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CHRISTMAS

will. The very atmosphere seems surrharged with a spirit of kindliness and goodfellowship as this joyous and of the marine corps in Haiti. sacred season rolls around each year. The season manifests a subtle and potent alchemy which has a softening THE question that the United and enriching influence upon every human heart. Harshness and gripping avarice and selfishness, like jangling "Are 'Negroes' Americans or aliens?" bells all out of tune, strike stridently discordant notes with the spirit of Christmastide. It is indeed the season of goodwill. And the spirit of goodwill, regnant even in the hearts of those who may not be willing to accept the theological truth or doctrine which the festival attests, is evidence of the truth of that very Christian tenet, "Emmanuel," God with us. Christmas tide proclaims the truth that "for us men and for our salvation" Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, came down from Heaven and was Incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and became man. A tremendous, awe-inspiring, lovecompelling mystery. Efforts to explain it fail. The Fact remains undisputed. "Jesus Christ, our Saviour was born on Christmas Day." God gave His great Gift of Love to the world; showing thereby His goodwill to the world. Therefore the angels sang the song which reechoes in the hearts of men today "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to men of goodwill." It matters little that the world has not yet fully accepted the Gift. It has been given and slowly as the ages run towards the silent river of Eternity the influence of that Wondrous Gift is sweetening the lives of the human race and the spirit of goodwill which THE MONITOR AND manifests itself each Christmastide is the earnest of that coming time when THERE seems to be a determined hibition booze. And what we mean

blessings to all mankind. May the New Era. When The New Era was and several other kinds of booze, but spirit of the Christ Child enter into started it was an impression among never in our natural lives did we ever the hearts of men everywhere that some people that it was started to run hear of sulphuric acid booze. Leave they may prove themselves worthy of The Monitor out of business. Whether it alone, friend; leave it alone. You the love that brought the Son of God this impression was or was not justi- can't afford to take a chance unless from heaven to dwell among men on fied. the present editor of The New you feel like flirting with the underearth that earth might become a be- Era does not know; but he wishes to taker and having friend wife or next fitting dwelling place for the sons state now and emphatically that no of kin toddling down to the office to of men.

JUST PEOPLE

THE other day we were in one of the large department stores and happened upon the manager whom we of this paper until today the one slo- be done. This leads to the smashing have known for many years. Always gan has been "Unity!" and for it of the laws and before long you have conversation in the course of which he other colored paper of this community the police department. So duck proage up with the rest of our em- race cannot afford to be divided, get on your knees and pray that very

"We replied, "Of course, they do; the more you learn about us, the more you will realize that we are just people."

"Just people," he reechoed. "You are right. After all, we are all made out of the same kind of clay, aren't we? Just people."

This is worth remembering when we are wont to think of the foibles and weaknesses of mankind.

WHITEWASHED, AS EXPECTED

No one has been disappointed in the report of Secretary Daniels' committee which investigated the charges against the marines in Haiti. It was a foregone conclusion that such a committee would administer a most liberal cost of whitewash . The application of the coat is thicker than was anticipated. The charges should not be permitted to drop. There should be a thorough and rigid investigation by a disinterested conpressional committee who are interested in nothing but the truth. The American people will not stand for banditry upon the part of their representatives even in Haiti. General Barnett and independent investigators like Seligman of The Nation, James Weldon Johnson and others are not

THRISTMAS is the festival of good a matter as this which are "ill-con- editorial. sidered, regrettable and thoroughly unwarranted reflections" on the work

AMERICANS OR ALIENS?

This is not an academic, but a vital, practical question. It lies at the very foundation of the well-being and stability of this republic. Until this question is answered, honestly, unequivocally and fairly, there will be friction between two large groups of the population of this nation. If this are Americans or aliens.

the whole world will give back the I effort upon the part of some peo- to say is that from now on we aren't ple or group of people to stir up 1 going to. May Christmas bring its richest fight between The Monitor and The apple booze, wood alcohol booze, mule, fight shall be inaugurated as long as collect your life insurance. Another it is his privilege to edit these thing about prohibition booze is that

There is already too much division dippy. You start seeing things as among the colored people of Omaha they are not and very soon after you to invite more. From the inception start doing things as they shouldn't cordial and pleasant he engaged us in to start a campaign against the only got more trouble on your hands than said, "We have a good many of your would be a contradiction of the very hibition booze. And if you just must people employed here and they aver- philosophy to which it holds. Our have something with a kick in it, just

There is work in Omaha for two colored papers and room for each to work along harmoniously and without friction. If The Monitor has faults, it is only because the men publishing it are human. The New Era, too, has its faults and these rest upon the same human foundation. The editor who can please everybody is only the editor who reposes in a handsome casket and is unable to make any further use of his pen.

