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ANNIVERSARY OF ATLANTA'S SHAME.

The recent lynching of Leo Frank, a Jew, in Georgia, has aroused the country more than the murders of thousands of colored people in the South during the past twenty years.

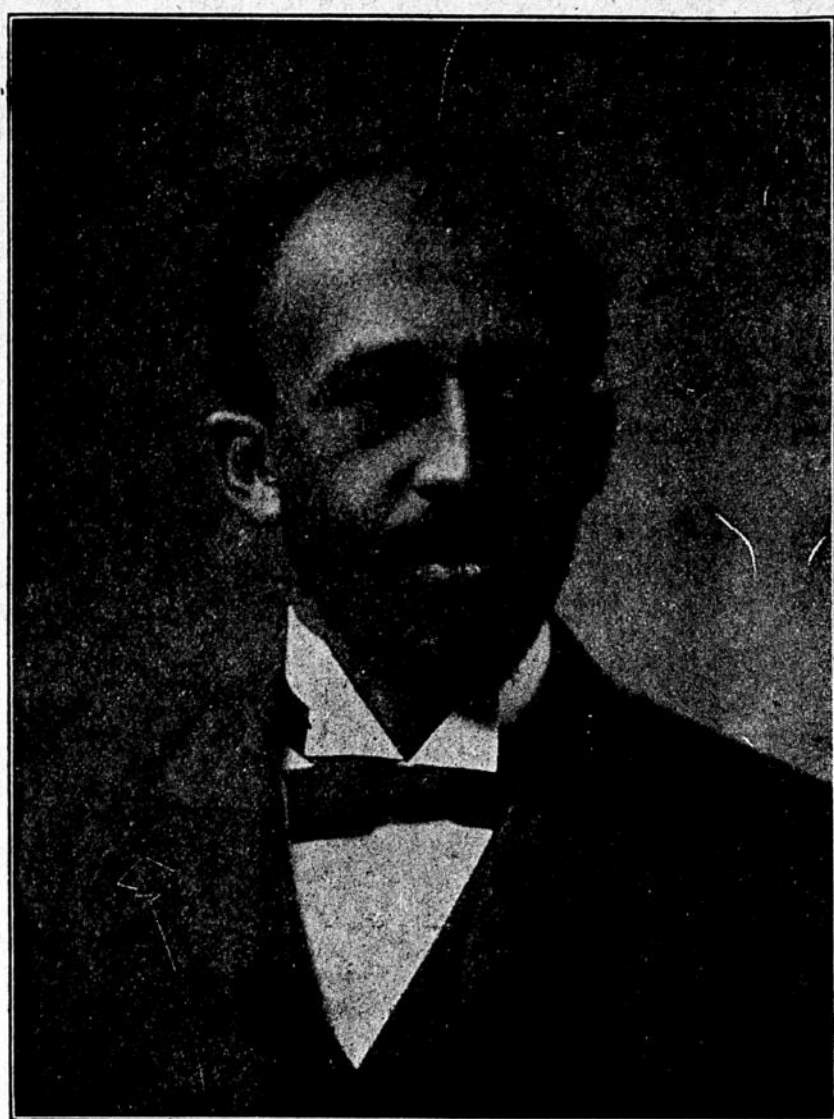
But only nine years have passed since Atlanta, Georgia, was the scene of one of the most uncalculated and bloodiest riots ever recorded in history. Colored men and women were ruthlessly slaughtered because of race hatred; not a single one killed had been guilty of any crime whatever.

The massacre was caused by the incendiary editorials of the Atlanta News and Journal, owned by Hoke Smith, since Governor of Georgia and now United States senator from that state.

In his gubernatorial canvass Smith also made incendiary speeches inciting the Caucasians against colored people and demanding that the race be disfranchised.

Senator Hoke Smith is said to be the author of the Jim Crow policy of the present administration and he has the active support of Vardaman, Heflin and nearly every Southerner in Congress.

