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## "SUFFERED, DIED, ROSE AGAIN"

"Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried"; "The third day He rose again from the dead." So reads the historic Creed of Christendom which will be recited by millions in stately fanes and at humble shrines on Sunday next while myriad sons of earth bow the knee in reverent worship.

These words assert two facts. But, first, what is a fact? Well, the word comes from facio, in the Latin tongue, which means to do or accomplish; therefore a fact is something accomplished, something done, something which has actually taken place. This is what is meant by a fact. That Abraham Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation is a fact, a well-authenticated fact of American history; that President Wilson on April 6, 1917, formally declared that a state of war existed between Germany and the United States is another fact. These are events which actually took place, hence they are facts. It is customary to observe the anniversary of such events, and such anniversaries, or observances, bear witness to that particular fact.

These words from the Apostles' Creed assert two facts, as fully authenticated as the two cited from American history; and those two facts are these: The Death and The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Good Friday is the memorial and witness of this first event and Easter Day, and indeed in a certain sense, every Sunday, is the memorial and witness of the second event. These two events took place at a certain time, and in a certain well-defined locality and are testified to by unimpeachable witnesses.

It may be well to remind ourselves of the certainty of these things which are believed among us.

On Easter Day emphasis will be laid upon the cheering, comforting fact of the Resurrection. For it does reveal a most comforting truth: the triumph of life over death.

It answers the age-long question: "If a man die, shall he live again?" It rolls away the stone from the sepulchre and enables us to behold those whom we have loved long since and lost awhile "clothed upon with immortality." It proclaims the truth—not the distinction between a fact and a truth—that man cannot be holden of death; but is destined for eternal life, which gift has been won for him by One, who although divine, willingly subjected Himself to the limitations of manhood.

Through sacrifice to victory is the thought stressed by Good Friday and Easter.

Belief in the resurrection of the body—for that is the truth that Easter Day proclaims—requires emphasizing today, when attention is being called to the necessity of temperance and purity. The fact that the same body, not any other, but the same which died; that the same flesh which was separated from the soul at the day of death shall be united to the soul at the last day, should influence men to respect their bodies. Definite teaching of this much-observed truth will be found to have its influence upon morality. The fact which Easter attests, and the truth which it proclaims is not a mere abstruse theological dogma, but one that has a practical bearing upon man's practical everyday life.

"Resurgam." I shall rise again. Think what this involves. And surely you will strive to live daily so as to be worthy of such an inheritance. Through sacrifice to victory; through death to life.

"I believe in the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come."

## AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PSYCHOLOGY

The psychology of the American press is indeed a peculiar species of animal. It moves according to no known laws and is as variable as the gusts of summer. On the one hand it plays up to Americans that Germany is not the military power she pretends to be and is momentarily on the brink of destruction, while on the other it keeps dinning into our ears that we are failing to do our part and that we must bend every effort to increase our efficiency. Only a few weeks ago we learned of the proposed German offensive. The same was pooh hoed in American papers and

called German bluff and bull. Suddenly the offensive occurs and is the most terrible battle ever known in the annals of history. Lives are being lost, not by thousands, but by the hundreds of thousands. Fire and shell descend like rain and vast armies struggle with each other for the mastery of a few feet of ground. We were not expecting it because our press did not prepare us. It said that it couldn't happen. Why the lies, the garbled truth, the slighting sidelights, the false deductions, and falsified representations? Is that the kind of gaff that is to stiffen the American backbone and raise the degrees of determination? We are fighting the greatest military machine the world has ever known and it is not better to let us know all that is known of the inner workings of this juggernaut than to try and persuade us that it is nothing and only awaiting a loose bolt to throw the whole into wreck? Are our soldiers being taught to underestimate the enemy? Do they get the same line of dope that is being dished up every day for the American palate? Let us hope not. Let us have the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We can stand it and the greater the truth the greater will become our preparedness and determination to win at all hazards. Cut out the monkey stuff and give us man food and woman food. That is what we need and nothing else.

## THE WESTERN DRIVE

The terrible German offensive is on the west front. While the cost should not be underestimated there should never for a moment be the slightest concession that Germany will win. The allied forces will triumph. Every American should realize that he is to do his utmost to help democracy gain the victory. There can be no talk of peace until the Prussian war lords are beaten to their knees. The western drive is on. It will decide the war. It may be a long conflict, but the end is sure. Do your part, whatever it may be.

