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## ARTICLE XIV. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

### Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged

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.

### INDICATIVE OF A NEW SPIRIT

THERE has just come to our desk, Volume 1, Number 1 of "The Greater Fisk Herald", the revived student publication of Fisk University. It is a handsome, well-edited publication and seems to exude the new spirit which has come to Fisk under the new administration. It will be recalled by readers of The Monitor that we most heartily supported the position taken by the "striking students" at Fisk, which resulted in a change of administration there. One of the many just complaints of repression was the suppression of the publication of the Fisk Herald. We are therefore pleased to see the publication revived, renamed and enlarged. We congratulate the staff upon its initial number which sets a high standard as a literary production and in its typographical and mechanical make-up. The lofty spirit animating the publication should insure its success and perpetuity.

### IS IT DAWN?

MEMBERS of the student body and of the faculty at the University of Michigan have taken a decidedly advanced step towards promoting the democracy of which America boasts so loudly but so lamentably fails to practice. They have organized a "Negro-Caucasian Club", the object of which is "to work conscientiously, actively and persistently for the elimination of all forms of discrimination, injustice and prejudice against Negroes as distinguished from Caucasians." The organization pledges itself "to exert every effort to give in all possible ways substantial and effective help to individuals of this oppressed group, to aid and protect them not only in maintaining those rights to which they are entitled under the law either as citizens or aliens, but also to work actively against any existing or proposed law, and against any custom or individual practice involving pernicious race discrimination."

This movement is in line with the "Inter-Racial Club" recently organized at the University of Chicago for a similar purpose and in keeping with the recent student conference held at Northwestern University where action was taken to counteract racial and religious discrimination and intolerance and where organized Christianity, or "the Churches" were severely blamed for side-stepping the race question.

### THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

### HOW NOT TO DO IT

THAT our people should learn team work is conceded by all who think. How to learn it is the question. We seem to be expert in doing the things which prevent the very thing we admit ought to be done. For example, there will be some laudable movement, in which all would be willing to cooperate if they went at it the right way. But we bungle. Some individual, or representative of an organization desires to do something in which the community is, or ought to be, interested. After the plans are all made, the promoters, will call upon other individuals or organizations to help make this "civic affair" in which it is glibly stated "all our citizens ought to be interested" a success. This is just how not to do it. The proper way would be to invite those whom they desire to cooperate in such affairs at the initial meeting and not wait until all plans are completed and then expect cooperation. Until we learn this method of procedure we will continue to handicap efforts and movements, laudable and praiseworthy though they be, which call for whole-hearted and enthusiastic cooperation. We can qualify as experts in "How Not To Do It," let us see if we cannot become at least novices in learning "How To Do It."

### THE RED RECORD

AMERICA still stands supreme among caunted civilized nations in mob violence. Last year sixteen human beings were lynched. This is holding the record down, but it is still too high by sixteen. Fortunately the conscience of the nation is being aroused against this evil and it is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when the United States will become a lynchless land. It can be made so.

### Peppermint Now Worth Its Weight in Silver

South Bend, Ind.—A pound of peppermint oil is worth its weight in silver.

An acute shortage, resulting from unseasonable frost and heat in May in southern Michigan and northwest Indiana, where 60 per cent of the world's supply of peppermint is produced, reduced the crop 70 per cent, or to approximately 250,000 pounds.

Throughout the late summer and early fall peppermint oil has steadily increased in price until it exceeded \$17 a pound. The maximum price last year was \$4 and four years ago it was \$1.25.

The normal yearly consumption of the oil is 400,000 pounds.

Peppermint plants, the oil of which is distilled from the leaves and stalks, thrive best in heavy, mucky soil, found in the lowlands along the Indiana-Michigan border. The farms usually are small—50 or 60 acres. Under normal conditions, two crops may be harvested each summer.

Peppermint first was introduced into Indiana and Michigan about 1840 from Ohio. A quarter of a century before it had been imported from England.

