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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1903.

ENOUGH OF THE CRUM INDIGNITY.

If Crum, the negro port collector at Charleston, is reappointed it will be by order of President-elect Taft. The effort to have the senate authorize the reappointment, thus throwing responsibility upon the Roosevelt administration, failed of success and the re-nomination was withdrawn. The News does not believe Judge Taft will continue Crum in office. It fails to see any reason whatever why he should re-appoint him to an office for which he is not in any sense possessed of superior qualifications to fill it efficiently. It sees every reason why the strife which his appointment six years ago engendered should be put at rest. As Major Hemphill remarked, there are a thousand white men who could fill the office as well or better than Crum. It is an office whose business is almost entirely with white people. We believe there was never any reason for Crum's appointment, and that President Roosevelt only appointed Crum for the political effect he fancied the appointment would have upon the colored vote. In other words, Mr. Roosevelt appointed Crum simply because of the fact that he was a negro. And he did this over the protests of every trade organization in Charleston, over the protests of citizens not only of Charleston but of white citizens all over the South. Booker Washington, an Alabama negro, urged Crum's appointment, and the advice of Washington, an outsider, carried more weight with the president in dispensing Federal patronage in South Carolina than the pleas of the citizens of that state. This undesired slap at the South will not soon be forgotten.

If we may judge from his speeches delivered in various parts of the South, Judge Taft does not propose to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor in the matter of federal appointments. In other words, Mr. Taft announces he will consider applications for federal appointments upon their merit, rather than by reason of the "pull" they may or may not control. That is the spirit which the South welcomes. It is a spirit Mr. Roosevelt has never shown in his dealings with this section. We are willing to accept the promise of the president-elect, and accepting it in good faith, we feel confident the Crum indignity will no longer be thrust upon Charleston.

"THE MAN OF THE HOUR."

"Take back yer jewels, titles and estates, Wretch. Take back yer gold and treasures, but spare—Oh spare m' child!" Thus did the paint-bedobbed and bewigged soubrette spurn the briberies of the saucy and hefty villain.

"Jack Binns welcomed home;" "Jack Binns given ovation;" "Jack Binns receives flattering offer from theatrical manager." Heavy the head that wears the crown. To be a hero sometimes entails a vast amount of sacrifice, and Jack Binns is a martyr. He has had greatness thrust upon him, and don't want it. Modest Jack. Youthful Jack. Before the tan of many summers has bronzed his unshaven cheeks, Jack may learn to cry for it—to beseege the newspapers for front page notice—to pose. For the benefit of any who may not have chanced to hear the Jack Binns burrahs we will state he is the youth who manipulated the wireless telegraphic instrument on the ill-starred steamer Republic—the youth who stuck to the deck whence all but him had fled; and who with a rapidly sinking ship below and an unsympathetic cloud above, the doleful chant of maddened waves falling upon his ears, sent forth into the universe of silence the message, "Ship sinking. I'm still on the job"—or words to that effect. Catastrophes develop heroes, as well as cowards. Out of the pang

of much travail dauntless spirits are sometimes born. Jack is the child of fortune, and knows it not. If Jack Binns were an opportunist he would take the horn of Opportunity and gather the rosebuds while he may—for so surely as popular favor is fickle Jack will soon become one of the Has Beens. Silly youth. A hero and spurns the honor. It was ever thus with dreaming youth, as well as the blondinet actorette.

"ORIENTOPHOBIA CURED."

For a brief space, at least, the violent attack of "Orientophobia" from which the California legislature has been suffering of late has been relieved. It may be that the affliction will spring into life again before the session ends, but we are trusting temporary peace, at least, has been effected.

On yesterday the general assembly by a vote of 41 to 37 killed the bill providing for the segregation of Japanese students in the public schools. An effort for further consideration was lost, and the expressed wishes of Governor Gillett and President Roosevelt were carried out.

There are comparatively very few Japanese in California and other Pacific states, and by the terms of the recently adopted agreement between Uncle Sam and the Mikado, further migration of undesirable Japanese to America is prohibited. It is believed, by men who have studied the situation with unbiased minds, that this provision will save the West from being inundated by a flood of undesirable Asiatics. If, however, this agreement is not a sufficient safeguard, Governor Gillett announces that congress will be called upon to pass an Asiatic exclusion act. Meanwhile the governor is urging the passage of a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the compiling of a census of Japanese in California.

There was no occasion at the outset for this anti-Japanese agitation, especially at this time when a peace treaty has just been perfected between the two nations in question, and before its effects had been tested. The nation at large will welcome the news that the agitation has ended.

Comments

View Points and View Points. The Charlotte people are proud of their skyscraper and are gloating over the manner in which the wind whistles around it. But it is a certain thing that Charlotte has no such advantageous viewpoint as Brown's corner—Columbia State.

A Conservative Legislature. As noted elsewhere in this issue, the session of the North Carolina legislature is half over, and up to the present time it is encouraging to note that a "safe, sane and conservative" element sits in the saddle at the capital. In pleasing contrast to the wild and rabid sentiment that prevailed two years ago, disturbing industrial and commercial conditions throughout the state, there reigns in the state's legislative halls a spirit of fairness and even independence, which at the time mentioned was nowhere visible. More remarkable than all is the fact that the lash of the rabid press seems to have lost its sting; he who wielded it seems to have had his pin feathers clipped, and today that lash waves impotent, harmless and unnoticed in the capital city. "No more on prancing palfrey borne," sans influence, "sans everything," unknown, unhonored and unsung, the voice of the dictator is lulled in the solitude of oblivion. North Carolina is to be congratulated on the fact that this year is marked by the presence of perhaps the most intelligent body of legislators that ever sat beneath the dome of the capitol. Conservatism and sanity are in the ascendancy, and the business interests of the state do not have to lie awake o' nights, dreading "what tomorrow may bring forth." On a recent visit to Raleigh the writer noticed on all sides, irrespective of party allegiance, a determination on the part of the legislators to "give the people a chance." "We are being dictated to by nobody," said one of the state's most prominent Democratic senators. "We are trying to follow the trend of the popular mind, and we find that it gives no sanction to 'enthusiasm run riot.'" This has been a most conservative body, so far, and such, I think, it will remain." Wherein there is much wisdom, and the people of the state have cause for congratulation.—Asheville Citizen.

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