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**THE REPUBLIC'S SHAME.**

For the first time in the history of the United States, the machinery of the government of 90,000,000 people is being used to humiliate and degrade 10,000,000 of its loyal and law-abiding citizens.  
In some of the departments of the Federal Government at Washington Afro-American employees have been segregated from their former associates and fellow workers and ordered to use separate retiring rooms. In some instances cages have been built to separate Afro-American and white government clerks. No other class is obliged to wear this badge of degradation.

There is no warrant in law for these orders of subordinate officials. The facts have been brought to the attention of the Department heads and thousands of petitions, memorials and letters have been sent to President Wilson, but up to this writing he has not seen fit to rescind this infamous un-American policy.  
The clerks who have been humiliated by the segregation orders are in no sense wards of the government. They have won their places by examination and women and the government which they have so faithfully and efficiently served has no right to place upon them this badge of dishonor.

It is not a question of social equality that chimeras which so many Caucasians claim to fear, but of civil equality which is the right of every citizen.  
Heretofore the attempts to degrade the citizenry have been the work of individual states in the Southern tier; the Federal Government must be held responsible for this new attempt to establish that impossible thing, caste in a Republic.  
Honest fair minded Americans feel that the fair fame of our country is being trailed in the dust; they hang their heads in shame. It is the Nation's shame.  
We hold President Wilson responsible because in the final analysis the acts of his subordinate officials are his

**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.

and he has the power to end this injustice by a word.  
We have not lost faith in the President and we believe that he will carefully consider the many protests which have been made and give the word which a Christian Statesman should give, that during his administration there shall be no segregation or discrimination on account of race, creed or color among the servants of the government.

**ANNIVERSARY OF ATLANTA'S SHAME.**  
Eight years have passed since the bloody massacre of innocent Afro-Americans at Atlanta, Georgia, and we reprint from the Independent, DuBois' famous "A Litaney of Atlanta" that the race may not forget the awful days when Colored men, women and children were shot down like dogs because of their race. Not a single person who was killed had been guilty of any crime whatever.  
The massacre was caused by the incendiary editorials of the Atlanta News and Journal, owned by Hoax Smith, since governor of Georgia and now United States senator from that state.  
In his gubernatorial canvass Smith also made incendiary speeches inciting the Caucasians against Afro-Americans and demanding that the race be disfranchised. This has since been done by legislative enactment.  
Senator Hoax Smith is said to be the author of the Jim Crow policy of the present administration and he has the active support of Vardaman, Williams, Clark, Heflin and nearly every Southerner in Congress.  
Every Afro-American parent ought to bring "A Litaney of Atlanta" to the attention of his children. Let them commit it to memory—it is a gem of perfect English. Let it burn into the souls of your children so that they may know that in its efforts to degrade the Colored race and reduce it to a condition not far removed from slavery, the South does not hesitate to murder innocent men, women and children.

**TURKEY'S GREAT COUP.**  
That was a neat coup executed by Turkey. Seeing that the time was opportune she has by a stroke of the pen abolished the obnoxious system of extraterritoriality and declared herself supreme in her own house.  
The principle of extraterritoriality has been very exasperating to the Turks. The alleged "Christian" powers, because the Turks are of Asiatic origin and Mohammedans, assume that they were unable to handle their own affairs and compelled them by force of their superior warships to submit to the indignity of allowing consular courts of the various powers to take the place of the regular Turkish courts. Then Great Britain, Russia, Germany, France, Austria and Italy established branch postoffices in the various cities of the Ottoman Empire for the use of foreigners and in order to compete with these usurping establishments the Turks were obliged to sell stamps at prices below the regular postal unit rates. The subjects of the great powers were treated with more consideration than Turkish citizens and exempt from taxation.  
The situation was almost unbearable, but the outrageous condition was backed by the combined navies of Europe so what could the poor Turks, who had but a few bum battleships, do? When they voiced strong protests against the injustice of the thing, the Christian powers simply pointed to their warships.  
Then came a change. The great Christian powers began to spring at each others' throats and while they were engaged in the delightful pastime of murdering men with machine guns, Turkey, which is now ruled by the "Young Turks" who have modernized court procedure and brought the tribunals of justice up to date, seized

the opportunity to put an end to an unjust and humiliating conditions and "put one over" on the Christians.  
**HEATHENS JEER CHRISTIANS.**  
The spectacle of three alleged Christian emperors forcing upon the world a fearful bloody war has caused the so-called heathens of the Orient to speak in derision of Christianity and they taunt the native converts with the charge that Christianity is waning and that Christian civilization is only a veneer.  
This lesson was learned years ago by the Colored people of this country. Although the Afro-Americans have accepted Christianity and in the majority of cases devoutly follow its precepts, they are robbed of their civil rights in many states, they receive injustice in many courts, hostile legislatures pass discriminating laws and they are mob-murdered in the Southern tier of states.  
And then American Caucasian Christianity says: We want you to be Christians in order that our numbers may be enlarged, but you are not fit to go to the same church with us, you must go in Jim Crow Y. M. C. A.'s. We might permit a Chinaman or a Japanese or a Malay or an Indian or perhaps a dog but not a "nigger."  
As all of these outrages are committed by people who claim to be Christians it is not strange that the Afro-American has little faith in the Christianity of the Caucasian American.  
"By their fruits ye shall know them."

