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ANNOUNCEMENT.

For the past two weeks there has been a little delay in the prompt issuance of this paper, owing to a hitch in the press rooms. This is due as an incident of the new dress being put on The Colored American and the many improvements which have been made, and will be made. Hereafter the paper will reach our readers as heretofore, except a day earlier. This reminds us that many persons have written us complaining of the delay of the paper, and these complaints have come from persons, many of whom are bad paying subscribers. We have several thousand subscribers, whom we are forced to put in the class of dead heads. They give our collectors all kinds of jolly, and they are the first to complain when the paper fails to reach them on schedule time. It is a problem indeed to give the race a first class newspaper, when the race fails to support it, as it should.

THE HORRORS OF KISHINEFF.

Russia pretends to be a Christian nation, and yet she has an unenviable record of cruelty and inhumanity. Her hands are crimson with the blood of the defenceless, and she is forever adding to her list of crime some new barbarity. Her government is the worst form of despotism the world has ever seen, and has no excuse for existence in this twentieth century. At the present time her hatred seems to be especially exercised towards the Jews, who constitute a large portion of her population, and who have contributed largely to her commercial and military strength. She has erected an altar in the name of Christianity, but with the cardinal principles of Christ left out. At this altar the Jews fail to fall down and worship because the spirit of devotion does not move them in that direction. On April 19th and 20th of the present year, amid the celebration of the Easter festivities, the red right hand of the government of the Czar caused great desolation at

Kishineff of Bessarabia, by a wholesale massacre of the Jews. This murder was the outcome of long pentup feelings engendered by race prejudices, and religious intolerance, and it was committed in the name of Christianity. It is alleged that the Jews had put to death a Christian youth in order to get his blood for the celebration of the passover. An unheard of thing in the celebration of Jewish rites and ceremonies. The blood offered up by the Jews in atonement at the Feast of the Passover is the blood of an animal that has been cleansed and purified according to Jewish ceremonies, and the blood of a Christian could never answer for that purpose. To charge that a Christian child had been used as a blood offering by the Jews is a flimsy pretext for the massacre above referred to. People who are familiar with Jewish customs know that the Jews offer in sacrifice to their God, something which they (the Jews) hold sacred. That the blood of a Christian was so offered is discredited by everybody at all familiar with Jewish rites.

Protests against the massacre of Kishineff are being sent up from every section of our country, and although lynchings and mob violence run riot in certain sections of the United States, yet the sense of justice and fairplay is still alive in the bosom of the American people, and will make itself manifest in due time. The spirit of lawlessness which obtains at the South will be nipped in the bud, ere long, and when that time comes our protests against such horrors as occurred at Kishineff, on Easter Sunday, will be effective all over the world.

Let the United States stand up for the right, and demand justice and fair treatment for every creature under the sun. That is the true policy, and the only one that can win in the long run.

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, N. Y., certainly has the spirit of the Master in him. He preaches the gospel of truth, and teaches humility as a civic virtue.

COLORED PEOPLE IGNORED.

Again we note with regret the apparent studied neglect of our worthy colored citizens by the local authorities. The daily papers of a few days since published an elaborate and we must admit an engaging proposition for the celebration of the fourth of July now approaching. Saving the participation of the First Separate Battalion of the District Militia and the probable, but by no means certain, presence of the High and Manual Training School Cadets, we look in vain for any place of honor or usefulness accorded to a single colored person.

Why is this always true, except in those rare instances which rather point the moral than contradict the charge? This is our country. We sing that grand anthem, "My Country 'Tis Of Thee," with the same emotions and sentiments of loyalty and devotion to her. We were born on her soil. We derive sustenance from her bosom. We fight her battles. We give tithes of our possessions to the maintenance of good government. We willingly participate and often at much personal sacrifice in the administration of justice. Why then shall it be assumed that we are deficient in public spirit?

The Colored American can point to numbers of colored men in this community of whom it and the whole race are proud; men whose very worth is dominated by their modesty; whose recognition in public movements would be most acceptable to us, and whose counsel in their evolution would be most valuable.

When is this narrowness and this contempt for—or at least indifference to our prominent and sterling men to cease?

Typhoid pneumonia made a strong fight for the life of that old war horse, Col. W. A. Pledger, of the Atlanta Age but the Colonel won and is convalescing. As he had the prayers of his friends during his illness, he has also their warmest congratulations over his recovery and returns to the pursuits of his energetic and useful life.

THE CHAMBERMAID INCIDENT.

Well, here is another delectable dish of crow for the dear southern white people who love (?) the Negroes so! The truth has finally come out touching that bed-making incident out in Indianapolis, Indiana, of which one, Mrs. Lulu Hadley, was the heroine. It appears from the statements of the manager of the English Hotel, the scene of the incident, of the Superintendent and the head chambermaid, that Mrs. Hadley did make Dr. Washington's bed up, that she was not discharged, but left after a reprimand for violations of the rules entirely disconnected with bed-making, and in no wise connected with the alleged occurrence and that the sympathy of the southern white people is entirely misplaced.

