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**TEACHING TREASON.**

Hubert Eaves, a colored boy 11 years old, at Des Moines, Iowa has several times refused to salute the American flag at the Clarkson public school, which he attends and has been arrested by the truant officer. He says: "America is a white man's country, I have no country."

It is said that he was instructed to do this by his parents and if true they are not only making fools of themselves, but are guilty of treason when they teach their son to refuse to salute the stars and stripes. They have done the boy a great wrong by endeavoring to instill such pernicious ideas into his mind and they are teaching him a falsehood.

The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States specifically states: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subjects to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. That covers the case of the Eaves family. Both parents and the boy were born here and are citizens by right of birth, and this country is as much their country as it is the country of any other persons who were born here.

Vardaman, Tillman and some other more or less notorious sons of the South have announced that this is a "white man's country" and no doubt

**THE SIN OF SILENCE**

To sin by 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 least disputes. The few who dare must speak and speak again to right the wrongs of many.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

they would be greatly pleased if the colored people would accept that view of the matter and get off the earth or at least out of the country; in fact some of these "statemen" have suggested the deportation of all colored citizens.

The average American knows that this is the colored man's country as well as the white man's country and history tells us that the colored man is worthy of the citizenship. In many things the country is unjust to its colored citizens. Both public opinion and legislative enactments are in many cases un-American, but that does not change the basic fact that all persons born here are Americans and people who teach their children that this is a "white man's country" and advise them not to salute the flag, are traitors to the land of their birth.

**IS THIS RETRIBUTION?**

The first lynching, by burning a human being at the stake took place in Paris, Texas, many years ago, when Henry Smith an innocent colored man, CHARGED with assault on a white woman, was saturated with kerosene oil and burned to death in the public square. It was a gala event. Thousands of people, including "many of the leading citizens" came from miles around to witness the human holocaust. The woman who made the charge lighted the fire and as the flames crackled about their victim the elite of Texas danced like demons about the pyre.

The woman afterwards confessed that the colored man visited her not only with her consent but at her solicitation. Remorse over her fiendish act so preyed upon her mind that a short time after she died a raving maniac.

Now the fire fiend was again visited the Texas city and Paris is in ashes. This time millions of dollars worth of property of many of the "leading citizens" who took part in that man burning has gone up in smoke.

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**"BASIS OF SOCIAL STRIFE."**

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"Think of the simple Russian, German and French peasants across the sea tonight, murdering each other. If you went through the ranks most of them wouldn't know what it is all about. They are doing it just because some one in authority has labeled the other fellow—'enemy.'"

"The secret of nearly all our hatred and indifference toward our neighbors is because we don't know them. We are all slaves to names and titles; we hate to face realities. We are getting morally color blind to the finer shades of right and wrong. Often we are afraid to be alone with our real selves for fear we should get acquainted with them."

**THE REASON WHY.**

A distinguished foreigner who "is touring the United States had this to say relative to his impressions of the race question in this country: "I have always been interested in what is called the race question in the United States and since my arrival I have endeavored to study it from every viewpoint and if possible find some reasons for its existence. "After I had met so large a number of intelligent, well educated, refined and cultured colored people I was at a loss to understand the reasons for the bitter race prejudice and the attempts in various parts of the country to segregate people of color."

"The problem was largely solved when I attended at Evanston, Illinois recently a conference of the various branches of Methodism and in which the colored branches had representation."

"That a body so-called Christians should find it necessary to even discuss the question of segregating any class of people was so contrary to the spirit of Christianity that I was greatly surprised; but after a Southern delegate had in a vigorous speech opposed segregation, I was dumfounded to see a bishop of a colored Methodist church arise and make a speech favoring the separation of his branch from the proposed union of Methodism. He referred to his members as "white folks' Negroes" and said they wished to be set apart. It was a disgusting revelation."

"The whole thing is now clear. Some ignorant, short sighted self-seeking leaders are seeking segregation in the church for some personal reasons. Evidently they are not versed in history or they would know that they are playing with fire. If they are segregated in the House of the Lord, segregation civilly and socially follows as a natural sequence. Old colored men who were reared in slavery are apt to have slavish ideas and the only hope of the colored people is that the young men, the clear-headed thinking young men, will take charge of the situation and push to the rear the trucking leaders who are willing to sell their birthright for a mess of pottage."

**HONORABLE SECRETARY VISITS.**

"The Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury," W. G. McAdoo, has started for South America. He is accompanied by Senator Fletcher of Florida. The United States is reaching out for Central and South American trade and these two worthy segregationists will no doubt receive a rousing hearty welcome from the warm hearted Latin Americans.

