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MOB PSYCHOLOGY

A few days ago, the inhabitants of a small town in New Jersey, were all worked up to a frazzle over the report that a Negro had kidnapped a white child and fled in an automobile. Witness after witness added fuel to the same by coming with reports that they had seen Raymond Pierce, a Negro, with the missing child in his car and were "positive" that it was he and no one else. Colorphobia took possession of the police and the citizens, and a lively earnest hunt was begun for the accused Negro. Threats of lynching were on every lip. The newspapers of the town played up "Negro Kidnapper" in such language and tones as to excite mob violence. The father of the kidnapped child, who joined in the search, is quoted as saying almost continually, "I hope to God I find him before the police. I'll kill him like a snake."

Pierce was overtaken. He was dead. The kidnapper of the child had killed him. The mystery deepens. The irate mob still swears summary vengeance, as suspicion is laid on another Negro. But the police working on the case found other clues. A white youth, Harrison Noel, 20, was arrested. When questioned he led the police where the body of little Mary Daley lay in a clump of woods. He told how he had shot and killed her. He also told how he had shot and killed the Negro whom the mob had accused, and used the victim's automobile in kidnapping the child. When this news reached the townspeople, they were informed that the kidnapper was white, the mob spirit left them. The father forgot his vow to God, to "kill him like a snake." The murmurers, who, a short while ago, had only one language in their mouths, "lynching on the spot," lost that part of their vocabulary, and the only expressions now heard from the waiting mob were words of sympathy for the grief-stricken parents. Thus we see a bit of mob psychology.

It is not the crime that causes lynching—but the person accused. If the accused is a Negro, he should be lynched according to mob psychology; but if the accused is a white person, then the victim should have the sympathy of the community.—St. Louis Argus.

A RISING RACE

(By W. P. Bayless)
The best way for the Negro to get along in liberty-loving America, according to the ethics of the Ku Klux Klan, is to be a "me-to-be," "uncle Tom," "you white folks is God's chosen," etc. Then you win the approval of the members of the Invisible Empire.

But, happily, all Negroes are not that way. They want good homes, clothes, education, jobs, businesses, and all the other things their hard-earned cash enables them to buy. These same Negroes have courage enough, manhood and bravery to fight in defense of their homes and ideals. This is a sign that the Negro is rising. Examples of militant, ambitious and progressive Negroes have recently ap-

peared in Kansas City, New York City, Washington, Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland. Where next?

JIM-CROW LEADERS

Perhaps, one of, if not the greatest handicaps to the advancement of our racial group, is the cheap, hat-in-hand colored preacher who goes about over the country preying upon the poor and ignorant of our group, advocating jim-crow public institutions for his people in order that he may get a little "change" on the side, or that he might be able to report "a new charge," or something where he might "loom up as the big" muck-a-muck. Of course this is due to ignorant selfishness, but it is the duty of those who are enlightened, to help put a stop to the activities of those kind of "leaders." This can be done by informing the people, and by refusing aid of any kind to such men and women. We wonder if those preachers who are guilty of such practices, call themselves teaching the principles of Christ Jesus. If they do, can they show us anywhere that Christ advocated separate churches and other educational institutions?

In support of their contention of being right in advocating separate churches, they point to those already established. Might as well justify all future lynchings by the same principle.

We have been intensely interested in a recent issue of the American Statesman, a magazine published by one of those "100% American" and anti-Catholic sort. And after reading it we have come to the conclusion that if the Catholics are as bad as this magazine pictures them to be, and if they are in control of the government as they are said to be, it might not be a bad idea for us all to turn Catholic in order to save ourselves.

AN APPEAL FOR CIVILIZATION

(Editorial in "The State," Columbia, South Carolina.)

Commenting on the recent barbarous action in Union County, Mississippi, where a Negro was burned at the stake, The Weekly Times, a Negro newspaper published at Memphis, makes this appeal for protection and justice:

"We do not condone crime. We want to see every criminal punished to the limit of the law, regardless of color; but we do want punishment meted out by law. The courts. We appeal to the best blood of the South for protection and justice. We appeal to the thousands of white ministers for condemnation of such acts. We appeal to the governor and all officials of the law for punishment of the guilty. We appeal to every agency for making sentiment, that the ends of justice may be served, and that right quickly."

This act does not and can not meet the approval of all the white people of Mississippi. There is pity, there is shame and there is passive condemnation; but these will not remedy the condition. There must be an active program to the end that such deeds may not occur again, not only in the state of Mississippi, but in the bounds of this great nation."

That appeal must be heard and heeded. What is at stake here is not the lives of the few persons who may be annually done to death by mobs in savage frenzy, but the character of the people; the reputation of a section whose governors claim civilization and capacity for orderly government.

Acts like that in Union County, Mississippi, bring shame and degradation upon the whole south. If they are to cease, public opinion in the south must everywhere cease to be passive. Press and pulpit must perform their parts; actively and vigorously. As the Memphis paper says, "There is pity, there is shame and there is passive condemnation; but these will not remedy the conditions." Only the fear of punishment impresses the barbarous, and punishment of lynchers is only possible where public opinion holds those charged with the operation of the machinery of the law responsible for its proper execution.

