Obvious Observations

Yes, son, the Allies are still in the lead.

Who said porterhouse steak? Mister, you must be dreaming. There ain't no sich animuls. Pass that kidney stew and fried mush. Also, farewell dear pie and cake and pudding; may you be with us again soon.

When Unk Sam gets through gathering in public service corporations it is almost a certainty that he won't let them wander around loose anymore.

Why not rechristen our city hall the House of Hate?

Wonder what the Kaiser dreams about at night?

brother, hustle.

Big visitors have had such nice things to say about The Monitor, that the tape measure says our bust has nips. Some guys stand around a la A Colored young man in the unideveloped five inches in the last month.

A German prisoner says the Kaiser told them that half the American army were Sons of Ham. He couldn't have thrown a scare into them any easier.

What's hapened to J. P. and John D., anyway? They haven't broken into print for some moons.

Have you renewed your subscription to the hottest little weekly that ever same down the journalistic pike? Then get busy and save a half a net on the side of your bean, sand the magic. bean.

minutes, we will now proceed to mend our just and onliest shirt.

Girls .- Adv.

SKITS OF SOLOMON.

Opportunity.

Senator John J. Ingalls of Kansas, now a member of the choir celestial, once wrote a great poem as to how W. S. S. army. What if our men in opportunity had a Sherlock habit of the trenches waited to be urged?

giving it the gentle tap, tap. If you were asleep and didn't hear it, then bye and bye the big change, automomiles, palaces and so forth; but if you did hear it and grabbed old man opportunity by the coat tails, Henry Ford wouldn't have anything on you. That was some days ago. Things aren't as they used to was. Opportunity is yelling at' you from every street corner and every housetop. If and broad shouldered and black as the Naturally their sympathy is closer

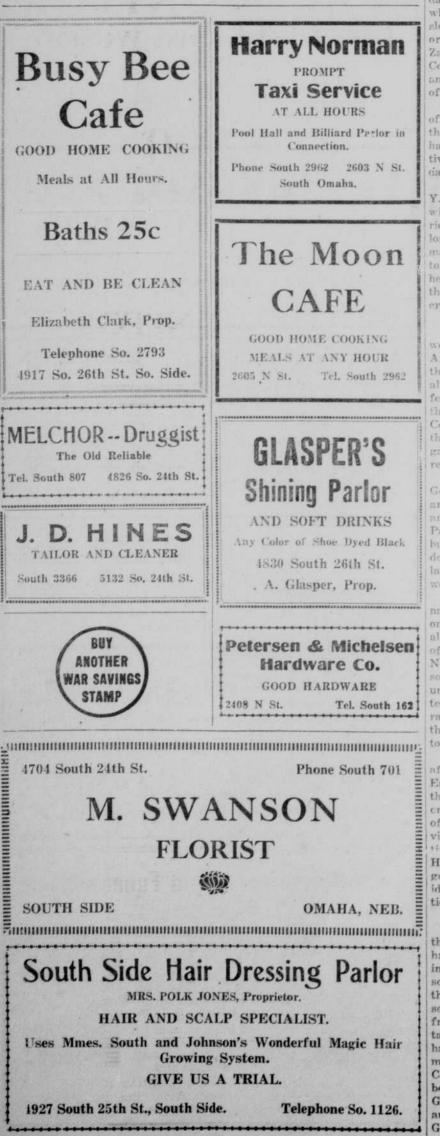
the matter with the tin pan in your ling have so many opportunities been hand melee with German troops.

turned loose on the dear public. If iron to cultivating squashes and tur- hunters home from the kill.

isn't the question before the house roots of flowers. to grab an opportunity, but the question of trying to grab a whole armful curiosity banished homesickness. at once. Nothing like it has ever From out of a little box came the letters to officers. One of the Colhapened since Old Man Noah let out voice of a man talking. The grownbids for building the ark. If you don't up child examined the box eagerly to have a fat wobbly bank account in the see where the man was hidden. But next few years its because you are there was no room for even a dwarf too s'ow to eatch cold. Tip your bon- in that box, so of course it was erywhere there is an impulse toward track so you won't slip, and then grab, Thanking you kindly for these two Grab with both hands and hold on like sixty. It's your chance and every- of Shaw university, Raleigh, N. C., body else's chance and there is so led the shy native into a dark room. many chances that nobody need be left where there was more magic. A lit-

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Don't wait to be urged to join the



