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THE FAILURE OF WOODROW WILSON

There are many grave problems in the United States today. All of these problems are of immediate moment because they effect the very vitals of this republic. The problems that carry the greatest weight would logically demand the greatest consideration. The greatest factor in solving intra-national problems is public opinion. Public opinion is created by public leaders. The greatest leader of the general public in America is the President. The President of the United States should be, and generally is, the omnipotent dynamic and the creative generator of public opinion.

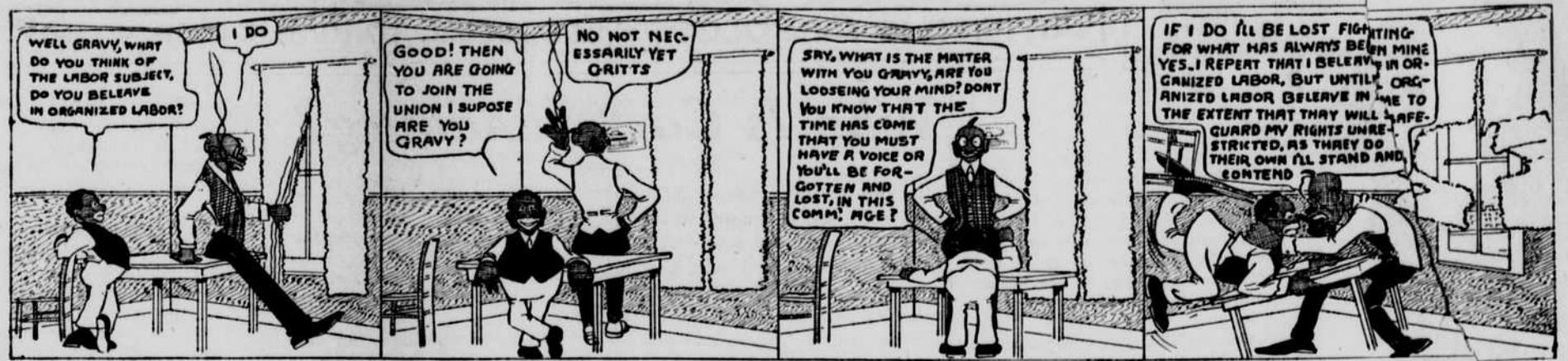
The President of the United States, Mr. Woodrow Wilson, "the incomparable magnificent champion of democracy," has taken the reins of unbridled opinion and has attempted to drive it into the untraveled tracts of the American mind. The President has attempted to formulate public opinion in favor of international arbitration and a League of Nations, against labor disorders and strikes, against anarchy and destructive forces, such as bolshevism and I. W. W. ism, against the high cost of living, against Irish slavery, against the Armenian and Polish treatment of Jews. He has made open denunciation against these evils in chronological order. He has vented his spleen against these evils in unique and original English, that gave evidence of a trenchant pen wielded by the guiding hand of a master architect of word construction. His work has not been in vain. Public opinion has been created in favor of what Mr. Wilson advocates and public opinion has been created against that which Mr. Wilson condemned. Woodrow Wilson is a dynamo of public opinion. His word has the effect of rocking the foundation of American structure, his word vibrates and revivifies across the seas and around the world. Woodrow Wilson's word has been called the word of the teeming American millions. His word burns into the heart of Civilization and unless his word is heard and obeyed, it is eloquently stated that the Heart of the World will be broken. What Mr. Wilson has said has been recorded on the pages of History. What Mr. Wilson should have said and did not say will be charged against him just as surely as his virtues will be counted for him. Mr. Woodrow Wilson has not taken an open stand against the maltreatment of Negroes. He has not taken a militant stand against mob violence and lynchings. He has not taken an open stand against the segregation and political slavery of 12,000,000 Americans. He has not attempted to create opinion in favor of the 12,000,000 colored citizens of America. In other words, one great problem he has not openly considered, the most vital problem. The most evident and the gravest problem has either been invisibly and cautiously avoided or has been inadvertently neglected. Public opinion, in regard to the Negro, has been allowed to drift to the present time. The mind and opinion of America in regard to the Negro is swayed by all kinds of forces; the destructive and evil ripple of Southern hatred has become a Tidal Wave that sweeps every shore and confine of the land of the free and the home of the brave. The blood of the American Negro that has been spilled because of uncontrolled mal-opinion of America, is of sufficient proportions to crimson to a brighter red the ruddy waters of the Mississippi River, and if the dead should be piled, the height would compare with the highest peaks in the world. This really is a grave problem. The world knows it, America knows it and Mr. Woodrow Wilson knows it. Then why has Mr. Wilson, the apostle of democracy, in his epistles to America and the world, failed to voice the militant sentiments? Why has he allowed public opinion to run rampant and play havoc in America? We will attempt to analyze and reach an answer by the method of the Residue.

