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“FAIT ACCOMPLI.” It is done!” said Chancellor Livingston at the inauguration of Washington.

Within thirteen years thereafter the colonies were at war again, and were kept in conflict almost constantly until after the civil war of 1865.

So here we have it right from the gridiron: The Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch consoles the Southern malcontents by pointing out that even though giving the ballot to colored women menaces the southern control and thereby furnishes a serious problem for the South, they could deal with it in the same “successful manner” as they did with the amendments following the civil war.

What the Dispatch means is that the South will consider the constitution a “scrap of paper” as it has done in the past.

In the light of these facts, what can we expect from another democratic administration but disregard for the rights of our group? This amendment adds about two million ballots to the colored voting strength in this country, the vast majority of which is in the south.

Just as we expected, the democratic candidate for the presidency has claimed the credit for the job. The facts in the case are that while only six democratic states have ratified the amendment, thirty republican states have done so.

Women of our group, now that you have full suffrage, use your full right in bringing about those reforms for which our people have long stood in need.

EXCEEDED THE “SPEECH” LIMIT. WHEN it comes to verbal gymnastics F. R., the democratic vice presidential candidate, has some speed. In fact he exceeded the speech limit the other day when in his Butte, Mont., speech he “spilled the beans” on the

democratic motives in championing the Wilsonian league of nations. “As a matter of fact,” said he, “the United States has twelve votes in the assembly. Until last week (referring to the week ending Saturday, August 14th) I had two of them myself, and now Secretary Daniels has them.”

We are not very much impressed by what the “school-boy campaigner” had to say on the league except the fact that it revealed the motives of the democrats to dominate and, through the league, boss the smaller countries of the Western hemisphere in the same manner in which it has and is bossing Hayti. This little republic is now crying for relief from the wrongs administered to it by the presence there of American marines.

But the foreign countries as well as these “little republics” sent up a howl of vehement protest against this revelation of the democratic nominee, asking the state department to explain the assertion and repudiate the amateur campaigner.

This information, however, reveals further the arbitrary power the league grants to bigger powers. The assistant secretary says the United States has already twelve votes in the assembly, claiming that he himself had two of them until a week ago.

When I take the whole history of the league into account I feel that the true inwardness of “Violin Mastery” is best expressed by a kind of three-fold group of great artists.

KATE RICHARDS O'HARE.

WE heard Kate Richards O'Hare speak recently. She is a fluent speaker. She has every indication of gentle breeding. Her's is an attractive personality and we can well understand why she wields such influence among the socialists, of which she is a shining light.

gold which lies within the bosom of our people even in those who have fallen into degradation and evil habits, melted her inherited and deep-seated race prejudice, and wherever this gifted and fearless speaker is heard she pleads for justice for this mangled and misrepresented people as well as for the proletariat of her own color.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

ONCE upon a time when any gathering of the race assembled it was a foregone conclusion that, if election time were near, a resolution “unanimously endorsing the republican party and pledging support to the candidate” would be put across.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

(By Clarence Desdunes.)

THE Monitor takes pleasure in announcing as a new feature of this progressive publication a department devoted to music, which we are quite sure will be interesting and instructive to our readers generally and especially to students of music.

As there is so little said about the violin, I feel it my duty to say a few words, which will be of some benefit to the serious student and lover of the violin.

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And finally, what I might call in order of lyric expression, a quartet comprising Ysaye, Thibaud, Mischa Elhman and Sametini of Chicago.

Of course there are qualifications to be made; Locatelli was not altogether an exponent of technique and many other fine artists besides those mentioned share the characteristics of



Clarence Desdunes

those in the various groups. Yet, speaking in a general way, I believe that these groups of attainment might be said to sum up what “Violin Mastery” really is composed of.

And a “Violin Master” must be a violinist, a thinker, a poet, a human being. He must know life, love, hope, passion and despair. He must run the gamut of the emotions in order to express them all in his playing.

If art is to progress, the technical and mechanical element must not be neglected. A boy of eighteen cannot expect to express himself in the way a serious student of thirty can because the man who has actually lived can give voice to the emotions and express them through his medium, the violin.

The black man has the brains as well as the spiritual endowment necessary to understand and appreciate music in a high degree; he can point with pride to the musicians who emphatically deserve to be called artists, and another quarter century of artistic striving will bring them into the front ranks of artistic achievement.

Next week my subject will be “Good and Band Hands.” Mental Study. CLARENCE DESDUNES.

Proverbs and Paragraphs

FOR many are called, but few are chosen. Matthew 22:14.

It's all right to aspire to control others, but have you begun with Number One?

The most valuable “system” is a good nervous system.

Good times for all can only be the product of good work by all.

A wise man is never less alone than when he is alone.—Swift.

Our life is what our thoughts make it.

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.—Shakespeare.

PROMINENT TEXAS CITIZEN VISITS SON

J. H. Riddle, Secretary of Odd Fellows' Insurance Department of Texas and Arizona, Guest of Dr. R. C. N. Riddle.

J. H. Riddle of Dennison, Tex., en route to New York to attend the meeting of the Biennial Moveable Committee, came by the way of Omaha to visit his son, Dr. R. C. Riddle, whose guest he has been for the past week.

Of course Mr. Riddle would depreciate this estimate of himself. His standing, however, may be gleaned from the fact that for many years he has been the secretary of the Insurance department of the G. U. O. of O. F. for the State of Texas and Arizona, and disburses over \$200,000 a year, employing five clerks in his office to handle this business.

Constantinople, Aug. 26.—The Greeks are starting a new Anatolian drive against the nationalist forces of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, which are advancing between Kutaia and Simay.

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