**SPREAD OF MOHAMMEDANISM.**  
Every true Christian should be glad to learn of the remarkable growth of Mohammedanism. Among the colored peoples of the world it is outstripping Christians.  
This may seem a queer statement but it is true. Christianity is so decadent in America today that there are few real Christians except Afro-Christianity.  
have been so warped by the infamous souls of the American Caucasians social prejudice rampant in this country that in the majority of cases they are not true followers of the Nazarene. Before the awful color line American Christianity stands paralyzed and dumb.  
There are today 5,000,000 more Moslems than Christians in the British empire. One-seventh of the whole human race is Mohammedan and the proportion is not at a standstill; it is increasing yearly. In Asia and Africa more natives are becoming Mohammedans every year than are turning to Christianity. Today nearly all of the sacred places named in the Bible are under Mohammedan rule.  
There is a reason why the colored races cling to the religion of Mohammed. It is a religion in which there is no color line. The brotherhood of man is not a mere figure of speech as it is in Christianity, but a living reality. The orientals are too shrewd to be caught in any large numbers by a Jim Crow religion, for that is what it means when Caucasian Christianity gets them into its clutches.  
The conquest of Colored America for Mohammedanism has not yet begun, but it is coming some day, THE APPEAL believes and predicts and the brotherhood religion will spread like wildfire.

**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.

**IN THE "BREAD AND BUTTER STATE."**

Nearly thirty years have passed since the editor of THE APPEAL left his native state, Kentucky, and came to Minnesota. Some years prior to that he saw the changing conditions and became convinced that there was no chance for Afro-American in the South—that is to be more than a half-man. He felt that there were many things more precious than gold. He intended to marry and rear a family and he did not care to subject his children, if any came, to the hellish conditions which were general in that section. He felt that they had a right to be born in a state where there was no law to degrade them—where they would have a fair field and then if they failed it would be their own fault.  
In 1885 he packed up his belongings and came to the great state of Minnesota and he has never regretted the step. His way has not been easy, but he has reared a family, giving his children every advantage he could afford to give them and if they do not make good he can not be held responsible.  
It has been a great benefit to reside in a state which does not generally discriminate between its citizens. There is room in the great state of Minnesota for others who wish to escape the degradation of the South. Well intentioned, intelligent, clean, respectable Afro-Americans will be welcomed here and those who have a little capital have a good chance to succeed.  
Southern Afro-Americans who are thinking of coming this way should divest themselves of all Jim Crow ideas before starting. Those who come as men and demand respect as men will be treated as men.

**GEORGIA'S LATEST.**  
The more or less great commonwealth of Georgia, land of the cracker and the watermelon, in whose capital the most infamous and uncalled for massacre of dark-hued Americans occurred, has again distinguished itself by picking Tom Hardwick, now unlawfully occupying a seat in the House of Representatives, as its candidate for United States Senator and he will duly be sent to Washington to be the colleague of Hoax Smith, whose newspaper was the principal inciter of the Atlanta riot, and introduces some more Jim Crow bills.  
The associated press dispatch, announcing the selection of Hardwick, naively added, "a nomination is equivalent to an election." Of course, it is. Half the population of Georgia consists of Afro-Americans and they are disfranchised by the state's infamous laws.  
During his six terms in Congress Hardwick has done very little. Practically his whole time has been spent in introducing Jim Crow legislation, his most notable achievements in this line being two joint resolutions, one, H. J. Res. 60, 62d Congress, proposing an amendment to repeal the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, and one, H. J. Res. 61, 62d Congress, proposing the repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution.  
Hardwick is a great "introducer" and when he reaches Washington he may make a hit with his cracker constituents in "Jawjaw" by introducing a Bill to compel all colored residents

of the District of Columbia to use the middle of the streets, reserving the sidewalks for Jawjaws and other superior people.  
"MADE IN U. S. A."  
Senator Fletcher of Florida, chairman of the senate committee on commerce, favorably reported the following resolution, which had been submitted by Senator Weeks of Massachusetts:  
"The secretary of commerce is hereby directed to cause to be prepared in detail an estimate of the probable cost of sending at least six vessels, now in the military or naval service of the United States, or otherwise, to the principal port of South America, such vessels to carry suitable samples of the manufacturers and products of this country, together with a reasonable number of representatives of business or trade organizations, and to adopt such other means as may be deemed advisable, to the end that our manufacturers and producers may be forthwith put in direct contact with the markets of South America."  
The majority of the people in Mexico, Central and South America are mixed bloods, Caucasians, Indian and Negroes and all sorts of complicated mixtures and it would undoubtedly be a great idea to load the ship with samples of Jim Crow cars and various other hellish things which are made only in the United States. The 19,000,000 colored people out of the 20,000,000 inhabitants of Brazil would no doubt be greatly interested in the U. S. Treasury brand of water closets "For Negroes only" put on the market by that distinguished inventor, John Skelton Williams of Virginia.

