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## Afro-American Men And Women

### Who Were Not Charged With Committing Any Crimes Shot Down In the Streets Of Atlanta.

That Unregenerated and Incarnate Fiend of the Infernal Regions, John Temple Graves, Approved of the Actions of the Mob.

Down With Booker T. Washington and the Other Arch-Enemies and Traitors to the Race, Who advised Its Members Not to Retaliate But to Stand Still and Permit Themselves to Be Shot Down Like Common Dogs By the White Christians of the South!

No one does not need to come forth from the grave to prove that the vast majority of the whites residing in the South, are either living in a state of savagery or are savages at heart, and are absolutely unwilling to be governed by the established laws of their own creation. This fact was fully demonstrated last Saturday evening by the white citizens of Atlanta, Ga., who formed themselves into one vast mob for the purpose of proving to the world, that with all their boasted superiority over the Negro, that they are still cowardly savages and red-handed murderers of innocent and law abiding Colored men and women, and for the further purpose of displaying their pretended inborn hatred for the Negro.

Two or three weeks before the formation of the bloodthirsty mob one of the blood and thunder, and rabid Negro hating newspapers of that city offered a reward of one thousand dollars to anyone who was able to report one case, wherein a "Negro had attempted to commit an assault on a white woman." This offer was made for the purpose of fanning the flames in favor of mob and lynch law, and Booker T. Washington, who has proven himself a traitor and an arch enemy to his race by advising its members to stand still, and offer no resistance and permit themselves to be shot down in the streets of Atlanta like common dogs, by the white Christians, also assisted to fan the spirit into a white heat, while addressing the members of his Negro National Business League, when in that city a short time ago he practically admitted that the Negro race is a race of criminals, and that too many crimes are being committed by the Negro, and part of the blood of those peaceable Colored men and women who have lost their lives in Atlanta rests on the head of Booker T. Washington.

As the dark hour of the night crept over Atlanta last Saturday a great mob which was composed by many of its best citizens, either actively or passively, boldly took possession of the business center of the city without scarcely any interference on the part of the police and the other city authorities and with a copy of the newspaper in their hands, containing an account of the supposed number of assaults on white women by Negroes, the mob started on its bloody mission of redning its hands in the blood of Negro men and women who were not charged with committing any crime whatever, and all that night and away into Sunday morning wherever the mob of midnight assassins and wild beasts or savages came in contact with a Colored man or woman it proceeded to beat or club them, to knock them down, tramp upon them,

pull them from the street cars while returning to their homes from work, to shoot them in the back after ordering them, to run, persuaded them to their homes in order to assault and murder them, these he-hounds even rushed into barber shops, hotels and in fact every place wherever a Colored man or woman were to be found for the purpose of wreaking vengeance upon them, and to fully prove that they were so base and low and such great cowards that they would not attack the Colored people unless they were in large numbers and felt cock sure that the Colored people had no arms, and that they were powerless to protect themselves on the spur of the moment in any manner, shape or form.

Mayor Woodward who got drunk and disgraced himself while attending the mayor's convention at Toledo, Ohio, last spring, and who served as city Judge of Atlanta in 1897, and when a Colored man and white woman at that time were brought before him, charged with living together as man and wife, he set the white woman free who declared in open court that "she had not been raped nor restrained of her liberty and that she loved her Colored husband, and the good Judge fined the Colored man three thousand and five hundred dollars or fifteen years in the chain gang, with this maddened or drunken idea of Southern justice ringing in his ears Mayor Woodward, several times attempted to address the mob, but its members simply laughed at him, for while he was engaged in addressing his eminent, respectable fellow-citizens he spoke two words in favor of mob and lynch law to every one in favor of law and order, for the only effort he put forth to suppress the mob was to order the firemen to turn the hose on its members whereas if he had had the courage and the manhood to have commanded the police to shoot into the mob to kill, and just as soon as one or two of its members would have bitten the dust, the rest of its honorable members would have slunk away like whipped dogs for those who compose mobs are cowardly criminals and that class of white gentlemen who lack the nerve to come out in the open, single handed and alone and stand up face to face and fight like true men.

