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The 92nd Division

Good Nature is One Reason the Negroes Make Good Soldiers.

Troops at Funston Are Only Part of training are devoted to study of squad the Big Division-Ballou's Command a Happy, Singing Lot.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

the headquarters building of the 92d their schools will be smaller and the Division at Camp Funston-the only men thus should receive more benefit Negro division in the United States- from the schooling. floats a large American flag. Under One of Sambo's hardest tasks has it Negroes are being gathered from been mastered-dropping "boss" and many states.

vision are white men, selected on the to the Negro, for the basis is keeping strength of long and successful records time, and that is his natural instinct, in handling Negro troops in the regu- whether swinging a pick, stropping a lar army. Maj. Gen. Charles C. Bal- razor or whipping a polish on a patent lou commands the division. He also leather toe. commands Camp Funston as a whole, being the ranking general since Maj. Gen. Leonard Woods' departure for when they are not on duty, is one big France. Lieutenant Col. A. J. Greer minstrel show, a laugh in every barof Tennessee is chief of staff for the rack, every street. This good nature, Negro division. Maj. S. Whipple of officers say, is one of the things that New York is division adjutant.

The Division is Scattered.

quarters and its attached units and wearing the blue denim blouses and trains, approximately 2,700 men. The pants issued when they reached here. units here have been made up from Some have leggings, nearly all have a regiment composed largely of Kan- overcoats, and all have service hats. taining hundreds from adjoining the bearing of a Negro soldier. He states, originally gathered here under throws back his shoulders and is a a plan of attaching one regiment of different man from the stoop shoul-Negro troops to the 89th Division, dered laborer with dragging feet in From this regiment men were assign- civilian life. ed to 317th Trains and placed under the command of Col. I. C. Jenks, Capt. stand cold is overturned every day A E. J. Turgeon was placed in command strapping big mulatto, too big for the of headquarters troop and Maj. Robert "baby size" overcoats issued, was Sterrett made commander of the ma- walking post around headquarters chine gun battalion of the headquar- building a recent blustering day. The ters detachment.

The remaining units of the division are stationed in six other camps, as follows:

Camp Meade, Md.-The 368th Regiment of Infantry and the 351st Regiment of Artillery.

Camp Dix, N. J.—The 107th Field Artillery Brigade headquarters, the 349th and 350th regiments of infantry. Camp Sherman, O .- The Field Sig-

hal Battalion and Engineers' Regi-Camp Upton, N. Y .- The 184th In-

tached machine gun battalion and the 367th Regiment of Infantry.

Camp Dodge, Ia.—The 366th Regiment of Infantry.

machine gun battalion and the 365th Regiment of Infantry.

Whether the division will be assembled before embarkation is entirely given at any time. However, it is not

Funston Units Are Complete.

other camps also, with the exception pounds of flour each week, two and a ered in the vicinity of the body. of the Field Signal Battalion and Reg- half pounds of meat each week and iment of Engineers at Camp Sherman. three pounds of sugar each month we

Funston was a surplus of cooks. When pounds of sugar. a mustering officer would ask that all who had had experience in cooking to take care of and feed, and what a wonstep out of line the whole line would derful tribute to the great state of Ne- came to the bridge at Briggs' station. ed life imprisonment. advance. The cooks were found to be braska!" adept in other lines, also, however,

A dining car chef, for instance, also COMMUNITY HOUSE had been chaffeur for millionaires. Another chef who used to reign supreme in the kitchen of the Albany hotel at | A campaign for a community house Denver was also an excellent barber at Camp Funston has been opened. and followed that trade when the smell The building is to cost \$50,000. Omaha and it looked like it was heavy." of chicken a la king and breaded pork is asked to give \$2,500 and, of course, chops grew less enticing than the Omaha, which goes "over the top" for might be, he said: scent of bayrum and highly perfumed everything good, will do it. More about pomade. He has a second hand bar- it next week. Colonel Roscoe C. Sim-