In Brazil the "Honorable Secretary" will meet many prominent citizens, high officials and merchants who are colored men of various shades, from a bright yellow to a lustrous black, and he has made a great mistake if he has not included among his impediments samples of the famous segregated water closet which was invented by former "Honorable Assistant Secretary of the Treasury" Williams and installed in the treasury building at Washington by "The Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury" McAdoo. Doubtless this new-fangled Democratic contrivance would greatly impress many of the men of various mixtures of Indian, Negro, Portuguese and Spanish bloods, "The Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury" will have the HONOR of meeting.

And it is appropriate that "The Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury" should steam away on the U. S. armored cruiser Tennessee. The name Tennessee, as well as that of every other state in the murder zone of the United States, is one for segregationists to conjure by, reeking as it does with civic injustice, race prejudice, Jimcrow laws, religious cant, hypocrisy and lynching.

**SEGREGATION IN ST. LOUIS.**

Only one daily paper in St. Louis had the courage and manhood not only to fight against segregation but to severely rebuke the other papers which stood for the unholy thing. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the Pulitzer paper, in an admirable editorial, set forth its view of the situation as follows: "The forces backing the segregation movement were so powerful that they were able to control newspapers and induce them to abandon their principles. That they should mislead for a time a large number of voters is not a matter of wonderment."

"Of course the ordinances adopted under the initiative will have to stand the tests of the courts. We do not believe that they will survive. If they do not we do not look for a solution of the problems they were planned to meet. We believe that they are mistakes and that they will be recognized as mistakes and set aside in favor of the principles they violate. We hope, however, the experiment of segregation will not lead to serious consequences."

"The racial problems with which they are planned to deal must be solved on a sounder basis of justice and liberty and with a broader spirit of humanity than are embodied in these measures."

It is said that the intelligent colored people of Saint Louis will fight segregation to a finish and that they must do, for upon the proper settlement of this question depends their very existence. Segregation is spreading all over the country and money must be raised to carry the question to the Supreme Court of the United States.

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**THE LIAR AND HIS LIES.**

Recently in Richmond in the more or less "grand old commonwealth of Virginia," colored citizens according to the Daily Times-Dispatch, honored a Catholic priest who had worked among the colored people, by presenting him a silver tea service. So far, so good, but in his speech the colored brother who made the presentation speech said that "the white and colored people of Richmond lived side by side in most harmonious relations and that there was not the least sign of race prejudice."

Now somebody has lied. Either the Times-Dispatch has misquoted the speaker or he has deliberately falsified. The Planet, the Reformer and the St. Luke Herald newspapers published by colored people has stated scores of times that rank prejudice exists and certainly the enactment of the city segregation ordinance which does not permit colored and white people to live "side by side."

In truth the talk about "harmonious relations" is mostly bunk and it has been handed out for years by the bootlickers who for personal reasons desire to curry favor with their oppressors. "Harmonious relations," "not the least sign of prejudice" and such expressions are lies and the man who utters them knows that he is a liar.

A white youth at Jacksonville, Fla., raped a colored girl six years old. No talk of lynching.

**COLORED COMMITTEE**

REFUSED A HEARING IN WASHINGTON BY VINSON OF GEORGIA.

On Bills Favoring Jim Crow Cars and Making Marriage of Colored and White People a Crime—Rep. Tinkham Conducted Hearing Alone.

(From the Boston Guardian.)

Mr. Archibald H. Grimke, president of the Washington, D. C. Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reports in the Boston Herald of Monday his attempt to get a hearing on bills for separate street cars and against intermarriage of white and colored persons, introduced into Congress. He says that Rep. Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, chairman of the District Committee, ignored his request and a hearing before the sub-committee was secured through Congressman George Holden Tinkham of Boston.

When this colored committee appeared Rep. Tinkham telephoned to the sub-committee chairman, Rep. Vinson of Georgia, that some citizens were on hand, which brought him to the scene. The latter, however, on viewing these citizens took Rep. Tinkham into an ante-room and practically accused him of deception in that those present were colored Americans, supposing they were white ones, who favored the bills. He flatly refused to hear this committee and is alleged to have said to Rep. Tinkham: "I never was more astonished in my life when I saw the committee rooms filled with a lot of niggers and mongrels."

Tinkham Conducts Hearing.

Rep. Tinkham then conducted the hearing himself, having a stenographic report made of everything said. Presumably no white member of the organization was present, and no colored woman spoke. Colored men mentioned as speaking were Dean Kelly Miller and Prof. Geo. W. Cooke of Howard University. Mr. Grimke, Mr. Whitefield McKinlay, a wealthy business man, ex-Collector of the Port of Georgetown, James A. Cobb, Esq., and Ex-Asst. W. S. District Attorney of D. C.