Be it said to the everlasting credit of the Colored women, after they had time to regain their second breath they fought like demons, and urged the Colored men to brace up and fight back in return, and when the white Christian gentlemen found out that the Colored people were determined to defend their lives, and the lives of their women and children, and protect their property, the mob halted in its work of slaughtering innocent men

and women for no other reason than that they belonged to the Afro-American race.

Then Gov. Terrell ordered out the state troops, and instead of these minions of the law endeavoring to suppress or scatter the mob, they proceeded to arrest and disarm all Colored men who were violating no laws but were simply making an effort to defend themselves from the assaults of the mob, these troops and the police even arrested some two or three hundred Colored students attending Rev. J. E. W. Bowen's Theological School in South Atlanta, simply for the fun of it and they shot to death one of the students who was unarmed while he was on his way to school, in their madness they even arrested J. L. Price, the Colored postmaster at South Atlanta, but as stated before no effort whatever was made by the troops, the police, nor any higher state or city official in Atlanta to disarm one single white gentleman nor one member or leader of the mob who were hell-bent upon shedding the innocent blood of Colored men and women who had committed no crime except to try to defend themselves from being shot to death by the mob. This is another species of Southern Justice.

With all the hellish attempts to lower the Negroes down and prevent them from defending themselves, more white gentlemen were killed and wounded by the brave and liberty loving Colored men and women, than the daily papers have reported, for the citizens committee so far has raised almost four thousand dollars to be expended in burying the dead of both races and looking after the sick and wounded. At the present time it is impossible to tell just how many Colored people lost their lives at the hands of the mob, but it is safe to say that more than one white gentleman was shot to death by the Afro-Americans.

That unregenerated and incarnate fiend of the infernal regions John Temple Graves, who is a strong advocate of mob and lynch law not for white gentlemen, no matter what crimes they actually commit, and who was chairman of the committee which received President Roosevelt on his visit to Atlanta last year, in his appeal to the world, which will receive further consideration in these columns in the near future, heartily approved of the actions of the mob.

In the great struggle for existence, the Negro must remember this fundamental truth, that self-preservation is the first law of nature, that a high



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pressure Winchester rifle in the hands of one individual, with its deadly contents discharged into the body of a mob, will do more good in suppressing and scattering it, than all the prayers that can be offered up to God or the Gods, in the next ten million years; that cowards die many times before their death, the valiant never tastes of death but once, that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and that those who would be free, must themselves strike the first blow!

**WHITE BRUTE KILLS COLORED WOMAN—MOB PREPARED FOR LYNCHING, THINKING THE WOMAN WHITE—MOB PURSUED WOMAN'S ASSAILANT.**  
Wilmington, Del., Sept. 22.—In a fit of jealousy to-night, William Archer shot Ida Elizabeth Spires, Colored three times, in a house on Church street, near Seventh. A mob of white men, thinking that a white woman had been shot, pursued Archer for some distance. Part of them were armed with shotguns and pistols. He fled to a house on Lord street, which was surrounded, but before the police reached there it was found that the woman was Colored, and the mob dispersed. The woman was taken to the Delaware Hospital. There is a bullet in her brain, and she will die. Archer will be given a hearing to-morrow.

Is the murder of a white woman any greater crime than the murder of a Colored woman? The white and Black Jim-Crowites are clamoring like so many lunatics for the Colored citizen to leave off his bread-getting, and join "the red-shirt bloodhound" black man hunting mob. Now will some one of those half-witted, half-frightened "darker" apostles of "Booker-Tillman-Rooseveltism" tell an anxious citizen who is to catch and punish the white brutes who prey upon the virtue of Colored women and murder them at will?—The Citizen, Philadelphia, Pa.

United States Senator, Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, was the star orator at the Hamilton Club Saturday evening at the opening of the Republican county campaign in this city, and his great speech consisted principally of wind and brimstone. His reference on planting and not hauling down the American flag on Cuban soil caught the unthinking rabble, but if the natives of that island know what is good for them, they will fight shy of permitting Old Glory to wave over them, for if they do, they will be discriminated against, mobbed and lynched without any provocation like the Afro-Americans in the United States.

## Booker T. Washington's "Bloodless Victory"

### At Atlanta Was Of Short Duration.

His Memorable Exposition Speech In the Same City  
Eleven Years Ago Has and Will Continue To Be  
the Civil and Political Damnation of the Negro Race.

