

**EVERY WORKER OF THE COLORED RACE SHOULD ORGANIZE IN THE CRAFT IN WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED**

By Milton L. Hunter.

**BROTHERS:** It is your duty as men to make a stand for what you know is rightfully due you, namely, better living conditions, better wages and an eight-hour work-day, a right to organize in unions with white men and women and to demand that all men and women in the organization be treated alike, and to see to it that there is no discrimination in your ranks on account of creed, color or nationality. The latter sentence means that, first, as a Colored man or woman, I will not discriminate against my white fellow brother or sister, and if at any time you know a white brother to discriminate against you, I say, see to it that that brother apologize to you and that that brother eliminate all such discrimination. It is your duty.

Quit sitting around gossiping about the union that it is no good for a Colored man. Investigate by all means before you throw a stone in the cog-wheel of the union machinery. After you are admitted to full membership in the organization don't be a laggard; attend your meetings and be active on the floor. If you don't know the issue that is being discussed arise from your slumber and ask information and some one will tell you enough to put your thinking cap on.

**Demand Good Wages or Get Out.**

The best minds in the world today believe that no industry is fit to live that does not pay a fair living wage to all who take a necessary part in the



productivity of the enterprise. All just men concede that every honest worker has a proprietary right in his job and that it must be recognized by employers as well as by the laws of the state and nation. All intelligent persons know that long hours are not only a physical detriment but tend to stunt mental development and rob the state of the assistance of millions of men and women who should have time to attend to their social and political duties; that the body and soul demand time for recreation and contemplation which cannot be denied in any form of society entitled to endure.

It seems clear, therefore, that if, under our present form of social development, those obvious rights can be guaranteed to the workers, and if at the same time the President would see his way clear to declare a general amnesty in favor of all prisoners convicted of violation of wartime statutes our country could furnish an example to a confused and distracted world of general prosperity and happiness extending from the family of the owner of the enterprise down to that of the lowliest laborer necessary to carry it on, which is the only tolerable basis upon which government can rest in this world of new concepts.

**Labor's Minimum Demands.**

Of course, I do not mean that even the prompt extension of these rights would check the aspiration which every normal human being has for a broader and better and happier life, which will constantly urge mankind on to social and industrial changes along the line of enlightened advancement which ever continue, unless the race stands still, which would mean death, moral and physical. But I do mean that the guarantee of these fundamental rights by our government is an immediate and imperative necessity as a first step to allay a condition of industrial unrest which exists now and is steadily increasing under the stimulus of the

denial of these rights. I do not know what the workers will eventually demand, but I do know that they demand and will have at least these fundamental things now.

To those who would stand in the way of industrial justice belongs the responsibility for whatever may happen if these rights are persistently denied.

P. S.—After my return from the convention of the A. M. C. and B. W. of N. A. A. F. of L. that will convene in Kansas City, Kan., August 19 to 24, I will endeavor through the columns of this paper to tell you my experience in organization and the results I have obtained and tell you what are a Colored American's duties to labor organizations.

**SENATOR WALSH PRESENTS PETITION FROM NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE**

By Walter J. Singleton. Special to The Monitor.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—Senator Walsh of Massachusetts presented a communication in the nature of a petition from the National Equal Rights League to the senate and asked to have the same printed in the record and referred to the committee on foreign relations, as follows: "National Equal Rights League, Office of the Recording Secretary, 906 T Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., August 13, 1919.

"In behalf of the National Equal Rights League, acting for the millions of colored Americans, we place in your hands for presentation to the senate the following petition for an amendment to the covenant of the league of nations to the end of vouchsafing equality of rights for all, regardless of race, color or creed.

"Please find herewith our petition with some several signed copies thereof attached.

"Praying the exercise of your official prerogative in the presentation of this petition to the senate, we are, yours for true world democracy:

"Maurice W. Spencer, Washington, D. C.; Byron Gunner, New York; Wm. Monroe Trotter, Massachusetts; John R. Hawkins, Washington, D. C.; Allen W. Whaley, New York; Joseph H. Stewart, Washington, D. C.; C. M. Tanner, Washington, D. C.

"To the Senate of the United States of America:

"We, the undersigned, petition the senate of the United States of America, which, by virtue of its treaty-making power, must give to the league of nations covenant its assent before such covenant can be finally adopted, in the fulfillment of the noble purpose of the recent world war, repeatedly proclaimed by this government and its allies while the result was in doubt, viz: 'To establish real democracy everywhere, to make the world safe for democracy and a safe place to live in, to insert or add by way of amendment while said covenant is before the senate, the following clause:

"Real democracy for the world being the avowed aim of the nations establishing the league of nations, the contracting parties agree to vouchsafe to their own citizens the possession of full liberty, rights of democracy and protection of life without restriction or distinction based on race, color, creed or previous condition."

