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ANNOUNCEMENT

With this issue of "The Clarion" we announce the reappearance of **THE NEW NEGRO** on September 1, 1919. The man who first coined that phrase "the New Negro"—and chiselled the path which "the new crowd" has taken—Mr. Hubert H. Harrison—assumes (with Mr. Bernier) the editorship of this magazine. The resulting change of policy may be summed up in the simple statement that "THE NEW NEGRO" is intended as an organ of the international consciousness of the darker races—especially of the Negro race. Some of the reasons which justify such an aim will be found in Mr. Harrison's Editorial: "Our Larger Duty" in this issue of "The Clarion". In the September issue of **THE NEW NEGRO** our readers will find a fuller editorial statement of its purpose and scope.

During the past fortnight great events have taken place. The race battles in Washington and Chicago, although tragical, are nevertheless to be recorded as brilliant events in the history of the Negro race in America. It is most gratifying for us to note that the New Negro spirit is a fait accompli. It has found an abode in the hearts of all the truly liberty-loving and progressive Negroes. It has been too long the practice of the Southern Negro victims to beg and plead for mercy at the hands of a sordid mob. We have often wondered why these men, at the first sign of trouble, do not arm themselves preparatory for self-defence. If they are to die at the hands of a "legalized" mob, then it is up

to them to sell their lives as dearly as possible. The white man must be made to take his own medicine so that he may learn to appreciate its disagreeable and disgusting flavor.

The white press of this country has noted that the Negro American has entered a new epoch in the history of his country. The baneful effects of the lessons forced upon him during his period as a chattel slave is wearing off. The New Negro—unlike the Negro of the "old conservative crowd" who is ever willing to compromise everything that is held dear to his race in order to obtain for himself a miserable pittance and some sympathy from his former master—is identifying himself with every progressive and radical movement; he is uncompromising and non-partisan, as the New York World stated in an editorial a part of which we reproduce here:

There are enough points of friction between the races without introducing party. The Negro owes nothing to any party. He has been abandoned by all of them, most notably by the Republicans, who in 1877 **TRADED HIS RIGHTS AT THE SOUTH TO PERFECT THE TITLE OF A STOLEN PRESIDENCY**. Colored men assuming to lead their people should know this by this time that the political and incidentally the legal privileges conferred upon them can never be enjoyed so long as they are the mere chattels of a party."

The New Negro is Negro first, Negro last, and Negro always. He needs not the white man's sympathy; all he is asking for is equal justice before the law and equal opportunity in the battle of life. He needs and asks for no special privileges that are not

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granted to the other races; he is not a weakling. He has proven his physical strength as well as his intellectual equality which enables him to live both as a savage among savages and as the most cultured and civilized being among those who profess to have reached that stage of life.

That stuff about "he who humbleth himself shall be exalted" is being left untouched by him in the book in which it is written, so that the Anglo-Saxon and other allied mixtures, may use it to their hearts' content and gratification. Then there is that other stuff about turning the left cheek to the assailant after the right cheek has been smitten. There can be no stronger proof of the positive rejection of this unmanly teaching than the exposition of the New Negro spirit during the recent royal racial battles in Washington—the most cultured and civilized city in the world—and Chicago.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth", and sometimes two eyes or a half dozen teeth for one is the aim of the New Negro. Since life is sweet, our first object is to preserve life. If any one is to be killed let it be the other fellow as self-preservation is the first law of nature. Render good for evil? Bah! it is not practical amongst christianized hypocrites, and furthermore, that is the kind of argument the fellow who does the evil first puts forward. Why? Because he fears retaliation. That is what the conservative and reactionary white press has discovered, and much space is now dedicated to its discussion. But while editorials are written, many

THE NEGRO SOLDIER IN FRANCE.

By Andrea Razafkenicfo

If I should fall in battle may it be
Upon the bosom of Democracy,
Beneath the Azure skies of noble France
Who cries to all in spite of race, "Advance!"
In France—where freedom is what it should
be—
In France—where manhood soars to dazzling
heights—
In France—the home of individual rights!

Yes, may I die where I am not denied
In that great land of brotherhood and pride,
Where I can rise in spite of humble birth
Where men are judged—not by their skins but
worth;
In France—the home of great and valiant
deeds—
In France—where men are honest with their
creeds;
And should I live, some day, at my first chance
I'm going to settle down in dear old France!

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Who is foolish enough to assume that with 239,000 colored men in uniform from the Southern States alone, as against 370,000 white men, the blacks whose manhood and patriotism were thus recognized and tested are forever to be flogged, lynched, burned at the stake, and chased into concealment whenever Caucasian desperadoes are moved to engage in these infamous pastimes?

It is a dreadful thing to see a man of ideals and principles desert them and reveal his traitorous soul to public scorn and contempt, in order that he may serve a master.

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N. A. A. of C. P. CONDEMS MOB VIOLENCE

In connection with the race riots in Washington and Chicago, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People telegraphed to President Wilson warning of the danger of such outbreaks elsewhere. The telegram says in part:

"The effect of such riots in the national capital upon race antagonism will be to increase bitterness and danger of outbreaks elsewhere. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People calls upon you as President and Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the Nation to make a statement condemning mob violence and to enforce such military law as the situation demands."

HAS WOODROW WILSON REPLIED?