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WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

To watch the seething, struggling masses and the heartless classes prepare for a war of extermination, and that certainly will be the result unless oil be poured on the troubled waters, well may we ask, whither are we drifting? That this civilization, of which we boast, is but savagery veneered, is plain to be seen. To take an undue advantage of the other fellow appears to be our highest ambition and there is no doubt of our working it over-time. If by cheating, lying and stealing we can get rich quick this veneered civilization of ours is ready and willing to play its part. Organized capital uses its money to bribe courts, officers and likewise leaders of working men to do its bidding that it can pile up millions to its credit instead of a compensation. Organized labor forms a close corporation and says to capital, give me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more, our price and we stand ready to help you rob the balance of the world and his family. If to the capitalist the price is too high, then a life and death struggle sets in between the two, and death and destruction follow thick and fast. The life of a human being, from the cradle to the grave, is but a moment, comparatively speaking, and yet men fight like savage beasts for a few paltry dollars that they may die and leave them to the credit of their worthless lumps of clays. No, the present generation has not forgotten God, simply because it has never known Him. The average preacher, the alleged messenger of the Lord God, is no less mercenary than are his parishoners and he will encourage them in taking advantage of any one, even his own parents, if a liberal allowance is given him for his services, and a similar spirit runs all through our business dealings. If the end of time is not near then this civilization of ours will soon lose its veneer and man is a savage again.

COLORED FOLK PROSPEROUS

In spite of the atrocities of the East St. Louis type the colored man all over the North, East and West is doing things he never before had an opportunity to do, and earning more money per capita than ever before in the history of this country. Recently colored musicians were hired for most of the pleasure boats on Lake Erie running out from Chicago and all are to receive princely wages. You can not keep a good man down and if the colored man will continue to fit himself to do just a little better than seems necessary then he will continue to break into new fields of labor, his color to the contrary notwithstanding. The Wilson administration does not want him to go to war and to that he has no serious objections, but when the others go to war and those left behind need

thoroughly competent men and women to do what is to be done all over this land and country then the talent of the black man will come in handy and his color will be no serious bar to him getting the work.

NO CAR-LOAD LOTS WANTED

It is a fact that the colored people of the Northwest are succeeding better than ever they did before, and there are those among us who are quite satisfied to let well enough alone. What has moved us to speak thusly is the talk of some over-enthusiastic person in the East or South, who has heard of our prosperity, planning to bring out three car loads of colored people. Let colored people come to Seattle when they will, but cut out the car-load lots. A car-load of colored folk headed for the Northwest at present, though they had no intention of stopping in the state of Washington, would mean a repetition of the East St. Louis horror even before they got out of the car. The Northwest is rent assunder at present with strikes and rumors of strikes and it would be interpreted as Negroes being imported to take the strikers' places and the standing army of the United States could not prevent the shedding of Negro blood. Every colored man in the city and perhaps in the state can get work at present and that too at better wages than he has ever before received, but to import others into the state in car-load lots is very ill advised. It would be next to impossible to find houses for three car loads of colored folk in Seattle at present and that they would suffer goes without saying. Come on in ones, twos and threes and come regular, but leave the cars on the side tracks where you are.

NOT SO MUCH AFTER ALL

Because Editor Du Bois receives a salary of \$300 per month the editor of the Cleveland Gazette is badly perturbed in mind and spirit. Looking at it from a purely commercial standpoint, we think that amount small for the labors Dr. Du Bois performs. No, the editor of Cayton's Weekly is not earning \$300 per month just now, and that amount would look very much like the side of a mountain peak to him, but when he edited the Seattle Republican he managed to lay by for his own family almost twice that amount each month and he refused a position as political correspondent, offered him by the manager of the Post-Intelligencer, George U. Piper, of quite that amount, and had to report to no on the paper for daily assignment. In our opinion DuBois should get not less than \$5,000 per year with all of the accompanying editorial perquisites. Dr. DuBois is not our ideal man, but there is no denying that he is a man with a brain that is equalled by that of no Negro along the line it works and but darn few whites, and such a mind is deserving of commensurate pay.

PREJUDICE AT THE BOTTOM

Lieutenant Colonel Young has been restored to duty and that too, despite the fact that prejudice was wholly responsible for his attempted retirement. If the powers that be in this country would work as hard in building up the government and the peoples herein as they do in trying to devise ways and means to tear down the

blacks, what a great country it would be and what noble men and women would it contain. Col. Young is in line for higher promotion than any colored man has ever enjoyed in the United States Army and the word went out that he must be headed off, and to do so the doctors were called in and they pronounced him physically disqualified for further duty and recommended his retirement, but this met such a storm of protest that the Wilson administration had to back up. Had Col. Young been in the service of the French government instead of this he would be in line for the highest place in the regular army and instead of being hindered he would be pushed along by his fellow officers. No wonder the Negro loves to fight for the French.

PROBING INTO EAST ST. LOUIS

It is rumored that the probe going on in East St. Louis is bringing out some most startling developments and before it is over, it is hinted that the mayor, the chief of the police and the adjutant general of the state may be indicted for murder in the first degree as well as many lesser lights. As we see it from afar there is no doubt but that those official dignitaries were largely responsible for the trouble, by not taking the situation early in hand and punishing the violators, and they would have done so had not the opposed been persons of African blood. The soldier, policeman or officer that does not defend human life and the destruction of property even at the risk of his own life, is unworthy of the title he bears, and if he refuses to act when so commanded by a superior officer, then he is not only guilty of misfeasance in office, but of high crimes and misdemeanors and even treason, and on conviction should be shot as a traitor. We trust those probing into the ugly mess will make haste slowly, but will unearth every bit of evidence and then act with care and deliberation.

APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

At a great public meeting in New York City held in the St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal church, of which Dr. W. H. Brooks has been the pastor, but has recently retired and taken up his duties as chaplain of the Fifteenth New York Colored Regiment, that sails for France in the very near future, the following resolutions were passed touching on the East St. Louis horror:

"Whereas, the awful atrocities at East St. Louis, Ill., in which helpless men, women and children were killed and their dead bodies burned with more than heathenish brutality for the offense of desiring to give an honest day's work for an honest day's wages, and

"Whereas, these murders were committed in the northern state which holds the ashes of the immortal Abraham Lincoln, and

"Whereas, this new outburst of cruelty is likely to recur at any time in any of the great centers of industry in the North, be it, therefore

"Resolved, That we, representing the law-abiding colored citizenship of New York City, do hereby register our utter abhorrence of the East St. Louis massacre and of the spirit which expressed itself in that massacre, and as loyal American citizens call upon the President of the United