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FOR anything worth having, one must pay the price, and the price is always work, patience, love, self-sacrifice—no paper currency, no promises to pay, but the gold of real service.—John Burrows.

REPREHENSIBLE

THE MONITOR protests against the reprehensible conduct of Colonel Allen G. Greer, chief of staff of the Ninety-second division, in writing a letter to United States Senator Kenneth McKellar, under date of December 6, 1918, opposing the appointment of Colored officers in the reorganized regular army. His letter libels the Negro race and is unworthy the pen of any man who has the first instincts of a gentleman. Speaking of the Colored officers in his division he writes: "Accuracy and ability to describe facts is lacking in all and most of them are just plain liars in addition."

This is a sample of the false, exaggerated and misleading statements in which this letter abounds, written by a military officer to a civilian. Is not this a gross breach of military regulations? Has not Colonel Greer made himself liable to court-martial? The fact that he defames Negro officers ought not mitigate his offense.

We respectfully call the attention of the secretary of war to Colonel Greer's letter, believing that such action will be taken with reference to it as military regulations demand.

LIBERIAN COMMERCE

ACCORDING to the peace treaty Germany is no longer to enjoy Liberian trade. Who will get it? At the present time the only nation in line to handle it is England. All the shipping to and from Liberia is now carried in English bottoms, but the United States has the right, if she wishes it, to enter into the Liberian field.

The exports from Liberia total about \$100,000, while the imports total closely to a million. Why is it not possible for the Negro in this country to enter the commercial field and handle this trade? The Liberian would welcome us more than any other people, should desire it. A corporate company with \$50,000 capital could go after this Liberian trade and get it and make money out of it.

Not only that, but the Negro would be brought closer in touch with Liberians and that country would afford endless opportunity for young race men and women to develop its resources and gain wealth. May the American Negro awake and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity which the war has opened up to him.

THE PEACE TREATY

THE peace treaty has been completed and presented to Germany. As yet, the entire text has not appeared in this country, but from the digest which has been published one is inclined to feel that Wilson's famous fourteen points have not been followed out in spirit and in letter. That the treaty is hard enough, no one will doubt for a moment. What concerns us now is whether or not Germany will sign it and if she signs it, will she keep it? Again, if she signs it, is she able to meet the indemnity demands with her commercial relations totally wrecked and with England watching with eagle eyes to see that they have no chance of recovery?

Many have declared that this treaty is the greatest document that has ever been written, but we believe that this remains to be proved. It is most probably the longest treaty ever made and concerns the largest number of people, but its value cannot be judged until those whom it affects realize its promises. The chief thing to be remembered is that this peace treaty was in reality the work of four great powers and that these powers have regarded their own interests first. It has not been a thoroughly democratic assembly. In reality it has been a most autocratic one and the chief autocrat came from a country where representative government is most thoroughly entrenched.

But the most that concerns us now is whether or not Germany will sign and if she does sign, will she keep the pledge?

Prove yourself men.

A rare treat! Don't miss DuBois' lecture at Auditorium May 22.—Adv.

Obvious Observations

The peace treaty is finished and now awaits the John Hancock's. The future alone must decide whether it is more than a scrap of paper or not.

Everybody thinks it is a joke because Italy came on in, but we reckon the allies wanted her to come on in worse than she wanted to come in from the concessions made.

Dr. Cassell has left a message for every mother's son of us to think over. He woke us up, eh?

It appears that Friend Woody can't get along without congress after all, doesn't it?

Now if this weather will just keep hanging around, we will be surely tickled.

Folks out east are finally waking up to the fact that there is a burg out west called Omaha.

We just got our tax bill and, as Mr. Socrates said sometime ago, life is just one darned thing after another.

Wonder if the peace conference did anything about the high cost of living?

We are going to read the treaty all through, but we are not saying when. Thanking you kindly for your apt consideration, we will now go out and get a sun bath.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Appendicitis

Appendicitis is one of the recent members of the disease family and climbed into pitiless publicity several years ago when Dr. Fitz discovered it and gave it a pedigree. It consists of the inflammation of the worm-like proposition added as a codicil to the caecum known as the appendix, but just what business it has hanging around that portion of the human anatomy is something doctors have never been able to explain. This is not strange, however, since there are many interior decorations within the human hide that doc doesn't know anything about. Some say it is the juice factory of the intestines, while others say it is simply a hand-me-down from prehistoric ages. Because the appendix has been on the job for some aeons and didn't get into the lime light until Dr. Fitz became press agent, makes many folks declare that it is a fad, but anyone who ever had it doesn't think so. It is the most tantalizing disease known to the science of pills and small sized butcher knives. It begins with indigestion of the dark blue kind and keeps you at the family feeding board passing up ham and—, baked corn pudding and chocolate cake, for a mug of milk and a few crackers. Why a small angle worm like the appendix is capable of raising so much sand with a human's menu is a question that would send Beatrice Fairfax into bankruptcy, because it is generally only an inch or so long, although it has been known to stretch itself out to nine. Moreover, now that appendicitis has gotten its start in the world, it keeps right on the job and proves its gratitude for having been discovered. Many remedies have been proposed for it, but the best cure is to observe the appendix in a small bottle of alcohol on the shelf labeled, "Exhibit A."

