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### PUTTING IT ON GOD.

Old Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria-Hungary, in declaring war on little Serbia, stated that he earnestly desired to avoid hostilities but "Providence decreed otherwise."

That has a familiar sound. In the dark days before the war, the alleged Christians of the United States said that "God had decreed slavery as a great benefit to the poor benighted Africans."

At the present time alleged Christians are mob-murdering Afro-Americans, putting them out of their churches, segregating them in certain cities, building jimcrow Y. M. C. A.'s, forcing the race into jimcrow schools, jimcrow cars, jimcrow public libraries, jimcrow public parks. Southern Christian (?) legislators disfranchise the race and pass all sorts of discriminating laws. When called to account for their unchristian actions they boldly claim that it was decreed by God that the races should be separate in all things. The idea that certain classes wronged other classes by divine right may have been believed in the Middle Ages but the people do not swallow such dope nowadays.

On July 3 the New York Evening Journal published a picture containing three figures, viz: Jack Johnson, an orang-outang and a leopard. It also published an editorial in substantiation of the statement that "ABILITY TO WIN IN A PHYSICAL FIGHT IS PROOF OF INFERIORITY," and further says, "not deplorable, but encouraging, is the fact that no white man can be found to beat this tall Negro." Years ago, to be an adept in "the manly art of self-defense" was considered one of the highest achievements for any man, yet nothing that has happened in a half century has so taken the conceit out of the Caucasian for "superiority" as the victories of Johnson in the "squared circle." In speaking of the heavy weight championship the white press has been looking to several "white hopes" to bring back the

### PROTEST AGAINST WRONG.

To submit in silence when we should protest makes cowards out of men.

The human race has climbed on protest.

Had no voice been raised against injustice, ignorance and lust; the inquisition yet would serve the law, and guillotines decide our last disputes.

The few who dare, must speak and speak again to right the wrongs of many.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

championship "where it rightfully belongs," but three times in succession, Johnson "carried home the bacon." Had Moran won the decision in France the other day, no such picture would have appeared in the New York Journal and no such editorial. It seems to us this is a case of "sour grapes," pure and simple. It makes all the difference in the world whose ox is gored.

### SEGREGATING REPUBLICANS.

The Central Afro-American of Saint Louis in a timely editorial protests against the action of certain branches of the Republican party in Saint Louis in putting the Afro-American voters off to themselves and shutting them out of the party councils in the formation of campaign plans. The Afro-American says:

"Especially is it true of some wards in this city, where the Afro-American voters are directed to hold separate meetings, where the only work they can accomplish is to carry out the instructions given them by the advocates of this segregation idea. It is an idea entirely foreign to true Republican principles, having no place upon the roll of honor with the names of Lincoln, Sumner, Grant, Douglas and others, but very properly belongs in the category of ideas advocated by Vardaman, Tillman, Bleasie and their ilk.

No separate meetings are necessary for the German, Irish, Jew, Italian or any English-speaking race of Republicans, then why in the name of all that is honest and fair are such meetings necessary for Afro-American Republicans. Afro-Americans do not demand more than their share of recognition in appointments, based upon their numerical strength, and they will never be satisfied with less. All voters in the Republican Party should have the right to express their preferences for men who desire their support at the polls, and this can only be done by Afro-American representatives being admitted to the party councils where the selections of the party organization are discussed. This is the only method we know of whereby the party organizations can in all truth act for a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Let us have ONE PARTY COUNCIL participated in by representatives of ALL NATIONALITIES, then we shall have TRUE HARMONY, and a singleness of purpose that will sweep aside all opposition.

To all of which THE APPEAL says Amen.

### THE FLAG FAKERS.

There was a great flag celebration on Flag Day at the Post Office Department Building in Washington.

Secretary of State Bryan made a great speech and the assembled officials and clerks gave great whoops, sang patriotic songs and proudly flared themselves that they were really patriotic.

Yet in that building every day the flag is dishonored. Postmaster General Burleson, probably the most prejudiced man in the Cabinet, issues discriminating orders, Alexander Stephens, Superintendent, arranges the details of his segregation schemes in the Railway Man Service, and Auditor Kram, the "Father of Segregation," continues the infamous work he started some years ago.

What a farce!