## ENCOURAGING SIGNS

We note with pleasure several encouraging signs as noted elsewhere in these columns. A young man of our race has been appointed to Annapolis, following the appointment of one to West Point. This is as it should be. The statement that Bellevue and Allied hospitals will admit candidates on merit, not color, strikes the right note. The opening up of many industrial opportunities is another encouraging sign. Let us prove worthy of these opportunities as they offer themselves.

## BRITISHERS, ATTENTION

We have been requested to call the attention of Colored Britishers to the fact that their country is calling them home for enlistment. There are many of British birth who may be reached through The Monitor and we hope that every effort will be made to tell them that England is calling them. What their response will be everybody knows. Men of British birth, England is calling you. Pass the word along.

## SKITS OF SOLOMON

The Seed Catalogue. The Seed Catalogue is the Ananias par excellence of literature and comes into its own every year along about this time. How it can get by year after year and still retain a reputation for veracity is one of the marvels of all time. Psychologists claim that it is the beautiful pictures of mammoth cabbages, mouth watering lettuce, beautiful radishes, handsome beets, golden parsnips, grand onions, verdant beans, and lovely okra, that brings about the hypnotizing effect and makes amateur gardeners forget all about the fall-downs of yesteryear. Maybe so, but at any rate it is sure some hypnotizing that the seed man puts across. Another queer thing about the whole performance is that the seed catalogue is never blamed for perjury. If a gardener doesn't reap garden truck as beautiful as those delineated upon the pages of the spring bible, he blames the soil, the weather, the heat, the cold, the rain, the drouth, the culture, the bugs, and every other dad blamed thing except the seed catalogue. Sometimes he blames the seed, but never the handsomely illustrated pages that tell all the wonderful things that the seed is going to do. It is a sin against hu-

man credulity and a brand of camouflage that makes the German and Ally line of dope look like a schoolboy performance. But what are you going to do about it? You can kick and rear and explode, but next year you are going to accumulate another library of seed catalogues and study them just as hard and swallow the salve in doses just as big. There is absolutely no cure for the truck gardening germ. It is as certain as spring fever and was implanted in the human frame along with original sin and other such junk. It belongs to the incurable diseases.

## IT'S UP TO US

The time has come when every mother's son and daughter of us must stand shoulder to shoulder and fight to win, that we may live and work in peace in the days to come. The administration at Washington should have our unprejudiced support, backed to the limit by every man of us, whether or not 'tis our privilege to follow the flag to a foreign field.

When once we get that feeling out of our system which prompts us to carp and criticize when Mr. Hoover or Mr. Garfield suggests, or demands, that we use sparingly of this or that or Mr. McAdoo asks us to buy more Liberty Bonds, then we will be ready to put a foot in the fellow's mouth who is forever peddling the "Why" and "What-for" in argument against the men who are doing their best in wrestling with the great problems which confront the people of our country.

It's up to every one of us to make US stand practically—as well as literally—for Uncle Sam.

It's time to do SOMETHING, stopping short of nothing but OUR BEST.

The boys at the front are doing something. They are over there fighting for us, and they are giving a mighty good account of themselves. They are doing something more than dispensing with finger bowls.

The Kaiser is busy. Let's take an oar.

## NEBRASKA BOOMING

There is plenty of money in circulation in Nebraska these days. Enough of it passed through the Omaha clearing house to put her into eighth place in bank clearings, although thirty-fourth in population. She overtopped such cities as Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Detroit, Atlanta, Minneapolis and St. Paul. The corn movement had something to do with this. The car lot receipts of the principal corn markets during January and February combined were: Chicago, 8,463 cars; Omaha, 8,356 cars, and Kansas City, 5,727 cars.

The American nation may be likened unto a team in which, to win, each shall play the part for which he is best fitted. Are you playing your position?

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## Letters from Our Readers

### THANKS FOR THE BOUQUET!

Kansas City, Mo., March 24.  
Rev. John Albert Williams, Editor of The Omaha Monitor:  
Dear Sir—I beg to voice my praise of your most newsy paper. It gets better with each succeeding issue. I eagerly await its coming, for it always contains so many interesting news items. I am glad to know that your paper is gaining such a wide circulation. This, no doubt, is due to the tireless efforts of your traveling representative, Mr. F. C. Williams. With the standard that your paper has maintained during its two years' existence I venture to say that it is destined to become the foremost Negro newspaper in the United States.  
Sincerely yours,  
RAYMOND JEAN KNOX.  
4137 Pennsylvania Avenue.

