

NEGROES PROTEST

Congressman J. Warren Kiefer of Ohio declared that the political parties had failed to carry out the fundamental principle of equality and that to take away the votes of the negroes to give power to the few was the first step to an autocracy.

Hold Indignation Meeting Denouncing Conditions.

The indignation meeting did not break up until morning. A set of resolutions for the reduction of representation from the South in Congress was passed.

TO REDUCE REPRESENTATION

A. B. Humphrey, the secretary of the league, announced that other meetings would be held in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Chicago.

Speakers Say South's Representation Should Be Reduced—Political Parties Refuse to Let Negroes Vote—Tillman, Thomas Dixon, Jr., and Others Hissed.

"Now comes Thomas Dixon, Jr., said Professor Kelly Miller of Howard University, Washington, 'that frenzied apostle of a frenzied propaganda that deprives the negro of his right by holding up the grotesque and repugnant side of his life with hideous portrayal. This shameful apostate priest of God, with undisciplined daring, is doing the work of the devil. With Satanic inflames the evil passions of man.'"

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Hoots and hisses greeted the mention of United States Senator Tillman, Governor Vandamm of Mississippi, Thomas Dixon, Jr., and F. Hopkinson Smith at a mass meeting held by the Constitution League in Cooper Union last night. Called to protest against disfranchisement of the negro in the South the meeting resolved itself into a general denunciation of conditions south of Mason & Dixon's line. At least four-fifths of the crowd of 3000 were negroes.

As the denunciation of Mr. Dixon waxed fiercer, there were mingled cheers, hisses and laughter.

Most bitter of all the speakers was Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, a negroess from Washington. Over and over again the chairman, John E. Milholland, tried to get her to stop and give the other side a chance, but she refused to do it. Becoming more violent in her denunciation of the South, she insisted on having her "say" out. She appealed to the audience for more time and was loudly sustained.

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Professor E. B. Dubois of Atlanta University spoke on "The Negro American and the Ballot." He said that the letter of the law in the Southern States, its interpretation, and the manner of its administration tended to drag the worker down.

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Ex-Congressman George H. White of North Carolina, who was defeated for re-election, by the disfranchisement of many of his constituents, it is alleged, declared that if one State had a right to pick out one clause in the constitution and nullify it, another State would have an equal right to disregard another clause until the entire constitution had been destroyed.

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