

## South Side Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Gleaves of 2507 P street spent a few days visiting friends and relatives in St. Joseph last week.

Miss A. Barnes had her hand cut off while working at the Cudahy Packing company plant this week.

The Children's day program at the Allen chapel will be on June 16 at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Smith, mother of Mrs. Johnson of Thirtieth and V streets, died Sunday.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Alston are indisposed with whooping cough.

Philip Mitchell is slowly improving from his illness.

The Senior Stewardess board of Allen chapel is serving dinner to the men working on the church this week.

### THE RIVETERS

(To the Crew of Charles Knight, Champion Riveter.)

**N**ORTH from Europe's war-rent sky Above the din and battle cry, Came a million shouts from a million lips For ships and food and men and still more ships!

The babes of Belgium must not die— The submarine we must defy— We must oppose the Hun's advance And stanch the bleeding veins of big-souled France!

Black men responded to the cry, Black men who dare and do and die; They built the ships to aid the fight— A sable crew led by a sable Knight!

America's most loyal son Behind "the man behind the gun," With skillful hand and cheerful face, Built ships to save the men of another race.

They drove the rivets in the ships With awe a prayer upon their lips: "Help us, O God of war and fate, Anew to rivet our own ship of state!"

WILLIAM PICKENS, Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., May, 1918.

Lodge rooms at 24th and Charles streets. Vacant two nights each week. Persons wanting to rent same, call Allen Jones, rental agent, Webster 1100.

### BANK AWARDED FIRST PLACE IN LIBERTY BOND DRIVE

Portsmouth, Va.—The Mutual Savings bank has been awarded first place among the banks of the entire country in the recent Liberty loan drive by the treasury department. Based upon the institution's resources the loan officials gave \$5,700 as the amount to be raised in the campaign.

Under the clever leadership of Cashier J. S. Jones and through the organized effort of a determined citizenry, Portsmouth proudly reports that \$102,000, nearly twenty times the stipulated quota, was subscribed.

The official report follows: Cash bonds—Twenty-two \$50 bonds, \$1,100; nine \$100 bonds, \$900; total cash, \$2,000. Installment—Eighteen hundred and six \$50 bonds, \$90,300; eighty-eight \$100 bonds, \$8,800; two \$500 bonds, \$1,000; total installment, \$100,000.

Grand total: In subscribers, 1,925; in bonds, \$102,000.

### NURSES TO HOLD BIG MASS MEETING

New York.—Now that the New York public has been thoroughly acquainted with the fact that our nurses are not permitted to join the Red Cross society and go to France a nurses in the military hospitals, these young ladies have determined to wage a campaign for admission until the bars are let down, and they are accepted.

The meeting held recently at the Lafayette theater served as a starter of the campaign. Many of the big white dailies of New York commented on the incongruity of barring our nurses, trained and graduated and competent in every sense, yet sending out pleas for more Red Cross nurses.

A mass meeting is now being planned, to be held shortly, at which some prominent members of the women's suffrage party and others well known will speak.

### PEORIA HAS WOMAN ELEVATOR OPERATOR

Peoria, Ill.—Mrs. Fannie Banks is now employed as an elevator operator at Hagen, Ready & Co., one of the city's old establishments. She is the first woman in the city to be hired in this capacity.

Smoke John Ruskin 5c Cigar. Biggest and Best.—Adv.

## The Negro Problem North and South

**Southern People Group All Members of Race Under One Class and Regard Them All In the Light of Servants; Frederick Lynch in "The Christian Work" Presents the Two Variant Viewpoints.**

**D**URING the recent visit to Alabama and our attendance at the Southern Sociological Conference we took occasion to talk with the Southern people whom we met, on the problem of the relationship of the white and black races in our country. The wide variance between the attitude of the Southern white man and of the Northern white man toward the Negro was apparent the moment the conversation began. With the Southerner it is a race question; with the Northerner it is a question of individuals. It is this difference that makes it a problem in the South, while in the North it is no more of a problem than that of relationship with Japanese, Jews and a dozen other races that come into the Northern cities in large numbers.

It was very apparent in our talk with these Southern people whom we met that with the exception of a few of the intellectuals everybody invariably thought of all the Negroes together—university professors, ministers, editors, authors, men of large business and large farms were lumped together with the millions of Colored servants, laborers and housewives that form a black belt across the Southern states. Thirty years ago, when this educated, cultured and successful class did not exist, there was no problem comparable with that which exists now. Now there are thousands of these Negroes, many of them as sensitive and refined as the white people among whom they dwell. One can easily see how galling it is to these educated men and women to be invariably treated as "darkies" and "niggers," and to be rated with the thousands of uneducated servants and laborers because they happen to be black.

But this is the state of affairs and this is the attitude of the average Southerner. The most highly educated and refined Negro in the South if she be a woman must never be called "Mrs." We asked our friends what they did in the case of a Colored woman, say the head of a great school, perhaps with degrees of B. A., M. A. (several Colored women have been through our finest Northern colleges as well as through the excellent colleges for Colored girls in the South), who might be asked to address a community gathering where a white woman and she were to speak. He was puzzled for an answer, but finally replied by saying: "The presiding officer would probably give her full name; would say, 'Eugenia F. Brown will now speak.' He would not say 'Mrs. Brown.' When we told our friend that the presiding officer at the Sociological Congress had introduced Mrs. Booker T. Washington by that name, he said: 'It is unprecedented. I suppose it will have to come, but it will come hard.'

