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Editorial

FAITH IN HUMANITY

A few weeks ago we were soliciting an advertisement from a prominent businessman of the city when he gave us the following advice. "Give up the idea of publishing a paper. It can not be done. The labor organization failed. They have by far a bigger following than you can ever hope to command. You are going to put forth much time and effort in this venture which of course, is a worthy cause. You will get a few 'ads' here and there. When you present your bills they will tell you: 'Leave my ad. out this month, I will run it again some time later.' You will find that even your own people, in whose interest the paper is published, will not support the paper, in the end you will be forced to give up, and worse still you will have lost faith in all humanity."

In the outset we will say for this gentleman that he has a big heart and as broad a vision as any man whom we have ever met. He gave us an advertisement and he still carries one with us. Furthermore, we have not progressed far enough in the publishing business to be able to form an opinion which would be worth very much.

On the other hand, however, we can state definitely that our experience so far, both with the advertising public and with our own people, has been directly opposite to that which our good friend predicted for us. In the first place we secured not only a few but several advertisements from prominent business concerns who cheerfully paid their first installments and, in many cases, increased the size of their ads. Each week has seen an addition to our advertisements. Again, our own people are rallying splendidly to our support. Our agents throughout the Dominion are demanding an increase in the number of papers to be sent to them. Each week new cities, towns and country districts are writing for papers. Letters from both races are constantly coming to this office commending us upon our splendid effort to better the conditions of the colored people and to bring about a better understanding between both races.

So, therefore, instead of being discouraged we are very much encouraged by the attitude of the general public.

We are not however, trying to give out the impression that it has at present reached a paying basis, or that we are sure of success. But this one thing, nevertheless, we are sure of: that our experience so far with The Dawn of Tomorrow has increased our faith in humanity more than ten fold. We have been made to feel more than ever before that human nature on the whole, tends to be good, that there is much more of good in this world than there is of bad; that all the people appreciate honest endeavour and conscientious efforts, and that men and women derive a genuine pleasure from helping others. To sum the whole thing up we have come to the conclusion that this old world is perhaps the best place that we poor weak human beings can find to live in.

THE PREVALENCE OF CRIME IN THE U.S.A.

The American Bar Association has prepared a report on the criminal conditions of that country which, to some may be startling, but which is the natural sequence of mob rule and Ku Klux Klan rule.

The report shows that the criminal situation in the United States is worse than in any other civilized country in the world. Last year there were in the whole of London 17 murders, not one of which went unsolved. During 1921 there were 260 murders in New York and 137 in Chicago. The report estimates that there were 7850 murders in the United States last year while throughout all of England and Wales there were 63 murders. "We learn," comments the report, "that the prison population in England has been steadily decreasing since 1876 Briefly the committee finds that the speedy trials given the criminals is responsible for the low crime rate in Great Britain. The continual appearance of cases and reversals by the upper courts is practically unknown to British justice."

All of this is quite true. But the cancerous blot upon American jurisprudence is her tolerance of mob law. The greatest draw back to America's law administration is the manner in which she winks at and tolerates the Ku Klux Klan. What can America expect when her supreme law-making body refused to ratify a bill which was aimed at the very heart of the law? What can she expect when many of her States will grant a charter of the Klan to operate in their territory? What can any country expect whose railroads will run excursion trains for the avowed purpose of giving the people the opportunity of seeing a human being burned at the stake? How can a government expect to enforce law and order whose morals have become so perverted that their women can stand and witness the burning and the stench therefrom of a human being and revel in such a scene? To be sure America has given to the world many things for which she ought to be proud, but the campaign of lynching and burning, her tolerance of the Ku Klux Klan, an organization whose object is to retard the upward striving of Negroes, Jews and Catholics,—for these two things the world looks upon America as a semi-barbaric country.

COLORS GRADUALLY FILLING THE POSITIONS

(By the Associated Negro Press)
Montgomery, Ala., Sept.—The Tuskegee Veterans' Hospital is gradually assuming a darker hue. The return of John Calhoun, the disbursing officer, who defied the Klan, was the first indentation in the solid white official staff, but the past few days have witnessed additional changes with a rapidity which has thrown consternation into the ranks of three hundred white employees who see the black spectre of a Negro personnel riding hard upon them with the consequent relinquishing of their jobs for it is said that self-respecting white clerks and supers cannot tolerate working next to or under black men. This week witnessed the arrival of several colored rehabilitation officers, Messrs. P. H. Rooney and Walter S. Burke, who had been employed in the office headed by Dr. Crossland in the Veterans' bureau at Washington. Dr. Crossland is said to be hanging by the proverbial thread and his office has been depopulated.

Black Guards on Duty

Next came the appointment of a black chief guard. Some thirty armed guards with rifles and ammunition have been stationed about the grounds, a rather formidable array of force calculated to impress the casual observer with the majesty of the government. These guards were of little avail when the Klan marched. They lowered rifles, it is said, saluted them as brothers and let the hooded parade pass on. But a black chief guard brought the resignations of all the white guardians of cracker persuasion instantaneously. The result is that black guardians of the peace are now parading with guns swung smartly across their shoulders and halting every suspicious looking visitor.

The score of colored nurses and even the hundred or more colored maids, orderlies, laundresses, and cooks regard them with distinct favor.

Six colored doctors certified from the Veterans' Bureau are on duty. Attired in their immaculate white duck military uniforms, they make a colorful and pleasing picture amid the truly magnificent surroundings of this institution, whose beauty of construction, size, and sumptuousness have scarcely been realized.

Stanley Departs

But the fatal blow which undermined the swiftly fading hopes of the white element of the State who have raised a nation wide hullaballo in an effort to retain a few remunerative jobs was the whispered announcement that Col. R. H. Stanley of Greenville, Ala., pride of the State, who had the backing of even the invisible empire, had folded his tent, offered his resignation and departed for the wilds of New Mexico, where he will command a hospital for white southern veterans at Fort Bayard, N. M. Col. Stanley's friends say that he will enjoy his new position far better than the one at Tuskegee. In the meantime, Major Charles T. Griffith, white, first assistant to Col. Stanley, is in charge. He probably will remain for some time, or at least until the colored staff which is to be augmented gets thoroughly routinized and demonstrates an ability to handle the situation perfectly. General Hines has stated that no colored commanding officer would be selected until the complete colored personnel had been appointed. This may be a year or whenever the department deems fit. Thus the pledge to Tuskegee's white citizens is kept.

Labor Problem Becomes More Serious

(By The Associated Negro Press)
St. Louis, Mo., Sept.—Capt. Tom L. Gibson, formerly of this city, but now owner of a large plantation at Friar's Point, Miss., says the labor problem throughout the south is becoming more serious all the time because of the exodus of Negroes. He says that at the present rate of migration, 7,000,000 of the 9,000,000 will be north of the Mason-Dixon line in 1928.

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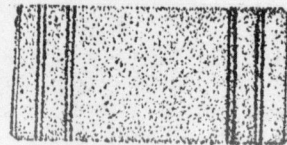
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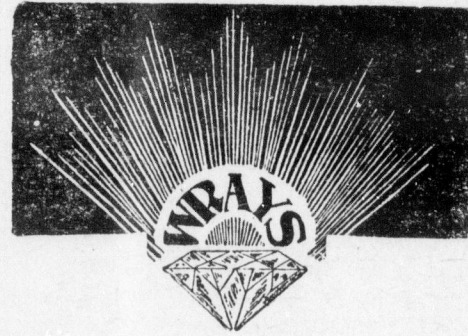
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