

## CLOSE RANKS

Dr. Du Bois says in the July Crisis: This is the crisis of the world. For all the long years to come men will point to the year 1918 as the great day of decision, the day when the world decided whether it would submit to military despotism and an endless armed peace—if peace it could be called—or whether they would put down the menace of German militarism and inaugurate the United States of the World.

We of the Colored race have no ordinary interest in the outcome. That which the German power represents today spells death to the aspirations of Negroes and all darker races for equality, freedom and democracy. Let us not hesitate. Let us, while this war lasts, forget our special grievances and close our ranks shoulder to shoulder with our own white fellow citizens and the allied nations that are fighting for democracy. We make no ordinary sacrifice, but we make it gladly and willingly with our eyes lifted to the hills.

Many are giving their lives; you are asked only to loan your money.

## TREAT CAPTIVE GERMANS KINDLY

French Generous to Prisoners Despite Brutal Course of Enemy.

### ARE GLAD TO BE OUT OF IT

Sight of Long American Columns Destroys Hun Hopes of Victory—Live Like Happy Family in Prison Camp.

With the American Forces in France.—France knows that her prisoners in Germany are treated badly, but German prisoners are treated humanely and even generously in French prisons just the same, writes Don Martin in the New York Herald. I asked an officer in charge of a French prison camp why this is, and he shrugged his shoulders and said merely:

"Ah!" Unless one could see the gesture accompanying the monosyllable he would hardly know what meaning to attach to it. It really meant:

"Oh, what's the use of being brutal to individuals just because some one else is? We wish we could, but we can't."

I have inspected several prisons, some large and some small, and in every one I have found the Germans treated quite as well as civil prisoners in normal times and in many instances better. Officers are not humiliated in any way. In fact they receive better treatment, a stranger would think, than they are really entitled to.

#### Prisoners Live Happily.

On a low hill about 1,000 feet from a main road of France stands a prison—five low wooden buildings surrounded by two barbed wire fences, with armed pickets always patrolling outside. Here are 200 Germans, many of them prisoners taken in the early battle of the Somme, but some taken more recently. They are all private and constitute as happy a family as one could find where personal liberty is the one thing desired and denied.

The Germans stood at their barbed fences hours at a time and watched the endless line of soldiers. When it was the blue of France that was moving past the Germans were not particularly interested. They had seen that for years. They know France always has had an endless line of everything needed for war. But when they saw the khaki of America filing or rolling by for a whole day and then for another, and heard the muffled shuffle of feet through the night, there was a change in the dull expression of those German eyes. It was at this time that I went to the prison to learn what they thought of what they had seen. First it should be stated that these prisoners see little of recent developments in the war. They must form their opinions from such fragments of conversation as they hear from their keepers and from what they see, as, for instance, from the long, long line of Americans, the first they had seen.

In this particular prison the newcomers had brought the news situation up to early spring, but as for the big offensive the prisoners knew only that there probably would be one.

#### Americans Surprise Germans.

When I asked if there was a German among the two hundred who could speak English, a good looking young man, with a typical Teutonic mustache, red cheeks, a glow of health, was called out. He stepped into my presence like an automaton, clicked his heels together and saluted the French captain. He told me he was a private; that he has a home in Lucerne, Switzerland; that he fought eight months, but was never wounded; that he is in the wholesale dry goods business in Berlin, and that he does business with John Wannamaker, Marshall Field and Stern Brothers.

"What do you think of all the Americans you have seen passing here recently?" I asked him.

"I have seen many Americans," he said. "I was surprised that you have so many in France."

Another prisoner, less prepossessing in appearance than the first, was asked about things in general. He spoke English poorly.

"I live in Berlin and work in a bank, but was in the war for two years. When the war is over I am going to Switzerland to live. I would go to America, but they don't like Germans over there any more."

"Why are you going to leave Germany?"

For an answer there was a shrug of shoulders and a half scowl, half smile. "Are you satisfied here?"

"It's a lot better than being in a grave where a lot of them are."

#### KEEPSAKE GOES FOR BONDS

Oklahoma Man Gives Up Gold Piece He Has Carried for Thirty-Seven Years.

Tulsa, Okla.—"I have carried this gold piece with me for thirty-seven years, and I have resisted hunger and temptation to spend it, and have always kept it as a treasure. However, Uncle Sam needs it now, and I willingly let it go so it will help to bring victory to the American arms."

This was the statement of W. H. Martin of this city as he deposited a \$10 gold piece at the post office window and asked for some baby bonds.

## South Side Notes

Mrs. M. F. Starnes, who has been very sick for about two weeks, is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson of Kansas City, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Omaha, left Wednesday night for home.

Mr. William Gray left last week for Kansas City to spend a few weeks.

Mrs. Sara Jones, who has been giving a series of entertainments each Saturday evening at her home, 4912 South Twenty-fifth street, for the Allen chapel building fund, will continue Saturday, July 27. On the following Saturday evening, August 3, she will give as her last entertainment a barbecue at the home of Mrs. Ida Riddles, Twenty-fifth and S streets.

### PHILLIP'S DEPARTMENT STORE WILL PAY FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE MONITOR

Phillip's Department store, on the South Side, "the fastest growing store in Omaha," is so well pleased with The Monitor that it wants everybody to read it. To every customer who buys \$20 worth of goods at this store Phillip's Department store will pay one year's subscription to The Monitor, one of the greatest Negro weeklies in the country. Trade at this store and save all your coupons. See our big ad in this week's issue.

### A MILITARY ANTI-LYNCHING MEASURE

The July Crisis says: Representatives of the military intelligence bureau proposed the following measure as a substitute for the Dyer bill mentioned in the June issue of the Crisis at a special hearing before the judiciary committee of the house on June 6.

