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Most unfortunate it seems for the Wagner-Costigan Bill that in an unlucky moment it was allowed to become the foot ball of sectional & racial enthusiasts.

Even the N.A.A.C.P. with the best intentions in the world may have let their zeal outrun their sagacity by a too forceful partisanship. For we ^{poor humans} are so constituted that

we are moved more by who are pushing a measure than the logic & justice involved in the measure. One ^{of that guy is for it then I'm against it} let the bloody shirt be flung to the breeze or the possibility of raising a cheer for chivalry by imagining the sanctity of our homes & firesides in jeopardy ^{of one} & reason ^{has} already taken her departure, Bootless to show that there is no North & no South when it comes to protection of the noblest traditions of American civilization & that for chivalry countless

litanies ascend from ~~the~~ four corners God give us more of it, more regard for the weak, more reverence for purity, more ^{deference} for goodness. ~~in this connection~~ ^{it may be well to publish again} the resolutions ^{of the} passed ^{by the} ^{Confederate} of Southern white women ^{meeting in Atlanta} & representing practically all the states of ^{what is called} the deep South, requesting President Roosevelt & their

Governors & congressmen to work out a plan of cooperation between the Federal & state governments to eradicate the evil of lynching. ~~The Resolution reads~~ would make good reading in the ^{Congressional Record} "We reaffirm our condemnation of lynching for any reason

whatsoever we recognize that no alleged crime justifies another crime. We declare as our deliberate conclusion that the crime lynching is a logical result in every community that pursues the policy of humiliation & degradation of a part of its citizenship because of accident of birth; that exploits & intimidates the weaker element in its population for economic gain; that refuses equal educational opportunity to one portion of its children; that segregates arbitrarily a whole race in unsanitary ugly sections & finally that denies a voice in the control of government to any fit & proper citizen because of race. We regard with favor any legal measures that promise sure & permanent eradication of lynching."

Could anything be finer? Could any sane man find anything here to gainsay? Could the most rabid devotee of social justice wish for anything more conclusive & more outspoken,

Nothing could be finer, nobler, more convincing than
the Resolutions passed a year ago in Atlanta by
representative white women of the South ^{requesting} who
called on President Roosevelt, their governors &
Congressmen to cooperate in eradicating the
crime of lynching which, say they, no alleged crime
whatsoever can justify. ^{they declare} that the lynching
crime is but a result of a policy of ^{segregation} humiliation & degradation
according to the
economic ^{and} civic
opportunity because of race.

What ho - NAACP - Place our Dames!

Bill seems most unfortunate from the ~~slant~~ of sectional
racial slant ^{prepared} ~~tacked~~ on in an unguarded moment.