THE APPEAL reprints in this issue "A Litany of Atlanta," by Dr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois, editor of The Crisis. It was written just after the



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riot, the author being at that time a resident of Atlanta.

September, 1915, being the ninth anniversary of the massacre and the recent renaissance of burnings and lynchings in Georgia render the publication timely.

NO ILLEGITIMATE BABIES.

It is the consensus of opinion of the leading thinkers of the world that there should be no illegitimate children, that is, that babies should be declared legitimate by the state, even if born out of wedlock.

A new law was recently passed by Norway, giving the so-called illegitimate child a right to his father's name. The expenses of his rearing are divided between father and mother in proportion to their ability to pay, the basis to be the financial status of the wealthier parent. And the illegitimate Norwegian child is an heir to the father's property and on equal terms with the children born in marriage.

Nature knows nothing of illegitimacy; she cares naught for marriage certificates and there is no reason why the innocent babe should be degraded and ostracized because of the sins of its parents.

Such a law would be especially valuable in the South where wealthy Caucasians are the fathers and mothers of many children of colored women and men. The equal inheritance feature would give to thousands of colored children their just share in many great estates and would also give them their proper social status.

THE HYPHENATED AMERICAN.

Oswald Garrison Villard's recent speech against hyphenated Americanism was a telling one.

Mr. Villard was himself born of German soil and of a German father, yet he is amazed at the divided citizenship of some Americans of German ancestry.

He referred to Carl Schurz, and his true Americanism and said "What would amaze him more than to find unnumbered Germans who, like himself, come to this country to escape the very militaristic autocracy they now uphold, today, denouncing the nation that adopted and sheltered and fed and clothed them."

Other races have shown strong tendencies to form distinct bodies. Mr. Villard said, but the German propaganda is, so far, the most extensive.

He then asked if it were true, as contended, that the German Kultur and political system were superior to the scheme of life and government in America, why the hordes who have

flocked here did not go to Germany instead.

Mr. Villard said, that to allow nationalistic groups to develop in this country such as they have in Austria-Hungary would be most disastrous. He said, such a proposal was "unthinkable to a true minded American."

For many years it has been the custom to treat colored people as aliens, although they are more than ninety-nine per cent of American birth; and there is a growing tendency among the colored people to regard themselves as aliens. This is being encouraged by a class of leaders who call themselves "Negroes" and yell about "Negro Kultur" although they have not more than half and often less than one-eighth of Negro blood. Such men ought to stop the "Negro" propaganda and be Americans and demand justice because they are Americans and not by the false assertion that they are "Negroes."

They should not have any rights as "Negroes" but every right of an American citizen should be and will be accorded them, if they fight for their rights as American citizens by right of birth.

THANKS, GOV. WILLIS.

Gov. Frank Willis of Ohio, deserves the thanks of the colored people of the country for ordering the State Medical Board to abolish the requirement that applicants for licenses to practice certain branches of surgery must state whether they are "white" or "colored" and furnish photographs. The plan of compelling applicants to furnish photographs was put into the national civil service rules to hinder the appointment of colored people and Jews to places in the government service, even after they had passed the required tests. Prejudiced heads of bureaus look at the photos and if it is apparent that the applicant belongs to either of the proscribed classes he is promptly rejected.

The citizens of this country are Americans and that one word ought to be a sufficient description under any and all circumstances and neither the national nor state governments have any right to inquire whether he is white, colored, redheaded, baldheaded or pigmented, or whether he has corns on his feet or a wart on his nose.

TINSEL CHIVALRY.

The Southern Caucasians are continually yelling about their chivalrous regard for women and their determination to protect females from assaults etc., but in view of many happenings in the Southland it is evident, that their chivalry is of the tinsel variety.

Last year a Caucasian went into the home of a respectable colored woman in Wagoner, Okla., and attempted to assault her, but was shot by the woman before he succeeded. When the chivalrous Oklahomans heard of the happening, the colored woman who killed the white man in protecting her virtue was lynched by an "orderly mob of the best citizens."

