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IS VARDAMAN PRESIDENT?

icy which has President Wilson he has edited The Independent. bound hand and foot.

Years ago, many Afro-Americans who felt secure in their rights minimized the power of Vardaman when he was making his "white man" cam- produced have been Caucasians. They paign and said that it would never be have fleeced their brethren out of protest to the president and members possible for such a creature as he to billions of dollars by means of all of the cabinet. Postmaster General influence the policy of this great gov- sorts of schemes from religion to Burleson seems to have more segreernment, but now we are face to face tango. It would require too much gation in his department so the batcontrols the government of the of separating their victims from their him. United States. He has just delivered to President Wilson his ultimatum that he will fight any "Negro nominations" to the bitter end.

Vardaman, who talks so much about a "white man's government" boasts of his Indian blood and it is concluded that he could do something also rumored that he has negro blood in his veins and he certainly looks as much like a negro as many men ing colored men to be Pullman porwhom he aclls "Negroes."

If Woodrow Wilson is President, "New Freedom" of which he has writ- jury. ten and talked so much. He swore to do it when he took his oath of office. He should order the discontinuance of segregation of the races in the government departments and he should nominate colored men for office and stand by his nominations by recess appointments until he wins.

The cause for Vardaman's latest outbreak is the fact that Municipal Judge Robert H. Terrill is a candidate for reappointment. Judge Terrill was endorsed by 300 of th elowyers of Washington and 20 or more of the leading law firms wrote personal letters to the President in his favor, it being unanimously conceded that he is the best municipal judge in the city. He is also recommended by Attorney General McReynolds.

We are not anarchistic and don't favor any unlawful methods in any

PROTEST AGAINST WRONG.

To submit in silence when we should protest makes cowards out of men.

The human race has climbed on protest.

Had no voice been raised against injustice. ignorance and lust; the inquisition yet would serve the law, and guillotines decide our last

The few who dare, must speak and speak again to right the wrongs of many.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

case, but certainly if some black man would in some way assist old Vardaman to suddenly start on his trip to Hades, we would shed no briny tears and would hail him as a hero.

That all of the whites do not indorse Vardaman's ideas is shown in the following editorial from the St. Paul Dispatch:

LET COLORED JUDGE STAY. President Wilson has a hard time of it placating the Southern fire-eaters who see red every time it is proposed to help the Negro. But he has gone far enough in that direction and public opinion will back him up in his apparent determination to reappoint Robert R. Terrell, a Negro, as municipal judge of the District of Colum-

The public will be the more anxious that Judge Terrell be continued in office because Senator Vardaman of Mississippi has served notice on the President that he will oppose the appointment. It is nothing to Vardaman that Terrell has served well as municipal judge. It is nothing to Robert Threat of Arkansas was acat this time to meet the issue thus now take the side of the oppressors upward. Terrell is a "nigger" and prem eCourt and was granted a new that damns him in Vardaman's eyes, trial and last week was sentenced to the colored candidates for office and tional renown writes that he has never point than this, it has not been dis- that he ever had a trial and stranger closed. Instead of condemning Ter-still that after being sentenced to rell, Vardaman condemns himself and hang he was allowed to escape that that section of the white race which, penalty. Are the bloodthirsty Southinstead of encouraging the colored race, employs every means to keep the shackles on the Negro. Let

"A WISH AND A HOPE."

William Ward Hayes, the veteran York), has a forceful and interesting the Moros. They have a good reliber entitled, "A Wish and a Hope," cept the jimcrow Christianity of the in which he outlines his ideas of the American Caucasians. future conduct of the magazine.

He indicates some of the evils and He indicates some of the evils and injustices to which too many are blind in the order of their importance

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Judge Bundy of the Municipal Court

The Afro-Americans of the District of the first time in the history of the Federal Government Jews, for instance? * * * * * * blind in the order of their importance Judge Bundy of the Municipal Court and he gives race prejudice the first is not reappointed. Any man who is in some of the Departments at Wash- Wilson will go down to history as the tation from his article:

condemns and penalizes socially and of 100,000. A strong protest should be politically millions of our people be- made against his appointment. He cause of their color. This hideous in is not fit to be a judge. justice debases or attempts to debase, one-eighth of our native citizens because they have more or less Negro blood. It also insults the three mightiest empires of Asia, China, Japan and India, blocks our success in has even endangered her husband's our island possessions, and invites our chances for the presidency, but she only danger of war. I would have did not hesitate. Knowing that she The Independent fight this un-Chris- was right she dared to champion the tian spirit, not occasionally and halfheartedly, but earnestly and persistently."

