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For mankind are one in spirit, and an instinct bears along,
 Round the earth's electric circle the swift flush of right or wrong;
 Whether conscious or unconscious, yet humanity's vast frame
 Through its ocean-sundered fibres feels the gush of joy or shame;
 In the gain or loss of one race all the rest have equal claim.
 —James Russell Lowell.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ARGUMENT

WE have read rather religiously, although we did not find them very edifying religious reading, President Wilson's speeches in favor of the peace treaty, and the league of nations, and we are forced to confess that his arguments do not either convince or favorably impress us. Indeed, his presentation of the case appears to us as a desperate attempt to bolster up a tottering cause. There seems to be a lack of candor and frankness and a very adroit avoidance of direct answers to direct questions which are uppermost in the minds of the American people. He does not meet, or attempt to meet, fairly and squarely, what appear to many valid objections urged against certain features of the proposed treaty. This artful dodging or side-stepping of itself arouses suspicion. Then, too, his querulous fault-finding with those who differ from him and refuse to accept his mere ipse dixit, or myself have said it and therefore it must be gospel truth, is anything but dignified. His covert suggestion that the men who are opposing the acceptance of the treaty as it stands are pro-German is absurd and will get him nowhere. Such a suggestion comes with very poor grace from President Wilson. Impugning the Americanism of one's opponents is not argument. If the peace treaty as it stands is such a faultless document as Mr. Wilson would have us believe it to be, then surely one possessing his ability and astuteness ought to be able to prove it without resorting to the verbal tactics which he would have the public believe ascends to the dignity of a valid and convincing argument.

WOMEN AND PROFANITY

WOMEN who have any respect for themselves will not indulge in profanity. Perhaps we are old-fashioned, and we are willing to plead guilty to this indictment, but we have always associated women who swear with the brothel and questionable resorts. Swearing has no place in the vocabulary of either a gentleman or a lady, and right-thinking men, who have acquired this habit and in many cases indulge in it mechanically, will admit this. If this be true, and it is, how can any woman retain the instincts of gentility and habitually use profanity?

HONEST BUT MISTAKEN

THE MONITOR believes that J. Dean Ringer, police commissioner, is wrong in his refusal to suspend the two officers who have been bound over to the district court on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the shooting of Eugene Scott, the Plaza hotel bellman. That he is sincere in his convictions, we do not for one moment doubt. We cannot understand his position. His contention is that the evidence elicited at the coroner's inquest and at the preliminary hearing did not and does not sufficiently connect the indicted officers with the crime to have justified their indictment and therefore he would be adding injustice to injustice to suspend them. This, as The Monitor understands it, after a lengthy interview with him, courteously extended, accurately states Mr. Ringer's reasoning and position. We believe him to be honest and sincere in his views, but we do not understand how, in view of the evidence submitted, he sees the facts in this light. Perhaps his is one of those single track minds that can only work along one groove at a time and just now the groove in which it is running is that of the intention to protect and clear these officers of the charge hanging over them, and of which he believes them to be innocent.

The public generally, and this opinion has been accurately sensed and voiced by editorials in both the Bee and the World-Herald, the latter of which has not been unfriendly toward Mr. Ringer, does not take his view of the matter. The Monitor reiterates its statement that we believe that these officers should have been suspended upon their arrest for a felony, and we regret that Mr. Ringer refuses to see it in this light. We believe that he is honest, but mistaken.

"LOCHGIEL" URE

THE MONITOR has never had any confidence in Big "Bill" Ure, as he is popularly called, but where his bigness comes in it has been difficult for us to determine. We have never considered him at all friendly to our people. His warning to us about stirring up trouble sounds strangely like a voice from Texas, although Mr. Ure, if we are not mistaken, hails by ancestry, at least, from Scotland. His "Lochgiel, Lochguel, beware of the day," is doubtless well meant, but entirely unnecessary.

WORLD-HERALD TO BE COMMENDED

THE World-Herald is to be commended for the position it has recently taken in reports of alleged crimes. In several instances no reference whatever was made to the race of the accused; and in other instances where the race was indicated it was in a manner not to especially attract attention. In other words, it has not made the race primary and crime secondary. This is a reform which we notice with pleasure, and hope that the World-Herald will continue this practice and that other newspapers will follow this most excellent example, which will win the commendation of all right-thinking people.

THE MONITOR'S POLICY

THE MONITOR is always pleased to receive constructive criticism and to act upon it. Destructive criticism does not bother us a bit. We have our definite, clear-cut policy in trying to serve all the people in whose interests it is published and in pursuing that policy we are growing steadily in circulation and influence. Our policy is not to engage in personal controversy; indeed, many have faulted us because this was not our policy. When principles are at stake, we shall speak and speak fearlessly. When we run across practices which we consider unethical and questionable, we shall say so and, having facts, and being sure of them, we shall not fail to call a spade a spade.