**Indifferent to South's Aggression.**

The article says that there will be no printed report of these arguments, because colored persons are not considered as citizens by the Democratic majority in Congress, and that the South has deprived the colored people of all representation in Congress (of course with the acquiescence of the hostile bills upon which now it tries to refuse a hearing, and as how long this disregard of the rights of colored citizens under the Constitution is to go unchecked by the "American nation.")

Mr. Grimke summarizes the argument used, especially against the stigmatizing anti-intermarriage bills as follows: "We showed why the bills ought not to become law; that white and colored people have been riding in the same cars since 1865, without race friction; that there is no public derelict for separate cars and street railway cars; that we are opposed to them; and while we did not advocate the inter-marriage of the races, far from it, yet we were opposed to these anti-marriage bills because there is no necessity for such a law, as inter-marriage between the races is very rare and is, in fact, a negligible quantity in the District of Columbia, as such marriages constitute but a small fraction of one per cent of the marriages in the district. We went further and deeper, and showed that such a law would operate not to raise public morals but to lower them; not to prevent the inter-mixture of the races but to make amalgamation appallingly easy."

**Laws Against Inter-Marriage Do Not Stop but Increase Inter-mixture of Colored Blood.**

He showed how such laws operate to preserve race purity in the South by establishing double moral and legal standards, and how white men can and do live in concubinage with colored women; that they have children by them with impunity; that they live in lawful union with white women in their world and in unlawful union with black women in their world at one and the same time, producing in consequence a vast number of mixed bloods every year. We showed that if colored against white men, which white women possess, by action for seduction and bastardy process, and that if these white men could be forced legally to support their colored children, could be brought to book by the criminal law for adultery and fornication with colored women, there would be vastly less inter-mixture of the races in the South than is going on there at present, and that the South is opposed not to illicit intercourse between the races, but only to legal sexual relations between them.

**Muet Judge A Group by Its Beat.**

(From the Christian Register, Boston, Mass.)

No one can be said to know any class of people who has not been intimate and sympathetic relation with the best as well as the worst of the class. We compare many persons who live in the South, and think they know the colored race, with others who have had no such contact, but who have come into intimate and sympathetic relations with large numbers of that race whom their Southern friends have never known; and of the two sets of people we should say that the second knew the colored people better than the first. They know aspirations among them, that the others do not know, or knowing, do not enter into and appreciate; they know capabilities by direct contact with the best of the race which others are oblivious of; they know qualities which only respect and sympathy can bring out; they know possibilities to which others know very little; they know the colored race through the mass and by observation merely could know what individual possibilities are demonstrated in growing numbers of the elect, and would be courageously candid with themselves, they would revise their judgments and possibly soften their prejudices. At any rate, they ought to credit to those on whom they charge ignorance of the colored race the values that come from knowing how many of that race are the equal of any members of the dominant race in the highest abilities and in the clearest aims. No estimate is worth much which does not take people at their best.



DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

**BE JUST TO THE LIVING.**

Recently the New York Age published excerpts from different race journals which took notice of the comment, made by Editor W. E. B. Du Bois in The Crisis, on the death of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. The virulence of the attack, by these papers upon Dr. DuBois, was more untimely than anything he had said about Mr. Washington. Editor DuBois gave public utterance to his convictions, and in so doing allowed the world to know the estimate he had of Dr. Washington. Many others may think like the editor of The Crisis, but will not dare to express it. Mr. Washington would not have been a man, if he had been without fault. As a man he had made mistakes of judgment, though honest, we believe. The editor of The Crisis recognized not his personal mistakes, which had to do with his personal character, but those acts which had to do with the shaping of the destiny of the race in this country. In criticizing the public acts of a man, no one should be held up as an enemy, nor should his criticism be just. Those others who abused Editor DuBois did not attempt to show that he was wrong in his judgment of Mr. Washington. It is grossly unfair to appeal to abuse when one is in a combat. The very fact of appealing to abuse indicates that the opponent is correct and there is not an argument to meet him, but assaults upon him must be the alternative. Truly, Dr. Washington stood out as an educator of no mean ability in the industrial world. He achieved his prominence in that portion of the country where great antagonism to the advance of the race existed. He had to "stoop to conquer." He made great concessions in order that he and his institution might accomplish a good for the race which the other could not. In the opinion of the editor of The Crisis Mr. Washington conceded too much. There are certain facts that stare us in the face and we must consider them.

First: Tuskegee has grown, but the common school education of the race in the South has shrunk almost to nothing.

Second: During the height of Mr. Washington's popularity almost every Southern state tried to segregate the school fund.

Third: Though Tuskegee has turned out many worthy students the rank and file of our children in the South are worse off today than they were thirty years ago.

