

SOON TO CALL 70,000 COLORED TROOPS

Washington, March 4.—Seventy thousand colored troops will be called within a short time, it was announced today. This will finish the first draft call for all states. The colored men, principally from southern states, were not called earlier because the camps have not been selected.

ENTERS Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK.

Kansas City, Mo.—Prof. H. O. Cook, vice principal of Lincoln High School, has secured an indefinite leave of absence, to take effect at once, for the purpose of taking up war work for the Y. M. C. A., of which he is an active member. He will be stationed at Camp Grant for the present.

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Message de Sympathie Adresse au Colonel Theodore Roosevelt

Written by R. L. Desdunes, 2423 Patrick Ave., Omaha

GRAND homme dont le nom inter-
essee le monde,
Et dont l'oeuvre a tant de points
partout sous les cieux
Toi dont l'esprit bannit et la morgue et
l'immonde
Et n'admets que le bien icibas de
pre'cieux.

Il n'est pase etonnant que l'univers
s'alarme,
En te voyant couche sur unlit de
douleur;

Il est tout naturel que l'oeil verse une
larme,
Sur le sert de celui qui fit tant de bon-
heur.

Ce ne sont pas nous seul les fils de la
puissance,
Que ton chevet invite a' la compas-
sion:

Le prosquit dans son coeur plein de
reconnaissance,
Peut bien s' apitoyer sur ton afflic-
tion.

Au temps qu on se trompait sur ta
vie energique,
Ton esprit tolerant ta bruyante
gaite,
Mais tu sus chatier la cabale impu-
dique
Qui voulait t'imposer La sourde vo-
lonte.

Oho! oui jeme souviens du sublime
message,
Ou' ta plume traicait la noble verite
Ou' tu ne pouvais pas te montrer si
peu sage,
En ravissant aux Noirs leur part de
liberte.

Tu ne fus pas injuste a' la race fletrie,
Ton pouvoir au contraire amoindriet
ses malheurs,
Unjour que tu guidais les voeux de la
patrie,
Tu sus nous epargner des honts et
des pleurs.

Tu fus a ce moment, august et mag-
nanime,
Tu pouvais, cependant, t'Isoler loin
des faits;

Mais tu ne voulais pas ni commettre de
crim,
Ni laisser ton silence engendrer des
forfaits.

Tu disais que la porte ouverte a' l' es-
perance
A la face du Noir ne peut se re-
fermer,

Que ta main ne saurait effacer l'assur-
ance
Que l' honneur national a pris soin
d'esprimer.

De mas yeux j'ai perdu l'indicible lu-
miere
Cette peine a'souffrir je puis m'ac-
coutumer;

Mais pour moi, la justice est la chose
premiere;
Qui s'en fait une loiles Noirs devrai-
ent, aimer.

Aux citoyens de Cuba, a' ceux de St.
Dominique,
Tu pretas le secours de tes meileurs
efforts;

Avec la loyauté qui dans tout te dis-
tingue,
Tu pus les garantier contre l' abus
des forts.

Naguere l'on te vit aus minlieu de co-
mices
Tendre a deux veterans une im par-
tiale main

Mais tu les avais vus au temps des
sacrifices;
Lorsque ton bas vengeait le Maine
et le Cubain.

Dans un sublime elors ton esprit equit-
able,
Accueillit de Booker la personnalite;
Partageant avec lui les plaisers de la
table
Ce repasfit honneur a ton humanite.

Mais l'action qui vers toi plus encor
nous attire,
Ce fut, contre le Lynch tes chaleu-
reux discous

Tu voulus nous sauver de cet affreux
martyre;
Que ten, nom immortel soit beni
pour tou jours!

WHAT THE RACE PRESS SAYS

Some With White Hearts.
No matter what the character or de-
gree of his humiliation, the Colored
man should remember that right here
in the South there are some white peo-
ple with white hearts, who believe in
exact justice and the proper recogni-
tion of the rights of their fellowmen.
—The Clarion (Nashville, Tenn.)

Barbarity and Heathenism.
The people of this country are
swearing vengeance against Germany
for barbarity and inhumanity against
the weak and defenseless people over
there. The Turks are being called
heathens and barbarians because they
murder and outrage human beings and
these are some of the things which
have caused this country to enter the
world conquest in its great struggle
for democracy. But a recent dispatch
from Tennessee, U. S. A., shows that
the Germans and Turks are not the
only heathens and barbarians to be
dealt with.—The Advocate (Portland,
Ore.)

