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STAND BY THE WHITE RACE ALWAYS.

We have edited in every campaign but the one of 1868, since the war ended. In that year we were in Tennessee. We have never felt so much of responsibility as a journalist, and never experienced so much of anxiety for the success of the great and noble cause we have espoused—the rule of the White Race—as in this present, most important of all campaigns. As a white man proud of his lineage and proud of his race and proud of his native North Carolina we have been profoundly interested from the very beginning of the campaign. Two years ago the Messenger sounded the note for white supremacy and was the first paper in the state in the present campaign to blow this mighty bugle of reform. A white man's government in North Carolina. Upon the results of the campaign mighty issues are depending—liberty, order, good government, self protection, prosperity and peace. It is a great fight for the freedom of the White Men from African slavery and domination: We have written with extreme plainness and directness. We have warned against the tremendous wrongs that have been laid upon the white tax payers, and warned against the seeking of conspirators to continue and intensify those wrongs that are already simply unbearable. We have written nothing in anger, nothing that we do not sincerely believe. We have no apologies to make and no retractions to offer. We stand firmly, unflinching by all that we have said.

So far from desiring to precipitate a conflict or wishing any negro to perish again and again in the campaign we have deplored the prospect of any conflict between the races, and have said more than once or twice that none but a fool or madman would desire for a moment to bring on a war between whites and negroes that would desolate many a home, make motherless and fatherless many a child, and cause hundreds of victims to go to their graves.

We have written no line with any purpose or wish to cause disorder, lawlessness or general and particular devility. All we have written has been in the interest of peace, but for the assertion of the unquestioned rights of our race, of our fellow white men. The Messenger is squarely, unreservedly, determined to the end for the supremacy of the White Man in city, county, state and national government. It is for the further conservation of liberty; for preserving and enforcement of the safeguards of life and property; for the maintenance of law, the due punishment of crime, for honest, equal and just government, for home government, and for the supremacy always and everywhere of the White Race.

The Messenger unflinching holds and believes that it is very great crime against both races that the whites should be bossed by the negroes when they pay 96 2/3 per cent of the taxes and blacks but 3 1/3 per cent of taxes. We are for intelligence, capacity, character and experience being in control of all branches of the government. There is not a community in all the north that would submit to negro rule for a day, or that would allow 3 1/3 per cent of tax payers to rule and control the business interests of 96 2/3 per cent of the tax payers.

It is against the papable, enormous, crying wrong and injustice that the Messenger is fighting now. It believes it is incomparably better for both races that the White Men should rule in North Carolina and in all the states. In this there is no wrong done to the negroes, nor any ill will for them expressed. They are simply incapable. The rulers of the world are the Aryans the great White Race.

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PRITCHARD'S AND RUSSELL'S GAME—AN ARMY FOR THEIR STATE.

Senator Pritchard is not in sympathy with the White Men of North Carolina. He is not in sympathy in the least, we must believe, with the white people of this city or of eastern Carolina where his negro partisans are in power. His "suggestion" to President McKinley to violate the reserved, constitutional rights of a sovereign state by sending an army into North Carolina shows precisely what sympathy he has for the intolerably insulted and bossed whites and what he thinks of local self-government and constitutional limitations. He puts the democrats, after the regular way of demagogues, in the wrong. He brings his charges against the people who are oppressed and injured. It is the democrats who have started a race issue for purposes of intimidation and thus threaten the peace of the state.

Now that is not true in the sense mean. It will never down so long as there is remaining Anglo-Saxon manhood. The white people of eastern North Carolina are suffering from the curse of Pritchard and his gang. He and Russell are greatly responsible for the present unhappy, most unfortunate conditions. They and their henchmen are the very fellows who made it a positive necessity to start the race issue. They were the evil spirits who set the negro ball in fresh motion and have well nigh precipitated a general race war. But for their devilish machinations and selfish demagoguery and greed for office the whites of the east would not now be under the hoots of the negroes.

Pritchard knows he does not represent the conditions fairly. He knows that when men arm for defence that it is a lie to say or to make it appear that they seek war and are arming for offence. He makes a false impression that he may influence his republican president to act with him in trying to keep up the plan of "negroizing" North Carolina and Wilmington particularly. He asks for an army to come to North Carolina but every body not a human goose knows what this means—that it is malignant, disgraceful dodge and plea to help carry the state for the bad white men who now have control and their negro tools whom they use with so much readiness.

