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A Climax of Mob Crime.

Despite all precautions, with a greatly enlarged patrolling force, with cavalry on duty in the streets, rioting again last night disgraced the city and took a heavy toll in life. The spectacle that was enacted here was a serious reflection upon the citizenship. The problem of the present is to prevent repetition rather than to lay the blame. And yet in order to seek the cure it is necessary to seek the cause.

That cause is undeniably an intense race animosity that has been developing for some time, and has reached its climax in a series of crimes against women. These crimes have been attributed to colored men and rightly or wrongly a feeling has developed of violent antagonism on that score.

The colored residents of Washington are law-abiding people, good citizens and dependable in all crises. There are exceptions, just as there are exceptions to such a rule among the white people. There are bad negroes, as there are bad white men. To pursue all men of color without provocation is just as unjust and tyrannical as though the negroes were to turn upon the whites and without discrimination or cause attack all they met.

Riots of this character develop from accumulating causes. The race enmity incited by the recent outrages has in turn bred a feeling of desperate antagonism on the part of the colored people. It is impossible to fix the blame exactly. The negroes who have gone about the city in motor cars shooting wildly at others are no more to be condemned than the white men who have raged through the streets afoot and have attacked negroes without warrant.

All of them are to blame. All of them are guilty of a grievous offense against their own kind and against the city. The fact is that the mob spirit has seized upon Washington, with hatred, prejudice, fear and vengeance animating both sides.

Prevention will be difficult, but not impossible. Rioting of this character always subsides after the climax of ferocity. The hope is that last night's orgy of shooting and killing and wounding was that climax. Extraordinary measures are, of course, essential. Obviously the police force is not adequate and, as last night proved, a small detail of the military cannot cope with the situation. Sterner measures must be adopted. More force must be employed. And, if necessary, to insure a clearance of the streets and the proper patrol of the city martial law must be declared. This last is the extreme remedy, for which it is hoped there will be no need. But rather than have recurrences of the rioting of the last three nights, increasing in intensity and savagery, martial law is to be welcomed.

After reading the testimony in his libel suit, it becomes more difficult than ever to understand how Henry Ford attained such a reputation as a rollicking humorist.

In trying to handle high cost of living problems, the French prefer a cabinet crisis to an investigation.

The Emperor of Japan is almost as silently influential a personage as Col. House himself.

The House Conference.

The republicans of the House are well advised in calling a conference. They should understand one another. They should endeavor to act in unison.

This is true as to all questions on their card and likely to come before them for settlement. They are responsible for that body. If its work is well done, they get the praise; if ill done, they get the blame.

There is much work awaiting them, and it is of great variety. Some of it covers matters entirely new in our affairs, and all is such that it demands the most careful attention.

United action is the more necessary from the fact that the work of the House is reviewable by the Senate, and the republicans control the Senate by a majority of only two. Hence a House measure which should squeeze through by a narrow majority might fail in the Senate and thus be lost. A republican division in the lower body might encourage and cause a like division in the upper.

The majority membership of the House contains some of the most capable and experienced legislators in the country. In times past they have set their hands and seals to measures of very great value. Their candidacies last year largely accounted for the republican victory. The voters knew their official records, and in order to get the benefit of their best abilities called their party back to legislative power.

The party is in power on Capitol Hill with the best wishes of the country. The people look to it for services of the highest importance. Business interests are anxious. In some lines the order for full speed ahead cannot be given, much as depends on it, until public policies have been indicated in legislation.

A good deal of gossip inheres in all party contentions, and especially in contentions within a party. It is always advisable to discount this sort of thing liberally.

It is never prudent, however, when a party division, or even the threat of one, occurs to neglect it. The wise policy is to take it at once in hand, examine it, and, if possible, end it. When neglected, such a thing is apt to grow rapidly, and involve matters outside of the original difficulty.