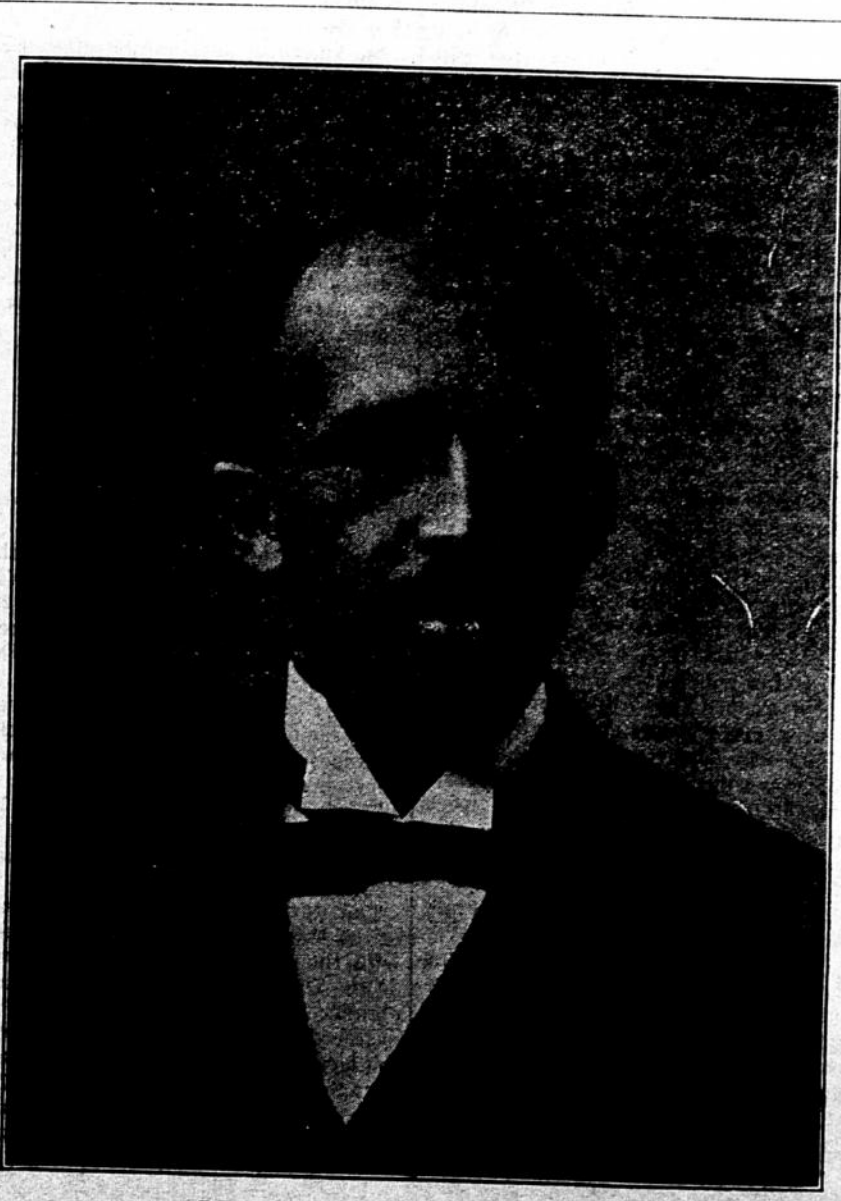
Fourth: The financial backing of Tuskegee institute, by the most influential men of the country, resulted in an alarming decrease in gifts to higher educational schools to prepare leaders for the race.

Fifth: In spite of the conciliation of Mr. Washington, the South during his life-time destroyed more of our colored youth by lynching, and lawlessness than at any other period of its history.

Sixth: The advising of our people to eschew politics and get material wealth, did not make their lives one whit better, for as fast as the race got wealth every device for segregation and oppression was inaugurated. Negroes this administration has lynched.

**The Lynching of Haiti.**

(From St. Luke's Herald.)  
But, why not Mexico? Well, Mexico has a population of 15,000,000. It has several men calling themselves generals, backed by armies that will fight. We are a peaceable people; we will not fight any people who can fight back. The helpless and unarmed are our prey. Just as we lynch helpless Negroes this administration has lynched the Haitian government.



DR. W. E. BURGHARDT DU BOIS

**THE MAN WHO DARES**

I honor the man who in the conscientious discharge of his duty dares to stand alone; the world, with ignorant, intolerant judgment, may condemn, the countenances of relatives may be averted, and the hearts of friends grow cold, but the sense of duty done shall be sweeter than the applause of the world, the countenances of relatives or the hearts of friends.—Charles Sumner.