Hats Off to the Women!
Dr. Booker T. Washington, when
president of the National Business
league, tried to raise money enough to
clear the Frederick Douglass home at
Anacostia, D. C., from a debt of \$5,000
or \$8,000, and failed! This reflects
upon our men, particularly members
of that organization, and not upon Dr.
Washington or his memory. Along
comes "mere woman," years after-
ward, in the person of Mrs. Mary B.
Talbert of Buffalo, N. Y., backed by
our national woman's organization, of
which she is president, raises the
money, clears the home of debt and
makes it a permanent headquarters
for her organization. This is only an-
other of the many demonstrations
showing why men simply must take
off their hats to women.—The Cleve-
land Gazette.

DASHEEN, SIMILAR TO POTATO. A NEW FOOD RECRUIT

Harrisburg, March 15.—Flour sub-
stitutes, strongly recommended by the
United States Food Administration,
have gained a new recruit—the dash-
een. This newcomer, the Department
of Agriculture says, is similar to the
589 Waters-Barnhart—Mar 14 —6—
potato in origin and habits, and plen-
tiful in Florida, although it grows no
farther north than North Carolina.
The dasheens are made into flour
by slicing, crisping in an oven and
then being ground in a mortar.

FACTS OF INTEREST

If it were only possible to utilize the
tremendous power of freezing water—
of which your water pipes may have
given you an example this winter—
there would be little need of coal for
power in our northern latitudes. And
who knows how soon men of science
may master the problem?

The United States food administra-
tion does not confine its work to this
country. For example, it is shipping
fifteen hundred farm tractors to
France to help in the spring ploughing
there. The need of such help is evi-
dent, for in 1917 the area sown to
crops in the uninvaded parts of France
was only 30,742,157 acres, whereas in
1913 it was 40,657,293 acres.

Italian soldiers in the high Alps
have done most of their cooking over
ration heaters that their women at
home made by rolling old newspapers
into tight rolls and boiling them in
paraffin. In this country there are
millions of candle ends left over from
Christmas illuminations and tons of
old newspapers that could not be put
to a better use than making them into
such fuel for our own soldiers, or even
for our own families during the pres-
ent scarcity of fuel.

The total eclipse of the sun on June
8 will be visible along a strip extend-
ing diagonally across the continent
from the state of Washington to Flor-
ida. Astronomers are making great
preparations for it, especially at Den-
ver university, which has a telescope
with a twenty-inch lens. Never before
has the path of a total eclipse touched
an observatory that has so large a
telescope. The next total eclipse of
the sun visible in the United States,
after that of June 8, will occur in
1923.

DIEN'S AT RIPE OLD AGE.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 15.—Mrs.
"Cheery" Anderson, a native of Louisi-
ana, died at the Home for the Aged
of the Little Sisters of the Poor, on
Boyle Heights, at the alleged age of
108 years. She was given the name
of "Cheery" years ago because of her
constant bright and cheerful spirit.

BAND OFFERED TO ARMY.

Topeka, March 15.—George Wash-
ington Jackson, colored bandmaster of
Topeka, has offered his entire band,
men, uniforms and instruments, to
the War Department. He wants the
band to go with the Three Hundred
and First stevedore regiment.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Twenty-ninth and T Streets; Rev. T.
A. Taggart, Pastor.

Mrs. Lula Richardson of Thirtieth
and R streets is expecting to go to the
hospital for an operation.

Mrs. Franklin of Thirtieth and R
streets is still on the sick list.

The Mission Circle meets Thursday
afternoon with Mrs. Tinker, 5412 South
Twenty-seventh street.

The series of sermons on "The
Seven Seals of Revelations" are still
continued. The pastor preached on
"The Fifth Seal" last Sunday night to
an overflowing audience.

Sunday morning service, 10:45.
B. Y. P. V., 6 p. m.

Next Sunday night, "The Sixth
Seal," in which the pastor will deal
with the conflicts of the present world
war and fulfillment of the prophecy
that we are in the last days.