The present Congress faces so large a task, and is called upon to execute it at a time of such general unrest, it cannot hope to make smooth or rapid progress. Nor should, nor will, the country become impatient or unreasonable on that score. But progress must be made, and the men who have matters in hand warrant expectation that progress will result.

Stop the Pistol Evil!

For years, in and out of season, The Star has been urging the enactment of a law to prevent the promiscuous sale of deadly weapons in the District, a law "with teeth in it," effectually preventing personal armament save upon urgent occasion. Such a law could be easily framed, and, if enacted, would work no injury to any one, save as it would shut off traffic in firearms and thus cut down the profits of dealers. Influences that have not been hard to seek have prevented such an enactment. In recent years the District authorities have supported this demand for an effective pistol law, but without avail.

The tragedies of the past few nights in this city have been due in very large measure to the ease of personal armament. Hundreds of pistols have been bought, with ammunition, without the slightest difficulty or delay. These weapons have been as freely available to inflamed and impassioned and panic-stricken people as bread or tobacco. The present law has not been worth the paper it is printed upon as a preventive. That law deals only with "concealed weapons." The weapon that is concealed is not dangerous, in itself. The evil lies in the ease with which a killing implement can be procured.

If Washington had had a law prohibiting the sale, gift or exchange of a pistol to any person save upon the presentation of a permit issued by a designated public official, after proper inquiry into need and character of applicant, much of the trouble of these nights of terror would have been averted. That fact cannot be gainsaid.

Now, with this demonstration plainly before it, will Congress continue to ignore the urgent need of the District for a protective law of this character? Life has been cheapened by the freedom with which any person with a grievance or a hatred or a feeling of apprehension can arm himself. Is the pistol shop to be the court of last resort in the Capital city?

It is not so easy to interview callers at the White House. It is evidently no longer considered seemly for fame-seekers to stand about and buttonhole correspondents in order to see that they send out the proper news.

Some difficulty presents itself in Germany in finding a man for ambassador to the U. S. A. who has attained the prominence suitable to the office without incidentally disgracing himself.

The airplane has enabled the Postmaster General to provide the greatest variety of mail transportation ever known even if there has at times been a deficiency of speed.

No system of league of nations reservations promises a front seat for China.

A Food-Buying Organization.

The experiment of the government in selling surplus Army food supplies to residents of the District proved an unqualified success. Within a few hours from the time when the sale of a carload of assorted canned goods was opened under regulations which assured that the interests of the small individual purchaser would be fully protected, the entire stock had been exhausted. Many who were anxious to avail themselves of the material saving involved arrived too late. The experiment, suggested by The Star and put into effect by the vigorous cooperation of District and federal officials, more than proved the need of Washingtonians for good food at cheap prices.

It is now proposed to organize in Washington a permanent food-buying body; an organization with the function of studying the means whereby the high cost of subsistence may be reduced here, of purchasing supplies in bulk from whatever market offers the best prices, and of perfecting arrangements whereby the supplies so purchased may be placed at the disposal of the public.

The plan is an excellent one. Fresh produce from the neighboring farming districts, more of the supplies now on the governments shelves and any variety of products offered in the open markets, could be obtained at wholesale prices or less and offered to Washingtonians at such cost plus the expenses incident to economical distribution. There is nothing new in the project. Hundreds in the District are familiar with the processes and benefits of community buying. But it has taken the purse-pains incident to today's excessively high prices in foodstuffs to awaken the general public to the possibilities of getting together in their purchasing. Washington is fortunate in having capable citizens of the type of John G. McGrath to put into effect a plan to satisfy the yearnings of the majority for lower prices.

Keep Off the Streets!

Notwithstanding an appeal by Commissioner Brownlow, which was founded upon a desire to maintain order and was freely published yesterday, thousands of people came down town last night as spectators of a possible riotous scene. They swarmed upon the Avenue afoot and in motor cars, they rushed here and there, with no intention of joining in the fray, but simply to behold the fighting, if any occurred. They were not members of the mob. They were just the contributing bystanders. They blocked the ways, they added to the confusion. They interfered with the work of the police and soldiers, and in some cases they were injured. One of them was killed.