It looks as if Senator Vardaman of owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Hayes, materialism and away from idealism, Mississippi is the real President of because he has never failed as a on which poetry and the finer sensithe United States, at least that he is strong advocate of justice without re-bilities are founded. In this materialdictating the reactionary jimcrow pol- gard to color, during the sixty years ism lies danger of intellectual disin-

THE RACE IS RISING.

The greatest fakers the world has space to even name the many plans tery of letters should be turned on coin.

Some time since one Charles A. Lomax, an Afro-American. became a little envious of the Caucasians who were extracting the "long green" from their confiding brethren and along that line himself.

bomax conceived the idea of teachters by mail. Students sent in their becoming greatly agitated over the money from all over the country. The he ought to have the courage to treat postoffice inspectors say he promised the menace of jimcrow Christianity? every class of American citizens in to get them positions and failed to accordance with the principles of the make good. He was held to the grand

Lomax was evidently a rather ver satile fellow. His course included: Theory and practice of moral suasion as applied to tipping.

Aesthetics of whiskbrooming. Art of bedmaking. The human smile and how to use in extracting the coin.

THE APPEAL reprints in this issue portion of the article on "The President and Segregation at Washington," which appeared in the North American Review for December. In it Oswald Garrison Villard, the author, who is a he nominated Adam E. Patterson of of injury which comes from the fact grandson of the great abolitionist Wilgrandson of the great abolitionist Wil-liam Lloyd Garrison, takes the Wilson by colored men. Patterson's nomina-by colored men. Patterson's nomina-borne as patiently as the children of Administration to task for the great tion was the signal for outbursts from Israel bore ther burdens, the wrongs injustice of trying to establish caste the most violent negrophobes in the of disfranchisement, the lynchings in the republic. Every reader of THE APPEAL ought to purchase a copy of the North American Review, read the entire article and preserve the copy for his children's children to read.

Now what do you think of this? Vardaman that the retention of Judge cused of mistreating a 14-year-old raised, Mr. Wilson consented to his in the year of the fiftieth anniversary Terrell in office will be an inspiration white girl, He was sentenced to hang to other colored men in their struggle last July, but appealed to the Su-If there could be a more narrow view- 20 years imprisonment. It is strange erners getting better?

Brig.-Gen. John J. Pershing, former military governor of Mindanao, says that the Moros of the Philippine Islands have been pacified and that they will be good unless someone attempts to interfere with the Mohammedan editor of The Independent (New Americans should attempt to convert religion. There is no reason why article in the 65th Anniversary num- gion and they are too shrewd to ac-

"First, the selfish cruelty which having an Afro-American population ought not to be a judge in a city

> Mrs. La Follette, wife of Senator La Follette, deserves the gratitude of the Afro-American people for her cause of the oppressed.

Alfred Noyes, an English poet, de-The Afro-Americans of this country clares that the age is drifting into tegration. "The race is looking at on its beauty."

> Do not give up the fight on segre gation. Continue to write letters of

> The Richmond Planet says that it does not believe in the slogan, "Back to the Farm," or in going backward at all. The Planet's idea is to keep going forward. Right you are, Brother Mitchell .

Some of the religious cranks are "menace of Socialism." How about

Keep up the protests against segre-

RACE PREJUDICE.

I am convinced myself that there is no more evil thing in this present world than Race Prejudice; none at all. I write deliberately-it is the worst single thing in life now. It justifies and holds together more baseness, cruelty and abomination than any other sort of error in the world. Through its body runs the black blood of coarse lust, suspicion, jealousy and persecution and all the darkest poisons of the human

-H. G. Wells in N. Y. Independent.

SCORES SEGREGATION

Oswald Garrison Villard, Grandson of William Lloyd Garrison, Writes a Strong Article for the North American Review, in Which He Takes President Wilson to Task for His Administration's Injustice to Afro-Americans.

good enough to die alongside of white

men in saving the day at San Juan

These colored people who are thus

entered the Government's employ

so embittered as to-day?

