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Editors Conference Yields Big Results

President's Strong Stand Against Lynching—Opportunity for Colored Nurses in Army and Probably Early Recall of Colonel Young to Active Duty, Follow Urgent Appeal of Race's Statesmen for Justice.

THE COLORED WOMEN REJOICE

Are to Be Given the Long-Desired Privilege of Engaging in Ministry of Mercy to Soldiers in Hospitals and Camps.

Special to the Monitor:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—Already there are numerous evidences that the recent conference of Colored editors and leaders held in this city in June, which was called by Emmett J. Scott, special assistant to the secretary of war, at the suggestion of the war department and the committee on public information, to consider the relations of the 12,000,000 Negroes in this country with the general government itself, and to discuss ways and means how each might co-operate most effectively in the work of winning the present world-wide war, is bearing fruit. Three results of the most significant character have been worked out within the past fortnight that fully justify the holding of the conference and other issues not less far-reaching are well on their way toward a satisfactory conclusion.

President Wilson's Clean-Cut Pronouncement Against Lynching.

The first in importance and human interest of the helpful results that may be said to have grown directly out of the recent conference of editors, and co-operation of Negro leaders and friends of the Negro people, is the frank, positive and unequivocal declaration of the president of the United States against the mob spirit, which has been sent to the four corners of the earth by cable and through the newspapers of this country. President Wilson's firm stand for law and order ranks with the finest of the great state papers that have emanated from the White House, and it has electrified the entire country as it has seldom been thrilled before.

It will be remembered by those familiar with the proceedings of the conference at the new interior department building that the full force of the leaders who spoke were marshaled in opposition to the lynchings, burning and inhuman mob violence practiced mainly against Colored people in various sections of the country, and that this lack of respect for the common rights of citizens was given as the most potent cause for the unrest among Negroes. This was the underlying reason for bringing the conference together from far-distant points. The proceedings of the conference reached the president the committee on public information of which Mr. George Creel, is chairman.

The president's message is a wholesome rebuke to ruthless violators of the law, who almost invariably think they will be immune from punishment by the courts or by an outraged public opinion.

The Colored people are jubilant over the timely and straightforward pronouncement of the president of the United States and that such an utterance from the highest authority in the land will cause a wave of patriotic enthusiasm among them and inspire a keener impulse to assist in the many constructive war activities throughout the republic cannot be doubted.

Colored Women Rejoice in Opportunity to Be War Nurses.

The second outstanding achievement growing out of the conference is the opening made for the employment of the large number of Colored trained nurses who have patriotically registered their names with the American Red Cross society for work among the Colored troops on the field and in the base hospitals. The conference strongly urged that these skilled

nurses be used at the earliest possible opportunity.

According to an announcement made through the office of the special assistant to the secretary of war last week, plans have been laid by the surgeon general of the army to have Colored nurses assigned to six of the base hospitals in this country where approximately 38,000 Colored troops are stationed; namely, Camps Funston, Dodge, Grant, Taylor, Sherman and Dix, and with a practical certainty that these skilled agents of mercy will have a further opportunity for service among the Colored soldiers overseas. With the constant increment of Colored men in the army the number of women to be utilized must be correspondingly enlarged from time to time, with a constantly expanding area of usefulness and spiritual influence. This signal triumph has heartened beyond measure the women of our land, who are called upon in time of war to make the heaviest sacrifices—and yet are the most willing to sacrifice and to serve when called upon to do so. This is the second big achievement that may be justly credited to the recent conference and it will prove to be a vital factor in alleviating the unrest that has been breaking down the morale of Negro Americans.

Colonel Young May Soon Be Called to Active Duty.

The early recall to active duty of Colonel Charles Young, the idol of the young Colored men of red blood and sturdy public spirit, also urged by the conference, is before the war department. It has become known that the secretary of war from the very beginning has sympathetically considered the whole matter of utilizing the valuable military experience and services of Colonel Young, who, until his retirement some months ago, was actively identified with the regular army.