#### A BILL.

To punish the crime of lynching in so far as such crimes tend to prevent the success of the United States in war.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled:

That, whenever the United States is at war, whoever shall participate in any mob or riotous assemblage whereby death or mortal injury is intentionally caused to any man or woman employed in the service of the United States, or to any man liable to service in the military forces of the United States under the act approved May 18, 1918, entitled "An Act to Authorize the President to Increase Temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States," or under any present or future statute of the United States or to any person held under arrest by or as a prisoner of or in internment by the United States, or to the wife, husband, brother, sister, father, mother, son, daughter, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece or first cousin, whether of the whole blood or half-blood, of a person in the military or naval forces of the United States or liable to service therein, as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a capital offense against the United States, and shall, upon conviction, be punished in accordance with the punishment prescribed for the crime of murder under the United States criminal code.

#### SELF-HELP

The July Crisis says: Negro universities and schools of higher training have got to be supported by Negroes or, for the most part, they will not be supported at all. If we black folk want college training for our children, we have got to furnish it out of our pockets. This is a harsh conclusion and in many respects an unfair burden. If men were wise and if sociology were a science, it would be easy for Negroes to show the people of the United States that the safest and greatest investment that this country could make of a thousand millions of dollars during the next decade would be the establishment of a series of Negro universities and higher technical schools throughout the United States. But the nation does not see it and will not see it for one hundred years. Human beings today have been educated to the point where they recognize the need of philanthropy for the hungry, the cripple, the grossly ignorant. Many have been educated also to see the just demand of philanthropy for the diseased, the weak and the half-trained. Beyond this, however, it is difficult to get philanthropy to go. Thorough education and higher training still seem to most people a luxury and an indulgence and we must recognize these facts. We ourselves, however, know that if the Negro is to survive in the world as a man of thought and power, a co-worker with the leading races in civilization, a free, independent citizen of a modern democracy, then the foundations for this future must be laid in the Negro uni-

# Phillip's Department Store

4935-37-39 So. 24th St. South Side

The Fastest Growing Store in Omaha

"Watch Us Grow"

These are opportunity days.

We are just through taking inventory. We found more goods than we expected to have. We are crowded from floor to ceiling on the 10,000 square feet we occupy, yet goods are coming in right along. We contracted last year for this year's delivery.

We need more room. We have decided to MAKE more room.

We have gathered from different departments all through the store merchandise that we desire to clear away to make room for the new season's wear. We cannot mention any particular line in this ad because we have so many that it would take more room than a full page, and the government tells us to be as economical as we can on newspaper space, too.

We say, VISIT THIS STORE—SATISFY YOURSELF WITH THE EXCEPTIONAL BARGAINS IN THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS.

versity. This much we know, but hitherto we have not realized that we have got to pay the bill for this education.



## The Moon CAFE

GOOD HOME COOKING  
MEALS AT ANY HOUR

2605 N St. Tel. South 2962

BUY  
ANOTHER  
WAR SAVINGS  
STAMP

## J. D. HINES

TAILOR AND CLEANER  
South 3366 5132 So. 24th St.

## South Side Hair Dressing Parlor

MRS. POLK JONES, Proprietor.

HAIR AND SCALP SPECIALIST.

Uses Mmes. South and Johnson's Wonderful Magic Hair Growing System.

GIVE US A TRIAL.

1927 South 25th St., South Side. Telephone So. 1126.

4704 South 24th St.

Phone South 701

## M. SWANSON FLORIST

SOUTH SIDE

OMAHA, NEB.

## Busy Bee Cafe

GOOD HOME COOKING

Meals at All Hours.

Baths 25c

EAT AND BE CLEAN

Elizabeth Clark, Prop.

Telephone So. 2793

4917 So. 26th St. So. Side.

## GLASPER'S Shining Parlor

AND SOFT DRINKS

Any Color of Shoe Dyed Black

4830 South 26th St.

A. Glasper, Prop.

## Harry Norman

PROMPT

Taxi Service

AT ALL HOURS

Pool Hall and Billiard Parlor in Connection.

Phone South 2962 2603 N St. South Omaha.

## Petersen & Michelsen Hardware Co.

GOOD HARDWARE

2408 N St. Tel. South 162

## Alhambra

24th and Parker.

Saturday  
Virginia Pearson in  
"THE FIREBRAND"  
Hearst Pathe News  
Fox Comedy

Sunday  
Alma Reubin in  
"MADAM SPHINX"  
Hearst-Pathe News  
Billy West Comedy

Monday and Tuesday  
J. Warren Kerrigan  
"THE TURN OF A CARD"

Wednesday  
Pearl White in No. 17 the  
"HOUSE OF HATE"  
And Edwin Ardenin in  
"THE DRONE HEARTS"

Thursday  
Jack Richardson in  
"HIS ENEMY IS THE LAW"  
English War News

Friday  
Irene Castle in  
"MYSTERIOUS CLIENT"

## Diamond

24th and Lake Sts.

See Wm. S. Hart in a Big  
Five-Reel Feature  
"THE ARYAN"

Sunday

"HOUSE OF HATE"

Every Tuesday

"FIGHT FOR MILLIONS"  
Every Friday

AT THE

## Franklin

24th and Franklin Streets

Saturday

Monroe Salisbury in  
"HUNGRY EYES"

A Wild Western Feature  
Also a Good Comedy

Sunday

Robert Warwick in  
"FALSE FRIEND"

Charles Chaplin in  
"JAZZ WAITER"

FOR  
Good Shoe Repairing  
TRY  
H. LAZARUS, 2019 Cuming St

## F. WILBERG

BAKERY

Across from Alhambra Theatre  
The Best is None Too Good for  
Our Customers.  
Telephone Webster 673