Mr. Wilson has failed to act for one of three reasons: (1) He has a constitutional antipathy and hatred for Negroes; (2) the Negro problem is not of sufficient weight and gravity; (3) the political aspect of the situation would make it fatal to his political aspirations and injurious to his party.

As to reason (1), we do not believe that a man of Mr. Wilson's intelligence and education could religiously hate a whole race of humble, crushed and bruised citizens. It is unthinkable and anachronistic. It is incompatible with the ideals that Mr. Wilson has fostered and nurtured. We will dismiss number (1) because it is contrary and reprehensible to sound thinking.

As to reason number (2), has the Negro problem enough weight to be considered during these tumultuous times? Up to date 2,689 Negroes have been lynched since 1899, only 19.8 per cent were "accused" of rape. There have been three race riots of world-wide significance within the last four months and increased racial friction all over the country. It is reported that over 150 people have been killed in these riots and over 700 injured; over \$3,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed. Foreign countries have flung sarcastic remarks into the teeth of our government—Germany, England, France, Brazil, Japan and Mexico. Twelve million Negroes, one-twelfth of America's population, are denied equal protection of the laws. The problem has great weight and reason number (2) is prima facie worthless.

GRITTS AND GRAVY



Let us then consider reason number (3). Would a stand against these evils hurt Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party? We think the answer is self-evident, it would. Southern opinion is added, rankled and conjured by the infernal imps of his Satanic Majesty, the Devil; the South has a mono-mania and that is Negro hatred. The mind of the South is one-sided. The Negro has no rights that white men must respect; this is a Southern slogan. In order to be friends with the South, you must keep the Negro down, and segregate and discriminate him. The Democratic party is supported by the solid South. The Democratic party must crush the Negro to keep its foothold below the Mason-Dixon. If Mr. Wilson defended Negroes, the South would be enraged. The Democratic party would be injured and Mr. Wilson's political life would wane into oblivion. Therefore number (3) is the reason. The politics of America will not encourage Mr. Wilson to take a man's stand.

We trust that over and above politics the general teachings of Christianity will eventually win, and Mr. Wilson will forget the Democratic party and the insipid Southern supporters. If Mr. Wilson and his followers can not take a man's stand, we will. If Valera, the Irish president, can come over to America and solicit American sentiment for Ireland, the leaders of American Negroes can do the same.

The banners are unfurled.

The crusade is on.

Negro freedom in America, is the cry. We need the New Negroes with the new psychology to take up where Mr. Wilson failed.

"THE OLD TIMER" AND "THE NEW COMER"

Several times through these columns, the Whip has called its readers' attention to the fact that all of the Negroes in America have their eyes focused upon Chicago. Therefore, it is necessary for us to take an open stand against any person, act or deed that serves to divide our forces and keep us from disappointing the teeming millions who look to us for example and light.

To their everlasting discredit, certain Chicago citizens of color who have had the good fortune to breathe the cosmopolitan air of this city for a long period, are making a well organized attempts to disparage, defalcate and belittle the efforts of other Colored citizens, solely on the ground that they are from the South and have recently made Chicago their home.

In view of the fact that Chicago is the mecca of Negro advancement, this is not only a local civic evil, but one of national moment. It should and must cease in its infancy. It is the product of a lilliputian mind, which is otherwise unable to get into the lime light. Oftimes if this type is not checked they do more harm in an instant than can be repaired in a year. Every country, nation and race on the globe has recognized the necessity of solidarity. As we are the most oppressed, we must refuse to let any one, white or black, obscure the indispensableness of cohesion and progress.

The class of citizens that we are getting from the South are mostly good ones. They bring with them money and ideas, both of which we can use to advantage. And if they brought neither it would be our duty to grasp them by the hand, give them the benefit of our superior advantages.

A man is not responsible for the place of his birth, if he was most of us would prefer being born in Abyssinia, France or the Fiji Islands. But we are responsible for our conduct after birth. Seventy per cent of the legitimate business of Chicago is owned and operated by so-called "new comers." Those responsible for this iniquitous propaganda are unworthy of living at all.

There is no such thing as priority based upon length of residence. The minute a migrant gets off the train with the intention of making Chicago his home and making an honest living, he is entitled to the same consideration of any other citizen, regardless to his color or position. The Race is sorely in need of real men that are able to compete with the other giant races, men that are willing to fight and die if necessary to make our country safe for everybody. It does not matter whether they are from Maine or Mississippi.

