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1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.



American citizens. To paraphrase his well-known words, "Have Faith in Coolidge". Big men grow. Slemp, it is said, is a big man. As secretary to the President he will grow. Campbell Bascom Slemp, whatever may be his ability or his limitations, is not President but Secretary to the President, a responsible position, to which The Monitor hopes and believes he will fully measure up. At all events let us wait and see. Saul the persecutor became Paul the Apostle.

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Do you realize the important work the race press has done and is doing in this country? Many years ago when the general press was apathetic or indifferent to lawlessness and mob violence the Negro press sounded warning and pleaded for federal control of these evils. "Lynch Law Must Go!" was the slogan. Today influential agencies are recommending what our then feeble race press advocated. Support your publications. They are fighting your battles.

"Do the day's work. If it be to protect the rights of the weak, who ever objects, do it."—Coolidge.

FOOTNOTES TO AFRICAN HISTORY

(By the Hamitic League)

(Semiramis)

If you think this woman's rights is new stuff, ring off and look back before the decimal point. In the old days behind the sun the cullud folks believed so strongly in the ladies that the latter could start housekeeping and make hubby do all the maid work.

Miss Semiramis of Babylon was one of those little high brown dolls with a very independent idea of a woman and her rights.

At a very tender age she hooked up with Mr. Menones, governor of Ninevah, and got along very nicely, with her hubby until Kink Ninus glimmered her. The Kink fell for her and wanted her so worse that he had hubby decapitated.

Semi didn't like it a little bit, but she married the Kink and made love to him so fast that he went wild. She chuckled him under the whiskers and asked him to let her rule the burg for five days just to show what a hot little ruler she would make.

The dummy fell for her and the first thing she did was to order his head chopped off in the same way he had her first hubby's head part company. Then she got a lead pipe cinch on the throne.

And believe us, Mabel, she was some little queen. She built the great city of Babylon, hollowed mountains, filled valleys, built aqueducts, auto speedways and temples galore. She sure made a noise like a real deer.

And while having all this done, she skipped around the neighborhood and whipped every kink she could find made him pay a billion or so a year to finish her own jobs.

She reigned something like forty-two years and had every burg in Africa and Asia hanging her picture on the wall.

When she hit the 62 year period, she got tired playing queen and turned the job over to her son by her first husband. Then she made a fade-away and no one ever heard of her again.

Yep. She was for women's rights strong and welded them so fast that a female didn't have a look in.

(Next week, Hannibal)

Don't BORROW your neighbor's Monitor, become a subscriber yourself or buy one at the newsstand.

BRITAIN LOSING COMMAND OF SEA

Supremacy of French Aircraft Makes Gibraltar Worthless.

MAY BECOME MINOR POWER

After eight centuries of costly and difficult endeavor to obtain possession of the natural citadels commanding trade routes by sea, England finds herself stripped of the command of those routes.

The formerly strategically unrivaled Gibraltar and Suez are to be had for the taking by any nation capable of attacking from the air.

"France could transform the Mediterranean sea into a French lake within the space of 24 hours," an authority closely connected with the British air ministry asserted.

"There is no doubt of French superiority in the Mediterranean," the authority continued. "We are unable to determine the exact French air strength in North Africa, Algiers and Syria, but we know it to be large. Gibraltar and Suez would be at a serious disadvantage against air attack."

If Gibraltar and Suez lose their potency as impregnable bottlenecks from which England has been accustomed to exert her will, then the greatest seafaring nation in the world must look to some other element for supremacy, it is pointed out.

That other element is the air. Nominally friends; late allies in the war; both unable to afford the spending of vast sums on armament; England and France are girding their loins to determine the ownership of the air.

France Ahead of Rival. Despite the cementing effect of the war and a feeling that a common enemy exists, the fact remains that England and France are naturally opposing forces and have been actively opposing each other on more than half the pages of recorded history.

Any nation capable of interfering with English intercourse with her colonies in Africa and the East is regarded as a serious menace to the British empire.

France, by means of her air force in the Mediterranean, could interfere now and under present air construction plans she will remain in the lead and therefore continue to be a potential threat to the empire.

By January 1, 1924, France will have in commission 2,180 fighting planes, according to figures supplied in London. Some of these will go to reinforce the Syrian and Algerian squadrons. Others will be concentrated at home.

