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FIGHTING MISCEGENATION

Down in Mississippi a colored preacher was arrested and convicted for having sold copies of the Crisis, a magazine published in New York City by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The excuse for that high handed proceedings was that that particular issue of the Crisis carried an article which advocated the marriage of white and colored folks. The man was convicted and appeal denied and he is now serving a six month's sentence in the chain gang. In reply to a telegram of inquiry as to whether the man would be permitted to appeal his case, the acting governor replied "no appeal would be considered." To advocate the legal marriage of white and colored citizens may be an unpardonable crime in the eyes of the white men of Mississippi, and under the circumstances, it may not be just the thing to perpetuate peace, but in the state of Mississippi the colored population verges dangerously close to being a fifty fifty shot between actual colored black folks and white and black colored folks. More particular speaking, one half of the colored citizens of Mississippi are half white, the products of white and black parents. The white parent in all of those cases is the man. In other words, white men, associating with colored women, have given to this country an heterogeneous class of citizens, better known as mulattoes. Of course, its an unpardonable crime for white and black folks to marry, but its right, just and proper for white men to debauch colored women, in most instances by main force and violence, and produce a class of mulattoes, who are burned at the stake if they cohabit with white women. The white man of Mississippi must be the missing link between man and monkey, and we verily believe that, if monkeys, in great numbers, were taken to the state of Mississippi, and in a way domesticated, it would but a very short time before a white man-monkey breed of children would be common thereabouts. If the present governor of that state is not the father of a number of mulatto children then he is the Mississippi white man exception and not the rule. The white man who does the most talking against the marriage of white and black folks is, for the most part, the white man that has exhausted his bestial passions in the arms of one or many black women. Hundreds and thousands of Mississippi's Mulattoes have left that state and come North, East and West and passed for white, yea, verily, some of them have but gone to another section of that state and changed from colored to white. And yet in the face of all this white man debauchery, the acting governor froths at the mouth for the gore of "any nigger that would advocate legal marriage for black and white folks." Water will not rise higher than its level and, if the white men of Mississippi find such great pleasure in cohabiting with colored women, then why expect the white women to do different than the men?

How can it be that white men become enamored and infatuated with colored women and yet white women never become enamored with colored men? We are no specific advocates of the marriage of white and black folks. Yea, not only no advocate of such a modus procedure, but we absolutely refused to do so, in spite of the fact flattering opportunities presented themselves to us to do so in years gone by, but if the white man of Mississippi is so violently opposed to the miscegenation of white women and black men, then it would seem he would be just as violently opposed to the miscegenation of white men with colored women, but not so, and so long as long as he finds pleasure in such illicit relations with colored women, he ought to be equally liberal minded and offer no objections to the women following his example and cohabit with colored men. Then, if both do so, it follows as night does day, that legal marriages will come nearer maintaining a stable government than will promiscuous cohabitation. You strain at a gnat governor, but swallow a camel.

STILL AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY

Despite the fact the colored man of this country has proven himself an hundred per cent American in divers ways, and, for the most part, makes good when given an opportunity, yet the sentiment against him standing on an equal footing with the white man whether in a menial position or a place of trust and responsibility, is almost as pronounced today as it was fifty years ago and this anti-black man sentiment ramifies every section of this country. The captains of industry employ colored men as a last resort and in case of labor troubles the captains of industry will not consider the application of a colored man, "because," he argues, "the public will look upon our fight as lost, if we put colored men to work." So long as white men can be had they seem to think they have as good a show to win as the strikers, but if colored men are employed, they again seem to think the general public will rise up against us and we will have no standing in court. And thus does the color bugaboo intimidate, brow beat and prevent men, in other respects broad gauged and liberal minded, from doing the square thing with a class of their fellow citizens, because they vary in color and complexion from black to white. Be it remembered the working white man has ever looked upon the colored man with scorn and contempt, and to hold up a white a captain of industry to public ridicule he points to him, if it so happens that he has done so, as being a "nigger lover" as he gives them work. A captain of industry who will employ colored men as strike breakers is doubly contemptible, yea even odious in the eyes of his fellow white men than the captain of industry who will employ white strike breakers. The threat of putting colored men in industrial plants and thereby supplant white labor have prevented hundreds of strikes in this country, and such a threat is still given more than a passing consideration by the dissatisfied white workmen. And all this in the face of the fact that fully half of that class of the citizens of this country that are designated as "colored" are more white than black and whether white or black in complexion not one has been known as having ever betrayed his country's flag. Treason, strategem and spoils at the expense of his country are foreign to his mind. He

has fought nobly and well at the front in defense of his country, when his parents at home were being burned at the stake because they rebelled against being "regulated" by white red handed murderous brutes. In the black man patriotism, love of country, good citizenship and square dealing seem to count for naught. Where are we going from here?

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Bluebeard seems to be about as big a liar as he is a criminal.

Perhaps the reason Mars did not speak to us is, "the line was busy."

Prohibition in this country has had an accumulating effect on the policemen of the various cities.

If harvest hands this year do as well financially as they did last year, they surely will be a golden harvest.

Fashions for ladies are apparently coming from Africa instead of from Paris and should be labeled, "see more."

For a poor salaried army officer, Gen. Wood seems to be spending quite a bit of money to get an army promotion.

Every city in this country feels that the census report has not done her justice and she may be correct, but its the fault of her own children.

Gen. Wood may be correct in saying, "the American people are as sound as a nut," but lets hope they have more sense than a "nut."

After a reign covering twenty-two years, the president of Gautamala has been overthrown. We had our suspicions that his rule would come to an end.

Bluebeard seem sto have done just as much killing as he says he did, and, if he has, God only knows how many women he has killed, but they just would have him.

Hiram Johnson like Henry Clay may never be president of the United States, but if not, like Henry Clay, he will go down in history as making a "hell of a row" about it.

Seattle continues to be the hot bed for labor strikes and in that she is a twin sister to Butte, Montana, all of which means that Seattle will soon be a city of past greatness.

If the male admirers of that beautiful Russian Red Cross nurse have their way, she will have plenty of nursing to do at home, but Beauty is absolutely silent and gives them all the same marble heart.

As a woman stood before her admirer, he feasted in her beauty and told her so, whereupon she replied, "you are too flattering. It's only my new gown that looks nice," but he insisted that its you, because he had not been able to discover any gown on her.

The framers of the federal constitution probably never dreamed that there would be a president who would refuse to poin the Senate in giving peace to the United States. Probably this is why in the instrument they omitted any reference to the establishment of peace after war.—Asheville (N. C.) Times.