### Thousands of Game Birds Victims of Cruel Malady

Klamath Falls, Ore.—Thousands of ducks and geese lie dead in Tule lake as a result of a strange malady, believed induced either by alkali water or by rank, stagnant ponds. To cope with the situation the United States biological survey has been notified, and will conduct an examination to determine what is the cause of the whole sale deaths in the ranks of thousands of game birds.

Game Warden Barnes will send several dead birds to the biological survey research office in Portland, where vital organs of the birds will be analyzed to determine the cause of death.

A similar problem with deer faced game authorities last year. Scores of mule-tail deer died in Modoc county from consuming wet mud in a dried-up spring.

### Sorry Now

Gowanda, N. Y.—Some sixteen Indian maids are sorry they had their hair bobbed. Because of their short tresses a movie company would not take them to Florida with 125 others.

### Nearly Half Prewar

#### Jews in Russia Gone

Washington.—According to a report prepared by the council of nationalities of the Soviet union received by the Russian information bureau here, the Jewish population of the Soviet union has decreased to 2,800,000, as compared with 5,000,000 in the territory of the former czarist empire.

The decrease of 2,200,000, or more than two-fifths, is explained by the loss of heavily populated Jewish centers to Poland, Lithuania and other states at the close of the war and also by the numerous pogroms of the white guard and the Petlura and Polish armies in the Ukraine and in White Russia during the periods of civil war and invasion.

### EXAMINATION FOR CLERKS AND CARRIERS

February 10 there will be held at the Omaha Post Office an examination for clerks, male and female, and for carriers, male. Some of our young men and women ought to take this examination. Apply for application blanks at the Post Office.

### HONOR WIFE OF BUILDER OF WALL

#### Chinese Erect Temple to Woman's Memory.

Chinwangtao.—Where the Peking-Mukden railway pierces the great wall of China at Shanhaiwan is a temple erected to the memory of a pious wife whose husband perished in the building of the structure.

Chih Huang-ti, the emperor who united all China, came to the throne in 246 B. C. It was Chih who built the great wall to keep the country together.

A woman from the south, so the legend runs, brought cotton-wadded clothes for her man, who had been impressed by the emperor to help build the wall. She was told that her husband had died, and that she could not have his body because it had been thrown between the brick facings of the wall and crushed there under tons of rubble and earth.

The woman persuaded a comrade of her husband to show her the stretch of wall where the body of her husband lay. Three days and three nights thereafter she walked up and down that length, until the compassion of the divine power was excited by her laments, and that part of the wall collapsed.

The scandal came to the ears of the emperor, who recognized, beneath his tyranny, that the conduct of the woman had been most orthodox. To regularize the matter, he directed that she be admitted to his household. First, however, he granted her prayer that she be permitted to select the bones of her husband for more deliberate burial.

The woman gathered up her husband's bones and walked to the end of the wall, abutting on the sea, from which, before the guards could stop her, she cast the bones into the sea and herself after them.

The image of the pious wife, in imperial robes, stands in the temple near the spot, while the breach in the wall is now perpetual.

### Gas Stations in Place of Old-Time Tollgate

Nashville, Tenn.—The gasoline filling station has replaced the familiar old sapling that formerly was swung down to block the public highways in the form of a tollgate.

Motorists are paying part of the highway construction expense at three cents a gallon at the filling station pump, where formerly every vehicle passing the designated spots had to plank down a quarter.

Tollgates were satisfying to traffic 100 years ago, when the pioneers blazed through forested areas and established accommodation for travel, but today the state is building its own improved and modern highways. Motorists will drive miles out of the way over another route to escape the periodical gates.

On June 14, 1790, one turnpike company organized a toll road with rates ranging from one cent for every ten sheep or hogs to three cents for each four-horse carriage. The rates advanced with the progress in roads and modes of travel and similar toll systems were adopted in other states.

The old tollgates in Tennessee became unpopular. Now through the red, blue, yellow and white gas filling pump the state is netting nearly \$3,000,000 in 1925 toward its public highway construction fund.

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10 a. m. Sunday School

11 a. m. Sung Eucharist With Sermon

8 p. m. Service and Sermon

The Church With a Welcome and a Message, Come