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A WORLD-WIDE RACE

THE MONITOR announces with pleasure that we are to have a correspondent in Demerara, British Guiana, in the person of Mr. G. McL. Ogle, who will from time to time send us interesting articles from that distant section of the British Empire. Thus gradually this publication is securing a staff of competent correspondents in all parts of the civilized world inhabited by the Negro race, which is practically ubiquitous. It is not generally known how widely distributed are the people of African blood and descent, nor what a tremendous influence they have exercised upon civilization, are still exerting and will more extensively apply in the future. Our vision is largely limited to the members of our race in the United States and we know nothing of the thoughts, aspirations and activities of the hundreds of millions who are outside our borders and in other sections of the world. We need to be brought into mental, if not physical, contact with these.

This The Monitor with its growing staff of correspondents plans to do. The advantages of this are readily apparent. It will broaden our outlook, and we all need broadening; increase our knowledge and catholicize or internationalize our sympathies. It will enable us to appreciate the fact that throughout the world there are thousands of men and women of keen minds and well trained intellects and high moral ideals facing, fighting and working out the same perplexing human problems that we are facing here; all working together, though sundered far by physical bounds and unknown to each other, for the ultimate triumph of righteousness, justice and truth.

The Negro race in America numbers, so far as known, approximately 12,000,000; throughout the world it numbers nearly 400,000,000, or one-fourth of the entire population of the world. We in this country are therefore a mere handful as compared with the world population of our race. Throughout the world this virile race is thinking, stirring, moving playing the part that God has planned for it to fulfill in the great world movements which are making for the ultimate goal of civilization through which He is working out His purposes for the weel of all mankind. For He plays no favorites with either individuals, races or nations.

We should recognize the fact that ethnically we belong to a world-wide race.

A WORLD PROBLEM

TO our office last week came a new journal, The African Telegraph, one of the finest examples of race journalism we have seen either in this country or any other. We scanned its 44 pages carefully and more than once we saw blue and felt like going out into the open air and cooling off. It is the first paper to come to our hands that gives us some of the real inside information as to how the African soldier was treated in England and how the native Africans are treated at home. From what we read and from the pictures we saw, Germany didn't have the exclusive corner on cruelty to colonials. England, too, is permitting some things to pass that makes one's blood boil and to wish that some power would come to chasten her for her short comings.

The more we read the more we become convinced that the race problem is a world problem and that any attempt to narrow it to national limits is unwise and foolish. The white man is the same the world over and the black man is the same the world over and the wrongs we suffer in this country do not differ in degree, but only in kind. There must come forth a welding together of the dark races for their own protection and for their own future. The time is coming when these races must arise in self defense and the question now is whether they shall rise singly and be annihilated, or rise en masse and bring their oppressors to time.

ROOSEVELT ON THE SCREEN

HARDLY had the breath passed out of the body of the late lamented Roosevelt, than the movies brought out of the life of Roosevelt upon the screen. It is a stirring

picture and worthy the memory of the man, but even here the authors of the production have seen fit to abuse the truth in order that their own prejudices may support the false. In the scene where the Rough Riders assault and finally capture San Juan hill, the Negro soldier is conspicuous by his absence. We say "conspicuous" because it is now a national memory of how the Negro soldiers came to the rescue of Roosevelt and his Rough Riders and saved them, but not even a hint of this on the screen.

ROCKEFELLER'S 10 PRINCIPLES

WE want to call the attention of our readers to the article appearing elsewhere on Rockefeller's Labor Creed. It is a most enlightening bit of literature and very impressive from the fact that it comes from the son of one of the world's richest men. It is especially of interest to the race, since so many million race people go to make up the sum total of labor. We sincerely hope that Mr. Rockefeller's ten principles will be soberly considered, because it is the wisest solution that has ever been offered for the settlement of the portentous shadow that looms above America and would throttle her.