When will these insensate people realize the ridiculous attitude into which their prejudices are repeatedly precipitating them? He laughs best who laughs last.

Two thoughts suggest themselves. 1st. If we did not know the earnest, dignified character of Prof. Washington we would be led to suspect that the whole story was the concoction of some shrewd and enterprising advance or advertising agent of Tuskegee, who knowing how to further arouse the interest and generosity of the great North in the Wizard's grand work, manufactured the whole occurrence to complete the long desired endowment fund of \$2,000,000.

2nd. These foolish men with money to spend to gratify the luxuries of prejudice, but none to build up the waste places of their own section might with propriety inquire for the address of Mr. Levi Hadley, erstwhile husband of the ex-First Lady of the Bed-Chamber, and pour out their sympathy and their golden stream upon him. Old Davy Crockett said, "First be sure you are right, then go ahead."

The Boston Guardian pays the following tribute to the South and to Southern chivalry:

"My! With the southern lieutenant-governor of Louisiana killed in a street brawl; the same official in Missouri convicted of stealing and, therefore, forced to resign; another waiting trial for murder in South Carolina; a U. S. Senator and Congressman in a curbstone fight in Arkansas; Tillman and McLaurin, of South Carolina, and Bailey of Texas, in a fistic combat in the Senate, the South seems able at least to furnish the scrappers of the country! And all this display of temper and bar-room methods by white men, not Negroes. If thugs and black legs in that section don't look out, they will have to seek new occupation for distinction!"

Hon. W. H. Jackson, the weak-kneed Congressman from Maryland, who failed to stand by his own appointee, Andrew J. Day, but had the postoffice abolished, will doubtless hear from his colored constituents when the next nominating convention is held in his district.

Mr. Moncure D. Conway will probably not visit the South at an early date, or at least until the white people down there have had a chance to forget his startling theory on the color of their skins. It would be well, however, when he does go to look up Mr. B. N. Boyd, of Greenville, N. C., a colored author, who has just published a book advancing an almost identical theory.

It is very pleasant to note that in the receptions accorded President Roosevelt in the far West, Negroes were prominent. In San Francisco the colored troops held the head of the line, and as a special escort, two troops of the 9th Cavalry were selected. One of them was commanded by Capt. Chas. Young, the only colored graduate of West Point now in the army.

It is gratifying to learn that since the latest agitation of the Jim Crow car iniquity, New Orleans colored people have boycotted the cars and that the car companies are more and more disgusted with the law.

The mailing books of The Colored American show a large number of names of persons, who have been receiving the paper for years, who have been notified many times of their indebtedness to it, who are still reading the paper, but who refuse point blank to pay for it, or even to answer letters sent them. Many of these people are personal friends of the editor, and he would like to have a line from them.

If you read The Colored American and like it, pay for it.

Whatever may be the outcome of the strike of The Colored Waiters in Chicago, the effort has been a brilliant one and teaches an important lesson—that of organization and mutual help. A few more earnest efforts of the same character will do the race great good in demonstrating the suicidal policy of rushing to pour out all our troubles into the ears of white men, who exhibit pretended sympathy in order to secure knowledge in advance of our plans that they may turn and rend us.

The 15th amendment having received a solar plexus blow in the U. S. Supreme Court, may as well be hung up now in the National Museum, as one of the curiosities of the reconstruction period.

Mr. W. D. Johnson, Editor and Manager of The Kentucky Standard, of Louisville, Ky., has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to the Kentucky Legislature from the 15th district. He is making a vigorous canvass and he has the warm wishes of The Colored American for his success.

Since the South refuses to allow the Negro to vote she ought not to be allowed increased representation in Congress and the electoral college made possible by counting Negroes in the population.

Rev. Ernest W. Lyon, our new minister to Liberia, will go to his post of duty honored as have been few, if any, of his predecessors. He will be the representative of his government, of the great A. M. E. Church, and of the highest degree of Masonry, the 33rd, which was recently conferred upon him in Baltimore.

The Colored American Magazine, of Boston, Mass., announcement of the suspension of which was made some time ago, is to be revived, and it is announced that the May and June numbers will be issued about June 5th proximo. The entire plant of the Colored Co-Operative Publishing Company which until recently published the magazine has been purchased by a company of which Mr. W. H. Dupree is President, Mr. William O. West, is Secretary and Manager, Mr. Jesse W. Watkins is treasurer, and Miss Pauline E. Hopkins is Literary Editor.

This strong combination will use the same firm name, and continue the publication of the periodical.

A WORTHY MAN.

The Voice of The People, a weekly publication at Pittsburg, Pa., pays our Rev. B. J. Bolding, pastor of John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, in this city, and editor of Varese Christian Endeavor, a high compliment in its last issue. Among other things it says:

"If any 'Gallant Knight of the Quill' has earned his spurs in a trusted literary position in A. M. E. Zion Church, Dr. Bolding is that man. He appears to be publishing our Young People's official denominational organ with but little help. They are pluck, pride and ability, which impell him to succeed anyhow."