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humorous garb in which he frequently clothes them. Wit, humor and pathos are skillfully employed in sending home his message.

His message for the race is patience and persistence in well-doing and for the white American the imperative duty of setting a high example in justice and righteousness. As a man of faith and vision naturally he is optimistic and believes that right will finally triumph.

We are glad that Colonel Simmons has come to our city and we hope that he may be blessed with length of days and strength to carry his message throughout the land.

GEORGIA'S MOBOCRATS

Georgia again comes to the fore with more cases of lynching. Yet no doubt those same elements that are behind the disgraceful anarchy that takes the law in its own hands prate about democracy and civilization. Such atrocious barbarism at such a time as this is doubly atrocious. It plays right into the hands of the Hun. It enables him to point with scorn at one of our states and say, 'You call me barbarian; look at what your own enlightened democrats do!' If these Georgian mobocrats want to do some lynching there are plenty of Boches 'over there' who will give them work to do. The sad part of it is that an entire state must bear the blame for the doings of a few. The matter is a simple one; either Georgia is part of the United States and as such gives all its citizens the right of trial, or else it is not a part of this country and has mentally, if not otherwise, seceded. We have here a mote in our own eye which should be removed at once.—The New Appeal.

THE UNIFYING INFLUENCE OF THE WAR

"In my own mind I am convinced that not a hundred years of peace could have knitted this nation together as this single year of war has knitted it together, and better even than that if possible, it is knitting the world together. Look at the picture: In the center of the scene four nations engaged against the world, and at every point of vantage showing that they are seeking selfish aggrandizement; and against them twenty-three governments representing the greater part of the population of the world, drawn together into a new sense of community of purpose, a new sense of unity of life." (From the President's Red Cross Speech.)

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Conspiracy

Conspiracy is a secret agreement between two or more dudes to raise something beside peace and quietude. At the present time there are more conspiracies to the square inch than ever before known to the history of human bipeds. The greatest conspiracy that was ever hatched was that of Kaiser Bill who, it seems, decided to wallop the world and make it call him daddy. When the fight first started, Bill shed tears as big as Heinz pickles, claiming that other nations hopped onto him because he was hard at work attending to his own business. Bill appeared to be hurt so badly that he had lots of folks believing in it. He got across fairly well with his briny alibi until one Count de Loudsky, Dutch diplomat, dropped his diary. Said diary said so much that Bill's nearest and dearest friends struck his name from their visiting lists. Bill called de Loudsky everything but a son of heaven and was progressing along fairly well as a declaimer, when the ex-boss of Krupp's gun factory spilled all the beans and the bacon too. He said that nobody wanted war in Germany excepting Bill and that Bill has been dissatisfied with peace ever since he drank two gallons of beer and ate three paprika schnitzels, thereby dreaming that he was Alex the Great, Rameses, Timour, Genghis Khan, Caesar, Attila and Napoleon, rolled into one. Immediately Bill began preparations to hang crepe on the door of human liberty and was so sure that he was going to hang it, that he ordered the crepe first. But he hasn't hung it yet and isn't likely to do so. For a while he gave the Allies fits and nightmares, but now the Allies are giving him cramps and colic. He wants to leggo, but he desent. He has begun to find out that dreams go by opposites and that beer and schnitzels are hard on the gastric mucosa as well as on the grey matter. Its dollars to doughnut holes that Bill will let conspiracy remain in the dictionary hereafter. That is the only safe place for it.

ROSCOE CONKLING SIMMONS.

The large audience which greeted Roscoe Conkling Simmons at the Auditorium Monday night was well repaid for its attendance. He is a most entertaining speaker with a message for the American people. He has a most effective way of driving home much needed truths, which lose none of their effectiveness because of the

THE AMERICAN'S DUTY.

The plain duty of noncombatant Americans briefly may be stated as follows:

Increase production, economize in consumption, lend your savings to the government, and hold your Liberty bonds.

