

MARCUS GARVEY!

The Black Imperial Wizard Becomes Messenger Boy of the White Ku Klux Klangle

A FEW days ago Marcus Garvey speaking at New Orleans, said:

"This is a white man's country. He found it, he conquered it, and we can't blame him if he wants to keep it. I am not vexed with the white man of the South for Jim Crowing me because I am black.

"I never built any street cars or railroads. The white man built them for his own convenience. And if I don't want to ride where he's willing to let me ride then I'd better walk."

These are the words of that self-styled, courageous, so-called "new Negro" leader who is going to free Africa of the white man's menace.

This fool talk, too, emanates from a blustering West Indian demagogue who preys upon the ignorant, unsuspecting poor West Indian working men and women who believe Garvey is some sort of Moses.

We are well acquainted with many splendid, courageous, intelligent West Indian men and women—West Indians who would suffer their right hand to be cut off before they would yield up such a servile statement.

The public men—ministers, editors and lecturers have been all too lenient with this sinister, loose talk of Garvey. Some have feared the loss of trade with his following. Others have shuddered lest they should be attacked in his paper. Still others have said: *"His members and followers are chiefly West Indians and foreigners; there are not but a handful of American Negroes among them. Why should we worry?"*

The author was probably the first to urge opposition to Garvey's preposterous schemes. His associates, thought them too absurd not to be readily seen through. But the author recalled the philosophical principle that *nothing is too absurd to be believed if only one side is presented and its opposition excluded—whether the exclusion be by force or neglect.*

We urge all ministers, editors and lecturers who have the interests of the race at heart to gird up their courage, put on new force, and proceed with might and main to drive the menace of Garveyism out of this country.

The August MESSENGER will carry a painstaking, sharp and cryptic article from the pen of the editors of the MESSENGER, exposing all of Garvey's schemes—from his row-boatless steamship line to his voteless election to the Presidency of a non-existent nation. The issue is joined, and we shall spare no pains to inform the American, West Indian, African, South American and Canal Zone Negroes of the emptiness

of all this Garvey flapdoodle, bombast and lying about impossible and conscienceless schemes calculated not to redeem but to enslave Africa and the Negro everywhere.

Here's notice that the MESSENGER is firing the opening gun in a campaign to drive Garvey and Garveyism in all its sinister viciousness from the American soil.