In another Southern state recently, a colored man was walking along the street with his sweetheart when a white man made an insulting remark about her. The colored man promptly killed the white man and a few hours later he was lynched by a mob of "leading citizens."

The chivalrous men of Georgia have allowed a law fixing the age of consent for girls 10 years, to stand upon the statute books, and in nearly every Southern state it is lower than it ought to be.

The Southern boast about defending the honor of women is a LIE. Southern chivalry is tinsel.

MAY WOE AND BITTERNESS AT-TEND THEM.

For more than a quarter of the century the editor of THE APPEAL has struggled to give the colored people of the West a newspaper which would defend their rights. A complete file has been preserved and the editor is proud to say that not a single false note has been sounded. THE APPEAL has always advised its readers never to relinquish a civil right and to aid their Southern brethren to regain the many rights which have slipped away because of the activities of Jim Crow propagandists.

THE APPEAL has never been a profitable business proposition in itself, the editor has made his living out of his job printing office and from other sources of income, but he feels that he has done something to aid the colored people and the consciousness of having fought for the right, in a measure, compensates him for the years of hard work and the expenditure of thousands of dollars.

The editor of THE APPEAL is a father and the one thing he has endeavored to impress upon the minds of his children is self respect, especially as it relates to demanding all the rights of American citizenship. He is a poor man and has little of this world's goods to bequeath them, but if they have learned their lesson well and will suffer hardships and privations and even prefer to die rather than degrade their souls by willingly accepting any treatment which is in any way inferior to that accorded to other Americans, the editor will pass into the Great Beyond happy in the thought that he has left his offspring a priceless heritage.

The editor of THE APPEAL would rather see all of his children in their graves than to feel that they will ever even in their minds consider the proposition of becoming Jim Crowists and if they are ever willing to give up liberty and become servile sycophants, may woe and bitterness come to them, as it should, to everyone who sells his birth right.

CONDONING COLORED CURS.

THE APPEAL approves of every word of the reprinted editorial from the Chicago Tribune and wishes to add a few words of exhortation of the contemptible colored curs who continually praise the southern people and condone many of their infamous acts. It is not only contemptible but criminal. The extension of race prejudice in the North has been greatly aided by these fends in human form who have been paid in cash or the appellation of "good negro" to laud the brutal, barbarous, unhuman, unchristian un-American South.

When the Georgia senate recently passed a law forbidding white persons to teach colored pupils some of these human skunks rushed into print to defend the action, saying that it would benefit the colored man.

The white Georgians who burn and hang and legislate against their colored fellow citizens are saints when compared with colored men who condone their crimes.

SEGREGATION BY CENSUS.

"Negroes in the United States," is the title of a pamphlet gotten out by the United States Census Bureau. The title is misleading, for there are only 473 real Africans in the United States, according to the Census, that is Negroes born in Africa.

It is wrong, unjust and un-American for the government to segregate its clerks by color in the Departments in Washington, and it is also wrong, unjust and un-American for the government to issue a separate and inaccurate Census Bulletin as it has done in the case of the bulletin, "Negroes in the United States."

The United States assumes that a group of about 10,000,000 people are Negroes and proceeds to so classify them. More than ninety-nine per cent of the persons so classified were born in America of American parents, and their parents were Americans and so on back for ten generations.

If a man whose ancestors for many generations is not an American, who is entitled to the name? If a white man can become an American in two generations, why should a person of any other color born in this country fail to "arrive" in the same space of time?

The name "Negro" applied to a group of citizens in this country is inaccurate, because it does not include forty or fifty million other Americans who have more or less Negro blood. The expression "pure race" is amorphous to all great writers on racial questions agree.

The mixing of bloods in this country relinquish any right.

has gone so far that it is impossible to determine with any degree of accuracy who has Negro blood and who has not, and for the Government to select about 10,000,000 people and say that they are "Negroes," and by that act to aid in making them a separate treatment in church and state, is to perpetrate a great wrong.

It is an infamous thing for the government of this great republic to draw the color line in any way. In a republic every citizen should have exactly the same status so far as the government is concerned.

