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A NEW INTEREST IN LIBERIA

DR. N. H. B. CASSELL, president of the University of Liberia, is in the United States for the purpose of securing financial aid for Liberia's education work. Hampton Institute has taken the lead in not only calling upon the race to give aid, but encouraging the emigration of our people to Liberia. It is our hope and desire that American Negroes give liberally to this cause and help this little nation so far across the seas. She needs help. In the war Liberia cast her lot with the allies and thereby lost much of her trade. She is in desperate straits, but the prospects are that the United States will lend her sufficient money to tide her over this period of stringency. Her country is a rich one and its very richness has made it an object of desire to many of the European nations.

Some have said that Liberia is not a success as a government, but those only say it who are ignorant of her history. When one considers the many difficulties which Liberia has been forced to overcome, the aggressions of England, France and Germany, and the inadequate facilities for developing her latent wealth, Liberia can be but considered nothing but a success. It is now the turn of the American Negroes to show their interest in Liberia and we hope that they respond cheerfully in aiding Dr. Cassell in his work. It is a deserving one and one that should awaken the pride of every race loving man and woman.

LEARN TO THINK BLACK

IN a recent article submitted to The Monitor by a man of many years experience as a teacher, we quote these words: "If under present conditions the Negro has more regard for the white race than his own, is it not because he has been taught to think white? In my school experience I have taught from dozens of readers from the primer to the eighth grade, and in all these, not a line have I found from a Negro author or a word relating a commendable Negro deed. Are we to sit supinely by and permit this teaching to go on without raising our voices in dissent? If so, then let us not complain because our youth prefer peroxide soaps and cosmetics."

There is much in these words to cause us to stop and consider. In the school room the mind of youth is moulded and there is no doubting the truth that the mould today is the white man's mould. We must get away from it if we are to become a real factor in the world. We must learn to think black. We must change the factors of our mental life and make the final equation black instead of white. If it cannot be effected in the school room, then it must be perfected in the home. Our children MUST KNOW and it is incumbent upon the parents that they SHALL KNOW. In the columns of The Monitor is a small list of racial books, cheap in price, that will give the facts and we insist that race men and women who care should have them, should read them and should disseminate the truths they contain. We must learn to think black and until we do, we are but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

THE BOLSHEVIKI.

THE terror of bolshevism is starting Europe. Russia has long since fallen to its sway, it is rife in Germany, Hungary has fallen into its clutches, and reports are that it has crept into the French army. Egypt has rebelled and Arabia is growing restless. The press claims that the doctrines are being preached in England, North America and South America. What does it mean?

To our mind it means that the masses are determined that liberty shall become a real thing and not a dream. It is not to be gainsaid that the craze for wealth brought about the war and justified it. Wealth declared that the war was for human liberty. Then when wealth saw that the masses of mankind were taking the word too literally, it called a halt and ended the war. But already the war that real liberty may reign. This is the had gone too long. The masses were not satisfied and so today they are warring against capitalism to the end real liberty may reign. This is the real truth of the bolsheviki movement. The press of this country may howl, condemn, misrepresent, and falsely report, but it is only the money power

speaking through the press. If bolshevism has become a Frankenstein, it is the money power that has created it and it is now reaping the reward of its baseness. So far it little concerns us as a people. The fight is among the whites themselves and we are content to let it remain there.

CO-OPERATION IN PUTTING OVER WORTHY ENTERPRISES

THERE are several noteworthy big enterprises calling for co-operation upon the part of our people to put them "over the top." Among these may be mentioned the campaign to raise \$20,000 to complete Zion Baptist church, which will be a credit to our citizens; and a campaign soon to be launched for \$25,000 for a much needed Y. M. C. A. Allen Chapel A. M. E. church, South Side, wants \$5,000 for needed improvements on its and can be speedily accomplished by hearty co-operation upon the part of all citizens.

And Paul. These perhaps are the most immediate enterprises calling for financial drives. They are all worthy church building. The Rev. John Costello of Pleasant Green Baptist church wants \$1,200 to wipe out the indebtedness on his church at Twenty-second. This, however, should be done, by all organizations appealing to the pub-

lic for subscriptions. A careful and complete accounting for all monies received and expended should be published, so that the public may know that their contributions either large or small have been expended for the objects designated. Accounts should be audited and reported. This will inspire confidence and make the public more willing to respond.

Let all our citizens co-operate cheerfully and willingly in putting over praiseworthy enterprises of all kinds in the community, and in justice to all concerned, let there be, too, an honest and complete accounting for all monies so contributed.