racks which helps his income greatly. to speak at the Auditorium February If his record card in the divisional 11 in behalf of this fund. statistical office reads rightly, Dewey Summersmith Robinson of St. Joseph, GROOM M'CRACKEN Mo., besides being a cook, at one time attended to the business of polishing the boots of Theodore Roosevelt. He made special mention of the fact when is being urged by many friends to en- ed nothing about it until I climbed the Smith's guilt. The sentiment sets the he came to the word "remarks" on the ter the race for representative in the bank and saw it." card he was given to fill out. Dewey Eighth ward of St. Paul against Repis a trumpeter and enjoys waking his resentative George Nordlin. He has comrades in the morning.

Were Late in Mobilizing.

after being assembled the units were ot established with the dispatch that Is Getting Fig. haracterized the organization of the other troops, because an uncertainty existed for some time as to how the men should be handled.

Divisional schools have not been established, as the first few weeks of movements, but when the division does enter the more advanced training the Negroes will have a great advantage over the white soldiers in one way. Camp Funston, Kas., Jan. 20.—Over Being separated into seven camps,

adopting "sir."

The commanding officers of the di- Squad movements offer no problem

Negroes Always Good Natured. To a visitor the camp of Negroes,

makes the Negro a good soldier. In equipment the Ninety-second is Not all the division is being mobil- behind the white divisions. Most of ized at Camp Funston, only the head- the Negroes at Camp Funston are still sas and Missouri men, but also con- Just a hat makes a lot of difference in

> The theory that a Negro cannot division adjutant sent an orderly to (Continued on fourth page)

Nebraska's Great Feeding Ability

Food Administrator Wattles Tells What State Can Do to Help Feed World.

ability to feed itself and other people kissing his wife after he found her 'The Arabian Nights,'" was Assistant living in war times, hence we must here for a day, as the inquisitive was shown by Gurdon W. Wattles, body some hours after her death. No County Attorney Abbott's characteri- govern ourselves accordingly. federal food administrator for Nebraska, in an address on "Crumbs Table."

"Without wasteful habits, the average consumption of flour per capita is from the railroad, on which her hat problematical, as no intimation of the 246 pounds annually; of meats, 150 and other articles were found. War Department's policy has been pounds annually, and of sugar, 88.8

others and sugar to 257,500 others. trained men to fill expert positions. of 791,666 bushels of wheat, 25,000,-One difficulty encountered at Camp 000 pounds of meats and 66,000,000

"What a wonderful army we can

FOR FUNSTON

ber chair in the corner of his bar- mons, the famous orator, is expected

FOR LEGISLATURE

St. Paul, Minn.-Fred D. McCracken ization was deferred until later. Even for sixteen years.

JURY RECOMMENDS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Appeal Case to Supreme Court.

Charles Smith, who was accused of guilty of murder in the first degree by dressed. the jury last Saturday morning, Janthe penalty at life imprisonment in- sensational testimony. stead of electrocution, a significant His story of his arrest by the sheriff The opinion has been freely expressed since the arrest. everywhere by lawyers and others that Smith is not guilty. It is believed that | Smith was on the stand practically his insistence upon going on the stand all forenoon and part of the afternoon, at the last hour, after months of si- A rigid cross-examination did not lence, testifying that he saw two men shake his story. He stated that his deposit the body of Mrs. Nethaway on real name is Larkin McCloud and his the ledge where it was found and a home in Ottawa, Kan. He said he bethird scattering evidence of the crime, came known as "Smith" while he was and that when he came down and saw wrestling as a semi-professional in the it to be the body of a murdered woman | South and was advertised as "Cannonhe became frightened and ran away, ball" Smith, and later as Charley prejudiced his case. Indeed, he told Smith. The Monitor that he knew his lawyers | The defense rested shortly after 3 had acquitted him, but that he insisted o'clock and the jury was sent for a last

He said: "I am responsible for my o'clock. conviction, but I told the truth and my saw. I have no kick on my lawyers. I ing upon the space back of the judge's didn't kill that woman and the truth bench. will come out some day."

dence on the second trial, while the de- tablished his guilt. fense added some damaging testimony. Major Abbott made much of the opblood on his collar, necktie and shirt. in his argument. blood was found on Smith.

