

BOOKER WASHINGTON ON RIOTS.

Tuskegee Educator Gives a Straight-forward Expression on Situation.

A New York dispatch says: "As a rule I never discuss mob violence except when I am in the south, but in this case I make an exception," said Booker T. Washington, referring to the race riots in Atlanta.

"In answer to many requests," he continued, "I will state that in my address in Atlanta to the National Negro Business League, a few days ago, I spoke plainly against the crime of assaulting women and against resorting to lynching and mob law as a remedy for any evil. I feel the present situation too deeply to give an extended utterance at this time except to say that I would strongly urge that the best white people and the best colored people come together in council and use their united efforts to stop the present disorder. I would especially urge the colored people in Atlanta and elsewhere to exercise self-control and not make the fatal mistake of attempting to retaliate, but to rely upon the efforts of the proper authorities to bring order and security out of confusion. If they do this, they will have the sympathy of good people the world over.

"Wherever I have met them, without exception, I have found the leading colored people as much opposed to crime as the leading white people; but what is needed now is to get the best element of both races together and try to change the present deplorable condition of affairs. We of both races must learn that the inflexible enforcement of the law against all criminals is indispensable and in this I will do my utmost to have my race co-operate.

"The Atlanta outbreak should not discourage our people, but should teach a lesson from which all can profit. And, we should bear in mind also that while there is disorder in one community there is peace and harmony in thousands of others. As a colored man I cannot refrain from expressing a feeling of a very deep grief on account of the death of so many innocent men of both races because of the deeds of a few criminals."