SKITS OF SOLOMON The Peace Conference

The peace conference of Paris is an international consolidation of agitated opinion. When the German nation yelled "Kamerad!" and decided to decorate the terms of the armistice with its John Henry, fourteen points were jabbing her in the ribs. Now there are fourteen thousand. Every nation from Hingland to the two-by-fours unknown to history and geography, are demanding everything that Germany ever had or will have in the next million years. If the double headed eagle of the Rhine has any feathers, flesh or bones, left when the allies and neutrals get through, it will be because they don't like gizzards and livers. The thing which makes the world hot under the necktie is that nobody knows what is going on at the peace conference except the delegates and the furniture. When the allies scored the knockout, it was understood that there would be no stacked cards or diplomatic sleight of hand, but now it is different. If a delegate breathes a word concerning the collective tabasco tempest, he is presented with a pair of steel earmuffs and opaque glasses and shown to a seat in the gallery. The leaders continue to clamor for action, but from all accounts the lower maxil-

laries of the delegates are the only things getting any of it. Meanwhile Germany and her immediate friends are getting nervous and making the allies nervous too. The League of Nations is sliding down a greased trail and the conference wants to hurry through a treaty so that they can hand the Bolsheviki a hot one. All in all, the peace conference is becoming a huge joke.

Obvious Observations

WE are glad to be able to say that spring has at last arrived with both little tootsies on the ground. We all want to go to Liberia, but we want Liberia to be ready for us when we get there.

Simonds says that the peace conference will become the greatest fizzle of modern times. England got what she wanted and is letting the rest hustle for themselves.

Have you planted your lettuce and radishes yet? Housecleaning is now in order. Also the semi-annual bath.

We thank the many friends who are paying up their subscriptions and want the others to hurry up and find our office. Our collector can't get to everyone at once.

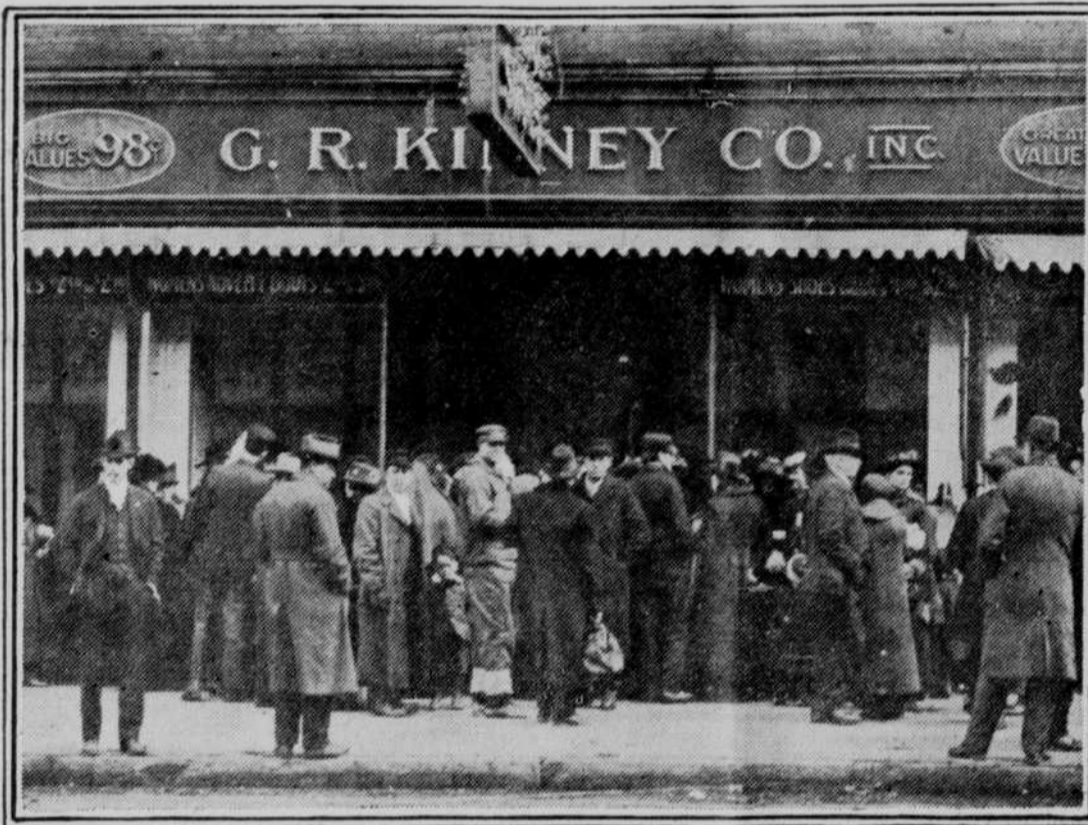
The Bolsheviki are busy in Europe and are keeping the big nations jumping sidewise.

The boys in the aviation corps raised the red flag down in Texas and said if they weren't discharged, there would be something doing. Yesterday they were discharged.

A job for every returned soldier hasn't panned out and the soldiers are growing nervous.

When will the H. C. L. take another tumble?

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