ALAS! ALACK! IT IS NOT TRUE

THE TRIBUNE of Georgetown, British Guiana, is laboring under the impression that President Wilson took "a Colored American to the peace conference as adviser on questions affecting the Negro and his offspring." Alas! Alack! It is not true. It shows how distance lends enchantment to the view. Wilson has about as much respect for the opinion and advice of a Colored American on any question as a high caste Brahman has for that of a slave. Major Moton was sent to France to advise the Colored soldiers how to deport themselves upon their return to the United States, so we in this country have been advised. The reports that have reached us from Europe are to the effect that Major Moton carried out this program. But "as adviser on questions affecting the Negro and his offspring," President Wilson needs no advice—in his own over-weening, omniscient self opinion—for does he not hail from that section of the country, Virginia, sah! and the oligarchic south, where they know all about "the niggah, sah"?

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

ACROSS the length and breadth of the world has been heralded news that the peace conference has accomplished its first great task and that the league of nations has emerged from tepid idealism and become material fact. President Wilson has requested congress not to discuss the plan until he returns to America and it would likewise be unbecoming the press of the country to take issue with any of its provisions until the chief executive explains them and makes the reasons for their adoption clear.

At this time The Monitor has little to say, but will treat the subject thoroughly at the appointed time. We are glad that the league has been formed and we sincerely hope that it becomes effective to the end for which it is formed. But being somewhat familiar with diplomatic history, we feel that only the future will decide how far the league will be able to maintain world peace.

RICHMOND PLANET CARTOONS

FOR several months the Richmond Planet has been running a series of very commendable cartoons from the pen of George H. Johnson. They are generally historical and the tendency is to awaken the Negro to the part his race has played in the world. Last week the cartoon was entitled, "The Black Builder," and referred to Cecrops, the legendary builder of the citadel of Athens.

We congratulate the Planet upon this new feature and regret that these excellent drawings are not more widely used. The Negro race has played a most wonderful part in the building of civilization and built not only Athens, but the civilization of Africa, Asia and Southern Europe. The use of pictures is a most interesting medium for the presentation of these facts and the artist has shown himself an adept in drawing. It would not be out of place here to remark

that if Mr. Johnson would try oil or crayon work along with these conceptions, he would undoubtedly produce canvasses that would eventually find a place in the realm of American art.

SOME LOCAL NEEDS

OMAHA needs sadly such social service institutions for the uplifting of our special social group as the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. We have no institutions of this kind and they are needed. It is all well enough for our over pious people to condemn public pool halls and similar places of recreation and amusement, which, of course, have attendant evils, but meet a need in the recreational life for which no other provision has been made. Let us get busy and make some provision for the recreational life of our boys and girls by establishing such institutions as will meet this need.

A WORD TO THE COMMISSIONERS

GENTLEMEN, how long are you going to permit Omaha to be disgraced by tolerating such a rubbish heap as that to be found on Twenty-first street between Nicholas and Paul? A fire last May demonstrated that this place is not only unsightly but a menace to the safety of the city. Clean it up and put a public playground there; but at all events clean it up.

Obvious Observations

IT used to be that the weather man could tell you 48 hours ahead of time when a blizzard was going to hit you broadside. Now he has it down to two hours. Is this improvement or not?

Japan brought up the question of racial discrimination to the proposed league, but they squelched her. Never mind, she will bring it up again. Just you watch Japan.

Race journalism in America thinks it is some pumpkins, but there are some African journals that make us look like a pair of deuces against a royal flush.

How long will European peace last? Sh!

A local daily said last week that two months ago President Wilson could have been elected president of France, but now that he couldn't be elected a French justice of the peace. Wow! That's no way to talk about Woody. Where's the censor?

Where the dickens does the wind stay when it doesn't blow? Your turn to answer first, Claudette.

The subscription editor has got his ax up and I think it's going to drop. The folks way over in British Guiana want to read The Monitor. Maybe that isn't going some.

Yes, Bertie, The Monitor has now the largest and finest staff of any Negro newspaper in the old U. S. A. Ain't that going some?

So far we haven't heard of a single black I. W. W. Have you? Have you seen that picture yet, A Colored Gentleman?

We would sooner miss dinner than miss Desdunes' band concert and we claim that's going some.