On January 1, 1924, England will possess 600 fighting planes, less than one-third of the French total.

These 600 planes will be scattered over the face of the globe. The French planes, in comparison, will be mobilized.

The 410 planes at present comprising the Royal air force are based in eight widely separated districts. Seventy-two planes are in India. Ninety-six are in Iraq. Sixteen are in Palestine. Twenty-eight are in Egypt. Forty are in Constantinople. Sixty are with the navy. Eighteen are in the Mediterranean. Eighty are in England.

Within the next 12 months the air ministry is authorized to bring the total up to 600.

Minor Power in Air. With the completion of the 600 ships England will find herself a minor power with her ambitious neighbor the only major force in the air. The situation is disturbing to all Englishmen, warmongers and pacifists alike.

At Malta, England has carved out an air base from solid rock. If Gibraltar, once the symbol of stolid impregnability, is to be worth keeping, the same must be accomplished there, air authorities agree.

Lloyd George and the others who fought under the banner of "No More War," are admitting that their cherished aim has not been realized.

There is a growing suspicion that on the continent of Europe there is a great power convinced that the time for seizing an empire is not yet passed.

Italy is unofficially protesting that France is subsidizing a Jugo-Slavian fleet for no other purpose than the domination of the Adriatic.

Russia charges that France is subsidizing Poland and Rumania for eventual use of their armies against the soviets.

England unofficially interprets French air power in the Mediterranean as a threat against English-controlled trade routes.

The French air fleet, according to reliable authority, is greater than the other combined fleets of the world.

BURY CURRENCY IN JUGS

Jugo-Slavic Peasants' Distrust of Banks Has Singular Manifestation. There is today in Jugo-Slavia a scarcity of bank notes of large denominations, and earthen jugs. The peasants are hoarding the former and hiding them away in the latter.

The peasants' bank is a jug buried in the ground. As they have become very rich in the last few years, their paper money accumulations, buried in the ground as they used to hide copper and silver coins before the war, were eaten up by mice and rats. Now the peasants have learned to put their paper money in tightly-corked jugs; hence the scarcity of jugs.

DREARY LITTLE ISLE WILL SOON BECOME DESERTED

Small Colony Ready to Quit Tiny Bit of Land Off Coast of Sicily.

Ustica, a small island, four miles by two and a half, off the north coast of Sicily, is fast becoming depopulated and it is feared that the colony may die out altogether.

Once a desert island, it was populated in 1759, under King Ferdinand, in order to prevent its becoming a refuge for the pirates of the Mediterranean. In the course of a few years a little colony had been established there, due to the fact that the people were exempt from taxes and public utilities were in the hands of the government. The chief products of the island were corn, wine and olives. A colonel, with the necessary garrison at his command, acted as governor.

Since 1869 these privileges have been taken away one by one. The registrar office was removed and now the people have to go to Palermo to enter public records. This requires three days if the boat happens to be running regularly. Military protection was taken from the island, leaving only a few riflemen to guard the penitentiary. The inhabitants are subject to the same taxes as the rest of the kingdom. There is no public lighting system, no children's home, no drug-gist, and the sanitation is bad. There is one doctor, who gets paid very little. The schools are few and new teachers are employed each term at the whim of the principal.

Before the war, however, the Italian authorities undertook to restore prosperity to the island. They decided to build a seaport there. During the last four years work on it has been suspended. The construction of a military wall, also was talked of, but work on it never was begun. Internal discord among the people on the island, who are divided into factions, made matters worse.

It was suggested that Ustica be annexed to the community of Palermo, but this idea was considered a radical solution and nothing was done about it.

Meanwhile the people of Ustica are leaving the island for the mainland, where they will be treated more fairly. And on this island that until recently had a population of 2,000 soon there will be left but a few prisoners in the penitentiary, for the guards themselves say that before long they are going to set sail for a better part of the world.

RENOUNCES CELIBACY VOWS TO WED AUSTRIAN COUNTESS



Countess Therese (Mia) Haugeitz, Austrian beauty, who figures in a most unusual romance. In order to marry her, the ex-Archduke Eugene of Austria has applied to the pope to release him from his vows of celibacy. The countess, who is an acknowledged leader of Continental society, is also a sportswoman, and she accepted her first husband while in an airplane 800 feet above the Tyrol.

