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REV. SIDNEY STRONG

His critics to the contrary, notwithstanding, it can be said without fear of successful contradiction that the Rev. Sidney Strong has never drawn an unpatriotic breath, and that the preservation of this union and the protection of its fundamental principals are as dear to his heart as to any man, who boasts of being an American citizen, not even excepting a president or an ex-president. That he has been indiscrete, owing to his over-enthusiasm for world peace and the brotherhood of man, in the language he has used and the friends he has chosen, during these war times, seems quite apparent. For years Seattleites have known the Rev. Sidney Strong as a man of worth and character, yea to such an extent did he partake of these principals that he was readily pronounced an ideal citizen. It hardly seems possible that he so suddenly lost all of these admirable qualities and developed into a dangerous degenerate and a fit subject for imprisonment or ignominious banishment. For years he has been a beacon light for right and we believe that is still his life ambition. He has always been a strong advocate for the man at the bottom and we, belonging to a class of citizens of this country who have been the recipient of many helpful things at the hands of Rev. strong, can see nothing but good in the man. The state press very generally has severely criticised him, but it remained for the Washingtonian of Hoquiam to say, "Reverend Strong has become to be a man to be held in suspicion, for he has aligned himself with the known enemies of his country." The editor himself does not believe a word of the above excerpt and he wrote it to pander to public sentiment, and chiefly to impress his readers that his paper is full and overflowing with patriotism. It is always well to watch the fellow that hollows the loudest about his convictions for nine times out of ten he has a selfish motive for so doing. The effort of the few Spanish-American war veterans to recall Miss Anna Louise Strong as a member of the school board is to our mind puerile and another exhibition of trying to attract public attention for selfish motives. In our opinion neither the Reverend Strong or his daughter can do or say anything that will stop the present world war and the only patriotic thing for them to do is to get our country in a condition to fight its way out, but we conclude, as we began, in our opinion, the Rev. Sidney Strong has never drawn an unpatriotic breath and that he has not one iota of sympathy with Germany or any other enemy of the Stars and Stripes.

WAS ANYTHING EVER WORSE

Inch by inch the Congressional investigating committee is bringing out the horrors perpetrated upon the colored citizens in the East St. Louis riots and while the daily press tell of it as briefly as possible, yet one can read between the lines and see that the cruelties practiced upon the Armenians by the Turks pale into insignificance in comparison. "There is not a slacker among the colored men drafted for the war in which this country is now involved" boasts one of the members of one of the recruiting boards, and yet those brave black boys at the front read in the daily press of such horrors as the Memphis, Tennessee incineration and the East St. Louis holocaust, the resultant effects of color prejudice on the part of the white folks of this forsooth, the blacks only number one in ten in comparison to themselves, and might makes right. Slacking would not help the situation, but what fair-minded man could blame them if they did slack and prefer a prison sentence to enlistment. This is the black man's country the same as the white man's and our advice to the black man is that he stand by his country until his last drop of blood has been spilled, but we think it shows little of the spirit of the golden rule, when the white man will appeal to the colored man to show his patriotism and then permit his wife and children to be shot down by soldiers to prove their ability to shoot and by fiends incarnate, who will throw a crying baby into the flames in order to keep organized labor in the future from having to compete with a black laborer. The horrors of East St. Louis have been known to the white citizens ever since it was committed and yet the press, the pulpit and the public have systematically struggled to suppress the facts and they would not now be leaking out if the millionaires, who were using the colored citizens to satisfy their own greed for gain, had not been cut off from a large amount of dollars and cents. "Who soweth to the winds will reap a whirlwind" and some day the murderers of innocent women and children, because their skins are black, will reap the prophetic whirlwind. Belgium, for years, under King Leopold, perpetrated atrocities on the native Africans, the horrors of which were never before inflicted on human beings, and while we do not now rejoice, yet, Belgium is reaping her whirlwind. Two wrongs never make a right and it is our prayer that the Belgians will be spared from further punishment for their sins. We have no desire that those in this country who precipitated such holocausts as the East St. Louis affair on the colored folks be visited with a like retribution, but we do hope that they will awaken to their senses of the brotherhood of man without regard to race, color or creed and let all colors, classes and distinctions of the human family domiciled in this land and country be able to earnestly and consistently sing, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty."

As the weather grows cooler, rumblings of raise in price of coal are to be heard in the distance and that, too, when Dr. Garfield promises it is to be cheaper. Evidently the coal kings do not give the doctor very much consideration.

PROFESSOR KINCAID'S LECTURE

A house full and overflowing greeted Professor Kincaid at the Mt. Zion Brotherhood meeting last Tuesday evening, which was made up largely of the leading colored citizens of the city. Taking as his subject, "The Origin and Environments of the Negro," he forgot history and plunged into pre-historic science, and for an hour and a half he had his audience guessing as to whether the Bible or science was correct in man's origin. Among the many things he said of rare interest to the Negro was that he originated in Asia instead of Africa as is the common belief. He also said that the Caucasian originated in Northern Africa instead of Europe as was commonly believed. The Negro, in his opinion, has been the most prolific of the three principle types of the human family, the Ethiopian, the Caucasian and the Mongollic, and owing to his prolificness his blood has been diffused into the majority of all the races that are offshoots of these distinct father heads. The Negro has never shown any great strength in organization, which resulted in strong national governments, and yet he has exercised a most wonderful influence over those peoples who have played leading roles in the making of powerful central governments. The Negro, according to pre-historic science as gathered by Professor Kincaid, has furnished the blood, bone and sinew for the upbuilding of all the other races and the Caucasian itself is by no means free from borrowing Negro blood for its own fortification. The Negro, according to his theory, is responsible for the color of the Hindu, the Latin races, the Jewish race and much of his blood was injected into the Mongollic people. He believed that all races had one common origin and that the divisions and subdivisions were due to environments and common topographical barriers. While such subjects are always interesting and the person of thought can listen to them discussed for hours without tire, yet they can be of little service or aid to the world of today, save to learn from whence we came and to, if history repeats itself, whither are we drifting. There is no doubt in our mind but that if man had one common origin it is the divine policy of Him, who is directing this great universe, to, after man has been scattered the world over and battled with himself until the best of him is left, to again unite the dissenting elements and some day they will again find themselves members of one great big family with the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man as its chief creed, and if that will not be Heaven then, pray, what is Heaven. The lecture of Professor Kincaid was one of the most interesting ones that we have ever listened to and it is to be regretted that only colored persons were present to hear it. To sit and listen to Professor Kincaid unwind the story of man of a million years and do so without hesitancy and without prejudice or favoritism you are convinced of the wonderfulness of the mind of man.

If the South Bend Journal has the largest circulation of any paper in Pacific county, then the citizens of that county must be dead easy and willing to give up their money for nothing.