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## Cheering Crowds Send Off Draftees

Patriotic Omahans Give Selectmen Customary Ovation as They Start on the First Lap of Their Journey Towards Berlin.

### U. S. BEHIND HER SOLDIERS

Mayor Smith Eloquently Urges Men So to Conduct Themselves That Their Bravery Will Become Historic.

NEARLY one hundred Omaha boys left last Sunday morning for Camp Lewis, Washington. A cheering, patriotic crowd accompanied them to the depot, following the usual brief, but hearty and soul-stirring program at the Douglas county court house. There were the customary patriotic airs by the band and that means Desdunes' band; a song by the old soldiers' quartette; two addresses, one by a clergyman and one by the mayor.

The Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor of Zion Baptist church, was at his best in the splendid address he gave to the draftees. He emphasized the fact that the men who were answering their country's call were highly honored in being privileged to help free the world from autocracy. America was in the war not because she sought it, but because in God's plan for the liberation of the world she could not possibly stay out. The war is going to bring incalculable good to the world and in that universal good all races of men are to share and none more than our own. "Back of you on the firing line," said the speaker, "stand praying fathers and mothers; twelve million black people and ninety million white people, a solid phalanx are behind you trusting in the God of battles because their cause is just, and with such a power as that there can only be one outcome of this war. We are going to watch you go over the top, across the Rhine and into Berlin."

Mayor Smith has never spoken with more earnestness and feeling than he did on Sunday morning. He said in part:

"The city of Omaha has sent me to bid you Godspeed as we send you forth, as a part of the flower of our manhood, to win this fight for liberty for the world. Lincoln said, 'This country cannot exist half free and half slave,' and America is now engaged in maintaining this same principle for the world, saying that the world cannot exist half free and half slave. It is to maintain this principle that we are fighting the Hun who would enslave the world. It is for this that Nebraska has sent over 40,000 of the flower of her young manhood. It is for this that you are going.

"I know what it means for fathers and mothers to send their boys. My son is over there and I am proud that you and he and the thousands of our Nebraska boys and Omaha boys will be fighting side by side. We are proud of all the boys who are going. We want you to so conduct yourselves that when the record of the war is written it can be truthfully said that among the bravest and the best of the American troops were the Colored boys and the white boys from Omaha. And so we bid you good-by and give you a return ticket from Omaha to Berlin."

Comfort kits and other gifts were presented to the men at the station. A delegation of Colored women presented each of the boys with flowers. As the train pulled out with its cheering crowd the band played "Over There" and could Herr Kaiser have heard the cheers he would realize that "the Yanks are coming" and it soon will all be over over there.

Transportation in Hankow. Within foreign concessions of Hankow there are 2,357 licensed jinrikshas, 67 public carriages and 83 private motor cars.

### TO OUR READERS

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## Great National Baptist Convention

Ten Thousand Delegates Awaken St. Louis to Enthusiasm; Monitor Representative Witnesses Great Occasion; Roscoe Conkling Simmons and Other Orators Thrill Vast Audience

ST. LOUIS awakened Tuesday, September 3, to find its streets filled with strangers, intelligent and enthu-

siastic delegates to the thirty-eighth annual session of the National Baptist convention, held at the Coliseum, corner Jefferson and Washington avenues. It was a big event, big for the race and big for the nation. It was a testimonial of the race's consciousness of its own power and of its devoted patriotism to the great cause which now holds the hearts of all the world's liberty-loving peoples.

The program opened with the immense throng singing, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," after which Dr. P. W. Dunavant gave the invocation. Then the wonderfully trained chorus sang,

"O Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and thrilled the mighty crowd to patriotic enthusiasm. Dr. H. H. Harris was master of ceremonies and after a few brilliant remarks Dr. J. Francis Robinson delivered a remarkable address. Several other numbers afforded much entertainment and presaged the great patriotic address delivered in the evening by Dr. C. T. Walker, the black Spurgeon. Dr. Walker's address was a wonderful piece of oratory and left no doubt or haziness respecting the course to be followed by the millions of Colored Americans. Wednesday was spent in welcoming

addresses by the governor, mayor and other dignitaries. Thursday was largely taken up with reports of various committees and boards. Reports continued on into Friday, but in the evening the crowds packed every available inch of space to listen to Hon. Roscoe Conkling Simmons, the great Negro orator. Mr. Simmons, as is his custom, held the vast audience spellbound for more than two hours. The orator attested his faith and constancy to the purpose of the great convention by quoting his famous, "I'm a Baptist bred and a Baptist born, and when I'm dead there'll be a Baptist gone."

## Midnight Ramble, Boosters' Club, St. Louis



SATURDAY night, August 31, I was in St. Louis and as I turned east into Market out of Jefferson avenue my ears were greeted by a dull roar that quickly told me of the mingling of many voices, the gathering of a crowd. I stopped and asked a question, "What is it?" The answer came, "Oh, just the crowd gathering for the midnight ramble." And then I remembered that tonight was the night that the Boosters, an organization of business and professional men of the city of St. Louis, had gathered together all of the talent of the city at the Booker Washington theater to entertain the public at 35 cents per head for the benefit of the National Bundy Defense league. And so well had the preliminary plans and advertising methods of the Boosters' publicity department, of which Mr. Charles Turpin, the owner and manager of the Booker Washington theater, is the head, been carried out that the streets for a block each way were filled with

people as early as 10 p. m., awaiting their opportunity to enter and prove their loyalty to that champion of human rights, Dr. Leroy Bundy.

