

Pain, and Freedom, eternal Freedom underneath the Star. Children of the Angels: arise and go. The play is done! The play is done!"

SCOPES

ONE hundred per cent Americans are now endeavoring to persuade hilarious and sarcastic Europe that Dayton, Tennessee, is a huge joke and very, very exceptional. And in proof of all this the learned American press is emitting huge guffaws and peals of Brobdingnagian laughter combined with streaming tears. But few are deceived, even of those who joke and slap each other on the back. The truth is and we know it: Dayton, Tennessee, is America: a great, ignorant, simple-minded land, curiously compounded of brutality, bigotry, religious faith and demagoguery, and capable not simply of mistakes but of persecution, lynching, murder and idiotic blundering, as well as charity, missions, love and hope.

That is America and America is what it is because we believe in Ignorance. The whole modern Nordic civilization of which America is a great and leading branch has sold its soul to Ignorance. Its leading priests profess a religious faith which they do not believe and which they know, and every man of intelligence knows, they do not and cannot believe; and then when a knot of back-woodsmen led by some cheap demagogues try to drive out error in a logical way they learn to their own intense surprise that what the world was thinking and doing had in some unaccountable way been kept from them. Either, then, they have been deceived or are being attacked. They resent it and with the proper demagogue to lead they are ready to drive out heretics and defend the Truth as they have received it with gun and fagots.

Who is to blame? They that know;

they that teach; they that have; they that sit silent and enjoy; great universities that close their doors to the mob; great scientists who prostitute truth to prejudice; great preachers who quibble with faith and facts; great rulers of wealth who fear understanding; and voluptuaries who have no wish to be disturbed by real democracy.

The folk who leave white Tennessee in blank and ridiculous ignorance of what science has taught the world since 1859 are the same ones who would leave black Tennessee and black America with just as little education as is consistent with fairly efficient labor and reasonable contentment; who rave over the 18th Amendment and are dumb over the 15th; who permit lynching and make bastardy legal in order to render their race "pure". It is such folk who, when in sudden darkness they descry the awful faces of the Fanatic, the Fury and the Fool, try to hide the vision with gales of laughter.

But Dayton, Tennessee, is no laughing matter. It is menace and warning. It is a challenge to Religion, Science and Democracy.

BULLARD

THOSE who know have not been at all surprised or disconcerted at the attack of General Bullard on Negro troops. This attack has been long planned and long over due. No sooner was the 92nd Division planned than Southern army officers like Bullard plotted its discomfiture and defeat. Nothing would have been more fatal to their plans than a successful Negro regiment officered by Negroes. The Negro haters entrenched in the Army and at Washington began, therefore, a concerted campaign.

1. They eliminated Charles Young as Colonel and substituted a well-meaning but weak white man with a