And then hear the attorney general talking of Pritchard's letter to McKinley being "a private political letter" not for publication. Is Jeter ashamed or afraid of his plotting production? Attorney General Griggs is ready to approve of any number of deputy United States marshals. He is pleased also to show a decent regard for forms of law, for he says the president will only send troops upon the application of the governor of North Carolina, or unless "United States mails were interfered with." In the latter case they will be sent without leave or license of the governor. And that would be a great wrong, a gross violation of the constitution and the rights of the states. If he knows any thing of law and the history of his country he knows that invading a state on such a plea is an outrage and is usupation.

And then this mighty expounder of law "as she writ," is pleased to give out this fine republican, partisan declaration and tremendous warning: "Reflecting a moment, Griggs said the people of North Carolina, South Carolina, California or New Jersey may as well understand, now as at any other time, that where riot and violence is threatened and the governor ask for troops of the general government they will be sent and will preserve peace if they have to overrun the entire state. Order must and will be maintained."

Troops will come but White Men will not be intimidated thereby. "They are not built that way." "Barkis is willin'." Russell and Pritchard fixed the plan and the fat governor will ask for an army to protect his minions, his "savages," and bound the whites. Even a monarch can go too far for the patience of the people. North Carolina has seen elections when an army held up the ballots on bayonets and marshals were as thick as buzzards.

ONE THING THAT CAN NOT BE DONE

There is one conservative republican paper in the United States. It is the Washington Post, and is as well and ably edited as any newspaper in this country. It has a better understanding of the South and its conditions, and knows more of negro character than any paper in the north of any party. It rarely blunders. The Post is precisely correct that it is impossible to down the White Men in the south and that all the powers of the federal army and civil government cannot force negro rule in North Carolina. That is a plain fact and President McKinley should understand it. White men in North Carolina are tired almost to death of negro bossing. They are restive and resolved, and an attempt to aid under any plea or in response to

any advice, to force negro rule will not only prove a very dead failure, but will inevitably precipitate war to the knife. The question is too plain for argument or dispute—that the White Race have quite enough of negro supremacy. The Post sees the matter in the white light of truth and reason—that it is a question of simple civilization. It is ridiculous and wrong for any man or set of men to try to justify the fact that 3 1/3 per cent of the taxes are paid by negroes and 96 2/3 per cent of taxes are paid by the whites, and by present arrangement and conditions the 3 1/3 are governing, ruling the 96 2/3 per cent, payers—the whites. No white people on the globe would tolerate long such an injustice and iniquity.

If Boston or Massachusetts was placed under the precise conditions that North Carolina is now placed it would cause a revolution in forty-eight hours. The Post admirably and lucidly states the case in the following: "That menace is obliterating mere party lines and bringing together the whites, without reference to political affiliations, in a solid phalanx of self defence. The issue involves the preservation of enlightened institutions, of honest government, of law and order, of the integrity of the Caucasian race. It is an issue that can have but one determination.

Apparently the white republicans have gone too far in their efforts to keep control of North Carolina patronage. They have simply repeated the malign and sinister performances of carpet-baggers of '69-'76, and invited a similar catastrophe. The southern people have shown already that they cannot and will not submit to negro domination, with all that implies. The negro has proved to the satisfaction of the entire country that he is incapable of conducting a civilized and wholesome government." The Post is again precisely right when it states that "it seems however, that the North Carolina leaders have forgotten the lesson of thirty years ago, and are about to revive the horrors and calamities of that abominable episode. We draw this conclusion, not from the outcries and imprecations of democratic demagogues and office seekers, but from the solemn utterances of the true republican officials."

The Post trusts its fellow white republicans who are in office, but it is mistaken when it characterizes the best and foremost men of the White Man's party as "demagogues and office seekers." There are thousands of the most scholarly, the most virtuous, the most humane, the most upright and true men in the state, who never held office and never sought office who say just what the Post's imagined demagogues say. They know the great dangers that threaten not only the civilization of the state, but that keep the people in a condition of unrest and apprehension of coming trouble of a destructive, bloody kind.