A NEW DAILY FOR OMAHA

Edwin L. Huntley, a former Associated Press representative, is president of a company recently incorporated to publish a new daily paper in Omaha, and furnish plate matter to country newspapers. Mr. Huntley expects to begin publication within the next three months.

PICTURES WANTED FOR BOYS IN FRANCE

The Bureau of Publicity of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce invited the newspapers and commercial bodies of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota to furnish it with photos showing Liberty Loan, Red Cross, War Savings demonstrations, and like patriotic demonstrations. These pictures will be made into lantern slides and sent to France to be shown in the Y. M. C. A. huts, so that the boys at the front may see what their people at home are doing to back them up. With each photo should be furnished a short descriptive sketch, which may be incorporated in a lecture to accompany the slides.

NURSES WOUNDED BELGIANS



Mrs. James Hastings Snowden of New York, who is daily risking her life in nursing wounded Belgian soldiers at her hospital at Le Panne, only four miles from the actual battle line. Bombardments are an everyday occurrence at the hospital.

More Sensations.

There might be several more ground-glass sensations if a few girls should take a notion to consult an expert about the things that sparkle on their engagement fingers. — Indianapolis News.

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.

PRESS CONVENTION

The newspaper men of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota will meet in Omaha June 20-22. There will be addresses by Mayor Smith, Gurdon W. Wattles, state food administrator, and John W. Gamble, chairman of the executive committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Inasmuch as many newspaper men and their wives take their annual vacation at this period, many entertainment features have been provided.

THE QUESTION STILL UNANSWERED

COLORED Americans are deservedly dissatisfied with the temporizing and vacillating policy of the government towards their employment in certain war activities. This is most noticeable, perhaps, in the case of physicians and nurses; certainly of the latter. Up to the present time, despite the fact that 157,000 Colored troops have been called to the colors, and the country is being combed for nurses and an appeal sent out for 25,000 nurses, no Colored nurses have been accepted. Their qualifications for nursing are unquestioned. Influential Southern newspapers, like the Louisville Courier-Journal, has called attention to the fact that Colored nurses are most skillful and are regarded with especial favor because of their skill throughout the South, and express amazement that there is such an apparent indisposition to call them into war service.

In obedience to a request, The Monitor gladly publishes elsewhere in this issue an official communication from Washington in which it is stated that the Red Cross does not discriminate in its treatment of soldiers, but ministers to all alike. This fact has never been disputed, so far as we know. But it still leaves the main question unanswered: WHY ARE NOT COLORED RED CROSS NURSES EMPLOYED?

If white Red Cross nurses minister to all soldiers alike irrespective of their color, race or nationality, and that is the only proper thing to do, why should not Colored Red Cross nurses be called to the same gracious service and ministry and be given like opportunity of serving all soldiers in need? The letter to Emmett J. Scott does not answer this vital question.

It is stated that "the War Department has under consideration the employment of Colored Red Cross nurses." We have been told the same thing for several months now. White nurses have been employed and appeal after appeal has gone forth for "more nurses," "more nurses" and yet "more nurses," and yet with hundreds of well-trained, well-educated Colored nurses volunteering their services, they are becoming very weary with the oft-repeated refrain, "We are not using Colored Red Cross nurses YET!"

WHY NOT? Simply because of our narrow-browed provincialism, unknown in any other country of respectability on the globe, on the color question. This explains the vacillating and temporizing policy on this and other questions where Colored Americans are concerned, and with which they are not satisfied.

If it be true that the Red Cross does not discriminate in its ministrations to soldiers and we believe that it is true, then stop temporizing and discriminating in the employment of nurses.

This question looms large and still remains unanswered: WHY ARE NOT COLORED NURSES ACCEPTED FOR RED CROSS SERVICE?

A SUGGESTION, MR. M'ADOO.

The Pullman Company has recently made an appeal to the colleges of the country to help them supply a shortage of conductors by inducing students to apply for these positions during the vacation period. It was stated that Columbia university had been asked to supply four hundred students, white, of course, for these positions.