THE CRISIS ADMITTED TO MAILS

LAST week's issue called attention to the fact that the May issue of the Crisis, the official monthly publication of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was being held by the postal authorities at New York. Protests were wired to the postmaster general from all sections of the country. The following letter has been received from the postmaster general:

Postoffice Department,
Office of the Solicitor,
Washington, May 7, 1919.

Rev. John Albert Williams, Editor of The Monitor, Omaha, Neb.:
Sir—The postmaster general has referred to me your telegram of the 2d inst., with reference to the publication, the Crisis.

In reply I have to advise that the May issue of this publication was submitted to this office by the postmaster at New York, N. Y., with an inquiry as to its mailability, and the postmaster was directed to accept it for mailing.

Respectfully, W. H. LAMAR,
Solicitor.

CAVALRY FOR PHILIPPINES

(By Associated Negro Press.)
Columbia, S. C., May 15.—Camp Jackson will send two troops of Negro cavalry to the Philippines, enlisted from the ranks of our soldiers here. The men are volunteering for service and belong to the 801st and 802nd transportation corps, having seen eighteen months' service in France. One of the boys remarked, "We are willing to keep on the job for Uncle Sam. All we ask is that Uncle Sam keep on the job for us."

Special feature of DuBois' lecture will be a chorus of 200 voices. Folk songs.—Adv.

OMAHA: CITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGROES

BY C. B. HOSMER,
Field Secretary Tuskegee Institute.

THERE is no question but that the city of Omaha, with its large and thriving industrial enterprises, will soon become not merely the metropolis of the state of Nebraska but one of the great commercial centers of the middle west. The time is not far distant when it will be boasting a total population of half a million people.

Now, the north end of Omaha, especially along North Twenty-fourth street and Lake from Twentieth to Thirtieth, so far as business chances are concerned, offer unprecedented and exceptional opportunities for our people to get absolute control of these thoroughfares. The 1400 block on North Twenty-fourth street, around the Washington-Douglass Real Estate and Investment concerns' offices, presents a splendid example of commercial hustle, and Omaha Negroes especially should strongly support those enterprises that are already established. Not only should members of the race patronize the grocery stores, shoe stores, drug stores, furniture stores and other shops and stores in their midst, but earnest efforts should be immediately made to get other businesses started. I hold that Negroes should try their best to get absolute commercial control of all the territory immediately adjacent to the above streets in the city of Omaha.

The Omaha Negro Business league will doubtless do all in its power to arouse our people to the great importance of acquiring real estate along Lake and North Twenty-fourth streets and all over the city for that matter. This is a thing of utmost advantage to us. Wonderful things industrially and commercially are now being done in this city, and the Negro citizens are really alive as never before to the exceptional opportunities along these lines that lay at their very feet. This is shown by their active backing of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People in recent months and in organizing quite recently the Negro Business League of Greater Omaha. Let's all get together now for one long, strong pull for active business progress. Don't be moving away from one of the greatest cities in the country, hunting old man Opportunity! He is right at your feet. "Let down your buckets where you are," in the language of the immortal Booker T. Washington.

Estherville, Ia., May 10, 1919.

THE MOTHER. (An Old Legend.)

Long years ago, beyond the reach of pen,
Ere man began to reason or to seek—
The inner Light of Mastery and Truth,
God gazed, ashamed and grieved, upon
The world
Which He made, and sent an Angel forth
To search the earth and bring a perfect gem
Which He might use to beautify the throne.

He bore within his hand no jewel bright,
But in his arms a slender, fragile form—
A woman, grey and aged, worn with tears,
Her heart was bleeding from another's wounds;
Her body scarred, discolored from the blows
She bore unflinching and without regret
To shield her children. Such are mothers yet!

God smiled, and stretching forth his hand
He traced a circle round her pallid brow,
And placed her by His side upon the throne;
And ever since the Angel brought His gift
Each mother wears this token of God's love,
You may discern it if your eyes are clear,
And if your heart is reverential still
To all that truly noble is, and good.

A childish tale? Are we not children still,
Out petty plaints and weak unstable thoughts?
The future has in store for every joy a sorrow,
Grief will bring a longing for the comfort and repose
Which only mothers give, you hasten home
To peace and love, the halo in her hair
Is shining bright, 'Twas ever shining there!

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