They rightly declare — as must every fair-minded man free from

prejudice—that this spells caste. They

them out of the public service by ren-

dering it intolerable for Negroes with

self-respect; they assert that one of

the Assistant Secretaries of the Treas-

tion of two colored clerks because of

their color. Segregation is, beyond

doubt, an entering wedge, and here

is the chief significance of it all. Let

a precedent be established, and who

shall say what the outcome will be

underhand methods? Who shall prophesy to what extent this caste

idea may not be developed in the dec-

man who set in motion terrible forces

or prevision of the dangers he was

for instance?

On October 16, 1912, Woodrow Wil- out of its way to stamp them publicly son, then the Democratic nominee for as lepers, as physically and morally President, declared that: "Should 1 contagious and unfit for association pecome President of the United with white people. Among them are States, they (the colored people) may perhaps veterans of Fort Wagner, of count upon me for absolute fair dealing and for everything by which i ors of the triumphal march into Richcould assist in advancing the interests of their race in the United black brigade; certainly brothers and This utterance gave com- sisters of the black troopers who were plete satisfaction to those leaders of the colored people and the friends or the race who were urging them to Hill are now learning to know the break away from their thraidom to gratitude of Republics. the Republican party and to vote for the Governor of New Jersey on the branded are not roustabouts, or cor ground that the country would profit ner loafers, or worthless laborers. most by the election of the Democrat- They are educated men and women ic ticket. Qualified observers believe college graduates many of them, from that many more colored men voted all over the country who have passed the Democratic ticket in 1912 than their civil service examinations and ever before.

It was with dismay, therefore, that with full faith in its justice, asking early in the Administration of Mr. merely the right to serve on equal Wilson, whose Cabinet is equally terms with their fellows. The readers of The North American Review will understand the bitter humiliation of in certain quarters a distinct hostility the segregation orders if they can imto the colored people. For a long agine themselves set apart as untime no appointments of Negroes worthy by brute authority, but they Oklahoma for the position of Regis- that this is an act of the Federal Senate; Senators like Hoke Smith of and burnings of innocent and guilty, Georgia, Vardaman of Mississippi, the humiliation of the "Jim Crow" Tillman of South Carolina, and others, car, the constant personal insults of deciaring that Patterson should not low whites; these were the acts of be confirmed, or any other colored individuals or of States lately in reman, for an office which would put him over white women clerks. With abject cowardice Patterson rushed to the White House and demanded that aegis they are working, which struck his name be withdrawn. Unwilling their fetters from their limbs, should request, unlike Presidents Cleveland of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamaand Roosevelt, who, under similar circumstances, put the responsibility on beyond all also be the responsibility on the responsibility of the res cumstances, put the responsibility on beyond all else. Is it any wonder that the Senate by continuing to nominate one of the leaders of the race of naby giving them recess appointments seen his people so discouraged and when the Senate was not in session. Instead, Mr. Wilson appointed a Cherokee Indian as Register. * * * *

When a group of citizens holds so few Federal offices as do the colored believe that it is intended to drive people, each one takes on a significance far beyond any question of the salary or powers that may be attached to it. This is particularly true of the posts of Minister to Hayti and ury has already held up the promo San Domingo. Not one of the stock Southern objections to Negro appointments holds here; these ministers are accredited to colored people where the bogie of social equality cannot be raised. Under Mr. Wilson both of these posts have gone, temporarily, to what lengths despotic officials will it is said, and doubtless for reasons take their way by means of discriminsatisfactory to Mr. Bryan, to white ation, intimidation, by aboveboard or men. The colored people at large accepted this as notice from the White House that the remaining offices heretofore given to colored men were to ades to come? If colored people can be taken from them. Alarming as this thus be set apart contrary to the spirit of under Mr. Cleveland, though begun for evil without adequate conception in one office under Mr. Tall, was in one office under Mr. Wilson—the inviting.

In one office under Mr. Tall, was inviting.

In one office under Mr. Tall, was inviting. in one office under Mr. Taft, was beand women. It appeared that the Sec- if he remains silent and segregates retary of the Treasury had planned further, will be wrong, his democracy to put Patterson at the head of an exclusively colored division upon the plea—to use Mr. McAdoo's own words sion has not appeared; if it had all

panions are white men, or why, if

there should be segregation because

of the women, the Government does

not segregate all its women clerks.