It is said that President Wilson wishes to show the Afro-Americans that he is not inimical to them. He can do it easily and without fear from the opposition of Vardaman. Mr. President, just pass the word down the line that there is to be no more segregation in the service of the United States government; revoke the separate toilet order and declare that Afro-Americans are to be treated just the same as other classes of Americans.  
"What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." One of the strongest arguments used in favor of female suffrage is: "Women should have the ballot for their own protection." Granted. But how about the black men in the Southern states who are deprived of the ballot by the "grandfather clause," or some other equally outrageous and unAmerican subterfuge? Do they not need protection?  
Silence is infamous.  
Possibly the worst thing permitted to go on and work injury to Negroes, has been the silence of Negro speakers in the face of the infamous lies Ben. Tillman, Vardaman, Bleasie and others have been telling the North and West about Negroes raping white women. By all means they should have been rebuked and their statements proven lies, but as it is, both sections believe it. Shame on the intelligent men and women of our race who allow these base calumniators to slander us.—Pioneer Press, Martinsburg, W. Va.

**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 not 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 shove 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 thereof! 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 who rides in a public conveyance 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 I and you are you, lest to you or to me it should be obscured 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 Outraged and Crucified By Russians.  
Berlin—One of the most revolting crimes in the dark history of Russia was reported 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.

**DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON STARTLES US.**  
(Louisville News.)  
The Louisville-Courier Journal quotes Dr. Washington as saying in a recent speech that "the Negro should stop fighting segregation and lend his forces toward beautifying the neighborhood in which he lives." If Dr. Washington is correctly quoted this is most discouraging. It is inconceivable that one who occupies so prominent a position in the Afro-American world should so far forget his position and his dignity as to urge his race to cease protesting against the most cowardly and humiliating legislation in the land.  
It is safe to say that segregation has many champions even among our race, but almost without exception they are to be found among the element where there is the least intelligence and where there is an inherent fear of opposing anything the white man chooses to do. But here we are smitten from an unexpected quarter; a recognized leader of his race, an educator, tells us to forget our manhood; to forget the sacred and inalienable rights of political and personal liberty; and to passively submit to the humiliation of being pushed aside as though we are a race of lepers, because we would seek cleaner and healthier neighborhoods to which to live.

**GROWTH OF DRUG HABBIT.**  
Prohibitionists Pay Little Attention to Country's Serious Menace.  
Duluth, Minn., Aug.—Commenting on the accumulation of evidence that the drug habit is growing at an appalling rate in this country, the Duluth Herald of August 12th says editorially: "It is claimed that this country uses more opium than China, and that it has become the chief market of the world for this deadly drug."  
"Drugs kill more people than whiskey, and kill the more dreadful way. They kill the soul long before they kill the body. They kill the conscience and turn human beings into fiends. They corrode moral faculties, and kill lingeringly, terribly."  
"Half the enthusiasm and zeal put into the prohibition movement would slay the drug evil."  
"Yet there is much enthusiasm and zeal for the prohibition movement and very little interest in the drug menace."  
"Why?"

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**Infamous Discriminations.**  
Pioneer Press, Martinsburg.)  
What a terrible thing, for a peaceful laboring and country-loving people, whose patriotism has been to this nation gloriously tested in every war, to be denied a man's rights. In come foreigners, who know nothing of our country's laws; speak not a word of our language, yet they can eat in restaurants, ride on first-class trains and boats, stop at hotels; in short do what any white man can. It is quite time that decent and refined colored people, every one of more or less mixed blood, should be accorded the same right. Shame on America! If true, and God declares it, that what people sow shall they also reap; what a heart-rendering harvest is ripening to be cut.

**The Reason Why.**  
(Afro-American Ledger.)  
One of the reasons why the South is in its present backward condition is because the white people of this South pay more attention to trying to keep the Afro-American in "his place," whatever that may be, instead of trying to make progress and have the colored man to assist him in doing so. We are credibly informed that in Wilmington, N. C., has been falling back in the race ever since that riot took place which drove from it a large element of its very best and most progressive colored people. It has lost its standing as the first city of the old war time South and is cast propped to take second or even third place.

**ATTITUDE**  
Of William E. Lee on the Liquor Traffic.  
(From Owatonna Speech.)  
"I believe in county option and that the people of any governmental unit should have the legal machinery provided for the expression of their will

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