

**NOT A MONGOLIAN**

The American Indian should not be classified as a Mongolian. This is the belief of Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, after personal investigation and consultation with Dr. F. W. Hodge, Ethnologist in Charge of the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

Certain recent writers, in an effort to reduce the number of races into which man is divided, have shown a disposition to do away with the old classification of the Indian or Red Man as a distinct race, and to classify him as a member of the Mongolian family.

Instructions prohibiting the teaching of the classification in Indian schools which places the Indian in the Mongolian family will be issued by Commissioner Sells, and all school books containing such classification will be dropped from the authorized list of books in use in the Indian Service.

Commissioner Sells says that he is advised by the best authority that the Indians are classed by anthropologists as a distinct race commonly designated as the Red Race, or as Red Men, in contradistinction to the White (Caucasian), Yellow (Mongolian), Brown (Malay) and Black (Negro) races of people, and that he proposes to do everything in his power to oppose the arbitrary classification advanced by a few publishers of school books, which classes the Indian as Mongolian.