The Post should read what the business white men of this city have published. It should read the highly inflammatory and warlike speeches of negro spouters and blatant demagogues of the lowest type. It should read the cruel defamations of the white women of the state by negro newspapers, and the opinion of a negro preacher of race amalgamation in Collector Dancy's negro quarterly. It should also read that most infamous speech by a white republican in Richmond county. Read also the letters by Messrs. Worth and Roberts. It will find much of all indicated in Messenger 25th.

THE ASHPOLE OBJECT LESSON

The particulars of the riot and bloodshed at Ashpole, in the county of Robeson, is the more infamous and inexcusable the better it is understood. Of all negro disturbances this was possibly the most unjustifiable. A negro had failed to register at the proper time and when refused starts a riot, first burning a store, and resulting in wounding of two white men and killing a third.

Is there another race on the globe, with so little sense, so little discretion, so little understanding of propriety, and regard for right and law, that it would burn and riot and slay because one of their gang was not allowed to violate the law and was refused? If that is not a convincing object-lesson of lawlessness and crime, of ignorance and savagery, what else can be demanded to drive into the stolid mind a most convincing fact? The arrested negroes confess both burning and shooting. The North Carolina people are at bottom long suffering and conservative or else summary vengeance would have fallen upon the armed gang as well as upon the prisoners. The dispatch in yesterday's Messenger from Lumberton contains matter that President McKinley should meditate upon, his attorney general should study, and Pritchard and Russell and their co-conspirators should discuss into "the wee-hours" and put a bridle upon their lusts and spirit of outrage. We copy from the said dispatch for it contains matter worthy of the consideration of all men of both races: "On the preliminary trial most of the negroes confessed to the shooting and burning and implicated others. The town of Ashpole is now quiet

and it is hoped that the trouble is about over. One of the threats made by the negroes was that the damned democrats ought to be killed and that the negroes were going to rule this country. The leaders advised them to shoot all the white men they could and not go home to get justice but to kill the white men and run. It is clear that by the prompt and determined action of the white men great bloodshed was prevented and the lives of many prominent citizens saved. The whites displayed great coolness and moderation under the circumstances and they saved the county from a terrible race riot. It is a fact that the negroes of the county are greatly inflamed by recent speeches made by republican and populist speakers."

STATE CAMPAIGN

Greenville Reflector: Taking recently with a democratic citizen of a county which in the last election gave an enormous fusion majority, he declared to the writer with the utmost confidence, that it would go democratic this year.

Raleigh News and Observer: The democratic candidates of Johnston county spoke at Clayton yesterday and notwithstanding the rain, they were about three hundred democrats present to hear Ed. Poul's wonderful speech. The crowd was graced by one republican, there being no populists in this precinct, of course none were present. A democrat who has been watching the campaign closely and making figures on the legislature says the White Man's party is dead certain of the election of seventy-five members of the house, eighteen senators with a fighting chance for half as many more. This will give a good majority in both houses. "That's rather rough on me," said Wheeler Martin, republican solicitor of the Third district, when John Atwater was telling how Nash and Franklin were going to go democratic by 500 majority each.

Charlotte Observer: Greenville, October 21.—Today, at the democratic rally, barbecue and picnic at Grimesland, this county, B. F. Aycock, John H. Small and W. A. B. Branch, spoke to 3,000 enthusiastic white men and women. Had it not been a holiday, probably there would have been 5,000 present. Old Pitt is thoroughly aroused and the white men are determined to win in this contest for white supremacy and good government.—Salisbury, October 22.—Today was a notable day in the history of the Rowan democracy. Democrats began to assemble early this morning. They came from Davidson, Cabarrus, Davie, Stanly and Rowan. By the hour appointed for the speaking, 12,000, more than 5,000 people were in the city. Competent judges pronounce the gathering today to have been the largest that ever assembled here on any similar occasion. Democratic enthusiasm ran high; flags were everywhere, and the whole town had on a holiday appearance. Poul and Aycock spoke.—Our Gastonia correspondent suggests a fear of an influx of South Carolina negroes into Gastonia, and gives currency to a report that negroes from that state are already illegally registered at Gastonia.

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