U. S. GETS GERMAN BIRDS

Annual Importation of Canaries Reaches Prewar Basis. Germany is recovering from the war in at least one important respect. During the last two years the importation of canaries into this country from Germany has reached prewar levels, according to official statistics.

One of the functions of the biological survey is to inspect the importation of birds from foreign countries. Last year more than 150,000 canaries were imported from Europe and the Orient.

In rearing song canaries the aim is to produce males with clear, soft, pleasing songs, with long rolls or trills. When fledged, the young birds are put in rooms with males noted for their soft song, where they develop their own vocal powers by imitation. Ordinarily, these training rooms are kept darkened to lessen tendency to objectionable loudness.

Sues for Injuries in Jail. Alleging that he was mistreated while in jail at Fond du Lac, Wis., Edward Lauer has filed suit for \$1,500 damages. Lauer's health was impaired by neglect, he declares.

SELF HELP

SELF HELP begets self respect. It also develops strength of character. There are among us individuals who would scorn to ask the general public for assistance in their private affairs, but who are always very quick to suggest making appeals to members of the white race for contributions to support our racial institutions. Instead of taking the position that we will FIRST see what we can do for OURSELVES, the first thought in the mind of many is let us see what we can get from our white friends. This is absolutely wrong and detrimental to self development. This attitude of mind was excusable in the earlier stages of our development but it is inexcusable now. With the earning capacity that our people have and the ability shown in buying anything they want for personal gratification it is inexcusable for us to importune others for what we really can do and should do for ourselves. Should there be necessity at any time for outside assistance it will be cheerfully given when there has been first shown the disposition for self help. It is time we demonstrated our ability to do for ourselves in supporting our racial institutions and enterprises as other racial groups do theirs. Mendicants are always viewed with disfavor. By helping ourselves to the utmost of our ability and by standing upon our own feet let us prove that we are MEN not MENDICANTS.

A GROSS INJUSTICE

A GROSS INJUSTICE in our opinion has been done Marcus Garvey and we believe the race press should raise its voice against it. We do not refer to his trial. We are not questioning the verdict. We are not defending him in his misuse of the mails to defraud, as the indictment charged. The injustice lies in refusing to admit him to bail while his case is being appealed. Scores of cases can be cited where men convicted for similar crimes to that of Marcus Garvey, both prior and subsequent to his conviction, have been admitted to bail pending the ap-

peal of their cases. Notable instances of this, to cite only two, are those of Macgruder of Brooklyn, N. Y., convicted on thirty-four counts, July 13, 1923, for fraud amounting to \$610,000; and of Father Grace, Roman Catholic priest, convicted in Denver, Colo., July 23, for forging liquor permits for rich residents of Denver. Both of these men have been sentenced to federal prison as was Garvey. Both are out on bond while their cases are being appealed. Garvey is denied bond. There are walking the streets of Omaha men convicted of bank wrecking and wilful frauds, while their cases are being appealed. Garvey is denied this constitutional right guaranteed to others. This is unquestionably a gross injustice. Garvey may be a fool and a fanatic. Many of us undoubtedly disapprove of his methods and theories, but despite this we ought not to be content to be silent in the face of this glaring travesty of justice. The race press which is a potent force in this country should voice its disapproval of the rank injustice done by the New York court in denying bail to Marcus Garvey while granting it to Robert Magruder. Justice should be color blind.

PRIVATE SECRETARY SLEMP

REGRET is keen among colored Americans that President Coolidge has appointed C. Bascom Slemp, Virginia ex-congressman, as his private secretary. Disapproval of Slemp is based upon his leadership and advocacy of "Lily-white" republicans in his state, which caused the revolt of colored voters in Virginia and his consequent retirement by a democrat. He is conceded to be a man of ability and wide influence in the South. His defeat may have opened his eyes and in him our people may find a better friend than we anticipate. Virginians as a rule represent a high type of broad-minded citizenship. Puritan and Cavalier may here prove a most happy combination. Let us be fair-minded enough to await developments. We believe that President Coolidge will honestly strive to be president of the United States which includes us as

Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1898.

Sec. 1. Civil rights of persons. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.

Sec. 2. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Section. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denials, shall for each offense be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.

"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. Messenger vs State, 25 Nebr. page 677. N. W. 638."

"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in some private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gies, 82 Mich. 359; N. W. 718."

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