### CONCERNING WALTER S. JARDINE

To the Colored Voters of Greater Omaha: It gives me pleasure to take this opportunity of calling your attention to the coming primary and the numerous candidates in the field. We as voters should select men who will open the door of opportunity to us as citizens. In this respect I point with pride to Mr. Walter S. Jardine, who employs thirty-five men of our race and will gladly employ more of the right kind if they apply. So, Mr. Voter, when you cast your ballot primary day be sure to vote for W. S. Jardine, the man who is giving employment to many of our people.  
Respectfully yours,  
CHARLES MITCHELL.  
1529 North Seventeenth Street.

## FEDERAL INCOME TAX IN BRIEF

### The Requirements Boiled Down for Busy Folks.

Returns must be filed on or before April 1, 1918.  
Tax due may be paid now or on or before June 15, 1918.

If you are single and your net income for 1917 was \$1,000 or more you must file a return.

If you were married and living with wife (or husband) and had a net income of \$2,000 or more for 1917 you must file a return.  
Husband's and wife's income must be considered jointly, plus income of minor children.

Income of a minor or incompetent, derived from a separate estate, must be reported by his legal representative.

Severe penalties are provided for those who neglect or evade the law.

For false or fraudulent return there is a penalty not exceeding \$2,000 fine or year's imprisonment, or both, plus 100 per cent. of tax.

For failure to make return on or before April 1, 1918, fine is from \$20 to \$1,000, plus 50 per cent. of tax due.

Returns must be filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue of district in which you live.

An agent may file return for a person who is ill, absent from the country or otherwise incapacitated.

Each return must be signed and sworn or affirmed by person executing it.

Single persons are allowed \$1,000 exemption in computing normal tax.

A married person living with wife (or husband) is allowed \$2,000 exemption, plus \$200 for each dependent child under 18.

A head of family, though single, is allowed \$2,000 exemption if actually supporting one or more relatives.

Returns must show the entire amount of earnings, gains and profits received during the year.

Officials and employees are not taxable on the salaries or wages received from a state, county, city or town in the United States.

Interest on state and municipal bonds issued within the U. S. is exempt from federal income tax and should be omitted.

Interest on United States government bonds is also exempt, except on individual holdings of Liberty Bonds in excess of \$5,000 par value.

Dividends are not subject to normal tax, but must be reported and included in net income.

Gifts and legacies are not income and should not be included on the return of the beneficiary.

Life insurance received as a beneficiary or as premiums paid back at maturity or surrender of policy is not income.

Payments received for real or personal property sold is not income, but the profit realized thereon is income for the year of sale.

Amounts received in payment of notes or mortgages is not income, but the interest on such notes or mortgages is taxable income.

From the entire gross income certain allowances are made in arriving at the net income.

Necessary expenses actually paid in the conduct of business, trade or profession may be claimed.

A farmer can claim payments for labor, seed, fertilizer, stock feed, repairs on buildings, except his dwelling; repairs of fences and farm machinery, materials and small tools for immediate use.

The amount of rent paid for a farm may also be claimed as a tenant farmer's expense.

Payments for live stock are allowable if bought for resale. But if bought for breeding purposes cattle are an investment, not an expense, and cannot be allowed.

A storekeeper can claim amounts paid for advertising, clerk hire, telephone, water, light and fuel, also drayage and freight bills and cost of operating and repairing wagons and trucks.

A physician can claim cost of his professional supplies, rent, office help, telephone, expense of team or automobile used in making professional calls and expenses attending medical conventions.

A dentist can claim similar items, except team or auto expense, which are not necessary in his profession.

Expenses that are personal or connected in any way with the support or well being of a person or family are not allowable.

The costs of machines, instruments, vehicles or implements that are more or less permanent in character are not allowable as an expense. They are investments.

Interest paid on a mortgage or other personal indebtedness is allowable on a personal return.

All taxes paid within the year can be taken out on a federal return, except federal income taxes, inheritance taxes and assessments for local improvements.

Losses sustained in business or through fire, storm or shipwreck or by theft, except when compensated by insurance or otherwise.

Wear and tear of rented buildings or machinery used in business may be claimed.

You can also claim the amount paid to the Red Cross and to other charitable, religious or educational organization to the extent of 15 per cent. of your net income.

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