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ROOSEVELT'S OFFENCE.

President Roosevelt has aroused a storm of dissent and many fierce attacks by a simple act of courtesy to Booker T. Washington, an eminent colored man, who on the President's invitation dined recently at the White House. The president is denounced in the South as vigorously as if he had committed some great crime.

A "damnable outrage" had been perpetrated—"the most damnable ever perpetrated by any citizen of the United States," said a Memphis newspaper—a "studied insult to the south," a "slap at all southern notions," and when the President's picture is shown in southern theatres now it is greeted with hisses.

"When Mr. Roosevelt sits down to dinner in the White House with a negro, says the New Orleans Times Democrat, 'he that moment declared to all the world that in the judgment of the President of the United States the negro is the social equal of the white man. From that view, even though it be expressed by the Chief Magistrate of the nation, Americans of the Southern States promptly and emphatically dissent. The negro is not the social equal of the white man. Social equality between the white race and the black race has never existed, and never will exist.'"

The condemnation of the President by representative men in the South is quite as emphatic as that of the press. Here are a few examples:

W. L. Grayson, a member of Congress, said that he had been a great admirer of Roosevelt, but that he wants none of him after hearing that he has sat at the table as host of a negro, even such a negro as Booker Washington, whom the white people regard as the best specimen of his race.

"No self-respecting southern man can ally himself with the President after what has occurred. The step has done the Republican party no earthly good, and it will materially injure its chances in the south."—Governor Candler of Georgia.

Another representative said: "All the Democratic appointments the President can make would fail to reconcile the south to the fact that the President of the United States ate at the same table with a 'nigger.'"

Still another predicted that the President's act would make the south solidly Democratic for twenty years to come.

There is but one similar instance within recollection when a person of colored blood dined at the White House. That was when Queen Liliuokalani visited America to resist the proposed annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, and was entertained at dinner by President Cleveland.

Mr. Washington, the cause of all this perturbation, is a distinguished educationalist and a writer of note, and has met in a social way many eminent people. In his autobiography, "Up From Slavery," Mr. Washington gives some account of his visit to Europe with his wife in the spring of 1899. In Paris he was a guest of the University Club, and was entertained at a banquet which was presided over by United States Ambassador Porter and attended by ex-President Benjamin Harrison, Archbishop Ireland and others. In England Mr. and Mrs. Washington were entertained by distinguished members of society. In his autobiography he says: "Through the kindness of Lady Aberdeen my wife and I were enabled to go with a party of those who were attending the International Congress of Women,

then in session in London, to see Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle, where afterwards we were all the guests of Her Majesty at tea."

No doubt the Southern feeling against negroes is strong because of the many outrages committed by men of that race, but the outcry against the President seems most unreasonable. Mr. Washington is a man and a gentleman, a cultured American, even though his skin is black, and is no more responsible for southern outrages than is the white American answerable for the assassination of McKinley by a man who had a white skin over a black heart.

ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS.

Mr. Davis, member of parliament for Saskatchewan, N.W.T., gives a very encouraging report of immigration and settlement prospects in that important section of Canada. He says that wealthy Americans are purchasing lands on a large scale, with a view either to engaging in farming themselves or bringing in settlers to farm for them. A few weeks ago the Governor of Iowa visited the district and bought up a whole block of land around Saskatoon. Several members of the Iowa Legislature have also purchased land there. A Senator from Cottonwood County, Minnesota, has bought up land belonging to the Temperance Colonization Company at Saskatoon, in all about 36 sections. He will bring in a lot of people, who will go in for mixed farming on a large scale including the raising of hogs. The Senator in question says that he was attracted to this country, not only because the land was fertile, but by reason of later being plentiful in the Donkhor and Galician settlements. He is going to settle with his three sons at Dandurn. Mr. L. M. Brown, the President of several banks in Minnesota, and Mr. Riringer, a member of the Iowa State Legislature, have also purchased lands in Saskatchewan and Assiniboia respectively. Altogether settlement is going on at an extremely rapid rate, and Mr. Davis would not be surprised to see 50,000 people go into Saskatchewan next year."

A VERSATILE MAYOR.

Mayor Morris of Ottawa, who gained considerable notoriety for the gorgeous manner in which he arrayed himself to receive the Duke and Duchess of York, is now busily engaged, says the Toronto Globe correspondent at the capital, in working up campaign thunder to assist in his own re-election. His Worship has started an agitation to deprive Chairman Bate of the Improvement Commission of his dual vote and to create a fifth seat on the board in order to give representation to the Irish Catholics. By this move the Mayor hopes to secure the Irish Catholic vote in Lower Town, in order to obtain a second term as Mayor. He has already, he thinks, equaled the other elements in Ottawa by attending the banquet in honor of St. Jean Baptiste in the summer and hoisting the flag on the City Hall on July 12th. Mr. Morris some months ago, sprang a municipal coal yard scheme, which was treated as impracticable and soon dropped. Now His Worship advocates an automobile service to compete with the Street Railway Company and render it more amenable to civic control. Mayor Morris has great inventive genius and a passion for distinction, but he is a fighter, and the masses like a man of that type.

VETERAN POSTMASTER'S DEATH.

By the death of William McCully at Truro, Sunday, Nova Scotia lost its oldest postmaster, that is the man who was longest in office at the time of his demise. For thirty two years Mr. McCully successfully filled his position and there were few complaints against his administration. He was 75 years old.

Mr. McCully received his appointment from the late F. M. Pearson, M. P. for Colchester, and the last public appearance of the deceased postmaster was on the recent local election day, when, in spite of illness, he insisted on being driven to the poll to vote for his benefactor's son, Mr. B. F. Pearson, M. P. P. Mr. McCully

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belonged to a prominent Truro family. One of his brothers was a Presbyterian clergyman, his only son, Mr. C. A. McCully, is prominent in New York Journalistic circles, and a daughter is a Presbyterian missionary in Corea.

The Truro postmastership is a lucrative position, and the Dominion dispensers of patronage will no doubt have plenty of applicants for the position.

Water Massey, head of the well known manufacturing firm of Massey, Harris & Co., and son of its founder, is dead at Toronto. He was a prominent Methodist and followed in the philanthropic lines of his father, whose benefactions included \$100,000 to Mount Allison University.

The farmers of New Brunswick are taking an active and intelligent interest in the Institute work being carried on in various sections by Hon. Mr. Farris and his corps of speakers. The meetings are well attended and the discussions most instructive.

If Col. Loggie decides to accept the offer of a \$4,000 situation at Winnipeg, extended to him by the C. P. R., the crown land office will lose a most efficient member of its staff, and Fredericton a respected and public spirited citizen.

There is one wretch less in the world today than there was yesterday. Czolgosz, the slayer of President McKinley, went to a well deserved and ignominious death in the electric chair at Auburn prison.

Hon. Mr. Eameson's hosts of friends all over New Brunswick will learn with pleasure that he has returned from his Southern trip, much improved in health.

Mr. Chamberlain thinks that Parliament may be called upon to reduce Ireland's representation in the House of Commons by thirty.

The Duke and Duchess should have remained in Canada to see the finish of our delightful autumn.

The rumor is received that the King is suffering from cancer of the throat, but is not generally credited.

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