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## THE AKRON RIOT.

Mob law and raging violence are not confined to the South. There has never been a more vicious and violent mob than that which gathered together at Akron, O., killing several innocent people, wounding many others, plundering stores, and destroying property. It was alleged that a Negro had committed a crime, or attempted to commit one on a female child, and this was sufficient to set the mob wild. One couldn't have behaved more madly in Mississippi or Texas.

Coming in the wake of the New Orleans and New York riots, there is a deeper significance in this event than the mere exhibition of revengeful force against a child's assaulter. If the accused man had not been a Negro, would there have been a raging, insane, criminal mob? If the culprit had been a white man, would not the law have been allowed to take its course?

Notice: the New Orleans riot was precipitated because a Negro had killed a popular officer. A few days later a riot broke out and ran wild in the heart of the great city of New York—in some respects the best-governed city in the world—not because an offense had been committed, but because the offender was a man with a black skin. If a Tammany man had done the same thing, he might have been fined, but nothing more would have happened, and the world would never have heard of it.

Now, in a city in the heart of the good Republican and Christian state of Ohio, that has furnished several presidents and has 100,000 men in office, and most of them fit, in their own estimation, for president, a riot breaks out that would disgrace heathendom and put a blush on the cheek of the Dark Ages. It evidently isn't so much against the crime as against the color. A Negro is the culprit; he must be torn asunder, and burned at the stake. If it had been an Akron deacon, the same people would have only nodded, and winked, and rolled a sweet morsel under their tongues.

After all, the most important "issue" before the world, an especially the American people, is: Is not our boasted civilization a fraud and a pretense?

In the South the white race has overriden and defied our national constitution, and will not allow the black man to vote, although the fifteenth amendment to the constitution was especially framed and passed to give him the privilege to vote. There it stands before the world, wrought out in blood, a glaring, flaming fraud and lie. And we pretend to lead the world in civilization and justice!

Then, in New Orleans, and other places in the South, and in New York and Ohio, a reign of terror ensues because a black man commits or is accused of committing a crime. What happened in Akron is liable to happen in any city in the United States.

And suppose the Negro is wrongfully accused? It makes no difference, such a mob as that at Akron doesn't stop to consider facts or evidence; it simply works itself up to a white heat, and bursts out into a flame, because the accused has a black skin.

Are we to have a race war in miniature in the cities of this country? It begins to look like it.—Evening Telegram.

The Afro-American council, which met in extraordinary session at Indianapolis on Wednesday evening, became a genuine congress of debate and diplomacy. It is designed to be non-partisan and is therefore composed of adherents of all parties. When it was moved to have that body endorse McKinley and Roosevelt, a storm of opposition gathered, which, for a time, threatened to disorganize the association. The motion was ultimately defeated, but the fight it occasioned greatly weakened the strength of the council as a national organization.

This is an unusual national contest. Never before were such defections from both of the leading parties noted. Prominent men are leaving the Bryan party all over the country, many of them announcing their purpose never to return to Democracy. Influential politicians are quitting the Republican party, but not in such numbers as those who are abandoning the Bryan-Stevenson combination. As a matter of fact, there will be much doubt as to the outcome until the votes shall have been counted.

Matters political have begun to assume an interesting phase in the national campaign in Oregon. The Populists are probably more active and aggressive than any other faction. Their leaders express confidence of Bryan's success in the state, while the Republican national committee is so certain of Oregon's electoral vote that it is giving the Webfoot state only "incidental attention."

The situation in China grows more serious from day to day. There is little doubt that the "allied" governments have ample cause for declaring war against the imperial government of Li Hung Chang and whipping it into a decent sense of its duty toward the great world-powers. It now seems probable that this will be done, as the only speedy means of bringing order out of chaos in that empire.

Disgusted, sick and bereft of their last penny, many people are returning from Nome, where they hurried away a short time ago, ambitious to reach the fortunes which the new gold fields seemed to promise them. It was a bad and foolish adventure and thousands of men and women are now sorry that they yielded to such an excitement all they had in the world.

Hon. J. T. Ronald, of Seattle, of which city he was once mayor, and F. C. Robertson, a prominent citizen of Spokane, have been nominated by the Rogers party in Washington for congress. Ronald is a good and able man, but he is less a politician than Robertson, who is a brilliant campaigner. Cushman and Jones, however, will be re-elected by the Republicans.

Governor John R. Rogers, of Washington, has been renominated for the gubernatorial place he now holds; but he will go before the voters of the state, this time, much weakened by the factional fights among the elements that finally fused to nominate him. He has made a fairly good executive, but he will not be re-elected.

Thugs and pickpockets are in town in considerable number. They are coming from Seattle, San Francisco, Denver and other places and are "professionals." If you have anything worth protecting, keep your eye on it during fair week.

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