BISHOP SHAYLER

THE advent of a religious leader is of great moment to any progressive community. For this reason the election and consecration of a bishop of the Episcopal church is not only an event of importance and interest to the people of that especial communion, but to all who value wise and constructive religious leadership. The Monitor therefore extends most cordial welcome to Bishop Shayler, who comes to take up the work of the late Bishop Williams, who was such a staunch, true and tried friend of our race.

The number of Episcopalians among colored people is steadily growing everywhere, and the progress and virility of the work of this historic communion among our people who are thinking as never before, depends upon the broadmindedness and sincerity of those placed in position of leadership. This is equally true of all classes of Americans in this period of reconstruction.

The Monitor wishes Nebraska's new bishop a long, prosperous and fruitful episcopate.

LET US REASON TOGETHER

Dr. BuBois writes in the September Crisis: Brothers, we are on the great deep. We have cast off on the vast which will lead to freedom or death. For three centuries we have suffered and cowered. No race ever gave passive resistance and submission to evil longer, more piteous trial. Today we raise the terrible weapon of self-defense. When the murderer comes, he shall no longer strike us in the back. When the armed lynchers gather, we too must gather armed. When the mob moves, we propose to meet it with bricks and clubs and guns.

But we must tread here with solemn caution. We must never let justifiable self-defense against individuals become blind and lawless offense against all white folk. We must not seek reform by violence. We must not seek vengeance. "Vengeance is mine," saith the Lord, or to put it otherwise, only infinite justice and knowledge can assign blame in this poor world, and we ourselves are sinful men, struggling desperately with our own crime and ignorance. We must defend ourselves, our homes, our wives and children against the lawless without stint or hesitation; but we must carefully and scrupulously avoid on our own part bitter and unjustifiable aggression against anybody.

This line is hard to draw. In the south the police and public opinion back the mob and the least resistance on the part of the innocent black victim is nearly always construed as a lawless attack on society and government. In the north the police and the public will dodge and falter, but in the end they will back the right when the truth is made clear to them.

But whether the line between just resistance and angry retaliation is hard or easy, we must draw it carefully, not in wild resentment, but in grim and sober consideration; and then back of the impregnable fortress of the divine right of self-defense, which is sanctioned by every law of God and man, in every land, civilized and uncivilized, we must take our unflinching stand.

Honor, endless and undying honor to every man, black or white, who in Houston, East St. Louis, Washington and Chicago gave his life for civilization and order.

If the United States is to be land of law, we would live humbly and peaceably in it—working, singing, learning and dreaming to make it and ourselves nobler and better; if it is to be a land of mobs and lynchers, we might as well die today as tomorrow.

"And how can a man die better
 Than facing fearful odds
 For the ashes of his fathers
 And the temples of his gods?"

LOADED WITH DYNAMITE

The holding of two Omaha patrolmen for manslaughter as a consequence of the illegal raid on the Plaza hotel, in which an innocent Negro boy was killed, should have the effect of a sobering shock on the Omaha city government.

The World-Herald has no desire or intention to tear passion to tatters in an unceasing attack upon the police administration of this city. It has no vendettas to wage or grudges to satisfy. But the action of the preliminary court, at the insistence of the county attorney, makes it not amiss once more to call the attention of the thoughtful people of Omaha to a serious situation; a situation loaded with dynamite.

How long will public sentiment in Omaha, by its indifference, permit Superintendent Ringer and his supporters in the council to continue in their career of reckless fanaticism?

How long shall police lawlessness and police violence, practiced blasphemously in the name of God, be permitted to serve as a constant example for other lawlessness and other violence?

How long shall one element of the community, temporarily and unfortunately vested with control of the police power, be encouraged to misuse that power in trampling down the legal and moral rights and inciting the sullen and justifiable resentment of another element on which it has declared a sort of holy war?

What will be the eventful bitter fruit of such a policy?

We have here a city of nearly a quarter million people, made up of all races and creeds and classes—a cosmopolitan city, as former Mayor Dahlgren used to say, if there is one west of the Mississippi river. If we are able to live together in peace and harmony and continued prosperity and security, it must be on the basis of tolerance, of fairness, of respect for one another's rights, of equality before the law.

Superintendent Ringer and his foolhardy backers, inspired by the odious spirit of superior righteousness and the hatred and intolerance which that spirit engenders, are doing their dangerous best to tear down that basis, pile by pile and plank by plank.

We submit that the condition re-

sulting—a condition that is constantly growing more menacing—is one that deserves the thoughtful and immediate consideration of all citizens with a stake in Omaha.—The World-Herald.