Which Fall From the Rich Man's Omaha attorney, and William Sievers, defense. the single diagonal path, leading up ger of circumstantial evidence.

expected to be done, as training is mize, but continued these habits, we on the stand and testified that he saw might have been guilty. There is a and soon after he saw a third man Smith. If the evidence adduced in this government asks you to do. The units at Camp Funston virtu- "But if we follow the suggestions of come to the spot and scatter the hat case has seemed to point to any per-

Saw Men "With Big Bundle."

of counsel. Detailing the incidents di- that Smith had not been found "berectly connected with the sight of the |yond reasonable doubt" to have comtwo men he said carried the body to mitted the crime. the cut, he said:

I climbed up on the bridge and sort o' body was found.

like, they were carrying between them, floor with his feet and finally lapsed

Asked if he had a suspicion what it dition he was returned to his cell.

"I did, I thought it looked like maybe it might be a body of some kind." Counsel for the state asked him if it were not true that he knew that the tion for a new trial, which is to be arbody was there at the time he went to gued today. If refused by Judge Sears, see what the men had put down.

"Got Down and Prayed."

"I did not," Smith answered. "I kind o' thought it looked like a body they was carrying, but I surely never know-

"What did you see?"

"It was a woman with her throat many political friends among the white cut. A twisted rag was laid across the reported November 1 gives the populacitizens, made duiring the campaign of cut and it was soaked with blood. I tion of Washington as 395,000, and In training, the 92d Division is far ex-Congressman Fred C. Stevens, for looked at it a minute and her hands places the Colored population at 102,behind the other divisions, as mobil- whom he was secretary in Washington were tied. And then I was scared of 000. Colored females exceed the males the dead body and left. After I got by 9,234.

Charles Smith Adjudged Guilty of away up the track I knelt down and Nethaway Murder at Second Trial; prayed, because I was scared, and then Public Sentiment Strongly in His I got some apples out of an orchard Favor; Belated Story Responsible and sat on some ties until the train for Verdict; Prisoner Collapses came along. I swung on and at a grove When Verdict Is Announced; At- of trees, a little beyond, three other torneys Move for New Trial; May men got on the car next behind the one I was in. They got off at the junction near Calhoun.'

Smith said one of the men was taller the murder of Mrs. C. L. Nethaway of than the other, and that from a dis-Florence on August 26, was found tance they appeared to be roughly

Claude R. Nethaway, husband of uary 26, exactly six months after the the murdered woman, was not in the crime was committed. The jury fixed courtroom at the time Smith gave his

fact, which shows that there was an of Washington county at Blair did not element of doubt even in the jury's vary from the statements made by mind as to the guilt of the accused. himself and officers several times

Sticks to First Story.

on going on the stand over their pro- inspection of the scene of the crime. test to tell what he knew to free his The court allotted two hours to each side for argument and recessed until 7 When the night session opened the

mind is now free. I wanted to testify courtroom was packed to its limit of in the first trial. I told just what I capacity, many people even encroach-

Major Ray Abbott and L. J. Piatti On the first trial the jury stood nine of the county attorney's office defor acquittal and three for conviction. manded the death penalty for Smith, The American People Are Not Asked The prosecution offered no-new evi- charging that the case had clearly es-

A. Anderson, postmaster of Florence, portunity afforded him by Smith's who was present with Nethaway when story and he used it in his eloquent he undressed the Sunday night of the way to great advantage. Mr. Piatti States food administration to see that murder, testified that Nethaway had was melodramatic but not convincing our soldiers, allies and ourselves have

zation of the version of the crime of-

carried her body up to the bluff along and warned the jury against the dan-

"We have been criticised," Attorney Timblin declared, "for casting asper-The defense was about to rest its sions on the husband of the dead wobut the trend of the evidence."

