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ANOTHER BLOODY RIOT

Another bloody race riot has been pulled off in East St. Louis, in which an hundred or more lost their lives, a majority of whom were colored men, women and children, though quite a sprinkling of white persons were likewise killed. This riot, like the most of such, is the result of organized labor clashing with unorganized labor. Had large numbers of white laborers been taken to the same place and given the jobs the organized labor men left because of trouble with the employers, sooner or later a similar bloody riot between the strikers and strike breakers would have occurred. Union labor knows that there are but few colored men in sympathy with their principles and the colored man being persona non grata by all white men, only when they can use them to an advantage to themselves, they can be mobbed and driven from works with less fear of molestation by the community than could so many white men. The great middle class in this country is at present wholly at the mercy of the capitalistic class and the organized labor class and whenever they can not settle their troubles and make the middle class pay the freight, then the middle class is compelled to step in and play the militia to quell the rioters. The capitalists imported colored labor into East St. Louis to whip the organized labor class into submission, but were not backed in their move by the officials, hence the Negroes got the worst of the deal.

Organized labor on the other hand has systematically left the black laborer out of his legislative deliberations and only admits it into its unions when it can not help itself and as a result the black man is always ready to take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself to take the jobs of the organized labor men and he is right. Labor is labor and that too whether white, black, yellow, red or otherwise, and if organized labor expects to improve the working man's condition it will have to take under its protection all colors and classes. If capital is determined to run this country to its personal advantage and aggrandizement and grind the working man down then the working men must unite and fight the devil with fire, but so long as the white working men organize themselves and advocate the policy of "God bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more" just so long will capital be able to play one class of laborers off against another.

Who the aggressors in the East St. Louis riot last Monday were it is utterly impossible to say, at least at this distance, as the Associated Press never gives the facts, until it colors them to suit its own fancy, but once it was under headway it was the duty of the officers of the law to quell it, if they had to arrest every white and black man in the city, but not so; the officers permitted

the white rioters to shoot, kill and burn the colored men. When the adjutant general of the state militia was asked, why he did not quell the riot, he replied, "If I had done so it would have been at the sacrifice of human life, and I accomplished the same results by finally arresting the leaders." In other words, the general stood idly by and saw hundreds of colored men shot down and their homes burned, but refused to step in and stop the work of destruction lest his soldiers shoot a few white men. That the general and his men were in full sympathy with the carnage of the rioters goes without saying. Had a man been at the head of the state guards that was determined to enforce the law that riot would never have gained sufficient headway to have cost the lives of more than four of five persons. Seattle almost went through the same scenes last summer when the water front strike was in full swing. The police actually assisted the strikers in mobbing Negro working men and had not the leading daily papers of the city denounced their work in the bitterest terms there is no telling what would have been the result. If Negroes are to be imported to take the places of white strikers ample provisions should be made to protect them before and after they arrive.

THE NEGRO SOLDIER

There has been some emulation among the various units of the New York national guard as to which of the regiments should first reach a war footing, and the contest has finally terminated in favor of the Fifteenth infantry, made up entirely of Negroes and now possessing 2,100 men.

Rival regiments, however, must have pride in the accomplishment of the Fifteenth. The American Negro has not only shown eagerness to serve his country, but he has shown a high degree of efficiency as a soldier. The official records of the war department show the Negro's valor in every war or bush warfare, from the civil war days, through the Indian and Mexican squabbles, to San Juan hill and the pursuit of Villa. In the regular army he has shown his bravery in the deeds of the Ninth and Tenth cavalry and in the infantry units.

The New York regiment of Negroes is to be sent to France with other of the efficient soldiers of the national guard, where it is sure to give a good account of itself. There should be more of the Negro regiments. Thousands of these men are willing and anxious to put on Uncle Sam's uniform and fight his battles. There is no divided allegiance about the Negro; he is plainly and wholly for America, and he does not forget the government that gave him his freedom and an equal chance to make his own way in the world.—Post-Intelligencer.

THE FACTS OF THE CASE

How theoretically beautiful. How appreciative of the work of the black soldiers, who have gallantly fought in every war, in which the Stars and Stripes played a leading role. How the bosom of the Negro soldier must swell with pride when such editorial effusions are sent broad cast over the land about himself and his comrades. So filled with joy and emotions must his heaving heart be at the condemnation this man from Indiana, whose father

and doubtless himself as well fought gallantly in the army of the Knights of the Golden Circle, that they must forget of the four thousand colored men, women and children that have been lynched because they had been emancipated by Christian men and women from the hands of the most cruel task-masters the world up to that time had ever known (Belgium having since raised the bet and called their hands). The aroma of that editorial, we do not for a single moment doubt, is sufficiently soothing to even overcome the nauseating fumes of the burning bodies of the Negroes in East St. Louis, who were shot down and burned because they wanted to work and make an honest living just like white men, and about which the above metropolitan daily, like the most of the others in this country, were painfully silent, and all because it was "just niggers killed." On the other hand what blood-curdling editorial comments would have filled the columns of the daily press if the conditions had have been reversed. Yes, there are thousands of colored men in this country that would make the most gallant troopers that ever wore a uniform, who would gladly march to the front, if they felt that the white soldiers left behind were not protecting the rioting white citizens in the wholesale murder of the black men, women and children just as occurred in East St. Louis. Every colored man in the United States would like to help France in her troubles and will gladly enlist under the flag of any country to do so, simply because they know that France is their friend, that under the French flag the black man is guaranteed all of the rights of the white man. From a black man's view point the Allies are right because France is with them, and the black men of the United States are eager to fight the battles of France. Such slobbering editorials as the above are too nauseating to be given to the public and they are published for nothing more than to try to detract the minds of the black folk from the crimes of murder, rapine and burning at the stake, which they are almost daily subjected to. The Fifteenth New York and all of the other colored regiments are anxious, as said above, to go to Europe to fight, because they want to help France. No, no, "there is no divided allegiance about the Negro, he is plainly and wholly for America," is a most beautifully said and aptly applied and it is to be regretted that America does not return the compliment. Oh yes, "he is given a chance to make his own way in the world," but if he takes advantage of that chance he is shot down and burned by the hundreds as at East St. Louis and wherever else he tries to get work, unless it be in the cotton fields of the South, where he is not able to make enough to buy a pair of "jeans britches" only on time and driven from daylight until dark by human hyenas, who are protected in their cruelty by the militia of the country.

Whether or not the recent move made by Russia was to just show the Germans what a dead one could do, we do not know, but it was a big blow and one that must have made the Kaiser set up and take notice. We suspect quite a few more concessions have been added to the Kaiser's peace proposals to the Russians.

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