**NEGROES LEARN FRENCH QUICKLY**

(By Associated Negro Press.) Jackson, Miss., Aug. 20.—American Negroes in France picked up the French language more rapidly than white soldiers, according to Captain Arthur Fridge of the quartermaster's corps, United States army, who has returned home after a year's service with the American expeditionary forces.

"I can't explain it except on the theory that the Negro has a readier ear for sound than the white man," said Captain Fridge. "It was astounding how quickly many of the Negroes in our labor battalions picked up a working acquaintance with the French language. They never obtained its fundamentals, of course, but it didn't take them long to pick up enough French to make themselves understood among the natives."

**ASKS MONEY FOR EDUCATION**

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—Secretary Lane, in his latest annual report, urges national appropriations for education, which he considers as vital to national welfare as the construction of highways or the government inspection of foods. He wants federal co-operation with the states in wiping out native white illiteracy, in Americanizing the foreign-born and in bettering Negro education.

"For the Negro and his condition," says the secretary, "we are responsible as for no one else. He came here without exercising his own will. He was made a citizen without discrimination. He is a charge upon the American conscience, and his education, I believe, should long ago, in part at least, have been a charge upon the American pocket."

**WANT TO BAR COLORED MEN FROM THE ARMY**

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—Coming upon the heels of another bill that just had been introduced to prohibit the intermarriage of white and Colored Representative Caraway of Davis, Tenn., introduced a bill to prohibit the enlistment of any member of the Negro race in the military or naval services of the United States of America, and directing the discharge of all members of the race now serving in any branch of the military or naval service of the United States.

The southern members of congress seem to be running wild on the bases when it comes to introducing bills to curb the freedom of the Negro race. The affairs of the government are coming to a bad end when the money of honest taxpayers is used to support such narrow-minded statesmen as represent some sections of the south. To them the only way to gain a national reputation is by constantly hammering on the Negro.

**OUT OF JOB BECAUSE OF COPPERHEAD SNAKES**

(By Associated Negro Press.) Reading, Pa., Aug. 20.—Nineteen Negroes brought here from distant points recently by contractors on the state highway between Hamburg and Port Clinton quit their jobs and left for home because of the great number of copperhead snakes uncovered on the job.

The road flanks the wall of the old Blue mountain dam, a canal feeder, and part of the wall is being removed by hand or steam shovel. Sometimes the shovel unloads a dozen of the snakes at one time, and the men have had many escapes.

**SINGERS MISTAKEN FOR CHICAGO REFUGEES**

(By Associated Negro Press.) Oshkosh, Wis., Aug. 20.—The presence of a company of jubilee singers representing the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute, Utica, Miss., gave rise to a story that Chicago Negroes, fleeing from that city because of race riots, had come here for temporary residence.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We thank each and every one for the kindness shown us during the sadness of the sudden death of our beloved husband, son and brother, Johnnie Osborne Walker, who departed this life August 13, 1919, and we sincerely thank you for the beautiful floral offerings.

He leaves a wife and two children, father, mother, five sisters, several relatives and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Sleep on, Johnnie, you have paid the debt that we all have to pay. We pray to God that we may all meet again beyond the river of Jordan some sweet day.—Sarah Walker, wife; John Walker, father; Sally Walker, mother; Lenora Williams; Flora, Ruby and Zenobia Walker, and Mrs. Charles Tyms sisters.

**CAMPFIRE NOTES**

An Thursday, August 7, Troop Oro-wasin met at Robby Turner's home. The girls worked on their headbands and made posters for a feast of seven tables.

Last Thursday the group held a picnic at Mandan park.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Monarch cafe will open to the public under new management Sunday, August 24, at 2 p. m. Special attention given to banquets and theatre parties. Courtesy and quality to the ladies, our motto.

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**STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR TAKES RIGHT STAND**

The Nebraska State Federation of Labor at its recent convention in Omaha unanimously passed resolutions declaring against all discriminations in labor unions on the grounds of race, creed or color.

**A STORE OF PLEASANTNESS**

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**SOLDIERS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS**

Nearly all the Omaha boys have returned from overseas. They were most fortunate, for while many who went from other sections of the country sleep under the crimson-blown poppy fields of France, no Colored soldier from Omaha lost his life in action.