Saturday morning the jury brought "I had walked up the track till I in a verdict of guilty and recommend-

When the verdict was delivered looked around, and I saw the two men Smith collapsed in a fit of hysterical come down from the top of the cut, screaming and it took the efforts of down to the little bench where the four deputies to remove him from the courtroom. The prisoner threw him-"They had something-a big bundle, self on the floor, cried out, beat the into semi-consciousness, in which con-

> This was in striking contrast to his absolute composure maintained throughout this and the former trial. Smith's counsel Monday filed a petiwhich is quite likely, the case will probably be carried to the supreme

Despite the jury's verdict the Omaha public is by no means satisfied of other way.

Washington, D. C.-A police census

MARY CHURCH TERRELL GETS RESOLUTION PASSED

Washington, D. C .- At a general meeting in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Monday, January 14, the National Council of Women, composed of prominent female leaders from all parts of the United States, voted unanimously in favor of opening trades and pursuits to women which are now closed against them. Resolutions to this effect were put through by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, seconded by Rev. Anna Garland Spencer. Mrs. John Hays Hammond (white) put the matter to a vote and it was carried without debate. Mrs. Terrell was elated at the result, as she has endeavored for more than twenty years to secure the passage of such resolution.

ECHOES FROM EAST ST. LOUIS

St. Louis.—To judge from the many arrests and convictions of Colored men veston, the island city, sometimes one would think that they were solely called the wall call city because of responsible for the race riot at East the great sea wall that was built to St. Louis. The latest victim is Charles | prevent the flooding of this city dur-Collins, who fled from the city during ing the storms that often frequent the riot. He is charged with being a this coast. Entering the city from member of the mob that killed two de- Point Texas on the main land over

YOUNG COLORED WOMAN

Wallace is receiving congratulations ocean, with hills of granite walls surfrom her many New York friends for rounding it on every side, we proceedstanding highest in a class of acci. ed by large and imposing government. dent nursery and minor surgery, and city office buildings and beautiful has secured a position with Dr. A. W. residences, well paved streets, lined Binckley, accident surgeon for the In- with palms. You have but to forget dustrial Commission of Ohio. Miss the present century and recall the Wallace won over thirty white com- stories of ancient history, and you will

Government Urges Saving of Food

to Go Hungry, But to Use Discretion.

Washington, D. C .- The American people are depending upon the United

The number of food adminis

the "big eats."

HOSPITAL REFUSED AID TO DYING MAN

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 8.—Friday of Gulf of Mexico. last week a Colored man fell upon the sidewalk of Huntingdon street, in the over the main line of the Southern Parear of the home of Mrs. W. W. Gor- cific, due west to San Antonio, where don, a wealthy white woman. The ser- I arrived late Saturday evening, after vants called Mrs. Gordon, who saw the stopping at Richmond, Rosenburg, man was ill. She called the Savannah Eagle Lake, Columbus, Schulenburg, hospital, just across the street. They Tulling and Sequin, at each point insent over, but finding the man was troducing The Monitor and meeting Colored, refused to take him to the with success, which I hope to continue hospital. Mrs. Gordon frantically in this city, of which I will write you plead for help, but the hospital people next week. permitted the man to die on the side-



Galveston Sentinel Guarding the Sea

Monitor Correspondent Recounts Matters of Interest Gleaned on Visit to Southern City.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 21, '18.

To the Readers of The Monitor: Monday morning found me riding along a low level country full of vegetation that shows the effect of the recent extreme cold weather, everything dying and decaying. You must remember that this is the land where the markets are supplied with the green stuffs the year round.

