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DOUBTS ACCURACY OF DIAGNOSIS

The Monitor publishes a letter from Sergt. Bailey in which he dissents from the suggestion made by The Monitor in our issue of July 7, to the effect that there is a scheme on foot to retire Lieut. Col. Young.

Several weeks ago, before the item was given to the newspapers, we learned from private advices that Col. Young was in the hospital for observation. Our informant had conversed with Col. Young, whom he said was apparently in the best of health. He further said that the impression was prevalent on the coast that this was but an adroit plan for Col. Young's retirement. The Monitor, inclined to be conservative rather than radical, deemed it best to await developments. Subsequently all our exchanges published the, to them, "surprising news" of Col. Young's sudden illness and many of them a letter from a well known California attorney urging a united protest against Col. Young's threatened retirement.

It was then that The Monitor joined its contemporaries in opposing what we believe to be a mere scheme to get rid of a gallant officer, who is in line for promotion, at no far distant day, to the rank of a general. We say this, deliberately and advisedly, because of the well-known disposition of this country to deny commissions in the army to Colored Americans. Nor are we unmindful of the fact that the South's in the saddle at Washington and that even in the perilous time of war such men allow themselves to be swayed by prejudice to carry out a policy which their unbiased sense of justice would not approve.

The Negro press of the country is unanimous in its belief, and bold in proclaiming it, that the report that Lieut.-Col. Young's "blood pressure is too high" to permit him to remain in active service is acceptable only with grave doubts as to the accuracy of the diagnosis.

"THE SPOILERS"

This editorial isn't going to be a literary critique upon Rex Beach's great novel, but a hot shot against a certain class of male and female roughnecks who assume that liberty means license.

We have out north a municipal bathing beach and it is open to all of the citizens of Omaha, white and black together. There is, however, a bunch of leisure loving males and red-light remnant females who seem determined to spoil this opportunity of our people enjoying a dip. Modesty is a word unknown to these spoilers and decency is as foreign to them as the province of Urkaine. Of course abbreviated bathing suits are in order for women who do not care and the type of women spoilers whom we write about is the type that revels in coarseness and vulgarity. They and their men use all sorts of indecent language and the only laughter called forth is when one of them puts across a particularly rough piece of suggestive English. It should be stopped. It doesn't hurt them because they are of a class that can't be hurt, but it does harm the better class of Colored people and the numberless whites who enjoy the beach. It must be stopped or else these roughnecks will be stopped by the better element of our people calling upon the city commission and police to stop it.

EUROPEAN BATTLEFIELDS AS HAVENS OF SAFETY

The Appeal to Reason, of Girard, Kans., is one of the ablest and most fearless of Socialist newspapers published in this country. Its editorials and special articles are always thought compelling. It is generally too much in earnest to be humorous; but its last issue contained the following clever bit of sarcasm, the humor of which will not be lost upon our readers:

"The Baltimore Afro-American rejoices that Negro surgeons have at last been commissioned in the United States Army, and deplores the fact that the artillery and the aviation corps are still closed to Colored applicants. After his experience in East St. Louis and elsewhere, we do not wonder that the American Negro looks to the European battlefields as a haven of comparative peace and safety."

AN APPRECIATED COMPLIMENT

The Searchlight of Sedalia, Mo., the official publication of that large and influential order, The United Brothers of Friendship, generally known as the U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s, and one of our most highly appreciated exchanges, in its issue of July 13, has this to say of The Monitor's change of form:

"The Searchlight wishes to compliment the Rev. John A. Williams, editor of The Monitor, on the attractive makeup and form of last week's issue.

The change was so different that we could hardly recognize it as being the same exchange, saving the deep thoughts of the editor and fresh news always found in its columns.

The Monitor is a weekly newspaper printed in Omaha, Neb., and like other race papers, is loud in its acclaim for justice and fair dealings to the race.

Again we congratulate you, Brother Williams, on your splendid evidence of progress, and fearless manner of letting the world know your stand, relative to the good of mankind. For as the newspaper has made great men, so will their proper agitation make a great race, a great people."

We sincerely thank The Searchlight for its appreciated compliment and congratulations.

TILL THE GROUND

We believe that it is a serious mistake for members of our race to become congested in cities where their opportunities for real independence are necessarily restricted. More should take advantage of the splendid opportunities offered throughout the west for taking up farm lands. We would like to see hundreds of thrifty families who are leaving the south to better their condition take up homesteads and lands which, within a few years, will place them in a position of independence.