What Omaha colored people need is unity and there can be and shall be no quarrel upon the part of The New Era with any paper or organization which has unity for an ideal. The various methods and opinions of what should be the proper course for affecting unity may differ, but even different paths may reach the same end. Today, as never before, the race in Omaha needs to be cemented rather soon Unk Sam will let you vote on the purpose of this paper to aid in this hibition booze is the cuss of cusses. work rather than to hinder.-The New Era, Dec. 18, 1920.

The Monitor fully reciprocates the FOR UNITED POLITICAL ACTION sentiments expressed by our local congiven to making charges in so grave temporary, The New Era, in the above invitation sent by the editor to about

torial in the December issue of and illuminating.

SNYCOPATED SPASMS

PROHIBITION BOOZE

E fought prohibition, and the government be, as it is loudly pro we are in the fact that we did fight laimed to be, a democracy, then there it. We knew as surely as we know cannot be two grades of citizens; one that the furnace hogs coal that proentitled to full rights and the other hibition would introduce prohibition to limited or partial citizenship rights. booze and it has. It is here and here As matters exist today, there are strong. Folks who never thought of nearly fifteen million who are re- drinking booze in the world are drinkstricted in the enjoyment of their ing it now. Only the other day a rights as American citizens. They woman was jugged in Baltimore and are regarded as a thing apart, to be she told the judge that it was honorseparated from other American citi- able to get drunk these days. But zens, to be discriminated against in don't believe it. Prohibition booze is public places, conveyances and public pizen. When you slip eight or ten carriers, and as to the rights of domi- bones to some pussyfooting guy who cile. This group growing in wealth hands you a pint of prohibition booze, in culture, in self-respect, cannot and the good Lord be with you. You can will not be satisfied with anything never tell what you are getting. Last less than the full rights of American week one of the district judges fell citizenship. So the United States has into a swoon when some booze pedgot to face the question as to whether dlers told him that their booze conpeople of color who reside within her tained sulphuric acid, ammonia and to a day, you miss the meaning of it. territory, obey her laws and meet gasoline. We weren't in the court If you try to cram it into twenty-four every requirement demanded of them room at the time, but if we had been hours, you crush it and lose the es we guess we would have swooned, too. It was time to swoon. What we did do, howsomer, was to shake hands with ourselves over the fact that we THE NEW ERA never have bought or tasted any proit tangles the noodle. It makes you

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Saturday night in response to an fifty men and women, representing all classes of our people, fifteen persons "AMERICAN BANDITRY IN HAITI" met at The Monitor office and held or your paper will be stopped. THIS is the title of a scathing edi- an interesting conference on securing proper political recognition in the dis-"Jim Jam Jems," a snappy monthly tibution of patronage-county, state published at Bismarck, So. Dak. Those and federal-from the republican seeking light on the Haitian situation party. Rev. John Albert Williams States has got to face and an- should secure the magazine and read was chosen chairman and W. E. Alexswer honestly and squarely is this: this article. They will find it fearless ander, secretary. The sentiment was unanimous that there ought to be united action in supporting competent persons seeking appointments to which we are justly entitled. An organization to be known as the United Colored Voters of Douglas County was the outgrowth of the conference.

The Heart of Christmas

Christmas is not a day, it is a mood. It is independent of days. We celebrate it on Friday, Saturday, Sunday -any day of the week. Christmas is indifferent to days. It has nothing to do with the almanac. It has nothing to do with place. It is as independent of geography as it is of chronology. It has no relation to human government, or even to race or blood. It is an institution which can be set up on any soli and under the folds of any flag. Christmas is a spiritual creation, and belongs to the kingdom of the heart. It is constructed by angels of the heart of a child. If it then be a mood, it can be extended over a week, a month, a year, a lifetime. It can be built upon time, upon eternity. If you confine it

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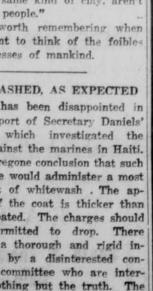
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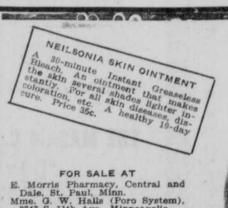
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