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"THE NEGRO IS LOYAL TO THE CORE"

Under the above caption The Christian Science Monitor in its issue of April 6, publishes a lengthy editorial on the Prussian plot to start a revolution among Colored Americans. It is so noteworthy that throughout this thoughtful editorial it capitalizes the word Negro. The closing paragraphs of the editorial are here quoted:

"One great mistake of the German strategist, diplomatist, and conspirator, from the beginning, has been the failure to consider the other fellow. This led the German expert to believe that he could march through Belgium with bands playing and colors flying as if he were out for a holiday; that he would be in Paris in two weeks, that he would be in London in six months, and that the war would be all over, and the Eastern Hemisphere, and perhaps a good slice of the Western as well, would be in his hands, within one short, triumphant, delightful year. More recently, there is every reason to believe, he neglected to consider the Japanese or the Mexican. And in the latest of his projected exploits, this most efficient of human beings has forgotten to consider the Negro, with whom he proposed to deal.

The Negro, the Southern Negro, the Negro citizen of the United States, as anybody familiar with his character knows full well, unfortunately for the purposes of the German strategist, diplomatist, and conspirator, is loyalty personified. He is true to the core. He has given countless exhibitions of self-sacrificing devotion such as have left, neither in the South, North, nor in the Nation as a whole, any lingering doubt of his personal or national fidelity. His loyalty is a cherished conviction in the Southern household, in the Southern community, in the Southern heart, and wherever he is best known as he deserves to be throughout the land. He is not treacherous, he is not deceitful, he is not underhanded, he is not ungrateful, he is not a plotter, he is not a conspirator.

He is not at all deserving of the confidence or reliance of the Imperial German Government in any enterprise that calls for treason."

THE FUTURE FOOD PROBLEM

Ideas, thought, opinion and philosophy are the machinery of the world, but food is the fuel that runs it. The problem of eating is the problem of necessity and before it all other considerations must fall. Under the new defense of the realm act the President has the power to place a maximum price upon foodstuffs, and now the Secretary of Agriculture has asked Congress for \$25,000,000 to enable the government to handle and market the food supply. Such considerations merit and receive the hearty approval of all Americans, but can it be realized? The proposed

plan of the Department of Agriculture will render impotent the speculator, but can it regulate distribution without taking over the railroads? Distribution is the problem facing America today and to our mind the governmental ownership, or at least control, of railroads is the primary consideration in managing the food problem.

Meanwhile put in all the supplies you can, because you will need them. The government evidently wants to help out, but that is no reason why we should erect a fool's paradise. In another six months the food problem will be harder than now. The wise man will give his wife extra money to prepare and the wise wife will really prepare.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

The Monitor is justly proud of the type of Southern Colored men which it has induced to come to this part of the country. Without a single exception the men have proven to be of the very best industrious class, willing, efficient, intelligent and honorable. They will make excellent citizens of this community and help materially to make Omaha a bigger and greater city. One firm is so well pleased with the disposition they have shown that it has advanced them money to bring their families here, the same to be paid back in small weekly payments without interest.

Omaha needs thousands of good laborers and it will be the constant endeavor of The Monitor to hold the record of supplying the highest type of laborer. The uneducated Colored man is a vast improvement over the ignorant foreigner, but the intelligent Colored laborer becomes a unique asset to the present economic demands of modern business. We say again that we are proud of the Southern men whom we have brought here and with the handclasp of welcome we are pledged to do all possible to help them and that pledge will be carried out. We are glad they have come.

"PEARL OF THE ARMY"

The intensely interesting moving picture, "Pearl of the Army, or the Silent Menace," ended Wednesday night at the Alhambra after a run of several months. "The Silent Menace" proved to be Toko, the Japanese chauffeur of Pearl Hale. The New York Age wrote quite an article upon "The Silent Menace" and condemned the manner in which the Japanese are disparaged before American audiences, predicting that it will tend to increase prejudice against the Japanese people. There may be something in this position, but we believe there is greater reflection upon the patriotism of the American people when such a character as Toko can control so many of her citizens and soldiers for the nefarious purposes of destroying the American nation.