Now, here is our suggestion, Mr. McAdoo: Why would it not be a good idea for you as Director General of the federalized roads to order the Pullman company to make each porter

his own conductor and place him in full charge of his own car? On some roads, like the Canadian Pacific, porters have been and we believe are still so employed with entire satisfaction, to the company and the traveling public. Many years ago, in the days of our youth, we had a brother-in-law who served in this way on the Michigan Central running out of Detroit. So the thing is thoroughly practicable.

These conductor-porters could make out their reports in triplicate, turning one over to the train conductor or auditor, one to the district and the other to the home superintendent.

Such a plan would conserve man power and raise the standard and salary of the porter, giving him living wages. As it is now, the Pullman company pays its conductors and makes the traveling public, through the nefarious and degrading tipping system, pay the porter. The proposed plan would be economical and efficient. Many of the men serving now as porters are men of good education. Why, then, use college students, temporarily, when trusted, experienced and capable employees are available for this very work.

This is merely a suggestion, Mr. McAdoo. What do you think about it?

WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME

Much has been written of the possible benefits that will accrue to the race because of this war and much more along the same line is yet to be written. All will agree that our race has been benefitted and that the benefits have not yet ceased. There is one phase, however, that has not been touched upon and perhaps the most important phase of all. It is the phase that will have to deal with the morale of our boys who have gone to the front. The most of them come from the far south and were inured to the injustice, prejudice and crime of the white man of the south. Today they are taking part in the Great Adventure and fighting alongside of the men who have despised them. They are eating the same food, wearing the same uniform and trained to use the same kinds of weapons. What more, they are fighting white men face to face, and to fight, to be brave, to win and to become heroes is as much a part of their mind as to the minds of all other Americans. Will they shed this combant spirit when they come marching home? Will they ever again become the cowards to cringe and bow to those who have so long abused them? Imbibing the spirit of real liberty from the limpid fountains of France, will they ever again submit to the idea of the white man's south? Never.

Our race has appealed again and again to the nation to right its wrongs, but the nation seems forever deaf. Yet out of this very war for human liberty is coming forth a spirit that shall frighten it to its very soul. It would be the part of wisdom to take time by the forelock and put's one's house in order. The old order changes. If it be that liberty shall write a new name for itself upon the stary scroll of ages, the hand of the black man must help guide the pen. If that guidance is not granted willingly, it shall be demanded militantly. The Colored race will not shed its blood without recompense and the recompense that shall be demanded is a new south.

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THE OBJECT
To present to the U. S. Congress and the National Government the claim of Colored Americans to share in the World Democracy, and to seek guarantees of abolition of civil and political disabilities.

DELEGATES
Every Colored American in accord with THE OBJECT is eligible. Colored churches and fraternal, civic, business, literary and other organizations are invited to send special delegates.

ESPECIALLY are citizens, ministers and laymen urged to form a Liberty and Equal Rights Committee, to send delegates through mass meetings or city elections. Delegate fee, one dollar.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Address Maurice W. Spencer, Chairman Local Committee of Arrangements, 1605 Thirteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C., or Rev. W. C. Brown, Chairman Entertainment Committee, Pastor John Wesley Church.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
Further information can be secured from Rev. A. C. Powell, President, 227 W. 136th St., New York City, or from the National Executive Headquarters, 34 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

Send donations for expenses of convention to Rev. D. S. Klugh, Treasurer. Send officers of Liberty Committees and names of Delegates to Wm. Monroe Trotter, Exec. Secretary; for speaking dates address Prof. Allen W. Whaley, National Organizer, 34 Cornhill, Boston.

LEST WE FORGET
Colored Americans are the only race-group in any country fighting Germany who are now proscribed. They are the only race-group which has not made united and formal demand for full rights. "Ask and it shall be given unto you," saith the Scriptures.
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