THE MONITOR

snooping past each man's door and Leadership in Africa Offered by the War

War Service Is the Key Which Is Opening the Door of Opportunity to the Race in the Dark Continent .---

CHILD wandered into a "Y" hut in East Africa. He was big you can't hear it there is something ace of spades. Six feet in his stockings he stood, straight as an arrow ear and you should consult an aurist and muscled like a prize fighter. He or a blacksmith. Never since the wore the uniform of the King and also old U. S. was knee high to a duck- a long scar on his face won in hand-to-

None the less he was a child. Just you can't rake in some of the floating now he longed desperately to be at Have you got that job yet? Hustle. mazuma these days, it must be be- home with his tribe in Somaliland. cause your rake has lost all its eye He wanted to strut around in his teeth. There's an infant fortune in khaki before the dusky maidens, and handling anything from rags and old his heart ached for the feast of the

> Oliver Twist waiting for something form of a "Y" worker came forward to turn up and things are turning and welcomed the trooper in Swaholi. up so fast that they have stopped His friendliness went to the child making Loise. They merely hum. It heart as straight as rain to the thirsty

Then a miracle took place-and

More Magic.

Presently the secretary, a graduate Dance with the Western Beauty in the chair holding a pair of deuces the man with funny feet and a cane they come to these "Y" secretaries was walking about on a white screen. for all sorts of service, for instruc-You will be far better pleased with The six-foot child began to grin. The You will be far better pleased with your cleaning and pressing, dyeing the Young's Tailoring. The six-root child began to be the form in a minuted place of the p for him.

War service is the key which is opening the door of opportunity to the Negro race.

The latest evidence of it comes from darkest Africa. Into the jungles of which the ideals of democracy are slowly pushing their way. The Colored troops of Nigeria, Somaliland Zanzibar, Mysaland and the Gold Coast are looking eagerly for light. and their eyes are turned to the Negro of the United States.

A chance for leadership-one full of immense potentalities-has come to the Colored race of this country. It has been given him to lead the native of Africa into the light of the new day that is dawning for him.

Max Yergan was the first Colored Y. M. C. A. secretary sent to serve with the British troops in South Africa. Before he had been in the field long General Van de Venter, commander of the British forces, wired to ask for more of Yergan's race to help in the work. Already some of these have gone to the front and others are to follow.

A Stiff Campaign.

When the war began the Germans were very strongly situated in East Africa, the only one of their colonies that has not yet been captured by the allies. For three years they have ofthe British, Belgian, Portuguese and Colonial armies. They had a very thorough military system and had organized the tribes in their territory to remarkable efficiency.

suers into a jungle country where more deaths result from malaria, dysentery, black water fever and other such diseases than from casualties in action. Since they are of the same race.

these Colored Y. M. C. A. secretaries, all of them graduates of American colleges for Negroes are able to get into closer touch with the simple African troopers than are white workers. and their understanding of them greater. Yergan learned Swaheli within six months and so was able to talk to the men in their own tongue. Others among the workers have developed a remarkable aptitude

for service in that field. Boss Boys Learn to Write.

The huts are provided with port able cinemas, lantern slides, grammaphones and games. The educational feature of them is perhaps even more important. To see the patience with which a native porter after a hard day's work will try to study English with a slate and pencil is almost pathetic. Talks with lantern slides on sanitation, hygiene, and the prevention of disease are given to the head men of the villages. "Boss boys" are shown how to keep accounts and write ored secretaries conducted a class for native noncommissioned officers to make clear to them the ideals for which the war is being fought. Evlarger life for the natives. They are coming into touch with the world

thought. They turn eagerly to men of their own color to lead them into the light. With the simple faith of children