The two concrete results here referred to, and the third one now "on the lap of the gods," would seem amply to justify the recent conference of Colored leaders and editors, who sacrificed time and business interests to crystallize requests into tangible realities and demonstrate the value of intensive co-operation with the national government.

EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE

THANKS THE PRESIDENT

Boston, Mass., July 27.—At a meeting of the Boston branch of the National Equal Rights League the following telegram was sent to President Wilson:

Boston, Mass., July 26, 1918.
To the President:

We thank you for your very able address on lynching, given to the country today confirming the position our league has always taken. We trust you will make your words effective by suitable action, authority for which you have under your war power, making lynching a federal crime, and to insist on its suppression at once, as a war measure, if necessary by force of arms.

EMERY T. MORRIS, Pres.
WILLIAM D. BRIGHAM.

CRISPUS ATTUCKS CHAPTER RED CROSS DOES GOOD WORK

The Crispus Attucks' chapter of the Red Cross has been meeting weekly for one year and the women's willing and busy hands have accomplished much in the preparation of needed supplies. Only a few women at first realized the importance of this work, but the membership is steadily growing. During the year the following articles have been made: Five dozen bed socks, seven and a half dozen hot water bottle covers, twenty double bed socks, twenty operating socks,

President Wilson Has Spoken Against American Atrocities

Sends a Thrilling Message and Compelling Appeal to All Citizens of the United States to Suppress Lynching and Exorcise the Evil Spirit of Mobocracy Which Belies the Character and Ideals of Our Republic.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Wilson in a personal statement addressed to his fellow countrymen denouncing mob spirit and mob action, called upon the nation to show the world that while it fights for democracy on foreign fields, it is not destroying democracy at home.

The president denounced most emphatically mob action of all sorts, especially lynchings, and while he did not refer specifically to lynchings of Negroes in the south, it is known that he included them in his characterization of mob spirit as "a blow at the heart of ordered law and humane justice."

The president's statement in full follows:

"My fellow countrymen:

"I take the liberty of addressing you upon a subject which so vitally affects the honor of the nation and the very character and integrity of our institutions that I trust you will think me justified in speaking very plainly about it.

"I allude to the mob spirit which has recently here and there very frequently shown its head amongst us not in any single region, but in many and widely separated parts of the country. There have been many lynchings and every one of them has been a blow at the heart of ordered law and humane justice. No man who loves America, no man who really cares for her fame and honor and character or who is truly loyal to her institutions, can justify mob action while the courts of justice are open and the governments of the states and the nation are ready and able to do their duty.

"We are at this very moment fighting lawless passion. German has outlawed herself among the nations because she has disregarded the sacred obligations of law and has made lynchings of her armies. Lynchers emulate her disgraceful example. I, for my part, am anxious to see every community in America arise above that level, with pride and a fixed resolution which no man or set of men can afford to despise.

"We proudly claim to be the champions of democracy. If we really are in deed and in truth, let us see to it that we do not discredit our own. I say plainly that every American who takes part in the action of a mob or gives any sort of countenance is no true son of this great democracy, but its betrayer and does more to discredit her by that single disloyalty to her standards of law and of right than the words of her statesmen or the sacrifice of her heroic boys in the trenches can do to make suffering peoples believe her to be their saviours. How shall we commend democracy to the acceptance of other peoples if we disgrace our own by proving that it is, after all, no protection to the weak? Every mob contributes to German lies about the United States what her most gifted liars cannot improve upon by the way of calumny. They can at least say that such things cannot happen in Germany except in time of revolution, when law is swept away!

"I therefore very earnestly and solemnly beg that the governors of all the states, the law officers of every community, and, above all, the men and women of every community in the United States all who revere America and wish to keep her name without stain or reproach, will co-operate—not passively merely, but actively and watchfully, to make an end of this disgraceful evil. It cannot live where the community does not countenance it.