At exactly midnight the curtain rose for the opening act, which was greeted by a house crowded to the rafters, filled to overflowing, with equally as many more in the streets outside who failed to gain admittance. The program was a long but entertaining one. Crittenden Clark, well known lawyer and president of the Boosters' organization, welcomed the crowd and thanked them for their demonstrations of appreciation. Then he introduced Dr. Leroy Bundy, who in a short and telling speech told the people that he was trying to measure up to their standard of approval, and the one thing that he wished them to remember, that when he faced the charges that were filed against him in the Monroe county court at Waterloo, Ill., on Tuesday next, that as a member of his race he was no coward

and that if he was martyred in the cause of human rights he hoped his race would "profit by the sacrifice."

A word here about the Boosters. As I said before, they are an organization of the business and professional men of St. Louis, who are willing and ready at all times to promote the interests of the race in that community. Charles A. Mills is the central figure and "king of the Boosters." He is of that aggressive type who never quits on the job. Mr. Mills was formerly messenger of the Lincoln Trust company for eleven years in that city. Later he became an amusement promoter, being the owner and manager of the famous Black Giants of St. Louis. He still promotes an amusement park at Compton and Lawton avenues, but that is only a side line. His real business is manager of a distributing depot for a large brewing corporation, which cares for big family trade. Mr. Mills is equal to the task of holding his own with the other

managers of this same concern. His friends say that he is something of a power in politics, but when I found him busy at his desk on the second floor of his place of business at Compton and Lawton, he greeted me in his cheery manner and invited me to a seat with "I shall see you in a moment." After checking up his business with his several assistants, he suddenly turned to me and said, "Well, old man, what can I do for you?" My first direct question was, "What about politics?" For you know St. Louis has a big campaign on this fall, with one Colored candidate, Charles P. Turpin, for constable, and probably another in the person of Homer Phillips, lawyer, for justice of the peace, running independently.

"Well, I'm not in it, but one thing sure, I am going to stand by the party that will do the most for my people in general and do everything for my two friends, Turpin and Phillips." FRED C. WILLIAMS.

## Nurses Threaten Walk Out

Object to Colored Women Being Trained at County Hospital—Nurses Say Question Must Be Settled Now.

### CHAIRMAN HAMILTON'S STAND

"We Are Waging War for Democracy, for the Principle That All Men Are Created Equal—Colored Men Are Laying Down Their Lives in France for Our Protection, and It Would Be Undemocratic to Deny Them Equal Opportunity in This Field."

(Los Angeles Times, Aug. 15.)

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—If Colored women are admitted to the training school for nurses at the county hospital it may result in a general walkout of practically all the white women nurses and internes. It was stated today that an agreement had been signed by about 120 nurses and doctors now employed at the institution to refuse to work if Colored women are admitted to the school. The next contingent of applicants for nurses will enter the school Thursday.

Recently the supervisors, at the request of a Colored attorney, agreed to let down the bars and permit Colored women to enter the training school. Two Colored women were declared to have since applied for admittance and were believed to be on the list of those who will enter this week.

It was contended that, because of the crowded conditions of sleeping quarters for employees, it would be necessary for the white and Colored women to occupy the same rooms, and this was objected to by many of the white nurses. It was also stated that in case the Colored women qualified as nurses they would be placed in charge of a large number of white students under existing systems.

Chairman Hamilton of the board of supervisors made the following statement:

"I believe that on taking second thought, those who have signed the agreement to quit work if Colored nurses are admitted to the hospital will reconsider their action and loyally remain at their posts of duty.

"We are waging a war for democracy—for the principle that all men are created equal. Colored men are laying down their lives in France for the protection of our homes, our women and our children.

"There is a crying need for nurses, both at home and abroad. Our high schools are graduating numbers of Colored girls who are in every way fitted for this self-sacrifice service.

"It would be undemocratic and unpatriotic, not to say unchristian, to deny them equality of opportunity in this field.

"I am sure our nurses will see their duty and do it in kindly spirit. The board of supervisors would be recreant to its obligations to the country if it would yield to this demand."

A committee of nurses met with the supervisors to consider the question. It was pointed out that Colored people of Los Angeles pay \$1,000,000 in taxes. It was also suggested that a section of the hospital be set aside for Colored nurses. This suggestion proved unpracticable, because patients are divided according to diseases, and it would be necessary to build a new hospital to put this plan into effect.

### Interesting Discovery.

The Roman occupation of England was recalled by a discovery made a few days ago at Stalbridge, Dorset. Working in his garden, a man dug up a skeleton. Examining it he found it to be in a perfect state of preservation, the teeth being quite sound. In the mouth was a coin bearing the inscription of Caesar Augustus.

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