Nor does Mr. McAdoo record the fact

that in many instances the white

clerks, without respect to sex, have

gone to their colored associates and

expressed their complete dissent from

He indignantly denies that poorer

quarters have been given to the segre-

gated, but eye-witnesses have told of

colored women shut off in an unpleas-

ant alcove in one office; of others

quietly forced out of the lunch-room

they had been using for nine years

segregated behind lockers in one cor-

ner of a room in the dead-letter divi-

sion of the Post-Office Department.

Government's caste undertaking.

gravely at fault; he has given us beautiful and worthy sentiments in his book called "The New Freedom," "that it would give the Negroes an and in his various speeches prior to opportunity of national dimensions, to and since his election to the Presiprove their fitness to run, unaided by dency. But nowhere thus far do we whites, an important bureau of the find any indication that his democracy Department." Just why this beneficent undertaking was dropped as soon and the color line. He falls utterly to as it appeared that an Indian and not see that to discriminate in his democ racy against any one is to bring his whole carefully reared edifice crashthe merit claimed for it, the colored ing to the ground. The principles people should not have been deprived upon which our democracy rests must of the opportunity of collectively demapply to everybody without discrimonstrating their worth, which, in the ination, as exactly as a law of science individual, has long been known to all familiar with the Government's Thus, we should not believe in the law or they are open to doubt at once of gravitation if it did not apply alike Careful inquiry by a representative to every human being we should not of the National Association for the think very much of Mr. Marconi's Advancement of Colored People, and wireless invention if he could transby newspaper men of the standing of mit only the first half of the alphalife from an angle instead of full up Washington correspondents of the bet and not the last. It avails the New York Evening Post and Boston apologists for the President not at all Advertiser, has developed the fact to say that "The New Freedom" applies that segregation of colored employees only to political and economic probexists and is increasing, especially in lems, for what is the whole race prob the Bureau of Engraving and Printlem but an economic and political ing, in the Post-Office Department, and one? It would certainly be ridiculous in the office of the Auditor for the for Mr. Wilson, or his publishers, to Post-Office, which is a part of the expect any appreciative reading Treasury Department, and that it has among the millions of disfranchised begun in the Washington city post Americans, whether they be colored office. As yet, segregation has not been introduced in the Treasury men and women or white men and women, of his theory of the coming

Building, where there are two hunof a new political freedom at the very dred and seventy colored employees moment when there is placed upon in the corridors and offices together the colored by two of his own Cabinet with white clerks. It is defended by an official stigma which no amount Mr. McAdoo as, "an effort to remove of appointing to office will remove causes of complaint and friction where * * * * * What Mr. McAdoo white women have been forced unnecdoes not appreciate is that the slightessarily to ait at deaks with colored men." But there is no statement that est yielding to prejudice on the part of a high Federal official will find a there have been many such complaints dozen imitators in the lower official or that they were heard of under pre ranks who think by outdoing their vious Administrations. Nor is it exmasters to curry favor with those in plained why colored clerks are taken out of rooms in which their sole com-

* * * * * * What he does not see is that if only one colored man or woman has been segregated it give the deliberate lie to Mr. Wilson's promise to advance the interests of the race and violates his pledge of absolute fair dealing. The men who are injuring the President are not the defenders of this Government's reputation for honor and of the rights of the colored people, but those subordinates who by their official actions have made dubious the President's word. Wittingly or unwittingly the Wilson Administration has allied itself with the forces of reaction, and put itself on the side of every torturer, of every oppresser, of every perpetrator of racial injustice in the

past and compelled to go into lava-tories at the lunch-hour, of men clerks South or the North. * * * * * But the folly of raising this race issue does not stop Poorer accommodations for the segrethere. It differs but very little from gated are the invariable law of segre- the one that rent the Union. The great struggle which convulsed the ation. The assignment of separate tollet-rooms to the races under threats United States was, in its simplest of prompt punishment for failure to terms, nothing else than an attempt bey the rules has been another of of an aristocracy of cotton and land the deeply humiliating features of the to create two classes of human beings Washington segregation. To the col- in this country, the slaves and the ored workers all this segregating has free. They were willing to sacrifice been more brutal than a slap in the the Union and everything else to this ace. It is as if the great Government of the United States had gone (Continued on Fourth Page)

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They were not hardened men In human service slack: His need was great: but then His face, you see, was black. From the New York Independent.