"I have called upon the nation to put its great energy into this war and it has responded—responded with a spirit and a genius for action that has thrilled the world. I now call upon it, upon its men and women everywhere, to see to it that its laws are kept inviolate, its fame untarnished. Let us show our utter contempt for the things that have made this war hideous among the wars of history by showing how those who love liberty and right and justice and are willing to lay down their lives for them upon foreign fields, stand ready also to illustrate to all mankind their loyalty to the things at home which they wish to see established everywhere as a blessing and protection to the peoples who have never known the privileges of liberty and self-government.

"I can never accept any man as a champion of liberty either for ourselves or for the world who does not reverence and obey the laws of our beloved land, whose laws we ourselves have made. He has adopted the standards of the enemies of his country whom he affects to despise.

WOODROW WILSON."

twelve sweaters, twenty operating caps, twenty pairs of booties, twelve braziers, eleven and a half dozen towels. In addition to this the chapter prepared and sent one hundred Christmas boxes to the Omaha boys at Camps Dodge and Funston.

HOLLAND HARROLD WINS CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT

Tuesday Holland Harrold obtained a verdict for \$50 damages in the municipal court, Judge Baldwin presiding, against the McCrorey ten-cent store, because of its refusal to serve him at its soda fountain on two occasions in June. Mr. Harrold was first refused on June 10. He wrote to the headquarters of the company in New York, receiving a courteous reply, thanking him for calling their

attention to this discrimination, assuring him that it was contrary to the company's policy and that they would see to it that it did not occur again. On June 22 Mr. Harrold was again refused. He brought suit for damages and a jury awarded a verdict in his favor. Attorney W. Hatteroth represented Mr. Harrold and in his argument to the jury stated that the civil rights bill had been clearly violated and this was not a matter that concerned the plaintiff alone, nor merely the race to which he belongs, but all the people of Nebraska, who as a matter of right and justice are interested in seeing that every individual is protected in the enjoyment of his civil rights guaranteed by national and state enactments.

Britain Calls Home Her Colored Subjects

The Thousands of British Birth Now in the United States Are Being Called to Share in the Glorious Achievements of Their Compatriots on England's Far Flung Battle Line "Over There."

MEN HAVE GLORIOUS RECORD

British and Canadian Recruiting Mission Predicts That the Colored Britisher's Response to Country's Call Will Astound the World.

Special to the Monitor.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The British and Canadian recruiting mission has just issued a highly complimentary article on the valor and loyalty of Colored British troops, concerning whose glorious achievements in the great world war on England's far-flung battle line far too little has been written. Only the official records will reveal what wonders have been wrought by the sentiment of loyalty and deeds of valor of the Colored race. Here is the statement in full:

Unheralded, yet glorious, is the part which has been played by the Colored race in this great world war. Far too little has been written of their part and only when the official records of the allied nations have been perused sometime in the future will it be known and realized how completely the sentiment of loyalty of the colored race in a good cause has swept away time-honored distinctions, erased deep-seated prejudices, spurred geographical distances and even over-ridden all selfish interests at this crucial time. Countless numbers of dark skinned patriots have taken their places upon the battle fields of Mesopotamia, the Balkans, Africa and the other fighting fronts, displaying the same skill, the same valor, and the same tenacity as their white brethren. Many, too, have made the supreme sacrifice for the great ideal which has led the peace loving nations of the world to do battle with the bestial Huns.

Will Furnish Interesting Page of History.

Some day a history of their part in the greatest of all wars shall be written and it must prove one of the brightest chapters in the brilliant story of the allies' achievements for liberty and righteousness.

It is unfortunate that so little has been heard of the exploits of our Colored soldiers for they have proven themselves to be equal of all others in actual combat. The great predominance of white soldiers and the fact that the Colored troops have done most of their fighting on the far off fronts of Mesopotamia and Africa has probably been the cause. Upon their battle record is inscribed the expulsion of everything German from the great continent of Africa; in the reclamation of the Holy Land they have played their part, and on the battle fronts in Flanders and France they have helped to stem the German onslaught. Indeed it would be impossible to even touch upon their many achievements. They would fill many large volumes.

A Striking Example.