Twenty miles south of Houston I stopped at Ellington aviation field and witnessed the capers of a hundred planes in the air at one time. I lingered here just a few moments, then continued my journey south to Galtectives. His bond is fixed at \$2,000, the great concrete causeway, passing over the bay for the distance of two miles on to the island, one gets the RANKS HIGHEST best view of this great, and at one time the most important southern port Cleveland, O .- Miss Minna Bell and city. Rising abruptly out of the think you are entering portals of some strong, ancient island kingdom.

Upon entering the central portion of the business district you will be much impressed by the air of militarism that exists here. The streets are patroled everywhere by the soldiers in full uniform and gun and bayonet; also by the special military police, who are provided to help the civil authorities properly police the city. It is guarded at both east and west ends by Forts San Jacinto and Crockett.

The entrance to the bay, where the shipping of the world enters for this plenty of food at as reasonable a price port and the city of Houston, fifty Nethaway's explanation was that he "A dream; a bloody tale more lurid as the war conditions will allow. This miles up Buffalo bayou, is at the east-Omaha, — Nebraska's wonderful got this blood on him when he was in its fantastic coloring than one of is one thing to remember, that we are

The race population, which formerly M. O. Cunningham, a prominent fered in Smith's testimony in his own window cards in the windows of loyal numbered many thousands, is now alhomes is one of the best signs that most depleted, for the lack of suffia merchant of Calhoun, testified to Attorneys Scruggs and Timlin, for they who pass may see that the people cient employment. They have been "For every man, woman and child in seeing a path leading DOWN from the the defense, appeared to good advan- of those houses have pledged them-Camp Grant, Ill.—The 183d Infantry Nebraska the state produced last year bluff to the body. The state's claim tage in their calm, incisive analysis of selves to do what their government and strategical gulf nort by the United Brigade headquarters and attached mask the state produced last year and strategical gulf port by the United was that Smith attacked Mrs. Neth- the evidence. They insisted that the lasks them to do in the saving of States government has imposed on air flour and 112 pounds of sugar," said away on the railroad right-of-way and state had not established Smith's guilt wheat, meat, fats and sugar, by using States government has imposed an air less of these foods and substituting of secrecy and silence which is felt by other foods in their stead. So don't every one. Standing at Market and be a slacker. Let other people know Twenty-fifth streets, I gazed across that you are with them in doing your the dome of the government building "bit." If you have no card in your win- and custom house. I saw a flag being pounds annually. If we did not econocase Friday morning when Smith went man, by innuendo insinuating that he dow, get one from the federal food administrator of your state. If you want and a strong breeze caught its folds it hampered little by the separation of will have enough left to feed flour to two men carry the body of Mrs. Neth-2,000,000 others, meats to 4,500,000 away to the spot where it was found cleared up by conviction of Charles ous feeling" do all the things your a black center. My companion said it The food administration does not puts fear in the heart of every Galvesally are complete, as they are at the food administration and eat four the food admin ministration wants you to have plenty September, 1900, and August, 1916. I, to eat, but you are asked not to eat all too, thought of those two destructive Smith's testimony was interrupted alone should be the penalty for the you want of those foods which we events and inquired the schedule of the Those two units are short technically can furnish in addition the equivalent frequently by objections and colloquies murder of Mrs. Nethaway, but urged must ship to our soldiers and the allies. Eat a little less wheat, meat, fats ed and, crossing the bay over the and sugar, and all you need of the causeway to the mainland, I felt the other foods. Patriotic people are cheer- effects of a strong breeze, which was fully making personal sacrifices in whipping the waters of the bay into a their eating. This is not the time for choppy, white-capped sea, the kind usually taken as an indication of rough weather. My last view of Galveston, as I passed rapidly north, was like that of a stern white sentinel keeping guard over the safety of that great

Into Houston that night and out

Until then I am correspondingly FRED C. WILLIAMS, yours. Traveling Representative of The

Monitor.

SOUTHERN COLLEGES TO GET HALF A MILLION DOLLARS

Cincinnati, Jan. 18.-In the general distribution of educational funds the Freedman's Aid society has appropriated \$500,000, to be expended between twenty-one Southern schools