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Religious and racial conflicts in America, 1921.

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Racial Conflicts in America

1. "Every war creates a popular momentum which threatens to achieve the very opposite, that for which the war was first inaugurated" - Hamilton Ellis.

① Capitalism - economic war.

② Peace -

③ Better Understanding - Worse Suspensions

④ Brotherhood - Racial & Religious Conflicts.

2. Every war has along with it the brotherhood that is inherent to its appeal. I recall the exactness of the night of the power, our cooperative efforts - and now 3 years may find us called upon to discuss R. & R. conflicts in ten - past 3 yrs have seen tidal waves of int. antagonism & racial persecution in our land - Hertz. effort to exp. Peace.

3. Want to discuss it objectively - and critically - as a world phenomenon - shall not speak in hasty or apologetic terms. Shall merely to lay bare the causes - and point to the inevitable consequences.

Why son & many. Problematic things
be done. + desires. H. H. H. H.
who present working. - is not
in a mystery, K. H. H. H.

⑤ I suppose there are problems, racial
problems. But I am not sure. I am
not sure. I am not sure. I am not sure.
8. What people should be doing.

① Trend of life away from air for
a. Many people are going
now. Babel.

② Run on earth for all.
and in Heaven! no crowd
ing there!

③ Talk of Christ. is to find
common human den.
for voluntary cooperation

① I hope - Norway - Sweden

② Russia. Cleveland. Educ. Tea.

③ France. Jew.

④ Chris. Jew -

4. Common Purpose & Cath. Res.

① Run on Mt. height.

5. Cath. is here to stay. to is
Protest. S. E. Judgement

6. her dogma. Men Rel.
 7. let Chr. repay his debt
to Israel & tell of Jews and
on compensated by Jews —
 8. let Jew repay his debt to
Christianity —
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9. Let's talk less of conspiracies
& ~~plots~~ ^{plots}. Let's get acquainted
— & work for common good —
more ~~simple~~ ^{simple} — more
light —

10. Let each man walk in
the name of his God —
just so he remembers —

④ Fear, corrupting pure blood
is balandest - Admixture
is helpful

① increases possible combinations
& traits —

② Superior mental ability. As
Whitman - Turner - Hawthorne - M.
Twain - Twiss - Edison - Edison

③ 2nd gener. & children, mixed
parentage show higher, weight
characteristics at 3rd gener.
typical.

5. Vicious doctrine
① It is not all our fathers...
" " " " " " " " " " " "

② Particularly vicious in America

③ Racialists here. 34 million
who came since 1776 don't

Count. Sp. who desc. French
who settled - Dutch - German
Slaves - Hebrew - alien intruders!

④ Particularly expatriating is this
when applied to Jews - Jews
not col. here as in Gen before 34
34 yrs. after Puritans settled
when. were in 1776. - Slaves
- talked gas immigrants

④ Fact & matter is. There is no
pure race. Prof. Todd "we
are all mongrels". Amer.
people no more so than Fr. etc.
Migrations & peoples' ^{intermingling}
admixture!

⑤ Race is ^{unity} not physical at all.
It is hereditary - racial devel.
common characteristics - not
inherent penalties & privileges.

⑥ All races have been present
at times & then went to seed.
Superiority is questioned & true
① Where was Eur. Race when
Chinamen were

② Where was Europe when
Arabs were

③ Where was Teutonic Race
when prophets & Judea were
uttering their ministrations
under?

④ Who knows to what race
the future belongs - the
~~yellow~~ Slav - the mongrel - or the

④ Propaganda this means. Made
fanatics - drove men to verge
insanity. No human inhibi-
tion, politics, study not even
matrimony has driven to
many men to the same
orgasm as has religion!

7. Whaps back of Rasal Cufh.

① Rasal Cufh - I have blond hair &
blue eyes - better. Tall &
Slender. Short & squatly -

European - Aryan - Pure Races
A. Superior & inferior races

② Germany exploited it -

① Wilhelm - chosen people -

② Hindenburg - perfect aristocrat
People knew to best -

③ Chamberlain - "The hist. began
when pr. with my hand seized
the inheritance of autocracy."

③ Because concealment of race for
imp. just as revealing minorities
became excuse for bleeding flag!
- gave preference for to national
varieties & lost for home.

6. Mark, Rel. conf. is down to demands
to extend control. and reason given
is substantiated is that it is sole
repository of highest truth - and as
such should be accepted by all -
if people are ignorant or not
willing to accept it - should be
made to accept it.

① And so every church suffers from
mission - conversion by persuasion -
to universalism " " force - not
necessarily by physical - may be
force - preference - otherwise -

② What I believe in - is religion -
What you believe in - is superstition.

③ I had & being a piping - an
intending - it is fixed thing
No one has truth! We none the less!

④ And like every conf. it has
its propaganda - most vicious
, all -

① Men are so cowardly as oblige.

② Men to be a gentleman -
speak, resp. & another man's
faith

③ There used to be a time when
a man was either a member
of your church - or a heresi-
arch! To-day he is ^{either} first
a member of your church - or
he is not a lost member!

4. We shall not attack any individual, or
org. - but we for which this value is
that may be except by the stupid in
his sane and antago. or an org.
may be unusually dramatic &
mysterious with evidence & similar
catch phrases - they are after all but
incidents, or illustrations - ~~not~~
~~causes~~ or a denunciation or a com-
ment - I want to read & hear
lies - that's all! his which threatens
our Republic -

5. What is back of all Racial Conflict
exactly the same thing as was back
of this war to wit war -
Imperialism! ^{expansionist} ^{imperialist}
~~the~~ for purposes of exploitation, domination
(1) There is rel. & racial conf. as well
as Econ. conf. and just as Econ.
conf. is camouflaged with fine phrases
about the White Man's Burden &
saving backward races etc. etc.
establishing peace in a foreign
country when you actually want
to it all well - so rel. &
racial conf. are camouflaged
with phrases, & catch phrases
and lies -

6. Religious imperialism - began in early
days as mission - zealous protest of
a ideal. when Ch. was regarded as truth
& temporal & spiritual power became one