Thanking you kindly for your apt attention, we will now address some harsh and cruel words to this here radiator.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

The Furnace

THE furnace is a sheet iron bucket on a huge scale that has an endless capacity for coal and a limited energy for the distribution of heat. A furnace is the most temperamental thing known to humanity. It has more notions in its noodle than the contrariest female who ever danced in a pair of number tens. When it is real cold the furnace ignores the fact, no matter how much you coax it and tamper with its furniture, and when the sun is shining and showing off how much heat it can give on a January day, the furnace somehow feels that it is under an obligation to do the same thing, no matter how much you let it alone or how little fuel you feed it. Philosophers have spent their lives throughout the ages studying with the innumerable shacks in man that don't amount to three continental whoops, when they could have spent said time studying the furnace and reached some conclusions that would have helped the race throughout that space which has a habit of getting really cold during the period called winter. There are a million furnaces advertised upon the market, and a billion books telling how they act and so forth, but after they get into the cellar they all act the same way. With everyone of them you get a nifty set of directions what to do, when to do it and how to do it, but it appears that a furnace doesn't care anything about directions. It does to suit itself and generally it never suits you and itself at the same time. We hope that there is some wild eyed genius in the world who is trying to invent a furnace that will heat up when its

cold and cool off when its warm, and if he succeeds, John D. won't be in it with him when it comes to loading the sectional bookcases up with bank books.

SEES DANGER IN AFRICAN MILITARY TRAINING

REFERRING to an article published last April in the "Munchener Neueste Nachrichten," by Friedrich Hupfeld, a director of the German Togoland company, in which the following appeared:

"German possessions should stretch right through from the Indian ocean to the Atlantic, in which there must be a general recruitment of black people in order to establish a military equilibrium."

Leopold Grahame, a South African journalist, makes the following comment in the New York Tribune:

"The implication contained in this suggestion of a 'military equilibrium' was evidently designed to convey the impression that the recruiting of black people is practiced in the African colonies of the other powers, which, of course, is the very reverse of the truth. In British South Africa there is not a single trained or professional native soldier, nor is there ever likely to be when it is remembered that the black population is in the ratio of about 7 to 1 white. Thus, the creation of native soldiery would be a standing menace to the white inhabitants of the country, and during the Boer war both the British and the Boers studiously avoided bringing natives into the conflict."

ALL CHICAGO SHOULD DO HONOR TO GALLANT EIGHTH WHEN IT COMES HOME

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They are the First Illinois Regiment that was actually in the fighting to come back to the city as a body. And, true to the characteristic good nature of the race, they are coming back as they went away—without a whimper or without a complaint.

Out in that section of the South Side where most of them live they are preparing for them a reception that will outdo the welcome that our fighting men received in France. Some of their relatives have been saving ever since they went away to make the homecoming all that money can provide.

But these men went out to fight for the white race. They went over to help France and Belgium.

And when they come back not only their own people, but all of Chicago should go out to them honor. They have added a bright chapter to the history of Illinois at arms, and they deserve all the honors that a grateful city and state can give them.

Furthermore, their people have a proud record while they were away. Not a man of their color went to an internment camp for disloyalty. Not a man or woman of their race gave the government any trouble during the period of the war.

They are hard working people, who earn their bread in the sweat of their brow, and out of their small earnings did their share in Liberty Loan, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other drives. Their war record as a race is enviable.

Their soldiers went out to fight the fight of men; they died the death of heroes; they were Americans to the core.

They proved themselves and Chicago should show its pride and appreciation as they pass by.—The Chicago American.

ENGLISH JURY ASKS CLEMENCY FOR NEGRO

London, England.—(Special to The Monitor).—"Manslaughter, but the majority of us think the blow was given under provocation," was the verdict rendered in the trial of Private John Monroe for the murder of Allen MacDonald, a white private in the Canadian forestry corps.

The trial brought out the fact that a black private named John Albert had been called "nigger" by MacDonald, and when the former resented the epithet, was knocked down. At this point Private Monroe walked up and asked MacDonald why he had hit Albert, and when MacDonald replied with an abusive term, Monroe knocked him down. When MacDonald was picked up he was dead.

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