Those who have returned lately include Sergeants Ben Slaughter, Andrew Harrold, Henry Webster, Clarence Day, Frank Blackwell, Louis Banks, Henry Cavers, Clifford Booker, Hunley Dickerson, Rufus Long, Roy Monroe; Corporals Shelly Cook, Gordon Parks, Cecil B. Wilkes, Oral Murrell, and Privates Forest Grimmer, Stephen Johnson, Albert Moore, Frank Payne, Walter Puckett, William Washington, Fred Hunter, John Oona and Moses Jordan.

Another notable fact about the Omaha boys is the large number of them who became non-commissioned officers.

All soldiers are herewith reminded that they are invited and expected to attend the homecoming welcome exercises and festivities to be held at Krug Park next Wednesday. The committee in charge, headed by Mayor Smith, wants it distinctly understood that all Omaha soldiers are invited.

**VISITS OLD HOME AFTER THIRTY YEARS**

John Joynes of 2007 Paul street, who has been in Omaha for thirty years, became anxious to see his old home in Baltimore, Md., so he went about three weeks ago. He found nearly all of his old friends dead and many changes in thirty years. On his way home he visited Atlantic City, where his niece, Mrs. L. Cottman, resides. He returned home last Saturday.

**DRAMATIC CLUB CHANGES NAME**

The club formerly known as the Dubois Dramatic club, but now the Dubois Players, met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and formed into a permanent organization. The following officers were elected:

Ada Smith, manager and treasurer, Cecilia Wilson Jewell, assistant manager.

Andrew Reed, stage director. Cecil Alexander, assistant director. Edward Turner, advertising manager and properties.

Jesse Peoples, assistant advertising manager and properties. Eva Peoples, wardrobe lady. Corinne Thomas, press agent.

The members are: Pearl Alexander, Ruth Washington, Sphar Dickey, John Woods, Russell Reese, John Smith, George Parker, Jesse Hale Moss and J. R. Lemma.

The next meeting will be at the residence of Mrs. Pearl Alexander at 2312 North Twenty-seventh street.

**DEAN PICKENS SPENDS SHORT TIME IN CITY**

Dr. William H. Pickens, dean of Morgan college, Baltimore, Md., en route from the Pacific coast, where he had been filling lecture engagements, spent two hours in Omaha last Thursday afternoon. He succeeded in getting in touch with the Rev. John Albert Williams about 5 o'clock, who went to the station for a brief but pleasant interview. There was only time enough to go as far as the Peoples drug store for a refreshing drink, of soda water, of course, and then make it back to the train. Dean Pickens hopes to be able to visit Omaha for a lecture at some future date.

**WELL KNOWN LODGE MAN DIES**

Rev. Frank Wilson, chief grand mentor of the Knights of Tabor, most worshipful grand master of the York Rite Masons, was buried Sunday at Kansas City Kan. The funeral was attended by thousands from the adjoining states.

A delegation of seventy-five went from Omaha, among whom were Sir Knight Harrold, Mrs. Silas Johnson and Mrs. Jane Scott.

**N. A. A. C. P. HOLDS ROUSING MEETING ON SOUTH SIDE**

The beautiful and spacious Bethel Baptist church, South Side, was comfortably filled by a large and appreciative audience last Sunday afternoon at 4:30 when the Rev. John Albert Williams, president of the Omaha branch of the N. A. A. C. P., called the meeting to order. This was the first meeting of the branch on the South Side. The meeting opened with the singing of "America" by the audience and invocation by the Rev. Thomas A. Taggart, pastor of Bethel, who subsequently gave a brief but most cordial address of welcome. The president explained the objects and ideals of the association and opportunity was then given for enrollment of new members, sixteen giving their names. Mr. C. Ford of St. Louis, general organizer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers of North America, and an enthusiastic member of the N. A. A. P. C., gave

an inspiring address which thrilled his hearers. He said the N. A. A. C. P. ought to have 12,000,000 members which would give \$12,000,000 to fight for justice. He said every member of the race should be enrolled in the N. A. A. C. P.

He was followed by Captain Sphar Dickey, late of the 351st Machine Gun battalion, A. E. F., who is now in charge of the war community work here for returned soldiers. He told of

the great work to be done in this line and bespoke the co-operation of all.

Captain W. W. Peebles and Lieutenant Amos B. Madison, returned soldiers, who are now practicing their professions here, were called upon and delivered brief addresses. A vote of thanks was tendered all the speakers.

The next meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 4:30 at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Twentysixth and Seward streets.

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