There is no reason why a Democracy should attempt to classify its citizens by their blood. All persons born in this country should be considered Americans without any prefixes or suffixes.

WILLIAM MONROE TROTTER.

The unceasing warfare against injustice and wrong which has been waged by William Monroe Trotter, editor of the Boston Guardian, ought to win for him a warm spot in the heart of every right thinking human being.

With his pen and tongue, he has done much to quicken the moral fibre of the colored people and they are learning the lesson that sacrifices must be made, if they would win the great battle for civil and political rights.

There are no frills and furbelows about William Monroe Trotter. He is a plain, earnest, honest, upright man, who has decided to give up wealth, official preferment and worldly honors to dedicate his life to a noble cause.

THE APPEAL has always admired him because he is an UNCOMPROMISING advocate of right and justice. While the majority of the so-called leaders have equivocated and compromised the people for gold or power, William Monroe Trotter has always stood as a stone wall against every form of injustice whether by the Nation, the state, the municipality or the church.

MANY JEWISH ENEMIES.

The fact that three Jews have bought the rights for the state of Massachusetts for the production of "The Birth of the Nation," the infamous and false film and that Jewish capitalists are exploiting the photo-play all over the country should cause the colored people to see that many of their most bitter enemies are Jews.

A Jewish attorney general was responsible for the Maryland disfranchisement law recently declared unconstitutional.

A Jewish Senator and a Jewish Congressman have become notorious because of their tirades against the race. In many localities Jews aided the passage of the segregation laws.

A Jew worth many millions is giving thousands of dollars to aid in the establishment of Jimcrow Y. M. C. A.'s is actually aiding the alleged Christians in their efforts to segregate their believers of darker hue.

All this is queer work for a people who have been oppressed for thousands of years and who are still massacred in many parts of Europe.

All Jews are not enemies of the colored people but those who have power and money seem to take a special delight in swiping the colored man and also—gathering in the coin.

"WHY AMERICANS FAIL."

It is a notorious fact that in spite of Pan-American congresses, long-winded editorials in American newspapers, etcetera, the United States is far behind Germany, Great Britain, France and Spain so far as trade in Latin-America is concerned.

A book by A. Wyatt Verrill on "South and Central American Trade Conditions of Today," recently issued by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, has this to say under the heading, "Why Americans Fail:"

