends," said the soap box orator. "I am standing here to maintain the great principle of free speech, and if any man interrupts me I'll give him one on the nose."—Boston Transcript.

Somewhat Hard on Humanity.
 Every man's experience of today is that he was a fool yesterday and the day before yesterday. Tomorrow he will most likely be of exactly the same opinion.—Mackay.

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