When a human being is burned at the stake and the criminals escape punishment, the county and state in which the crime occurs are blackened in reputation, but they are not the only sufferers. It is a blow against the whole south, and the whole south should protest.

And the time to effectively fortify our state against the possibility of such occurrences as that in Union County, Miss., is now. It can not be said in any state, "We are holier than thou," until so strong a sentiment for law and order is known to exist there that

we can have faith in its dominating influence. Actually, the appeal quoted above is not in behalf of Negroes but of the governing whites of the South. There is the degradation and the shame.

"EVERY EFFORT TO PUNISH LYNCHERS"

(By William Pickens)
Applesauce! And yet we have seen a statement under this heading printed, sometimes without comment, in many Negro weeklies. Those "good" white folks who want to hide the shame of Georgia for lynching an insane Negro, are cleverly broadcasting this "promise" to punish, for the sake of appearances. We are glad that at least some white folk in Georgia are sufficiently ashamed of the brutal deed to want to make the rest of the world think that Georgia is punishing anybody for lynching. Georgia has punished nobody for about 500 lynchings.

"Oh, but they are offering a reward of \$500."—Well, if I had the money, I could eagerly offer a reward of \$500,000 for every one of these lynchings that Georgia will punish. It is easy to offer rewards that you know will never have to be paid. If Georgia really wanted to punish anybody, it would not be necessary to offer any rewards, but only to send two or three even third-class detectives to Mill-Edenville, who in a few days could have the same address as every man of any consequence who invaded that insane asylum. Even some of those crazy people could tell who some of the mob were.

Why do colored newspapers "bite" at this camouflaging propaganda actual from Atlanta? I do not mean that they should not print it, but they should not print it without commenting on it in a way to show that they are not fooled, and in a way not to fool other colored folk.

But the average colored man will not be fooled. He knows how insincere is the dominating influence of the South. They are always raving in that section against the horrible crime of lynching. And when a white man in North Carolina is convicted of raping a little innocent colored working girl of 14 years, who he himself says fought him like a young tiger, the court gives him six months' sentence, and the lawyers are trying to get that suspended!

It's a lie about their being opposed to equality, even legal, political and industrial equality for black people. For every case of alleged actual rape by a black man against a white woman, in the south, there are 25 cases of actual rape of colored women by white men. And the hypocrites know it—and the white man who one out of a thousand will any white man there be punished for either lynching a Negro man or raping a Negro woman or girl.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has tried to pass a federal anti-lynching bill, which would stand some chance of being enforced. If Georgia were sincerely opposed to lynching, the Georgia representative in Congress would have supported the bill.

It would not be unjust for the Negro editor to tell these Southern white gentlemen of the Inter-racial Committee and others, that he will publish no "promises" and other pretenses about punishing lynchers, and will give no credit to any such alleged effort until something is actually done.

COLORED MAN MAKES GOOD

Solomon Harper, colored, disabled veteran of the World War, was given training by the veterans' bureau in electrical engineering at Columbia university and Pratt institute, New York. Though with only elementary education, he graduated with highest honors. He has been elected an associate member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, has qualified as an assistant examiner of patents under a commission in the officers' reserve corps and is to enter the manufacturing field as an inventor. It's a case where disability didn't disable.

A BRAND NEW PAPER

The New Day Informer, a semi-monthly newspaper, has just launched out on the journalistic sea, with O. Ware at its helm. This gives Oakland three Race papers, and there is room plenty for all of them. The initial issue was neatly arranged and contained much interesting news. Here's luck to the publication!

RELATED TACOMA NOTES

Rev. A. W. Johnson the newly appointed minister of the A. M. E. church, ably filled the pulpit last Sunday. The services during the morning and evening were unusually well attended. The choir, led by Mrs. E. F. Edsen, rendered several beautiful numbers. Mrs. Mary E. Shortridge rendered a vocal solo, which was quite appropriate and pleasing. Rev. Johnson took for his text, "Wist ye not that I am about my Father's business?" The Ladies Aid met at the parsonage Monday to give it a house cleaning. The building has been recently repapered and will be refurnished with modern furniture. Mrs. Johnson will be home in about three weeks. She has extended her time back in St. Joseph.

The Bible Institute which was conducted by Rev. J. Sterling Moore of Seattle, last week, was a grand success from every angle. The attendance was large. The collections were generous, and the service inspiring. The Bethel Baptist Church is keeping abreast of the times. The Brotherhood Club of the church met Monday evening and elected officers. John Lay was named the president. This auxiliary renders various kinds of aid to the Body. The Home Department of the Sunday School gave a very interesting program Sunday at its regular hour of study. Mrs. John Lay has charge of this work and it goes without saying, that success is all that can attend it.