Flashes of Most Anything

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., had its first lynching the other day. Boston had its first riot. The blot on the national escutcheon is spreading so as to threaten the entire shield. Crime knows no color line; and lawlessness fostered becomes an eating cancer.

"That we but teach bloody instruction, which being taught return to plague the inventor." The fellow who wrote that knew something about human nature. I'll say he did.

FUNNY isn't it how a crooked shoe can pinch the foot it fits? Listen at 'em squeal, Pete, listen at 'em squeal!

ON the trail of the lonesome Whine—Borah, Johnson and McCormick.

ANOTHER 14 POINTS

Here are 14 points that opponents of the League of Nations raise against the ratification of the peace treaty.

1. The Shantung provision is international piracy, bringing dishonor to any nation party to it.
2. Great Britain is given six votes to America's one, without justification in reason.
3. By entering the league, America would abandon her traditional policy of non-interference in European affairs.
4. The Monroe doctrine would be subject to interpretation by the league council, as asserted by British officials without contradiction.
5. The United States would be bound to maintain armies in Europe to regulate purely European affairs.
6. Our constitutional provision that congress shall have power to raise armies would be violated.
7. Domestic questions, such as immigration, tariff, and coastwise trade, will come within the jurisdiction of the league if the foreign council so decides.
8. Insignificant nations, like Liberia, Hedjaz, would have voting power in the assembly equal with the United States.
9. The United States would be bound to preserve the territorial integrity and political independence of every member of the league, many of them monarchies.
10. By bringing the charge that nation could require the United States to submit any question to the league for decision.
11. Article 23 requiring free transit and equitable treatment of commerce could be construed to forbid protective tariffs.
12. America, industrially and financially strong, would become the burden-bearer of the world.
13. The league covenant obligates the United States to give full and frank information concerning industries adaptable to war-like purposes, thus putting American industry at a disadvantage, since most important industries are of such character.
14. America has nothing to gain and much to lose by entering the league.

BRANCH W. C. C. S. TO COMPILE COMMUNITY HISTORY

The W. C. C. S. with its headquarters at 24th and Burdette streets has in mind the compiling of a history telling the part played by Omaha's soldiers and sailors in the great world war.

The authors invite all soldiers and sailors to write a personal account of their connection with the service from the time of induction to discharge. All soldiers are welcome to headquarters to relate in person each event and incident of importance.

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Dental Hygiene and Care of the Teeth

By Dr. W. W. Peebles



DR. W. W. PEEBLES

FOREWORD

In the articles which will be written for the consideration of the readers of The Monitor, special care will be taken to be brief and concise. In an age where time plays such an important part in the activities of life, much interesting and beneficial reading matter is only casually glanced over because of the long drawn out and minutely detailed nature of the

article written. Hence brevity and conciseness, or in other words, short and snappy, will be my motto.

The writer does not hope to present any new phases of dental science, but simply desires to refresh your memories with those elemental principles of dental hygiene which if carefully observed will save pain and extra expense as well as give much comfort, to those who will take the time to read these articles. The homely phrase—"an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," has lost none of its virtues as time has sped on. So with brevity and conciseness and iteration and reiteration I shall endeavor to present some of the methods necessary to be observed to present dental lesions.

Having served as dental surgeon in the army for over two years, I shall from time to time, not only familiarize you with the progressive methods used in the army to obtain and maintain clean oral conditions, but shall occasionally recount personal observations of Europe. The mouths of the people of Europe with whom I have come in contact, and European dentistry in detail.

Any questions which one desires to ask will be gladly answered by the writer.

SOUNDS LIKE A JOKE

OUR Washington correspondent states in this week's letter that the president-elect of Liberia, "Mr. King plans to remain in Washington during practically his entire stay in the United States, because he feels that the more representative colored citizens live in the national capital, and is of the opinion that he can obtain better impressions of the progress of the colored people of America in Washington than in any other city of the United States."

Washingtonians may take themselves seriously and believe that "We are the people and wisdom will die with us," and they may have impressed Mr. King with their progressiveness, but if the president-elect of Liberia wants to secure, as we believe he does, the best impression of the progress of the colored people of America, he will have to travel many

wear miles from the national capital. Washingtonians are puffed up with self importance, but they are woefully non-progressive and behind scores of other American cities whose colored population is much smaller than that of Washington. The Monitor would respectfully advise Mr. King to see the United States, or as much of it as he can during his sojourn in this country. Seven-eighths of the United States lie west of the Alleghany mountains.

THREE BROTHERS OPEN GROCERY

Three brothers, Albert, Herbert and Essie Kemp, recently from Evergreen, Ala., have opened a grocery store at Twenty-fourth and Charles streets, having bought out a Jewish merchant, Mr. Abrahams. The store is known as the Sanitary Grocery and Fish Market.

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