A few days before the recent meeting of the National Negro Business League at Atlanta a white Georgia newspaper ran the following bluffing and insulting article:

If the Afro-American Business League would commend itself to the sympathy and respect of the people of the South it should utilize this opportunity to pass resolutions of the strongest and most emphatic nature condemning in blistering terms the criminals of their race, calling upon the teachers, the preachers and the editors of the race to devote the bulk of their time and their space to preaching hell and damnation to these criminals and advising their race as individuals and as organized bodies to co-operate heartily in helping the white man to hunt down and to bring to justice the criminals of the Negro race and to condemn as participes criminis any Negroes who shelter or help or expedite the escape of the rapist in any part of the South.

This is the first great racial convention that has assembled here since the race issue became so acute in the South. And if Booker Washington wishes to vindicate the reputation he has obtained for leadership and good sense, he will not miss this opportunity to speak in thunder tones along these lines and to rule the deliberations of this convention to this general end.

The paper had no doubt received before the League met, as had the other White newspapers of the country, the string of "resolutions" that had been prepared and were to be adopted, each one beginning with "We believe," imitating or deriding Dr. DuBois, celebrated "Credo." Although it is probable that these "we believe's" (were as far in the direction of cringing and race-condemning as Mr. Washington intended to go, yet in his opening address, he got a little nearer to the ground. In fact he adopted almost the very words of the insulting article we have quoted. He said:

"We have a duty. Our leaders should see to it that the criminal Negro is got rid of . . . The Negro is committing too much crime, etc."

To make the thing slide more easily down the gullets of the gullible, the Great Pacificator had his press bureau send out the report that:

When the League was called to order Wednesday morning, on the surface all was serenity, but underneath was a slumbering volcano, needing only an ill-advised pronouncement or injudicious act to ignite a fuse that would have wrought direful consequences. When the convention adjourned Friday the relationship existing between the races was gratifyingly cordial and harmonious, and those who had prophesied the visitation of a maelstrom of inter-racial strife were disappointed.

It is universally conceded that the sensible, well-poised and straightforward speech of Dr. Washington was potent in bringing about this wonderful reversal of popular sentiment.

And to make the matter more significant, every one of his papers exploited above all else, the pacifying effect of this speech. For example the New York Age headed the long account of the session, in large type, "Business League lessens race tension in Alabama" (Atlanta). Then the headlines continue (saying not a word about "business"):

**OVER A VOLCANO.**  
Daily papers had been advising revival of Klux Klux Klan. CHANGED BY A SPEECH. Washington's Brave (T) and Wise (sic) Words Make Rabid Editor Back-pedal.

Here is the way the white editor back-pedaled:

Said The Atlanta News, editorially: "The News has observed with great satisfaction the conservative and commendable utterances of Booker T. Washington during his stay in Atlanta at this time. He has properly and earnestly spoken to his people, urging them to be law-abiding and telling them to respect the law and go to work and earn a living."

As we read on in the article we find such as this, referring to that speech of the G. F. C.

No man anywhere under the sun could have been more vehement in the denunciation of lynching and of the crime that provoked it.

Could one believe that any Negro writer could be so dense, or so devilish, as thus to play into the hands of the lynchers by fathering that malignant, lying excuse—"The crime that provokes, etc."

The mob was pictured as being society's deadliest enemy, and he also declared, as recorded above, that no quarter should be shown the criminal who made it possible for the mob to exist.

It is not surprising that the (white) newspapers as he says, "Promptly seconded Dr. Washington's plea for the suppression of the criminal Afro-American," they are always willing to exert themselves vigorously to that end. But how about suppressing the white mobocrats?—The Home News, Alexandria, Va.

One of Booker T. Washington's paid writers, in further commenting on his great specifying speech, declared that "the hundreds of Negro business men who have swooped down upon Atlanta this week, under the leadership of their incomparable chief executive, Booker T. Washington, have won a positive victory, which though bloodless, will confer a lasting benefit upon all persons of color within our gates."

The following quotation is from a long editorial from one of the chief Organs of Prof. Washington's policy of surrender and submission:

"The Negro Business League did much to calm the troubled waters that it found upon its arrival in the South's gate city, and the right-thinking members of both races have been incalculably benefited by reason of the League's sojourn there. The sober, conservative and level-headed address of Dr. Booker T. Washington has (Continued on page 2.)