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Gov. Blease Forces the Conference of Governors to Denounce Mob Law

When Governor Blease of South Carolina at the conference of Governors broke out in loud laudation of mob law and the cowardly cut throats that compose mobs, many colored men became greatly alarmed. To every such person who spoke to us concerning the matter we stated that Blease had hit the mob the hardest blow of its life. He put the American governors and the American people who have heretofore openly or silently endorsed brutal mob murders, in an embarrassing position, and forced them, in spite of themselves, to go on record denouncing lynch law.

The treaties between the United States and Russia and the United States and Great Britain are yet to be signed and ratified. If the governors had failed to go on record against lynching after Gov. Blease' truthful statement of the feelings towards mobs, the whole nation would have been branded as a nation of lawless cut throats. And the chances for the ratification of the treaty between the United States and Russia would have gone glimmering. Every since President Roosevelt made a plea to the Czar of Russia for better treatment of Jews in that country, and was mildly reminded that he should first put an end to mobbing and burning Negroes in the United States, the American people have occupied a very embarrassing position.

When the American people have put an end to mob violence and made it impossible for men of the Blease caliber to hold office and have secured to every American citizen at home, the privileges

of that they would like to see vouchsafed to the Jews in Russia, then the Russians will listen with patience to their appeals for justice to the people living in the Czar's dominion. Gov. Blease's is the legitimate product of the lawless sentiment of the country. What will the children of the Blease and similar families mean to the future of the country? Go it Blease, you are what the mob spirit of the country made you. The press and pulpit are alone to blame.

GOV. BALDWIN MORE DANGEROUS THAN BLEASE.

With loud mouthed, blatant, thoughtless men of the Blease type for its champions, mob law cannot long exist in this country. It is the smooth, polished gentlemen of the type of Gov. Baldwin of Conn. that has built up the sentiment that has tolerated this species of lawlessness that would long ago have been stamped out in any other country save this.

When he stated that the white women, South of the Mason and Dixon line, lived in daily terror from fear of being assaulted by some "black brute," and that most of the lynchings were caused by assaults on white women, he made a statement known to be absolutely false. If the statement he made concerning the terror of white women of being assaulted by Negroes in certain sections were true, even of a supervisory district, anywhere in this country, every Negro would be killed or driven out of that district. This the governor knows if he knows

enough to be governor. If the governor had given himself the trouble to consult lynching statistics before speaking, he would have discovered that of the total number of persons lynched each year, only one-fourth of them are even charged with assault or attempt to assault. A man holding the exalted position of governor of an American State, ought, for his own protection, inform himself upon every public question he attempts to discuss.

Instead of condemning cowardly mob murders, the men of Gov. Baldwin's type usually rush to the front urging extenuating circumstances as an excuse for their inhuman, brutal deeds. It is this class of men who are responsible for the disgrace and humiliation that mobs have brought upon this country. They, and not Blease, are responsible for the outrageous cheapness of human life in the United States; they, and not Blease, are the friends of lawlessness and corresponding enemies of law and order.

In his statement that the white women south of the Mason and Dixon line live in daily mortal terror of being assaulted by some Negro rape fiend, Gov. Baldwin wantonly cast a brutal aspersion upon the good name of ten million, law abiding, loyal citizens of color.

There were more rapes committed upon white girls of tender age by white men in this city in the past twelve months than were charged against the entire ten million Negroes of the United States during the past 18 months.

Good Gov. Baldwin ought to inform himself.

GOVERNOR BLEASE

From the mouths of I. W. W.'s vermilion Socialists and radical labor-union agitators we are so accustomed to hear the Constitution blasphemed and mob rule deified that the wild utterances of this irresponsible minority, except when they excite to criminal acts of violence, are treated generally with the contempt they deserve.

But when the head of a sovereign State, invested with temporary authority by the people of that State, publicly approves lynching and mob rule, and publicly execrates the Constitution whence he derives his authority, he becomes a subject for Federal prosecution or for the lunatic asylum.

Gov. Blease of South Carolina, in his avowed intention to refuse the support of the law to his colored fellow-citizens when they are victims of illegal acts, has proved himself unworthy to carry on the duties of the office to which he was elected and should be promptly forced to vacate. Gov. Blease, when he publicly screamed, "To hell with the Constitution," simply advertised his incapacity to fill even the role of a private citizen—let alone to assume any position of authority. Since he is so proud of his unpatriotic and un-American sentiments, he should purge his native country of his offensive personality.