### INTERMARRIAGE OF RACES ALL RIGHT.

Intermarriage of whites with Japanese, Hindus and other orientals was defended by Professor Franz Boas of Columbia University, a noted anthropologist, in one of the series of lectures which he is delivering at the summer session of the University of

between whites and other oriental peoples, "is simply foolish sentimentality, without the slightest biological foundation," Professor Boas said. "Practically all the population of Europe is the product of the most widely divergent racial intermixtures. Humanly, fundamentally, is very nearly identical the world over, no matter what may be the color or race."

### ABILITY CAUSES RACE HATRED.

A novel explanation of the Russian dislike for the Jew has been given by Count Alexander Scherbatsky, councillor of the Russian embassy in Washington.

The count said that Russians object to Jews because they were more capable than the Russians and not because they were of a different race and faith.

"There is not much difference between the Jewish question in Russia and the Japanese question in California," he declared. "The Californians know the Japs are more clever than they are. The Russians know that they can not compete with the Jews. Their fear of the Jews is based on economic considerations."

### COWARDLY COLORED CURS.

The wires tell us that "thirty colored men watched the lynching of Rosa Carson at Orangeburg, S. C., but offered no resistance."

It is a great shame and disgrace to the race that thirty Afro-Americans stood by and failed to give their lives, if necessary, in attempting to prevent the lynching of one of their women.

They could not have died in a holier cause and the knowledge that they had fought to death in defense of the law would have made the next mob hesitate—all mobs are cowardly.

Any Afro-Americans who stand by and see the law outraged and one of their women lynched are worse than cowards.

Although our father was born in Georgia he moved from the state upon reaching early manhood, on account of the intolerable prejudice which was growing quite rapidly. That was at least seventy-five years ago and it's been growing worse and worse every year since. In fact, we had become to believe that nothing good could come out of Georgia, but it now seems there is some hope. The Georgia senate has passed a bill making it unlawful for authorities to subject prisoners to "third degree" examinations. Good! Of course, the bill must be passed by the house before becoming a law, but as we said before, we 'as 'opes.

Grim visaged war appears to be hovering over the people across the "big pond," in fact, it seems to have swooped down upon them and many lives have already been sacrificed. Though not in this country it will be greatly affected if the war continues; and, the complaints of the high cost of living will be redoubled as the cost of the actual necessities of life will be. Verily, as Sherman said, war is—

Frank Park, of Sylvester, Georgia, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of the famous jimcrowist, S. A. Roddenbery, who died last year, has signaled his entrance into the arena as a great statesman by introducing a bill in Congress which makes it unlawful for "negroes to be designated, elected or appointed as commissioned or non-commissioned officers in the army.

The New Age of Los Angeles calls attention of the Afro-American people of the country to the suit which S. W. Green, head of the Knights of Pythias, has instituted against the L. & N. R. R. of Florida, to recover damages for the assault perpetrated upon him while a passenger a year ago, and appeals to all to aid the Pythian order in pushing the matter.

### RACE PREJUDICE.

I am convinced myself that there is no more evil thing in this present world than Race Prejudice; none at all. I write deliberately—it is the worst single thing in life now. It justifies and holds together more baseness, cruelty and abomination than any other sort of error in the world. Through its body runs the black blood of coarse lust, suspicion, jealousy and persecution and all the darkest poisons of the human soul.

—H. G. Wells in N. Y. Independent.

### PONY POLO TO BE PLAYED AT HAMLINE.



Pony polo, a sport that has aroused much interest in this country lately, will be played at the Minnesota State Fair, Sept. 7 to 12, by two trained teams.

### HAMLINE TO HOLD WONDERFUL SHOW

Greatest Amusement Program Ever Offered Coming to Minnesota State Fair.

The amusement program at the Minnesota State Fair, Sept. 7 to 12, will be the cleanest and most expensive ever put on at Hamline. No pains have been spared in an attempt to make it the best program of its kind ever staged by any fair.

In place of the Pike of former years there will be a great educational show for parents and children called the World at Home. It will be located at the lip of the lagoon, and will cover many acres. An immense model of the Panama Canal, designed by the architect who made the original model will be exhibited, expert lecturers explaining how the canal works. There will be a large menagerie of wild beasts and birds taken from a leading zoological park. The other shows will be similar in nature.