Another friend revealed the whole attitude when, talking on this question, he said: "Nobody in the South would think of taking off his hat to a Colored woman any more than you would think of taking off your hat to your cook." "But," we replied, "we would take off our hat to our cook in the North. We would do it instinctively to any woman we knew, whether our cook or whatever her color. We would take off our hat to Mrs. Booker T. Washington as instinctively as we would to Miss Jane Addams." We said also that we did not believe there was a man among the cultured men of the North who would not take off his hat to any woman he knew, regardless of any question but her being a woman. Our Southern friend could hardly believe us. "They are to us Southerners the servant race, and we cannot think of anybody among them otherwise." There is just the problem—they are all classed together. The educated, cultured Negro must remain socially with the whole race. More than that, he must submit to the same indignities—separate waiting rooms (generally quite filthy), separate sections of trains, not allowed in Pullman cars or dining cars, not allowed to attend fine concerts, operas and recitals of classical music, which he very likely loves; treated superciliously by white men often far inferior to him intellectually and otherwise—these and a hundred other things he has to submit to because he belongs to a certain race or is of a certain color. He is not rated for his work as an individual, he does not rank as a person, he is not recognized as are all other men for his character or his contribution to his time and place.

The attitude of the liberal and cultured Northerner is quite different. It is not a race problem with him at all. Of course certain phases of the race issue appears under occasional circumstances. Probably the expensive New York hotels would hesitate

to receive Negroes; yet Booker T. Washington spent several months every winter at one of the best known of them and we heard no comment on his presence there. We have seen him in the New York clubs and no one seemed to object to his presence. We understand that once or twice refined Colored people have had disagreeable experiences in the opera house and at the theater; but we have often seen them there and at other public gatherings, and apparently no one thought anything of it. One finds them in every church in New York on any Sunday and it is doubtful if any one thinks anything about it one way or the other. Of course white and black attend the same schools and the same colleges all over the North, and it was noticeable, when we were in college, that the students were rather proud of a Colored boy, son of a carpenter who worked on the college buildings. He stood very high in his class, and partly worked his way through college. In one of our greatest universities, when a Colored boy took high oratorical honors, winning one of the exhibitions, he was most enthusiastically applauded by his classmates.

The Northerner thinks of men according to their character and attainments, rather than associating them with a race. There was a time when the Northerner classed all Jews together. He now accords to his Jewish neighbor the recognition that his character and attainments deserve and such a man as Jacob Schiff, for instance, is as greatly beloved by Christians as by Jews because of his gentle soul and his devoted service of mankind. The same change has taken place in regard to the Negro. The Negro of character, culture and devotion to service receives recognition as a man. We have met such Negroes at the most exclusive social functions. The Republican Club of New York once had a Negro as its guest of honor at the annual Lincoln dinner; and his address on Lincoln was memorable among many remarkable orations given at these dinners.

The Negro is allowed his share in the government as he manifests fitness for it. When he excels in some art as was the case with Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Coleridge-Taylor and Mr. Tanner, he was encouraged on every side and invited to gatherings of artists, poets and musicians. We are not saying that racial prejudice does not exist in the North, but we think that the tendency among the best white people is to think of the Negro as a man rather than a member of a race. This is what we have all got to come to. There is no other way in a democracy. We claim to have entered the great war to give democracy to all peoples; we have got to accept it for ourselves. We were interested in noting while we were in the South that some Southern people were thinking of this very thing. Thousands of Negroes have volunteered, many thousands more are on their way. What are we going to do with these men when they come back? Does anyone think they are going to be content to be deprived of political, educational and social recognition? The encouraging thing is that the best people of both North and South are thinking of these things.

### COOPER'S HAWK (Accipiter cooperi)



Length, about fifteen inches. Medium sized, with long tail and short wings, and without the white patch on rump which is characteristic of the marsh hawk.

Range: Breeds throughout most of the United States and southern Canada; winters from the United States to Costa Rica.

Habits and economic status: The Cooper's hawk, or "blue darter," as it is familiarly known throughout the South, is pre-eminently a poultry and bird-eating species, and its destructiveness in this direction is surpassed only by that of its larger congener, the goshawk, which occasionally in autumn and winter enters the United States from the North in great numbers. The almost universal prejudice against birds of prey is largely due to the activities of these two birds, assisted by a third, the sharp-shinned hawk, which in habits and appearance might well pass for a small Cooper's hawk. These birds usually approach under cover and drop upon unsuspecting victims, making great inroads upon poultry yards and game coverts favorably situated for this style of hunting. Out of 123 stomachs examined, 38 contained the remains of mammals. Twenty-eight species of wild birds were identified in the above-mentioned material. This destructive hawk, together with its two near relatives, should be destroyed by every possible means.

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