Obvious Observations

Welcome, the woman voter! Bye-bye to our raggedy curbstone petty grafters.

Read all that you see in the newspapers about the war and then forget it. The most of it is untrue.

The press keeps on reporting the threatened fall of the kaiser, but what seems queer to us is that it didn't know a thing about the fall of the czar until friend latter was hot-footing it for the tall timbers.

The Missouri—otherwise known as Old Mud—is also making a sort of spring drive.

If there is any man in Omaha who isn't working now it is because he doesn't want to work. His place is in jail.

Thanking you in advance for your careless attention, we will now debate with ourselves whether to hitch some patches aft starboard our shoes or lay down seven hard, cold, heavy blunks for a pair of new kicks.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Preparedness.

Knowest thou, folks who scan this pitome of journalism, that the dark clouds of want are elbowing each other for room upon the horizon? This be not glumful noise; aye! it is nearest of kin to hard-shelled reality. The jinx is on us and on us with both big feet. Get busy. Save the pennies and buy eats, much eats, for thou shalt need them muchly bye and bye. Hang thee a few hams on the rafters; buy slabs of bacon to keep them company; go heavy on the dusty white from wheat; cop a barrel of the good old cornmeal; corral countless of the canned commodities, and see that slews of cereals slide into thy pantry bins. It's up to Uncle Sam to feed the world and for some moons past Uncle Sam has had a hefty job trying to feed himself. Think not that if thou savest thy small shekels that it means the rest easy, for there thou turnest a somersault into the sea of error. Ere long thou wilt not be able to buy, even though thou hast much mazuma. Then thou canst not fool thyself. Thou canst fool thy feet, thy body and thy head, and make them to believe they are shod and gowned and crowned like princes; but thy bread basket thou canst not fool. It can't take a joke. You've got to come clean with it and show up with gilt-edge security. So get busy. Don't let the food famine hit you broadsides and then say you

weren't warned. No matter whether congress fixes food prices or not, if food is nix prices are only grim jokes played on a hungry nation. There are rich dudes in Germany today who could give the government one hundred bones for a pound of good country butter, but—
Get wise and then get busy!

Firms Who Employ Race Labor Reply

Morgan Park Duluth, Minn., 3-17-17
Mr. George Wells Parker,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: The answering of your letters of the 27th ult. and March 10th have been delayed on account of my absence, and I wish to advise that the work at this plant is steady the year around and good workmen can work every day without losing any time.

We are going to put on a number of workmen during next month and no doubt, your people can secure immediate employment when reaching Duluth. However, we are not advancing fare to workmen coming here. Our workmen do not have to wait longer than three weeks for their first pay day as they are being paid semi-monthly.

Minnesota Steel Company,
H. A. Hutter
Supervisor of Labor.

Sparow's Point, Md., Apr. 25, 17.
George Wells Parker,
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir: Answering yours of the 17th, would advise that we have in our employ a large number of Colored laborers and are usually in a position to furnish steady employment to men of this class who care to come here.

We do not furnish transportation, but if any men desire to come here on their own accord there will be no trouble in their securing employment with us.

Bethlehem Steel Company,
By T. W. Stingley.

Stamford, Conn., Apr. 19, 17.
Mr. George Wells Parker,

Dear Sir: Answering your note of the 13th instant, I beg to advise that this company does not advance transportation to any prospective employe. We are glad, however, to give employment to reliable Colored men who present themselves at our employment office.

The Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.
Per John Williams,
Mgr. Service Bureau.

Colored People Intending to Come North or West--- Take Notice

FARMERS, farm laborers, skilled and unskilled workmen, who intend leaving the south should protect themselves against swindlers and chance conditions.

The Monitor has taken up this problem and is able to be of service to you.

Write at once for information and enclose stamp for reply. Address,

George Wells Parker,
Business Manager of The Monitor,
Omaha, Nebraska.