Eight Drops Made. E. R. Hutchinson, the daring aviator who devised a means of taking eight and ten parachute drops from one balloon at one ascension, will thrill the crowds with his flights. In a like way two men will make fourteen drops from one balloon in one ascension. This act is said to be superior to any of its kind ever produced.

Horse polo, in which America is becoming so interested, will be played each day by picked teams. Auto polo, said to be one of the most dangerous games played, will be put on at the Fair by the originator of the sport. Persons participating are often injured severely, and head-on collisions are frequent.

Racing Hounds. A troupe of horses in a steeple chase and thirty-six racing hounds will amuse the grandstand each day. \$1,000 Saddle Horse Stake will be shown before the grandstand Friday, Sept. 11. The harness races, in which \$26,000 in purses will be distributed, will attract some of the best horses in America.

May Wirth, the greatest lady bareback rider anywhere, now playing in England and France, will astonish all

### WORLD FAMOUS DRIVER COMING TO FAIR.



Louis Disbrow, holder of more world records than any other auto driver, has entered his 290 horsepower Jay-Eye-See and Simplex Zip cars at the auto races, Minnesota State Fair.

### IN CHRISTIAN SOUTH.

Lynching of Afro-American Woman Society Function in South Carolina. Orangeburg, S. C.—Rose Carson, a colored woman, was taken from the jail at Ellmore near here and lynched by a mob. Eye witnesses state that many of the most prominent citizens took part in the festivities. The woman, who was charged with the murder of a 12 year old child, was taken to the scene of her alleged crime and hanged. Afterward the body was ridged with bullets.

with her skill. The New York Hippodrome Elephants, engaged at New York for seven successive seasons, has been obtained for the entire week. Many other high-class vaudeville acts have been engaged to fill the three great arenas before the grandstand afternoon and evening.

Big Fireworks Display. Each evening before the grandstand there will be a big fireworks display, called the "Opening of the Panama Canal." A scenic picture of the Canal over 400 feet long will serve as a background. Over 300 persons will take part in a Spectacle of Nations. Suddenly at a signal the fireworks display opens, breaking down the last obstacle between the Atlantic and Pacific.

On the last day, Sept. 12, the most pretentious auto racing card ever held at Hamline will be put on. Oldfield, Dabrow, Rickenbacher and Knipper, four of the greatest drivers in America, will compete for world's records. Many other noted drivers will compete in the regular events.

Many other amusement features have been provided. Suffice to say one liking good clean entertainment can afford to miss the Minnesota State Fair.

### FAIR TO CARE FOR WOMEN

Minnesota Exposition Arranges For Comfort of Mothers.

So anxious are those in charge of the Minnesota State Fair, Sept. 7-12, to provide for the comfort of women and children that a new department has been organized, called the Department of Public Welfare, and placed in the hands of a committee of seven women with many years of experience in such work.

Mothers will find the playgrounds, nursery, and kindergarten well equipped to care for their children while visits are being paid to other places at the Fair. At the Rest Cottage there will be a chance any time to rest, wash hands and face, and re-arrange the clothing. If anyone becomes ill the Emergency Hospital is equipped to give expert attention instantly at no cost.

Near the Women's Building a large headquarters tent will be erected, where programs interesting to women will be held during the entire week. Women from the country will have a splendid opportunity to rest and visit at the Farmers' Club Headquarters near Agricultural Hall. A visit to the State Fair should present no terrors to any woman.

## What Segregation Means

Rev. Quincy Ewing, a Southern Caucasian, Born and Reared in Mississippi, Shows the Policy of the South is to Keep the Afro-American in Inferior Status.

BY REV. QUINCY EWING.

But we are very far from needing to rely upon any general consideration in support of the proposition advanced above. It is supported by evidences on every hand, waiting only the eye of recognition. Scarcely a day passes but something is said or done with this end in view, to emphasize, lest they forget, the conviction for both white man and Negro that the latter is and must remain an inferior. Let me instance a few such evidences.

Consider, first, the "Jim Crow" legislation in the manner of its enforcement. Such legislation is supposed to have for its object the separation of the races in trains, street cars, etc., to save the white people from occasional contact with drunken, rowdy, ill-mannered Negroes, and to prevent personal encounters between the whites and blacks. Members of the different races occupy the same cars, separated only by absurdly inadequate little open-mesh wire screens, so tiny and light that a conductor can move them from one seat to another with the strength of his little finger. Needless to add, these screens would serve to obscure neither sound, sight, nor smell of drunken rowdies who sat behind them! In summer cars, black and white passengers may be separated not even by a make-believe screen; they are simply required, respectively, to occupy certain seats in the front or the back end of the cars.

