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HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who is One of The World's Greatest Characters, Has Won The Everlasting Gratitude of the Colored People In All Parts Of This Country For Possessing The Bravery or the Courage of An Untamed Lion who Stood Up in Carnegie Hall in New York City and Thundered Forth against the Savage, Barbaric and Unspeakable Crimes Perpetrated Against The Colored People At East St. Louis, Illinois.

COL. ROOSEVELT CONTENTS THAT IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER FOR THIS COUNTRY TO FIRMLY ESTABLISH A DEMOCRACY AT HOME BEFORE IT ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH IT IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE OLD WORLD—IN DENOUNCING THE ACTIONS OF THE BLOOD-THIRSTY MOB HE DASHINGLY AND BOLDLY CROSSED SWORDS WITH SAMUEL GOMPERS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, WHO ATTEMPTED TO DEFEND THE BRUTAL CONDUCT OF THE RED-HANDED ANARCHISTS—TWELVE MILLION LOYAL COLORED AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE READY AND WILLING TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF COL. ROOSEVELT TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., SO FAR HAS BEEN THE ONLY ORGANIZATION AMONG THE WHITE CITIZENS IN THIS STATE TO SPEAK OUT IN PROTESTATION AGAINST MOB AND LYNCH LAW AND BLOODY ANARCHY WHICH FLOURISHED IN THAT CITY FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS.

GOVERNOR FRANK O. LOWDEN, WITH THE AID OF ADJUTANT-GENERAL FRANK S. DICKSON, STATES IN THE PLAINEST AND MOST POSITIVE LANGUAGE THAT HE WILL USE ALL THE MEANS IN HIS POWER TO PUNISH TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW ALL THOSE WHO IN ANY WAY ASSISTED TO MURDER INNOCENT, LAW-ABIDING COLORED MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN—THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD WHO FAILED TO DO THEIR DUTY ON THAT OCCASION WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE.

IT WAS STATED IN THE DEFENDER SATURDAY, JULY 8th, THAT LOUIS B. ANDERSON, EDWARD H. WRIGHT, BENJAMIN H. LUCAS, EDITOR S. B. TURNER, MAJOR ROBERT E. JACKSON, EDITOR ROBERT S. ABBOTT, AT THE EARNEST REQUEST OF GOV. LOWDEN, IN A SPECIAL CAR ALL BY THEMSELVES JOURNEYED TO SPRINGFIELD TO CONFER WITH HIM ON THE EAST ST. LOUIS RIOT.

BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THAT CITY THOSE GENTLEMEN, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF REV. A. J. CAREY, ISSUED AN UNTIMELY AND VERY DAMAGING MEMORIAL ADDRESS WHICH WILL SET THE COLORED PEOPLE BACK RESIDING IN THIS CITY AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

BIG MEETINGS AT BETHEL AND BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY AFTERNOON—ATTORNEY WALTER M. FARMER WAS THE LEADING SPEAKER AT THE BETHEL MEETING—RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY JULIUS F. TAYLOR WERE HIGHLY ENDORSED BY HON. A. H. ROBERTS, MRS. IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT, REV. W. D. COOK AND OTHERS—REV. COOK IN SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THEIR PASSAGE, DECLARED THAT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN FORTY YEARS THAT HE WAS MAD FROM HIS SMALL TOES TO THE TOP OF HIS HEAD—THAT HE COULD NOT STAND FOR SUCH UN-AMERICAN STUFF PROMULGATED BY THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

MR. LUCAS, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT COMMITTEE, WAS PRESENT AND HE MADE A BARK FAILURE IN ATTEMPTING TO WHITEWASH HIMSELF AND TO DEFEND HIS ACTIONS—HE DECLARED THAT S. B. TURNER HAD BEEN SELECTED TO TOTE THE MEMORIAL ADDRESS TO THE TRIBUNE OFFICE, AND THAT HE GAVE OUT THE INTERVIEW WHICH APPEARED IN THE COLUMNS OF THAT PAPER SATURDAY, JULY 7th, WHICH COMPLETELY UNHORSED ALL THE COLORED PEOPLE IN THIS CITY, AT THE SAME TIME STANDING THEM ON THEIR HEADS.

LOUIS B. ANDERSON, EDWARD H. WRIGHT AND COL. S. B. TURNER ATTENDED THE MEETING AT BETHEL CHURCH MONDAY EVENING, AND WITHOUT BEING INVITED THEY OCCUPIED SEATS ON THE PLATFORM, BUT THE FEELING BEING SO BITTER AMONG THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, NEITHER ONE OF THEM WAS PERMITTED TO SPEAK ONE WORD DURING THE MEETING.