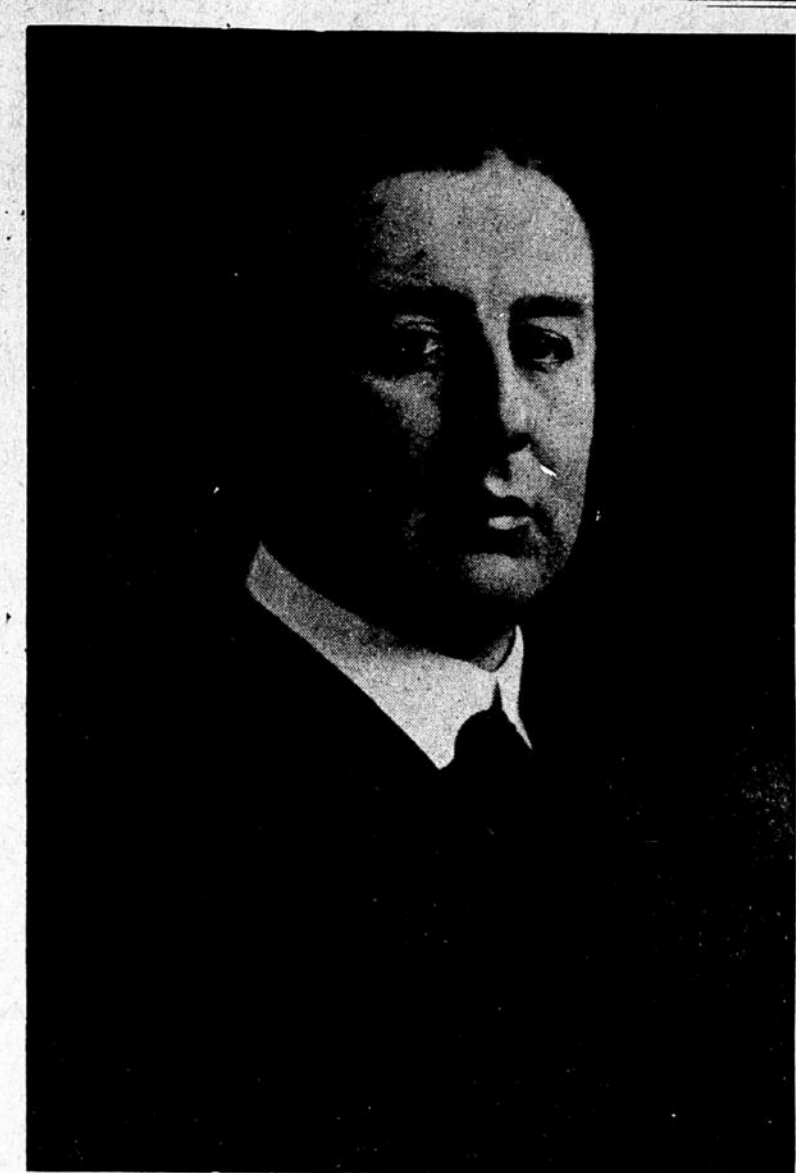
"Race or religious prejudice, condescension, discourtesy or bluff have no place in Spanish America. The Latin-American is a gentleman first, last and all the time. He has never acquired our habit of being a gentleman in private life and a boor in business and he expects others to be as courteous as himself and if they are not he judges them accordingly. He may be white, brown, yellow or black, but he remembers that one of his ancestors was probably a plumed grandee of Old Spain. You may scoff at his ideas, you may laugh at his faith, you may curse at the 'lazy Greasers,' and through it all he may smile, treat you with respect and politeness and greet you with expressions of the greatest pleasure, but in his heart he despises you for an ill-bred 'Yankee pig' and thanks God that he is of Spanish blood."

On the other hand treat the Latin-American with courtesy, praise the buildings and industry of his town, admire his beautiful women, visit his places of interest, and speak his language and you may command respect, admiration and true friendship and every entertainment and comfort will be yours."

THE APPEAL has printed a number of editorials along this line showing that Americans have lost millions of dollars through their Jimcrow methods and it is a great satisfaction to have this view upheld by a great authority thoroughly familiar with conditions.

Race prejudice is an expensive proposition for those who indulge in it.

Many colored people are advocating "self effacement" for the race as the solution of the race problem. The more the race gives the more its enemies will demand. Never willingly



MY DUTY TO ELEVATE, NOT DEGRADE.

Says Hon. William Hale Thompson, Mayor Chicago, When Appointing Colored Men to Places in His Cabinet—A Presidential Possibility.

William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago, has made a great name for himself by ignoring racial lines and giving the colored people representation in the city offices.

At a recent crowded meeting in Chicago he told why he did it.

The mayor had a written address to deliver. He tried to deliver it, but the hum of the assembled crowd discouraged him. So after reading about a third of the speech he tossed it to one side and concluded:

"I could read the rest of this speech to you few in the front rows, and the rest of you could read parts of it tomorrow morning in the newspapers, to which I have sent copies. But I won't finish."

"Let me repeat that I am proud to be here, and let me add these words: I am asked why I have appointed colored men in my cabinet."

Here's Why He Did It.

"Here is my answer:

"1. Because the persons appointed were essentially fitted and qualified for the positions they were selected to fill."

"2. Because, in the name of humanity, it is my duty to do what I can to elevate rather than degrade any class of American citizens."

"3. Because during the pre-election campaign I gave you my word that, if elected, I would give you a square deal, and Bill Thompson keeps his word."

Mr. Carey Talks.