These riots are not spectacles for the edification of the crowd. They should not be regarded as a diversion, but as a tragedy, as a shocking disgrace to the capital, and a cause of shame to every citizen.

All good citizens should stay at home in times like this and keep off the streets if their business does not require them to go abroad. If all of those who had no thought of joining in the rioting had last night kept within their houses there would have been far less trouble in the streets of the city. It is hoped that tonight and henceforth until peace is restored the people will obey the injunction and remain out of the range of danger, at least for their own sakes, for the sake of personal safety, if not out of respect for the requirements of public order.

Bolsheviki are making the discovery that somebody has to work in order to provide material to keep the loot game going.

Mexican treatment of Americans shows a disposition to make history repeat itself as often as possible.

Hard cider has made every possible effort to establish itself on a respectable footing as a soft drink.

Warnings against alcoholic beverages no longer figure prominently among summer "don'ts."

Italy still insists that the wild waves are saying things on the shores of the Adriatic.

Every dealer unhesitatingly lays the blame for H. C. L. on the price higher up.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Amplification.

"There are two sides to every question."

"At least," asserted Senator Sorghum. "Sometimes by means of riders and amendments we can work in a great many more than that."

"I reckons," said Uncle Eben, "dat a candidate has to be right keerful not to let de handshakin' sociability git to be so much of a habit dat it interferes wif his office work when he gits de job."

Genuine Excitement.

When saurian monsters roamed the earth,
And fought for all that they were worth,
What tales of real sport were told
By fishermen and hunters bold!

A Sad Old Story.

"You are a socialist, are you not?"

"No, sir."

"What made you change your mind?"

"I had some funds that I had earned by lecturing on socialism. Some of my fellow socialists found it out and decided it was time to divide even all around."

A Critical Moment.

"Why are you sitting on the fence with one leg on each side of the rail?" asked the stranger in the village.

"I'm waiting to see which way I'm going," answered the barefoot boy. "Father's gone into the woods to cut a branch. If it's a fishin' rod I'm goin' to run to meet him, but if it's a switch I'll jump for the road."

Rainy Days.

On rainy days the world goes wrong
and nothing seems
Quite to belong, where once the sunshine smiling strong
Entranced the gaze.
And people once so trim and neat have faces queer,
And clumsy feet as they go plodding down the street
On rainy days.

The friend who once was bright and kind to bluntness
Strangely seems inclined and people grow so unrefined
That they amaze!
And pretty girls who charmed us so with peachy
Cheeks will have complexions that resemble dough,
On rainy days.

But when the sun shines out anew, it's like
A fairy tale come true as song and laughter find anew
Their wonted ways.
From contrast life its pleasure gleans.
We might not know all sunshine means except for dark, forbidding scenes
On rainy days.

Open 9:15 A.M.

H. Kann Sons Co.
"THE BUSY CORNER" PENNA. AVE. AT 8TH. ST.

JULY 22, 1919.
Showers probably tonight and tomorrow; partly cloudy tomorrow.

H. Kann Sons Co.
"THE BUSY CORNER" PENNA. AVE. AT 8TH. ST.

Close 6 P.M.

Are You Missing Any of the Good Values in Our

Clearing Sale of Upholsteries?

—If you have not taken advantage of these opportunities, you should do so tomorrow.