Last Friday evening a great meeting was held in Carnegie Hall, New York City, for the purpose of extending a hearty welcome to the members of the Russian war commission who are visiting in this boasted land of the free and the home of the brave and the new Russian Ambassador, Boris A. Bakhmetieff honored the occasion with his presence. Mayor Mitchell was the distinguished chairman of the meeting which was a great event in the history of this country. Mayor Mitchell and the reception committee had invited that greatest of all Americans Col. Theodore Roosevelt to introduce the eminent Russian who will well remember that incident to the end of time for before the former riding President of the United States would present them to vast crowds which filled the hall overflowing out into the streets he thundered forth in part as follows which was distinctly heard clear around the world:

"Before I greet the envoys of the new republic," Col Roosevelt said, "I wish to say a word to you in regard to something that has recently occurred inside our own boundaries.

"Others we speak of justice to others it behooves us to do justice within our own boundaries. I refer to the race riots in East St. Louis, a race riot for which, so far as we can see, there was no provocation and which resulted in such appalling brutality as to leave a stain on the American name.

Punish the Murderers.

"It behooves us to express our condemnation of acts that give the lie to our words within the limits of our own country and to say that it is impossible that there should be justification for mob violence. It is our duty to demand that the governmental authorities shall use with ruthless severity every power at their command to punish those guilty of murder whether committed by whites against blacks or whether by blacks against whites.

"It is our duty to insist, first of all, on the restoration of order and the reign of the law. Upon the foundation of law and order we must build the structure of justice."

"Stop Murder First."

The mayor had introduced Mr. Roosevelt as the chief speaker with glowing phrases and the crowd had yelled for "Teddy" as usual. With

his manuscript in his hand the colonel departed from his prepared text and brought up the East St. Louis riots.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor was present and he attempted to defend the actions of the blood thirsty mob at East St. Louis, he said that "the corporations which brought in the Negroes were warned that trouble might follow, but they went on shipping them in." At that and other remarks on the part of the President of the American Federation of Labor, Col. Roosevelt rushed at him shouting at the top of his voice this is no time for apology.

No Time for Apology.

"There should be no apology for the infamous brutalities committed on the Colored people of East St. Louis," declared Mr. Roosevelt. "Justice is not a mere phrase. It has to be translated into action. How can we praise Russia for doing justice to all people when we must apologize for doing murder to the helpless?"

"I will go to any extreme to bring justice to the laboring man, but when there is murder I will put him down."

"In the past we have listened to the



HON. HERMAN F. SCHUETTLER

The unrelenting and uncompromising foe to criminals and the transgressors of the law, who knows no color line in the discharge of his sworn duty. Mayor William Hale Thompson honored himself and all the people of Chicago when he placed him at the head of the police force of this city.

Herman F. Schuettler, superintendent of police, is one of the fairest and broadest minded public officials in Chicago, he does not permit himself to be swayed by race prejudice and the first of this week he denied that there were any more violations of law in Chicago's black belt than in any other section of the city, as had been alleged by Judge William N. Gemmill of the Municipal Court.

"I made a tour of inspection of the district," he said. "I found the Col-

same excuse from those in authority in old Russia for the fearful pogroms on the Jews. I will do anything for the laboring man except that which is wrong, and that I won't do for him or for any one else. I care not a snap of my finger for a telegram from the head of the labor unions of Illinois. Let there be the fullest investigation into these murders."

Twelve million loyal Colored American citizens feel like bowing down real low to Col. Roosevelt in an effort to thank him for his noble utterances in their behalf and they are ready to follow in his foot steps to the end of the earth.

The Chamber of Commerce of East St. Louis, Ill., it must be said with sad regret has the great distinction

ored persons as law-abiding as in any other section of the city.

"Ministers in Negro churches, as well as leaders of the district have cautioned the members of their race to act discreetly.

"Police captains of precincts inhabited by Negroes have made very favorable reports to me regarding conditions there. On Sunday I found white and Colored persons playing baseball together. Saloons there are

no different from saloons in other sections of the city.

"I wonder how often the critics of the district have visited it. If the Negroes are permitted to remain in peace there will be no trouble."

The Colored people residing in Chicago, those who are in favor of law and order, feel very grateful to Chief Schuettler for manfully standing up and giving expression to the above sentiments at this time.

Colored people have no rights which they are bound to respect.

Governor Frank O. Lowden has let the world know that with the aid of Adjutant General Frank S. Dickson, does not hesitate in stating in the very strongest language at his command that no stone will be left unturned as far as he is concerned, and that he will use all the power invested in him as the Governor of this State to bring to the bars of Justice those who in any way assisted to murder innocent law abiding Colored men, women and children at East St. Louis, Ill., that the members of the Illinois National Guards who utterly failed to discharge their sworn duty at that time must

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