In Birmingham, Alabama, the front seats are assigned to Negroes in all closed cars, and the back seats in all open ones. Why the front seats in the one case, and the back seats in the other, it is not easy to understand in the light of the letter and alleged spirit of the Jim Crow law! The underlying purpose of the law is clearly not the separation of the races in space; for public sentiment does not insist upon its fulfillment to that end. The underlying purpose of it would seem to be the separation of the races in status. The doctrine of inequality would be attacked if white and black passengers rode in public conveyances on equal terms; therefore the Negro must do so, not as of undoubted right, but as with the white man's regulation. "This place you may occupy, that other you may not, because I am and you are you, lest to you or to me it should be observed that I am I and you are you." Such is the real spirit of the Jim Crow laws.

Consider further that, while no Negro, no matter what his occupation, or personal refinement, or intellectual culture, or moral character, is allowed to travel in a Pullman car between state lines, or to enter as a guest a hotel patronized by white people, the blackest of Negro nurses and valets are given food and shelter in all first-class hotels, and occasion neither disgust nor surprise in the Pullman cars. Here again the heart of the race problem is laid bare. The black nurse with a white baby in her arms, the black valet looking after the comfort of a white invalid, have the label of their inferiority conspicuously upon them; they understand themselves, and everybody understand them, to be servants, enjoying certain privileges for the sake of the person served. Almost anything the Negro may do in the South, and anywhere he may go, provided the manner of his doing and his going is that of an inferior. Such is the premium put upon his inferiority; such his inducement to maintain it.

## Evidences of Christianity

IN HOLY RUSSIA.

Jewish Girl Outragged and Crucified by Russians.

Berlin—One of the most revolting crimes in the dark history of Russia was reported here in a special dispatch from St. Petersburg, telling of three Russian youths having outraged and then crucified the daughter of a poor Jewish fisherman in Stavropol, on the Volga.

After outraging the young girl, the dispatch declares, the three youths dragged her to a cemetery, where they nailed her to a cross above one of the graves. Nails were driven through her hands and feet and even through her eyes. The three murderers were arrested, but their friends in the town released them and they escaped, it is asserted.

THE ONLY SOLUTION.

Recently at the Church of England Congress at Southampton, Sir Sidney Olivier, who was governor of Jamaica from 1907 to the end of 1912, put forward the claim that no solution of the American color question was possible except by a resolute disclaimer of the color line and the race differentiation theory.

Sir Sidney Olivier certainly knows what he is talking about. In the Island of Jamaica, where he was governor for five years, there are about 800,000 colored people and only 20,000 whites and yet there is absolutely no friction between the races. Jamaica is a British colony and the government is just. Colored men enjoy every civil and political right which white men have and there is no color line. Among other things Sir Sidney said:

"My study and comparison of conditions in the United States and the West Indies," he said, "has brought me to that conclusion. American and colonial politicians and public men are not Exeter Hall abolitionists nor evangelical Christian missionaries. I do not expect them to adopt the methods of missionaries, nor do I sympathize with all their programmes. But it cannot be ignored that it happened that the faiths of the men who laid the foundations for the peaceful development of the mixed community in

Jamaica were democratic and humanitarian and, above all, uncompromisingly Christian.

"Were race differentiation held to it must increase civil discord. When the balance of numbers is as it is in the South in America it must tend to foster obscure preparations for civil war and rebellion. If statesmen and citizens face in the contrary direction I do not say that they will attain immediately civil peace, but I am confident that they will be traveling the only road toward it.

"I do not suggest that race does not greatly affect facilities for combination between humans in healthy national life, but race difference is only one of many schismatic agencies. The solution of the difficulty involves discipline for the white man as well as for the black."

Editor H. C. Smith of the Cleveland, Ohio Gazette, announces himself as a candidate for the Legislature. He was formerly a member of the Ohio Legislature and did good service for humanity in securing the passage of a civil rights bill and an anti-lynching law. Mr. Smith has been a fearless advocate for the rights of his people, through his newspaper and THE APPEAL trusts that he will secure the nomination and be elected by a large majority.

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