—**Sherwood All-Metal Adjustable Window Screens;** extension style in size 30x43 inches; has metal fasteners to hold the screen in permanently, if desired. Regularly $1.10. Special Wednesday **79c**

—**Hardwood Extension Window Screens,** that extend to 33 inches wide. They are made of selected hardwood, in natural varnish finish, with metal center brace. They are 15 inches high. Regularly 49c each. To close **25c**

—**Palmer's Heavy Duck Hammocks,** of excellent quality duck, in plain white, khaki or striped effects, with wooden spreaders at head and foot; heavy rope supports top and bottom. Special Wednesday **$3.98**

—**Imported Japanese Rush Straw Seats,** for stoop or porch use, round style. Special Wednesday..... **7½c**

—**Cross-stripe Portieres,** $2.98 values, Wednesday a set **$1.95**

—Set includes 2 side curtains and valance. Curtains are finished with knotted fringe at top and bottom; variety of colors to select from.

Our Finest Screen Doors

Regular $4.98 kinds—reduced, to close **$2.50**

—All high-grade Screen Doors, made of 4x1⅛-inch seasoned lumber, highly varnished, with mortised corners and mitered mountings, filled with fine black wire cloth filling, in size 30x78-inch only. These doors have the extra heavy panel base.

Cretonne Slip Covers

—Made to order. Price, for labor only, each..... **50c**

—For any ordinary size piece of furniture we will make slip covers at above price **for the work only, materials extra.** They will be made with felled seams, or tape bound, and all workmanship is guaranteed.

—One restriction—this offer applies only to residents within the city limits.

—Select your materials from our excellent lines of cretonnes. Priced, a yard,

28c to $1.49

Covers for Larger Pieces at Proportionate Prices

Imported Japanese Porch Shades

—Made of selected bamboo, in the natural color, complete with ropes and pulleys; all ready to hang. Regularly $1.59, choice **97c**

—Other sizes specially priced.

Size	Color	Regular Price	Reduced Price
—4x8-ft.	Green only	$1.98	$1.55
—5x8-ft.	Green	2.49	1.79
—6x8-ft.	Green or natural	2.98	2.29

—**Screen Wire,** black, japanned or galvanized wire, 26 to 44 inch widths, for making new or repairing old screens. Specially priced tomorrow; cut from full rolls. A square foot **4c**

Kann's—Third Floor.

Dark Colored Skirts

Good for Rainy Weather

—If the old saying comes true that a rainy St. Swithin's day is sure to be followed by forty other rainy days, you will need rainy-day clothing, and these skirts answer the need admirably.

—**Silk Taffetas, Plain Poplins and Novelty Striped Silk Poplins.** The plain colors are chiefly black and dark blue and the striped effects are in dark colors, too. At **$7.95**

—**Dark Blue Poplins and Novelty Striped Skirts,** at **$3.98**

Plaid Silk Skirts, in a variety of styles, in dark colors, at **$4.98**

—Most of these are made with yoke, fullness all around, and are trimmed with buttons and pockets.

Kann's—Second Floor.

Coming Soon

Our Fur Sale—Watch for Announcements in the Daily Papers.

Women's Smock Blouses

—This style is quite a feature now in women's blouses. They are easy to put on, and are cool as well as dainty and fresh looking.

—**Smocks,** of jean, in rose and green, at both prices, and of white voile with colored stitching at the higher price, at

$2.00 and $2.50

—**Jean Smocks,** laced up front and others buttoned, in rose, green, tan; also voile smocks, some with colored, others with white collars, trimmed with fancy stitching and embroidery, at **$2.95**

—**Voile Smocks,** box pleated, shirred and stitched in fancy featherstitching, in mais, blue and pink; some made of organdy, with white collar and cuffs or with colored collars, ornamented with a touch of embroidery, at

$3.50 and $3.95

—Other smocks of heavy jean and Jap crepe in a variety of colors, also with white collars, and in fancy smocked effects, at **$3.95**

—**Other styles at $5.75.**

Kann's—Blouse Store—Second Floor.

Special Lot of Match Sets of Val Laces

—Edges and insertions—match sets—from one-half inch to an inch wide. Very desirable for women's and children's lingerie, also for trimming children's little frocks.

—These would be worth very much more if we bought them today at present wholesale price.

—**Tomorrow for a 12-yard piece,**

75c

—**White Cotton Nets,** in several different qualities, all 72 inches wide.