There is no such thing as a "new comer" or an "old timer." When it comes to breaking the dam that keeps us from entering into the paradise of real manhood. When the enemies of justice and democracy, such as Maclay Hoyne and the Kenwood and Hyde Park Property Owners' Association start their crusades to paint the Negroes as undesirables, unfit to live with, they recognize no province; it suffices them to know that we are Negroes. When the blood-thirsty cohorts of lynchland are in the process of spreading their vituperous propaganda they admit of no section, a black face is sufficient.

Inasmuch as we are unjustly fought by these evil forces as one, let us not deploy, but close ranks and present a solid front and fight them as they fight us as one.

Health Hints

Dr. Julian H. Lewis

GOITRES

The word goitre is applied to any swelling in the neck which is connected with a gland located in that position called the thyroid gland. A goitre is of such common occurrence and may be of so much danger or of such little harm that it may not be out of place to write a few words on the subject in order that those having a harmless one may be set at ease and those having the dangerous kind may be warned.

We do not know what the function of the thyroid gland is, but we do know that it secretes something into the blood that is very important to life, because when it is removed, as it sometimes is by careless surgeons, death results. As has been said, swellings of this gland are of two kinds—dangerous and non-dangerous. The non-dangerous enlargements come usually in response to a need by the body of more of the secretion which is manufactured by the gland. There are two periods in the life of women when the body especially needs more of this substance than any other time—they are during the period in girls following puberty and in women during pregnancy, and it is very common for the neck to become larger at these times and to become smaller when they are past. A famous artist when painting a picture of a girl of the adolescence age was so exact that he included a goitre in the portrait. However, these swellings occur also in men and in women not in the periods mentioned above, and because they occur unusually frequently in people living around certain lakes in this country and in Switzerland it is thought that the swelling comes from the presence of something or the absence of something in the drinking water.

The substance which the thyroid gland secretes contains iodine, and in order to help the gland and make it unnecessary for it to be so large, iodine is given as a medicine in the form of tincture or of the iodide of

potash. Sometimes the secretion itself obtained from the glands of animals is given, but as it is very harmful when given in too large doses, it should be administered by a physician. Often the gland becomes so large as to press on the windpipe and possibly causing death by choking. This sort of tumor should be removed by operation.

The dangerous kind of goitre occurs mostly in women. The swelling may not be very large, but it is very active. It makes the eyeballs protrude out of their sockets and the heart beats very fast, and the patient is very nervous and irritable. This kind of tumor is nearly always fatal unless removed by operation.

AN "AMERICA SAFE" SUNDAY

Colored Race Urged to Hold Meetings Simultaneously All Over the Country on Sunday, Sept. 21st, for Protection in Our Land—Each Meeting to Choose Delegates to National Gathering for a "Safe America," Sept. 23-25.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 8, 1919.—The slogan "To Make America Safe for Americans," as the object of the 12th annual meeting of the National Equal Rights league to be held in the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Fifteenth st. between L and M sts., Washington, D. C., Sept. 23-25, has met the hearty approval of the race. Endorsements of this object for the convention have been received at the office of the corresponding secretary here from all quarters.

Hence the league has decided to ask the entire race to hold simultaneously all over the country, mass meetings demanding a "Safe America" on Sunday, Sept. 21, and asking the favor of Almighty God in the struggle for our rights. It is suggested these race meetings be called by Equal Rights committee of citizens or of the church and, each meeting constituting itself a local league, send delegates to the national convention for a SAFE

Editors

Editor of The Whip, of Your
Dear Sir:

I am living in the heart of the South and I intend to come North as soon as possible. Instead of getting better, things are getting worse, and I fear for my life. Wrap up one of the white folks won't it before I do or I won't get home. A fellows sure don't bite your up. Ppe, you do talk to them.

Yours truly,
BEN BREDNER,
Abiola, Ga.

Editor Chicago Whip,

Dear Sir:

I am a constant reader of your paper and I am overflowing with enthusiasm about it so I had to stop and write this in order to let off steam.

Since the advent of The Whip in the journalistic world, I notice that our people have awakened to the fact that they must fight their own battles. And under the direction of its lash they are doing just this.

They are commencing to stick together and spend with those who give them something in return. They have awoke and are thinking for themselves.

Keep up the good work.
Yours truly,
FRANK NELLA,
Chicago, Ill.

AMERICA of the Equal Rights league on Sept. 23.

Such a spontaneous nation-wide movement will certainly impress our fellow Americans and the government that we, as a race, are determined to get equal rights. Let "On to Washington for Sept. 23-25" be the national race cry and we shall win by a united spirit. We certainly need to be banded together for protection now. Sec'y J. L. Neill, 906 T st. N. W., will supply all desired information.

Do you want to know why colored people pay higher rents than other group?

Do you want to know the solution of the housing problem?

Do you want clean news?

Do you want to get a better wage?

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