No American gentleman would use the language in a public meeting, attended by many refined and well-bred American women, that this negro-baiter indulged in. But then without doubt Gov. Blease has no desire to be mistaken for an American or any other kind of gentleman. He prefers to pose as the rough-house champion of lynching bees. It is more in his line to shock women than to resist a mob.

He calls himself a cold-blooded fighter, while on the contrary he is a hot-headed shirker, a cold-footed official, and a red-handed condoner of law-breaking. He

finds it more easy and comfortable to defend lynching than to defend the Negro—especially as the Negroes in South Carolina are practically disfranchised. He pretends to be standing for the virtue of the white women, as though there were no law to protect them. If the ordinary law in South Carolina is impotent to reach the criminal Negro, so that mob violence has to be resorted to, then South Carolina is no longer fit to take its place among our glorious galaxy of States.

Of course this is not the case; the Governor was simply playing to the gallery. A fearless and capable executive in South Carolina, as in any other State, has ample power to see the law enforced against all criminals, whether white or colored. Gov. Blease, toadying to the disreputable elements in society, not only first of all insulted the taste of the fair southerners in his audience, but cast a foul aspersion on the honor and dignity of the commonwealth he was supposed to represent. He has not the earmarks of either a hot or a cold-blooded fighter; only the weakness of the demagogue truckling to the worst passions of the mob. —The Times.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The opening of "Cozy Den" the new ice cream parlor and delicatessen, owned by Mr. D. H. Adams, at 809 East 9th Street, was a grand affair. Hundreds of citizens turned out to congratulate Mr. Adams, the proprietor and builder, and the stream of outpouring citizens did not cease till after 12 o'clock. "Cozy Den" is not surpassed by any similar establishment in the city. There are larger ones but none finer for the entertainment of the public. Mr. Adams is a successful hotel man of long experience and knows how to entertain the public. *The Liberator* extends him congratulations and best wishes.

The many friends of Mr. C. W. Holden are glad to know that

he has recovered sufficiently to be about town.

Police Officer Watson is also rapidly recovering and may soon be at his post.

Mr. J. Goodman Braye, Jr., has moved his real estate and employment agency to 1418 East 9th street.

Dr. Gordon addressed a good sized audience at the Y. M. C. A., Sunday afternoon.

Revival meetings began at Wesley M. E. Church, Sunday, Dec. 8. Dr. Kenchin who is conducting the meetings, is one of the ablest ministers on the Coast. Everybody cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Trice have returned from Elsinore after a pleasant stay of one month.

Misses McKellar, Mamie Wren, J. Jamison Almo Simon, Mamie Lovett spent a pleasant evening at the Mason Opera House last Saturday.

Mrs. A. V. Childress entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Club, Wednesday.

All of the young people are invited to attend the Malone Memorial exercise next Sunday the 15th at the Lyceum, 4 p. m. Malone and Bell, heroes of the St. George hotel fire were both young men whose deeds are worthy of emulation.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF PACIFIC COAST MONTHLY MAGAZINE. INTERMENT PRIVATE.

(From the *Liberator*, March, 1904.
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The sudden death of the Pacific Coast Monthly a so-called magazine published by R. C. Owens, *Capitalist*, Eugene Walker, *Merchant tailor*, and J. L. Holt, an *enterprising* business man, was a sledge hammer blow to the suckers who had pungled up a dollar each for a monthly description of charming female peepers. The end came peacefully at 13 minutes past 1 a. m., Feb. 13th. Its demise marks the premature busting of another fake bubble—another scheme to get something for nothing, has petered out and left its promoters in the condition of Aesop's frog, whose carcass was wrecked by over self-inflation.

It was an immense air castle. Captain Crumbly, whose experience makes him an authority on scintillating female optics, was put in charge. With hearts for trumps he was to corral all of the women by flashy descriptions of female charms. With all of the women on his string, the conquest of the outwitted men would be a mere trifle. And the other little Negro editors,—well, they would be forgotten.

With visions of endless banquets flowing with red wine and sparkling champagne, with scores of charming women in hair pulling rivalry for an opportunity to bask in his smile; with undying fame beckoning from every wind that blew, "Cap" took up his pen with the eagerness of one bent on earning his "grub stake." Cap rubbed it on thick; so thick that it took every word in the old "blue back speller" to describe the paralyzing charms of one or two dark eyed beauties. This put all the other women on the war path, and poor Cap's goose was cooked. Instead of bewitching smiles his horizon was dark with female frowns. And there is nothing so

blighting to a man's hopes as a woman's frown. Having staked everything on one roll of the dice and lost, Cap looked as crest fallen as a boy whose popping cracker busted while he was lighting it. After Cap had distributed 50 or a hundred copies of the journalistic freak bound in flaming red covers, in imitation of the muslin used by the old dutch kidnapers, who did a flourishing business on the West Coast of Africa several centuries ago, the owners of the would-be journal, the chief moguls, rode about the city with an air of importance equalled only by the Eagle man when mounted on horse back in a Fiesta parade. They rode forth like conquerors reviewing the spoils only find themselves the victims of a costly self-inflation.

