

SOUTH UNMOVED BY HARDING'S EQUALITY TALK

President, by Appointments,
Should Lead Way, Is
Suggestion.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—When the President said in his speech at Birmingham, "Whether you like it or not, if our democracy is not a lie, you must stand for the political and economic equality of the races," he was uttering a statement which will sooner or later have deeper effect in the North than in the South, and he was undertaking the old and impossible task of measuring unlike things with the same yardstick.

Of course the real purpose of the speech was political; he expressed the desire that the white people of the South would divide up on economic lines and forget the race question—which is nothing but the old old story to teach the white Southmen. Even Lincoln dreamed of it, and every Republican President since has tried his hand at it—all in vain. The President also urged the negroes to divide their ranks on political questions—knowing all the time they would not do it. He knew that those who take sufficient interest or pride in their new-found rights to vote, still vote more than 99 per cent for the candidates bearing the Republican label.

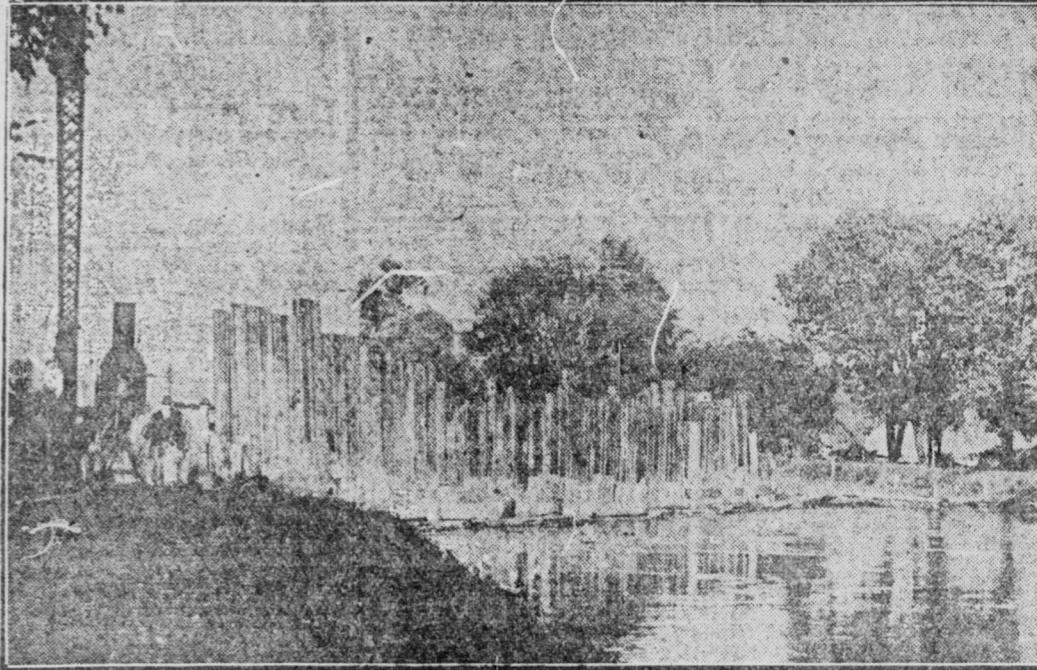
**SOUTH SIMPLY
WONT HAVE IT.**

Conditions in the Southern States demonstrate two things. First, that the South, which people are not going to have equality of any kind between the races; they couldn't have if they wished, and they will never wish it. The differences, socially, economically and ethnically, are fundamental and ineradicable; they go back to creation's dawn and to the Creator; they have always existed and always will. The issue of a President is not, as is often said, of for whom and for whom, while the age-old fundamental obstacles remain.

In Egypt, before the Exodus even, an Egyptian writer, speaking of the negro said: "He is different; his skull is not like ours; it ossifies at the age of puberty, after which the brain does not grow." That is a free translation from the cuneiform characters of the Egyptians. The difference is not, as is often said, now.

If the President's words, quoted in the first paragraph, mean anything, they mean that the negro must be allowed to work on an absolute equality with the white mechanic or artisan. To be allowed to work, he would to necessity have to be admitted to membership in the labor unions—the Bricklayers' Union, the

CANAL BLOCKED BY COFFER DAM



Carpenters' Union, the Steamfitters, the Tin-Boilermakers, the Stonecutters, the Tinners, the Cigarmakers, the Machinists, the Electricians, the Typographical Union. The President says: "You stand for the political and economic equality of the races."

It will be interesting to note if the question will appeal

to the great labor leaders of the country with the same force with which it seems to have gotten hold of the President.

HOW CAN EQUALITY EXIST.

It is interesting to ask how such equality is possible in the northern cities to which the negro has flocked in recent years, especially, all labor performed by the members of other unions, operating under their rules, which require that each member demonstrates before a selected committee his ability to perform skilfully the work properly falling to members of that union. I believe it is true at the present time that all negroes are barred from membership in these unions, and I am informed by union men that there are a few negroes in those cities who could pass the re-

quired examinations, provided they were admitted to them. Now the question naturally arises, will the great unions yield to the plainly-expressed determination of the President? Those who have

tested the temerity of these men in other matters do not think so.

In the President's view, he is sincere in his conviction that he should show his faith by his works. The world is still judging the tree by its fruit. Something

like 20 per cent of the Republicans are negroes; on that basis, 20 per cent of all the President's appointments should go to

the negroes.

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