Of course there is a growing demand for dependable labor for the great industries of the country and there will be work enough for all, black and white alike, who should work together as brethren who have common cause and common interests; but more of our race should take up the tillage of the soil and become farm owners in the rapidly growing and thrift-inviting west. Independence lies in this direction.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Daily Newspapers

The daily newspaper is the cream de luxe of modernity and the greatest handicap for speed. The ancient hamfats never had a daily because it would have required seven brick yards and a stone quarry to print a single copy and a whole freight train to deliver it. The Middle Ages had no more use for a newspaper than a Scandihooonian has for a letter "J," because their only occupation was fricasseeing Turks and that kept them so busy that they didn't have time for much else. It was not until 1709 that the first daily paper was born into the cold cold world. It was about the size of a man's hand and was nicknamed "The Daily Courant." The editor developed chronic parietalitis and frontalitis trying to fill the columns.

The D. N. remained a puny offspring until the telegraph took the job as wet nurse, whereupon it waxed mightily. On the front page you will find the latest divorce and graft scandals from every point of the solar system, together with columns of war news which "ain't" so; while the inside deals with everything from a bargain sale of ladies' negligee to rules for taking grease spots out of your character. The editorial page is a collection of personal opinion dope determined upon making folks forget how to use their cerebral capacities. This isn't a hard job since kinoops don't even know they have any such capacities.

Daily newspapers are now censored, that is, doctored. The gink who has the title of newspaper doctor is one Creel, of Wash. D. C. Doc Creel is a peach. He knows about more things that never happened than the guy at the sanitarium in padded cell 41144. Fourth of July Doc Creel tickled the country by telling about seven U-boats that felt the fatal fire of U. S. fighters and got by with it until the admiral said they didn't see anything that looked like a sub. Doc is now looking for the joke.

Obvious Observations

Things are getting so warm for Kaiser Bill in Deutschland that he has ordered his engineers to start digging a hole through the earth so he can drop through at the critical moment. He can't go north, south, east, or west, because of enemies and can't go up because of airships and hence old mother earth is the only resort.

Labor conditions in the U. S. have an ominous ring. The western front isn't the only place we will need soldiers by any means.

The war department might draft the I. W. W.'s and let them lead the charge against the German sixty centimeter guns.

"O, what is so rare as a day in June?" sang a poet. Say, Bo, a June day hasn't anything on a July day when watermelons are ripe.

How's your garden? We have just begun to think that when it comes to lying Ananias hasn't anything on a seed catalogue.

If Uncle Sam exempts everyone from the army who wants to be exempted, a child's toy boat will be plenty big enough to carry them to "somewhere in France."

We would like to know what mulgashab left a note saying that if we didn't burn our German grammar he would have us pinched for being an alien enemy! Didn't he know we were "Cullud?"

Mr. Real Liquor has been knocked out at last. They have counted ten thousand times ten over his senseless form and he hasn't even rolled his eyes. Uncle Sam may not be a prizefighter, but he has an awful punch.

We don't know what the investigating committees are going to do in East St. Louis, but we do know that they have a lot to do if they are to persuade the Negro that he has any reason to love this country.

Thanking you for your eager attention, we will now suck some lemonade through a straw in the shade of the old oak tree.

BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS IS COMING

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The free street parade, which will start from the circus lot at 10 o'clock on the morning of circus day, will be three miles in length.

NEWS OF GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Attendance at the morning and evening services is steadily increasing. The Sunday school, under its efficient superintendent, C. B. Wilks, is making a most gratifying growth.

The funeral of Mrs. Pinnie Harris, an aged member of this congregation, who has been most lovingly cared for during the past year by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. R. D. Allen, was held from the church last Sunday afternoon. All the inmates of the N. W. C. A. Home, where Mrs. Harris had made her home and was quite a favorite, as well as several officers of the Home, attended the funeral. Interment was in Forest Lawn cemetery. The Rev. G. G. Logan officiated and Banks and Wilks had charge of the funeral.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Minnie R. Garrett, wife of Charles C. Garrett, 2754 Harney St., who recently underwent an operation at the Nicholas Senn Hospital, takes this means of thanking her many friends for their kindness and flowers during her illness. She is gratified to state that she is improving.

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