A striking example of the glorious achievements of the Colored race is the British West Indies regiment. At the outbreak of the war such an organization as this regiment was little known. The cause of the empire was the cause of our Colored subjects in these tropical islands and they clamored for recognition that they might do their share. Though miles and miles of ocean lay between them and the battle field the Colored population in the islands, as one man, flocked to the cause and from every island, from every far off British colony they came eager to do their share for the cause. The British West Indies regiment, with its numerous battalions has given to the armed forces of the British empire, one of the most remarkable examples of successful military amalgamation in the annals of the war. They have won a place in the forefront of Britain's fighting forces.

Summons Subjects From States.

Great Britain realizes what her Colored subjects have accomplished, but until a short time ago, owing to the great numbers of Colored subjects who flocked to the colors in the West Indies and other colonies, the recruitment of her Colored subjects in the United States was of necessity somewhat limited. It has been decided, however, to sound the call to

those in this country and orders have recently been received by the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission to increase their efforts in this direction. Already large numbers have proffered their services and many Colored Britishers from this country are now on their way to take their place beside their compatriots on the battle front.

It is predicted that before the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission has completed its work in this country the answer to their appeal for Colored Britishers to enlist will astound the world.

Conditions of Enlistment.

Conditions governing the enlistment of Colored British subjects are practically the same as for their white compatriots. To enlist they must be British subjects, physically fit, and must not be prevented by religious persuasion from eating ordinary British army rations.

OVER 200 DRAFTEES LEAVE MONDAY

Are Given Reception Under Auspices of the Ministerial Council Wednesday Night—A Big Crowd Will See Them Start for Berlin Via Camp Funston.

St. John's A. M. E. church was unable to hold the immense crowd which turned out Wednesday night to honor the Omaha draftees who are to leave for Camp Funston Monday morning. The delightful affair was under the auspices of the Colored Ministerial Council of Omaha of which the Rev. W. F. Botts is chairman, and the Rev. W. C. Williams, secretary. The Rev. Mr. Botts presided during the rendition of a well-selected program which consisted of the singing of patriotic songs by the choir and audience; prayer by the Rev. John Costello; a solo by Miss Irene Cochran, and addresses by A. M. Harrold, M. F. Singleton, Sergeant Bailey, the Rev. W. C. Williams, Judge Charles E. Foster, N. P. Dodge, Mr. Ray Parker, the Rev. G. G. Logan, and closing prayer by the Rev. M. H. Wilkinson.

The draftees were then served by a committee of ladies to lunch in the lecture room where the reception was held. The ladies of the Crispus Attucks' chapter of the Red Cross pinned a flower on the lapel of each selectman.

More than 200 draftees will leave for Camp Funston Monday morning at 8:30. This will include 183 from Omaha and several from other points in the state. An immense crowd will see them off. All citizens and fraternal organizations and societies are requested to turn out and march from the court house to the Union station. Provide yourself with small American flags. The following is the tentative program:

- 7:15 a. m. Assemble at court house.
1. "Star Spangled Banner" by band and unfurling of flag from court house roof.
2. Colored male quartette.
3. Four-minute address by Rev. Griffin G. Logan.
4. Four-minute address by Mayor Ed P. Smith.
5. "America," band and assemblage joining.

7:30 a. m. Formation for march on north side of court house square.

1. Red Cross organization and Chamber of Commerce committee present comfort gifts as soon as men form for march.
2. Colored Red Cross organization will present gifts at train.
3. Standards and flags provided by Chamber of Commerce will mark positions of men of various local boards.

7:45 a. m. March starts to train at Union station. Order in march will be as follows:

1. Police.
 2. Band.
 3. Committees.
 4. Veterans of civil war.
 5. Red Cross organization.
 6. Colored Red Cross organization.
 7. Selective service men and local boards.
 8. Colored organizations and fraternities.
 9. Colored citizens.
 10. Citizens generally.
- All citizens are requested to join in march.

Hiawatha Chapter No. 57 will give a lawn social at 2708 Corby street August 12. Admission 15 cents, including cream.—Adv.

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Eat less of the food fighters need
DENY yourself something
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