Honoring Mrs. Paul Payne and Miss Cora Payne of Chicago, at an afternoon reception, Mrs. M. J. Bruce and Mrs. J. H. Carter entertained from until 3 p. m. Calling cards placed on the basket announced more than half an hundred ladies who attended the function. Assisting the hostesses were Mrs. Mattie Roberts, Mrs. M. Creaman and Mrs. A. L. Fields of Seattle.

Rev. and Mrs. Allan of Great Falls, Mont., were the motive for several dinner parties, among whom to render hospitality were Mrs. and Mr. John Hunter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robinson; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Urey; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith. Also the Bushy Herd gave a reception at which were appropriate speech and song rendered. Alfred Jones who was painfully injured in an automobile accident last week, succumbed last Friday. His funeral was held Monday at one of the local mortuaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of Raymont, Oklahoma, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. B. F. Wilson. They will probably remain here a month.

Mrs. Robert Robinson after a visit in California for three months, returned home a few days ago. She is much improved in health and reports a delightful time among relatives and friends.

The Independent Mother's Club met last Thursday at the home of its president, Mrs. Laura Buck. Plans for the coming Winter were discussed and outlined. The hostess served refreshments.

The Needle-Craft Club was entertained last Thursday by Mrs. D. H. Parker. It was the first meeting of the season and several new features were suggested and accepted for the new year's work. Mrs. John Hunter is the newly installed president and Mrs. Ed Miller is the secretary. The hostess served a delicious luncheon.

Among those attending the Executive Board meeting for the Women's Federation of Washington were Mrs. Ashberry, president, and Mrs. C. H. Graves, Mesdames Hamilton, Buck, Sadtler, Rucker, Hallowell, Mrs. Ashberry remained over night to attend a special call meeting of the Sojourner Truth Home of which Mrs. Ashberry is making her objective to redeem from debt.

Those on the sick list are: Mrs. C. H. McCabe, Mrs. Sadie Foster, Mrs. Esther Johnson and L. Willis.

WILLIAMS AV. BRANCH NOTES

The Bible Class meets every Monday evening from eight until nine, under the leadership of Mrs. C. E. Cannon.

Mrs. Asher of the Billy Sunday party was the speaker at Vesper Services last Sunday. M. C. Catherine Gray was in charge of the music. Services are held every Sunday at four o'clock.

Miss Margie Danley, is now residing at 407 Brazee St. Phone EA. 1099. The Grade School Reserves served lunch Sunday afternoon to assist them in raising fifty dollars for the building fund.

The Mothers' Club will hold its first meeting of the year Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

The Blue Triangle Club will hold its next meeting Friday evening of the 23rd.

DOINGS OF THE ELKS

J. Finley Wilson, head of the Order of Elks has appointed Attorney W. L. Hueston, Grand Legal Adviser. Mr. Hueston lives in Washington.

The G. E. R. has also announced his candidacy for re-election in 1926. And should he win, it will make his fifth term.

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NOTICE

Regular meetings of the Portland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held every second Monday evening at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Larrabee and McMillen streets.

LEE ANDERSON, Sec'y.
J. A. EWING, Pres.

"HOW TO END WAR"

Interest is centered around the coming to Portland of Mr. Wilfred Wellock of England who is in the United States for a few months on a lecture tour. His Northwest engagements have been arranged by Dr. Sydney Strong of Seattle.

Mr. Wellock will speak Monday, October 19, at Lincoln High School. In the afternoon, he will address the Women Voters League. Tuesday, he will speak at Reed College; Tuesday afternoon he will address a group at Miss Catlin's School for girls on "India and the Gandhi Movement"; Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in room "A" public library, 10th and Yamhill Sts., he will tell "How to End War".

He will fill additional engagements in Eugene, Salem, and other towns in the state.

Mr. Wellock is said to be a forceful speaker and many are anxious to hear him. It is said the labor vote in England was increased 50% recently when he ran for a seat in Parliament.

Mr. Wellock is the chairman of the committee on "No More War" of the churches in England.

The meeting Tuesday night is open to the public.

W. L. Thompson, well known local banker will not make the race for United States Senator. His reason is said to be that he would have to break the Corrupt Practice law or resort to subterfuge to evade it. Mr. Thompson is too modest to ever make a successful politician.

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HOTEL NOTES

Supper dances at the Portland which were cut out several months ago, will start again on October 31st. Fred Praps orchestra will furnish the music.

I. Bell who has held the headwaiters job at The Portland for a month or so, resigned last Saturday by request.

L. A. Goodwin who visited with his sister in Walla Walla, Wash., for a week has returned and is on the job again at The Portland. He reports a pleasant visit.

Herbert Wilkerson, fresh from The Olympic in Tacoma, has accepted the post of head-waiter at The Portland. In doing so, he proves that a man can come back for he, once upon a time, held down the same job at the Portland. Wilkerson is well liked by both guests and employees.

Charles Redd, pioneer waiter, who has been hibernating in Seattle and elsewhere for a month or so, is back home and says he is going to stick around for awhile.

I. Brages, formerly a waiter at the Portland, now a dining car waiter, was here a few days ago.

Jerome Harris, veteran waiter, is now a regular in The Portland dining room.

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