URGES FOOD CONSERVATION

Dr. E. C. Morris of Helena, Ark.,
president of the National Baptist Con-
vention, the largest Negro religious
organization in the country, is urging
the Baptists of this country to join
the food campaign and help the young
men to live while fighting in the
trenches or on the battlefields. He
spoke of over 10,000,000 American
housewives who are already joined by
signing the cards and were living up
to the pledge, but the question was as
to whether many members of the race
had signed the cards. "We are a part
of this government," he said in a let-
ter addressed to the Baptists of Amer-
ica, "and now is the time for us to do
our duty. This is not the time for the
discussion of racial differences. The
United States expects every citizen to
do his duty, and when it comes to the
Negro, I am sure that he is going to
do his part or report to God the reason
why."

MUST GO UNDER LICENSE

Every mill in the state making
wheat or rye flour must go under li-
cense, according to a proclamation is-
sued by President Wilson. Up to the
present time, only mills with a ca-
pacity of 75 barrels daily have been
required to take out licenses, but the
new order is sweeping, taking in all,
for the purpose of securing conserva-
tion of wheat and rye.

These mills must make flour ac-
cording to the Government standard,
and must dispose of it according to
the Government regulations. Another
ruling says that all manufacturers,
distributors and others handling live
stock and poultry foods must also go
under license.

Licenses must be obtained before
February 15, and the applications
must be made direct to the License
Division, Food Administration, Wash-
ington. Failure to comply subjects
the offender to a fine of \$5,000 or one
year's imprisonment or both.

RANCHMEN FAR FROM TOWN MAY BUY 25 LBS. OF SUGAR

Omaha, Neb.—Ranchmen living far
from towns where they buy their sup-
plies may buy sugar in larger quanti-
ties than those who live in the city or
in rural districts in close proximity,
according to Gurdon W. Wattles' in-
structions to his county food adminis-
trators.

However, the merchant selling such
quantities must justify his sale on the
basis of impossibility of the customer
to abide by the regular rules. The
limit of sales to a ranchman is twenty-
five pounds. The prescribed quanti-
ties which merchants may sell are:
Sugar, to town customers, 5 pounds;
country customers, 10 pounds; flour,
town customers, 50 pounds; country
customers, 100 pounds.

Hoarding.—Any person in the United
States who buys more foodstuffs or
fuel than he customarily keeps at home
in peace times is defeating the govern-
ment in its purpose to secure a just
distribution of food and fuel and in its
great endeavors to reduce prices. The
hoarding of food or fuel in households
is not only unnecessary, as the govern-
ment is protecting the food supply of
our people, but it is selfish and is a
cause of high prices.

Such actions multiplied by thou-
sands increase the demands upon our
railways for cars and already, be-
cause of our military demands, it is
with extreme difficulty we can now
move the necessary food to markets.

SCOUT NEWS.

Troop No. 23
The Scout movement is here to stay.
There are nearly 1,000 Scouts in
Omaha. Of this number only twenty-
five are Colored. We ought to have a
larger membership.

Any man interested in becoming a
scoutmaster or any boy interested in
becoming a Scout is invited to meet
with us Sunday at 3 p. m., March 24,
at Mount Moriah Baptist church.
H. L. ANDERSON, Scoutmaster.
FLOYD MAXEY, Scribe.

MR. SIMPKINS PAYS HIS INCOME TAX

By ROBERT McBLAIR.

Mr. Simpkins gazed at the portrait
on the wall till his eyes filled with
tears. It was a portrait of his father,
Colonel Simpkins, who had four times
been promoted for valor during the
Civil War and had died bravely on the
field of action. Mr. Simpkins' throat
ached now for two reasons: First, he
reverenced and adored the memory of
his father; secondly, his age and his
eyes and his game leg wouldn't let him
go to war himself. And as he observed
the martial bearing and uncompromis-
ing gaze of Colonel Simpkins he saw,
in imagination, the khaki-clad lads of
the new generation marching forth and
crossing three thousand miles of sea to
fight, maybe die, for liberty.

Mr. Simpkins peered around to make
sure that neither Bess nor John (who
were at the teasing ages of sixteen
and seventeen) were where they could
see him, then he straightened up and
threw his right arm up for a salute.
But his gouty shoulder twinged, and he
groaned. He couldn't even salute.

"Damn!" said Mr. Simpkins, and
with his other hand fiercely twirled his
white mustachios.

He turned and limped into the li-
brary and sat down "reakily before the
mahogany desk on which were lying
the blanks for his income tax state-
ment, blanks which he had rather
grumpily got from the Internal Re-
venue officer only that day after lunch-
on his way home from the club.

