

AN OPEN LETTER

In an open letter to Mr. Wilson in the New York Times, entitled "Please, Mr. President," Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard writes the following among many pleas:

"Mr. President, would you mind trying also to come to an understanding with our Latin-American friends? The Mexicans hate us; the Central American and Haitian powers fear us. We are terribly upset about such small countries as Belgium and Serbia, and quite indifferent as to the aspirations of the little countries alongside of us. They are poor little countries, weak little countries, im-provident little countries, exasperating little countries, but not one of them wants us as masters. On the other hand, cannot we snuggle up with the A B C powers, which seem to like our society? Please, Mr. President, do something to reassure the Latin-Americans. The Monroe doctrine will not desert us; it has been our constant friend for a hundred years. The Monroe doctrine will take care of itself. Don't get us too deep into difficulties with little neighbors which may cause us to detach troops when we need them most.

TOM WATSON AGAIN.

In his magazine Tom Watson is all riled up because Arthur Brisbane of the Hearst papers calls attention to the fact that the Egyptians were Negroes. Tom says that the only Negroes in Egypt were those with ropes around their necks. This is quite different from the testimony of Dr. Rudolph Virchow, who was sent

to Egypt by the German Anthropological Association to see if he could not prove the Egyptians white. In his opening address upon his return Dr. Virchow said: "I thought I could find by comparative examination of the living and the remains and pictures of the dead, some points establishing the change of the ancient Egyptians into the Egyptians of historic times, but I have returned with the conviction that ancient Egypt and its neighboring countries have not essentially changed during all these periods. If Menes really existed, then they were in his times Negroes, since quite old mural paintings show Negroes with all their peculiarities."

JAPANESE RESERVISTS
LOYAL TO UNCLE SAM

Attention has frequently been called during the past decade to the large Japanese population settled in the Sandwich Islands. It has been authoritatively shown that these colonists from Dai Nippon included between 30,000 and 40,000 reservists of the Mikado's armies, many of them veterans of the terrible campaigns in Manchuria in 1904 and 1905. Their presence in the Hawaiian archipelago was described as a danger and it was predicted that at the first sign of any trouble between Tokio and Washington they would rise, overpower the small United States garrison and take possession of the islands. It was thoroughly impressed upon the newspaper reading American people that they were dependent for their retention of Hawaii and also the Philippines upon the good will and consideration of the Mikado's government.

Yet one of the first tokens of approval to reach President Wilson after his historic address to both houses of Congress the week before last was an intimation from Honolulu that the entire body of trained Japanese reservists in the Sandwich Islands placed their services wholly at his disposal and were not only ready but eager to serve loyally the Stars and Stripes under which they lived side by side with the troops of the United States.

IN THE LAND OF
THE MOUNTAINS

Bertha Traband Myers.

Out where the mountains veiled in purple mist

Stand waiting, are the first to be kissed

By the morning sun as it comes on tip-toe

And throws its kisses as it runs—just so—

From its silvered tapering finger tips, While the veil of purple mist slips

Low and the singing mountain breeze Answering, sways the fragrant pine trees

Until the sweet scent wafted far and deep

Wakes the valley as it lies asleep Dreaming dreams of sweet content

And breathing deeply moves the ferns all bent

Whose dainty lace hangs wet and cool

Drooping o'er the rock-lined pool Of the crystal sparkling water-fall

'Neath the pine trees straight and tall;

Where the things of mountains sing a hymn

While the glory of the night grows dim

In the grandeur of new beauties just begun;

'Tis way out there I'd like to run and run

And take big draughts of mountain air like wine—

That's all I'd ever ask to have for me and mine.

TREATISE ON HAMITIC HOUSES

Bertha Carr Rider has just published a technical study of the dwellings of peoples from the Neolithic to Hellenistic times and attempts to show the ethnic relationship of the peoples who erected these structures. She supports, on an architectural basis, the conclusion that a vast Hamitic Empire once prevailed in Europe, Africa and Asia, and that these people were the originators of civilization.

PROBATE NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Peyton Brooks, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 19th day of April, 1917, and on the 19th day of September, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 18th day of March, 1917.

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