—Nets suitable for lining purposes at, a yard **89c**

—Nets for dresses, waists or dress foundations, in different grades, at, a yard,

$1.00, $1.25, $1.75 and $2.00

Kann's—Street Floor.

A Few More Numbers Arrive to go Into the Sale of Linen Coat Dresses

At $7.95

—Coat Dresses have had a wonderful vogue this season in wool materials, but this popularity is being carried over into models of wash fabrics and one of the favorites is the coat dress of linen.

—The special style featured at the above price is made with new tight-fitting skirt and has the bottom of the coat part prettily embroidered. A smart little vest adds much charm to this dress and the vest is ornamented with a little black ribbon tie.

—We have sold the same and similar styles in stock, earlier in the season, up to $15.95.

—Choice while this lot lasts, $7.95.

Kann's—Second Floor.

Almost Every Woman in Washington Should Know of

Our Printed Voiles

At 38c Yd.

—Our own anouncements of the new patterns constantly arriving have been many, but our best advertisements are the hosts of well dressed women, wearing attractive summer frocks made of these dainty and distinctive Voiles.

—Most of the designs we show in this, as in other lines, are exclusive with us.

—We also have Plain Colored Voiles to use with these Figured Voiles, and a combination of the two is often exceedingly effective.

Kann's—Street Floor.

Every Woman's Corset Is the

Nemo Corset

—Style, Hygeine and Comfort combine with this splendid-fitting corset.

—The celebrated Self-Reduring Nemo Service and the equally famous Kop-Service Nemo Corset are practically household words with hygienically corseted women of the present day.

—We feature tomorrow one of the very popular models of the favorite Nemo family.

—This is the well known

No. 403 Nemo Corset

—For the stout figure. Has abdominal support; medium or low bust style, long over the hips, and has three sets of garters and rubber in back, at **$7.00**

Other Nemo Models Priced From $4.50 to $7.50

Kann's—Second Floor.

New Long Collars In Attractive New Styles

—These are made of organdy and trimmed with lace, also of net trimmed with lace, and plain organdies with hand-embroidery and lace edges.

—They are priced from

$1.25 to $5.50

—**Collar and Cuff Sets** of hand-embroidered organdy, with the long cuff for the three-quarter sleeves, these, a set,

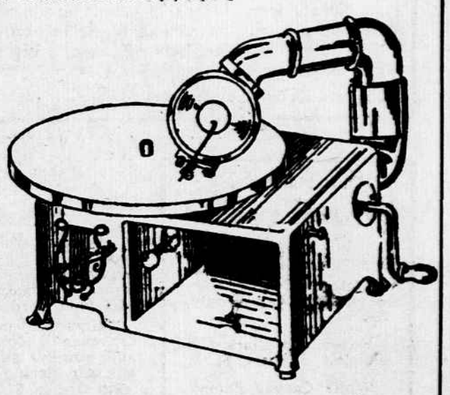
$3.50 to $5.50

Neckwear Store—Street Floor.

A Sensational Phonograph Offer

Limited Quantity of These Melodographs, as Illustrated, Extra Special Tomorrow at..... **$9.95**

Take One With You on Your Vacation Trip



—Not a toy, but a first-class phonograph that **Plays Nearly All Types of Disc Records, Both 10 and 12 Inch Sizes**

—You will be surprised when you hear this instrument play. Has a good, clear tone. Small in size, but powerful in reproducing your favorite pieces—instrumental or vocal.

—It is made entirely of metal; case is size 8x9½ inches, finished in mahogany color. Felt-covered, nickel-trimmed turntable; special arm with sound box and speed regulator. Splendid motor that may be wound while playing.

—Get one for your summer home, for your canoe or automobile. Packs into small space. Is ornamental when in use.

Hear This Phonograph Demonstrated Tomorrow, Then Own One at Only $9.95

Kann's—Fourth Floor.