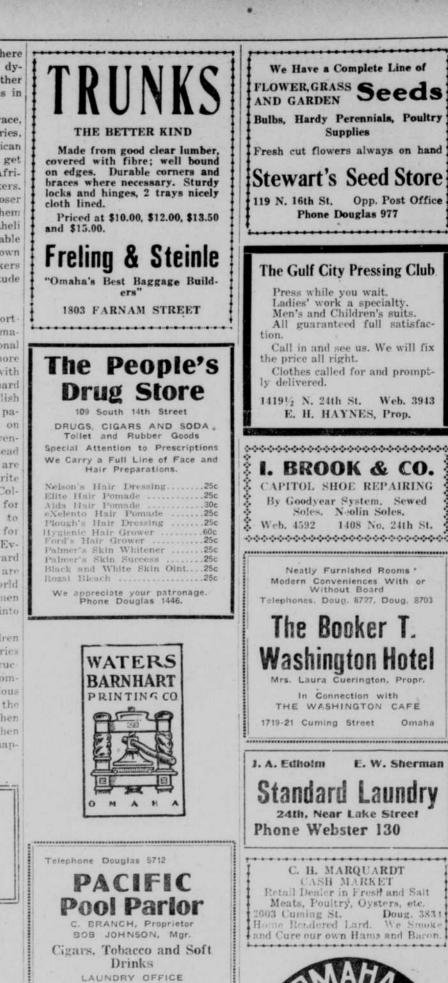
fundamentals of civilization. When they are ill they are comforted, when wounded they are cheered .-- Indianapolis Ledger.



A TOAST TO THE FLAG

HERE'S to the red of it! There's not a thread of it, No, nor a shred of it In all the spread of it, From foot to head. But heroes bled for it, Faced steel and lead for it, Precious blood shed for it, Bathing it red.

Heres' to the white of it; Thrilled by the sight of it. Who knows the right of it But has felt the might of it Womanhood's care for it Made manhood dare for it; Purity's prayer for it



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The country exceeds the area of Germany itself. Its chief products are ivory, cocoanut fiber, rubber, wax and sisal for the manufacture of rope. Parts of it are wonderfully fertile. but there are also large stretches of dense jungle and low lying swamp lands. Two railroads run east and west across it.

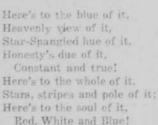
The British recruited and drilled natives from their colonies. At first tors and pack animals.

The mobilization of these natives is affecting the whole life of Central and Eastern Africa. Each one believed that his tribe was the most powerful O cne in the world, and he now learns And the good earth to tread upon, of the existence of many races previeusly unknown to him. For the first Forget not us, who gave all these His horizon is wider, life becomes big- Think in what cause we crossed the ger, and his plastic nature yields rapidly to the impressions of civilization.

No Climate for Whites.

During 1915 the British found out that white men could not stand the Now is the hour that shows the hardships of such a climate. Excepting the South African fighting units, some regiments of Indian Sepoys and Drive straight against embattled the white personnel of departmental services, the forces engaged are drawn from the Negro tribes. Thirty battalions of the Kings' African Rifles Endure, the end is worth the throe; have been raised in East Africa. Regi-Coast, Somaliland and other parts are bearing the brunt of the fighting. The Germans driven from the railroads Victory share. and out of the important 'towns by General Smuts, have led their pur-

Kept it so white.



-John Daly.

PRAYER FOR OUR LAND

O Almighty Lord, who fashionest one-third of the troops used by the the hearts of men, and considerest al allies were blacks, now 90 per cent their works; grant, we beseech Thee, of them are of that race. African to us and to all the people of this land Negroes make very smart, teachable the spirit of obedience to Thy com soldiers. In addition to the fighting mandments; that walking humbly m units several hundred thousand por- Thy fear we may, under Thy mights ters and carriers are used to build protection, possess our liberties in railroads and 'transport supplies righteousness and peace; through through a terrain inaccessible to mo- Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DEAD TO THE LIVING YOU that still have rain and sun Kisses of children and of wife, And the mere sweetness that is life, time he sees motors, ships, airplanes. For something dearer and for you! seas! Remember, he who fails the chal-

lenge

strong-The soul no evil powers affray-

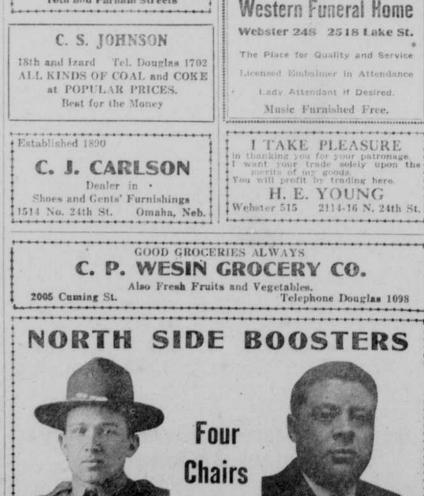
wrong; Faith knows but one, the hardest,

way,

Give, give, and dare and again dare' ments from Nigeria. Zanzibar, the Gold On, to that wrong's great overthrow! We are with you, of you; we the pain and

-Lawrence Binyon,

in London Times.



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