After visiting the barber shops to see what they could hear of their publication, and finding them lying around like old last year's almanacs, they returned to their rendezvous in the condition of a baloon that had suffered from the sudden escape of its gas. The *see me?* air that had pervaded the atmosphere around them had departed. People are no longer compelled to get off the side walk to pass them.

After ascertaining the extent of the ruin that had overtaken their journal, a secret council was called, to which the supining, cringing editor was summoned. As soon as the full extent of the financial casualties were known, the editor was flung on to the mercies of a mob of angry women with no hope of appeasing their wrath for over looking them in his previous write up.

While there is a diversity of opinion as to the cause of its death, all are agreed that the wind baby is dead.

Aside from the four principle mourners there are a few wet nurses who have been sucked to the tune of one dollar a piece for subscription.

Peace to its ashes and sympathy for its daddies.

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DR. CRUM DEAD

Dr. Wm. D. Crum, United States Minister to Liberia, and who, by the way, was the first victim of President Taft's infamous Southern Negro policy is dead—died at his post. Had President Taft lived up to his oath of office, Dr. Crum would now be collector of the Port at Charleston, South Carolina, and President Taft would be president-elect of the U. S. But by attempting to please everybody president Taft pleased nobody and is the victim of his own failure

to live up to his oath of office regardless of race or color.

THE PACIFIC COAST MONTHLY

To satisfy the increasing demands for copies of the article describing the demise of "the Pacific Coast Monthly Magazine," published in this journal several years ago, we reproduced the article in this edition so as to furnish copies for those desiring it. One of the principle stock holders of that defunct magazine is among those who urged the third republication.

CALIFORNIA COLORED LADY DEMOCRATS ALRIGHT

This editor's hat goes off to the colored lady democrats of California who worked and voted for the national Democratic ticket at the late election. Muskogee county has a few lady democrats in our race. Some of them will go to Washington with us to take in the inauguration.—Saturday Evening Tribune, Muskogee, Okla.

Our California women are intelligent, broad and progressive. They live and vote for the issues of today.—Ed.

MISSION FOR COLORED CATHOLICS

Bishop Conaty announces that a special mission for the colored Catholics of Los Angeles will open at St. Vibiana's Cathedral, Sunday afternoon, December 15th. Rev. Henry Weber, C. SS. R., of Fresno, will conduct the mission, which will continue for a week. The attention of the Bishop has been called to the large number of Catholic colored people in Los Angeles, and he hopes that all will take advantage of the mission.—The Tidings.

Mr. H. A. Reeves, the junk dealer, is proving himself one of the most enterprising young men in the city. His business block recently erected is completely oc-

cupied. His restaurant is first-class in every particular and is well patronized. In his business office is a large picture of Booker T. Washington which seems to be looking pleasingly down on the neat and business like surroundings. Miss Adele Ragland, bookkeeper, is a thorough-going business woman who knows how to make it pleasant for patrons. The fact is it will be hard to meet a more polite set of attendants than you will meet at the "Reaves Home Restaurant."

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The Malone memorial exercises will take place at the Lyceum 1209 Central Avenue, Sunday afternoon, December 15th, at 4 p. m. A splendid program has been arranged. Addresses will be delivered by Revs. E. W. Kenchin, J. Gordon McPherson, and R. H. Wade. Mr. Lesser the proprietor of the St. George and Oscar Bell the heroic elevator boy will be present. All of the city ministers and their congregations are especially invited to come out and take part. All are welcome.

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Mr. Joseph S. Francis, editor of the Western Outlook, and family are here on a two weeks vacation. Mr. Francis is very popular with the reading public of this state and is always welcome to this city. He is a guest at the Tennessee House.

MONEY NEEDED BADLY

Having devoted our entire time and space for the past six months to a struggle for equal and exact justice for all, our collection department has been neglected by force of circumstances. This has left the paper with many bills to meet. We therefore urgently appeal to all of our subscribers to aid us in meeting these bills, by sending a money order for amounts due or notifying us to call.

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