The subject of the mayor's appointments to office was introduced by the Rev. A. J. Carey, who presided and presented Mr. Thompson.

"The colored people," Mr. Carey said, "ask no favors and no sympathy, nor do they ask any return for any support they may give to any cause, political or otherwise. They ask only for what they deserve as American citizens."

"Whatever Mayor Thompson has done, whatever he will do, he will do not out of sympathy for the descendants of a race once enslaved but for American citizens who have earned their position."

Cheers interrupted the speaker.

On the Way to Washington.

"William Hale Thompson may not be elected president in 1916," he went on, "but I'm sure he will be in 1920. I helped elect him alderman; I helped elect him county commissioner; I helped elect him mayor. And my work will not be complete until I have helped elect him president."

Then the storm broke and the crowd went wild.

In his speech, among other things Mayor Thompson said:

"I know that in some quarters I have been criticized severely for appointing a few representative colored citizens to positions of honor, and trust, and dignity. I am glad to take the full responsibility and the honor of making every one of these appointments, and I want to ask my critics to be as manly and to come out into the open light of day with their un-American sentiments."

"Too much publicity is given the shortcomings and frailties of the colored man and too little publicity is given his genius and skill."

"We read in the daily prints column after column of sickening detail of some weak, abnormal member of the colored race, but seldom do we see accounts of the contributions to the world's work by colored sculptors,

artists, poets, scientists, and educators.

Prejudice Still Exists.

"Since attaining personal liberty, the colored people are still the victims of the relentless and unreasoning prejudice which throws all sorts of obstacles in the path of advancement."

"It is considered presumptuous for an individual of the colored people to aspire to any employment other than menial tasks, and there have been recent instances where even your right to be considered among the laborers in this city has been challenged."

"Not long ago, expressions such as these were common: 'Why, what do you think? The mayor has put some 'niggers' to work out at the garbage plant!' Just as though colored men are not to be considered human beings."

What of His Critics?

"Criticism such as those enumerated are un-American and have no place in this land of freedom and opportunity. If inquiry were made concerning the nativity of these critics, it would probably be found that a number of them had come, or their immediate ancestors had come, to this country to escape tyranny and oppression in some foreign land and to find opportunity in this land of the free, and, having found it, would shut the door in the faces of others."

"It is easy to understand the attitude of our own citizens of southern ancestry, who feel obliged to denounce the colored man in order to justify the questionable acts of their forefathers, but such sentiments are entirely inexcusable when spoken by the children of oppression from any place in the wide world."

"To deny equal opportunity to the colored man in this land would be out of harmony with American history, untrue to the sacred principles of liberty and equal rights, and would make a mockery of our boasted civilization and justice, and render meaningless the word opportunity. Believing this as I do, you can rest assured that, so far as my power and influence go, the colored man will get a square deal."

Not "Vote Catching" Scheme.

"This is no new position for me, nor is it advanced as a vote catching scheme. I had the honor to be president of the Perry's victory centennial celebration from Illinois, and, as such, a member of the governing board of the ten states which participated in the celebration."

"On investigation it was found that 40 per cent of Perry's sailors were colored, and thereupon I did myself the honor to introduce a resolution proposing to invite a prominent representative of the colored race to participate in the exercises commemorating the victory."

"The resolution, although opposed, was adopted, and I was afterwards fortunate enough to secure the distinction for my friend, our distinguished chairman, Dr. A. J. Carey, who not only reflected glory on himself, but credit on the colored people and his state."

BOOM FOR THOMPSON.

Two City Republicans Want Him to Run for President.

Minneapolis and St. Paul Republicans are planning a big reception for Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago. They regard him as good presidential timber and plan to start a boom for his nomination.

THE MAN WHO DARES

I honor the man who in the conscientious discharge of his duty dares to stand alone; the world, with ignorant, intolerant judgment, may condemn, the countenances of relatives may be averted, and the hearts of friends grow cold, but the sense of duty done shall be sweeter than the applause of the world, the countenances of relatives or the hearts of friends.—Charles Sumner.



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