Mr. Simpkins' income for 1917 had
amounted to just about \$15,000, and he
had been rather snappy on the sub-
ject of taxes ever since he had discov-
ered that the more income a man has
the greater the percentage of it he
pays in taxes. He could think of sev-
eral men who, like himself, were mar-
ried and had two children, and yet,
although their incomes were nearly
half of his, they would pay only a
small fraction of the amount he paid.
He gloomily drew the blank nearer
and began filling in the information
that it asked for.

As Mr. Simpkins' income was \$15,000
he had to figure out the amounts pay-
able on each of the successive smaller
classes of incomes in order to arrive
at the total due from himself. He
passed over the first class who must
pay taxes, that is, single men making
over 1,000. His calculation for mar-
ried men then showed up as follows:

First, they pay 2 per cent. (under
the 1916 law) on all income over
\$4,000, deducting \$200 for each of their
children under eighteen years. In Mr.
Simpkins' case this was \$212, which he
put down in the "payable" column.

He saw next that, under the 1917
law, married men pay an additional 2
per cent. on all over \$2,000—with the
same allowance for children. This
added \$252 to his "payable" column.

He then observed that for every
\$2,500 jump in his income over \$5,000
he had to pay a Surtax, the percentage
growing larger with each jump. This
was \$250 more added to his burden.
And on top of all this came an "Ex-
cess Profits" tax of 8 per cent. on all
"occupation" income over \$6,000, mak-
ing \$720 more.

The total, then, he must pay was four-
teen hundred and thirty-four dollars.

"Whew!" exclaimed Mr. Simpkins
angrily. "There's young Henry Wil-
kins, who married Jake Johnson's girl,
he makes \$2,000 and he doesn't pay a
cent of taxes. I guess this is his war
as well as mine!"

Thinking of young Henry Wilkins,
he remembered that Mrs. Wilkins went
every afternoon to make bandages for
the Red Cross and that Henry, who
was a lawyer, was adding the Local
Draft Board with its questionnaires.

"Well," he admitted to himself,
"that makes a difference."

He thought next of Judge Willough-
by, whose income was about \$3,000.

"He only pays \$20," commented Mr.
Simpkins, not quite so angrily this
time; and then a thought struck him
and he sat up rigidly in his chair.

Judge Willoughby's son had been
drowned on the Tuscania when it was
submarine with the loss of two hun-
dred soldiers.

"Judge Willoughby gave his son to
America," muttered Mr. Simpkins.
He leaned forward suddenly and put
his face in his hands.

For a long time Mr. Simpkins sat
very still in that position. There was
no sound in the library except the
ticking of the tall clock and an occa-
sional trill of laughter from the chil-
dren skylarking upstairs. The square
of light on the carpet gradually with-
drew itself through the window, and
first twilight and then darkness settled
in about the quiet, white haired, some-
times irascible old man.

Mr. Simpkins was thinking things
which he would never afterward speak
of, he was thinking things that were
too sacred ever to be put into words.
But some inkling of his thoughts may
be found in his rejoinder to Mrs.
Simpkins when that placid lady came
in and turned on the lights, and asked
him whether he was ready for dinner.

"Judge Willoughby's only son was
worth as much as fourteen hundred
and thirty-four dollars, wasn't he?"
Mr. Simpkins demanded of her.

As his wife, who was not unused to
his superficial irritations, watched him
in mild astonishment, Mr. Simpkins
limped out to the hall and took his
old felt hat and silver-headed cane
from the hat rack. Letting himself out
into the foggy evening, he tapped his
way down to the corner and mailed his
income tax statement and check with
his own hands.

"Now, God be thanked," said Mr.
Simpkins as the lid clanked shut over
his missive, "I can do this much for
my country, anyhow."



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so far as my power, authority and
influence may go.

ALFRED SORENSON.

Mr. Sorenson was born in Wis-
consin; was educated at Racine
College in that state; is a gradu-
ate of the law school of Harvard
University; is a printer by trade;
has been a newspaper man nearly
all his business life; has success-
fully published The Omaha Exam-
iner for 18 years; became a resi-
dent of Omaha in 1871; is a prop-
erty owner and a man of family.
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paign IN ALL SERIOUSNESS and
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