

RECENT EDITORIALS FROM THE WHITE PRESS

TACT AIDS PATRIOTISM

When it was proposed to officer the new Colored regiments with first and second lieutenants of the same race, there was more or less foreboding in old army circles.

Every soldier must salute his superior officer, and the advent of the Colored lieutenants at the cantonments was the occasion for much interested observation.

The army rule is that the subordinate need not salute unless he is noticed. Consequently the Colored lieutenants, when they see white subordinates approaching, are very likely to be studying the corners of the

buildings or looking the other way, and what might be an embarrassing situation is avoided.

As a result of this tactful policy and the sacrifice it involves for the good of the service, the Colored officer has won his way into the hearts of the white soldiers, officers and otherwise. The salute that is not exacted is now being given voluntarily not to the man, but to the flag behind the man, which is the only reason for the salute to anybody, no matter what his color.—The Omaha Daily News, April 11, 1918.

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THE SUPREME ATROCITY

While our soldiers go over the sea to give their lives in crusade against the atrocities of Prussianism in Europe, a propaganda creeps under the ground among the Huns of our southern and middle-western states in favor of torturing with white hot irons as a substitute for the lynching and burning of Negroes.

Two hundred and twenty-two Negroes have been lynched or murdered by mobs in the United States in the past year. That is an average of more than one every two days.

If these things happened in one city, it would be a white man's terror comparable to the worst days of the French Revolution, and exceeding the most extreme reports of Germany's invasion of Belgium.

"The Negro was seated on the ground and a buggy-axle driven into the ground between his legs. His feet were chained together with logging chains, and he was tied with wire. A fire was built. Pokers and flat-irons were procured and heated in the fire.

"Reports of the torturing, which have been generally accepted and have not been contradicted, are that the Negro's clothes and skin were ripped from his body simultaneously and with a knife. His self-appointed executors burned his eye-balls with red-hot irons.

"Thousands of people witnessed this scene. They had to be pushed back from the stake to which the Negro was chained. Roof-tops, second-story windows, and porch-tops were filled with spectators.

"Public opinion in Dyersburg and Dyer county seems to be divided into two groups. One group considers that the Negro got what he deserved. The other group feels that he should have had a 'decent lynching'."

We must see this happen, because no one else will see it. No one will allow himself to see it, save only those mobs that drink up the death and agony. Barely seventy years ago the sons and brothers that would be ours, marched away to give their blood as now for liberty and the rights of the oppressed; and is this the liberty they gave it for—to see these oppressed hunted through the country like rats and without court or jury or the shadow of any memory of law, chained down and tortured to confession and death?

Kindly report your news for The Monitor each week not later than Tuesday, so that we may receive it at our office Wednesday. Report all news to either of the following persons: Mr. Gene Nichols, Mrs. Major Moore or Mrs. Eva Crews.

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Lincoln News

Miss Gladys Brown has been elected pianist of the Mount Zion Baptist Sunday school.

Mr. M. C. Patterson was at the St. Elizabeth hospital, suffering from pneumonia, but is now recovering.

Mrs. Fred Henderson had an operation performed at St. Elizabeth hospital on account of a rising in her ear, which proved quite serious.

St. Ann's tabernacle, No. 92, has taken out a large number of thrift stamps, which demonstrates their willingness to help win the war against the Prussian beast.

The Gideon Band transacted much important business at its last meeting, which was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Ida Benjamin at 333 South Twenty-fourth street.

Lincoln subscribers should call L-8431 to report their news. Have all news in by 8 p. m. Monday.

The Baptist Mission Circle met last Tuesday at the parsonage. Final arrangements were made to secure the rest of the money needed to wire the church with electric lights.

Miss Maggie Garnett continues ill, caused by a relapse. A grand march and patriotic drill

will be given Wednesday night, May 1, at Masonic hall, by St. Agnes' tabernacle, No. 92. Come one and all and witness this grand treat.

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Mrs. Julius Miller will spend the week-end at Omaha transacting business, prior to returning to her husband, who is in Phoenix, Ariz.

The members of the Mount Zion Baptist church met in mass meeting

on Friday night and after transacting minor business elected Mr. Perry Williams clerk of the church. A unanimous call was extended to Rev. R. R. Powers of El Reno, Okla., to become pastor of the church.

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