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Negroes Physically Superior to Whites

A Surprising Revelation Made by the Official Report of Doctor Brewer of the Medical Reserve Corps.

ARMY APPLICANTS EXAMINED

Colored Candidates Make the Better Showing Overthrowing Generally Accepted Conclusions as to Physical Condition of Two Races.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Figures recently given out for publication in the New York Medical Journal by Dr. Isaac W. Brewer of the Medical Reserve Corps, relative to the physical and mental condition of applicants for entrance into the regular army, put the Negro in a most favorable light. Statistics show that the Negro is less tubercular and less addicted to alcoholism than the Caucasian and besides he has less rejections for such defects as weakness of mind and flat feet.

Dr. Brewer has compiled two tables showing the percentage of rejection among applicants for enlistment. The first shows the rejection rate per 1,000 among 153,705 white and 11,092 colored applicants for entrance into the regular army from January 1, 1912, to December 31, 1915, as follows:

Disease	White	Col.	Total
Heart Disease	91.3	75.0	90.2
Defects of hearing	87.2	41.9	84.2
Defects of vision	72.2	48.8	70.7
Flat feet	55.7	44.8	55.0
Alcoholism	34.1	7.8	32.4
Hernia	31.4	42.3	32.2
Diseases of organs of locomotion	29.4	19.7	28.7
Disease of the genito-urinary system	25.4	23.2	25.2
Diseases of the respiratory system	25.2	15.7	24.6
Underweight	22.3	17.0	21.9
Defective teeth	21.4	22.8	21.5
Diseases of the skin	20.4	21.0	20.5
Defects of development	19.5	17.2	19.4
Tuberculosis	19.2	12.8	18.8
Weakness of mind	15.2	7.2	14.8
Varicose veins	14.4	10.7	14.2
Diseases of the nervous system	13.7	8.1	13.4
General diseases	12.4	3.8	12.0
Curvature of the spine	9.6	12.1	9.9
Hemorrhoids	5.9	9.8	6.2
Diseases of the digestive system	6.1	7.2	6.2
Varicocele	4.8	7.2	6.2
Physical debility	4.5	2.2	4.3
Under weight	2.7	3.7	2.8
Diseases of the circulatory system	2.4	0.9	2.3
Overweight	0.3	0.0	0.3
Injuries	31.1	29.0	31.0

Dr. Brewer's comments on this table follows:

"Venereal disease is the greatest cause for rejection and reports from the cantonments where the National Army has assembled indicate that a large number of the men had these diseases when they arrived at the camp. It is probably true that venereal disease causes the greatest amount of sickness in our country. We must face this squarely and bend our energies toward their eradication. Since we know the cause of these diseases and their mode of transmission, we shall eventually be able to prevent them.

Heart disease stands second on the list, and this, too, is to a certain extent preventable. The same applies to defects of hearing and defects of vision, which are third and fourth on the list, but it should probably stand higher, as many with this defect in a moderate degree are passed into the service. Most of them are later discharged because the condition of their feet precludes their doing full duty. Contrary to the general opinion the colored men seem to have this deformity in less degree than the whites.

"Defective teeth stands twelfth on the list, but should occupy a much higher place if we classed here all who have cavities in their teeth. To pass the examining officer it is only necessary for a candidate to have two opposing molars on each side, and bicuspid are counted as molars. My personal observation has been that very few men have perfect teeth. These facts should increase our efforts toward securing adequate dental treatment for school children.

Tuberculosis is fifteenth on the list but it is probable that many who had that disease are rejected by the recruiting parties because of poor physique or underweight and were never examined."

Red Cross Roll Call

Colored Citizens Are Doing Their Share and Answering Most Cheerfully.

"All you need is a heart and a dollar." Our people may sometimes be short on the dollars, but we are always long on hearts. That is why sorrow or suffering always appeals to us and we like to help. That is why our people are responding so generously to the Christmas roll call for membership in the Red Cross. No single group will have a better showing than ours.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, do so by Saturday. Mrs. Dan Desdunes as captain of one of the large wards, is actively at work with her lieutenants. Fred C. Williams, who is chairman of the committee on our churches, has had active people appointed in the various congregations, and Miss Turner of Mount Moriah Baptist church says: "No church is going to beat Mount Moriah in its ratio of Red Cross members." Miss Lena Paul, who is in charge of the enrollment of St. Philip's Episcopal church, says, "Nothing less than 100 per cent enrollment will do for us."

C. W. Dickerson is rounding up the lodges; Will Lewis the waiters and hotel boys, and Dr. L. E. Britt the professional and business men.

Larry Peoples, who has just come back from Camp Lewis, where he was dangerously ill with pneumonia, says: "I don't believe I'd ever have pulled through if it hadn't been for the tender and careful nursing of Red Cross nurses, God bless them!"

HOSPITAL FOR HUNTINGTON

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 14.—The Barnett Hospital and Nurses' Training school, located in Huntington, W. Va., was incorporated through the office of the secretary of state with an authorized capital of \$5,000.

AIN'T IT A GR-R-RAND AND GL-L-LORIOUS FEELIN'?



By courtesy of Clare Briggs, New York Tribune

NEGRO SOLDIERS ARE NEAREST TO THE RHINE

When the Armistice Was Signed and Hostilities Ceased Colonel Hayward's Regiment Was Nearest German Territory.

92D IN THICKEST OF FIGHTING

THE Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper of the American expeditionary forces, in its issue of November 15 graphically describes the fighting just before hostilities ceased. It has this to say of the attack before Vignoulles, where the Ninety-second division was engaged and gave a good account of itself:

"Probably the hardest fighting being done by any Americans in the final hour was that which engaged the troops of the Twenty-eighth, Ninety-second, Eighty-first and Seventh divisions, with the Second American army, who launched a fire-eating

attack above Vignoulles just at dawn on the 11th. It was no mild thing, that last flare of the battle, and the order to cease firing did not reach the men in the front line until the last moment, when runners sped with it from fox hole to fox hole.

"Then a quite startling thing occurred. The skyline of the crest ahead of them grew suddenly populous with dancing soldiers and, down the slope, straight for the Americans, came the German troops. They came with outstretched hands, ear-to-ear grins and souvenirs to swap for cigarettes, so well did they know the little weakness of their foe. They came to tell how pleased they were the fight had stopped, how glad they were the kaiser had departed for parts unknown, how fine it was to know they would have a republic at last in Germany.

"No," said one stubborn little Prussian, 'it's a kingdom we want.' "Whereat his own companions mob-

bed him and howled him down. "The farthest north at 11 o'clock on the front of the two armies was held at the extreme American left up Sedan way by the troops of the Seventy-seventh division. The farthest east—the nearest to the Rhine—was held by those Negro soldiers who used to make up the old New York Fifteenth and have long been brigaded with the French. They were in Alsace and their line ran through Thann and across the railway that leads to Colmar.

NEGRO DIVISION WILL

BE KEPT IN FRANCE Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The assignment by General Pershing of the Ninety-second division (national army, Negroes) for convoy home has been cancelled. In making this announcement today the war department gives no explanation, but the assumption here is that the division has been selected as a reserve unit held to reinforce the American army of occupation in Germany.

NEGRO STUDENT BEST SCHOLAR

Made Honorary Member of Phi Beta Kappa for High Rank in Classes.

Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 20.—James Scott, a Negro, Tuesday, December 10, was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity because of his attaining highest rank among men students of the Kansas university in scholarship. Scott lives in Kansas City.

FIRST COLORED BANK IN

WEST VIRGINIA OPENED Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 7.—With a capitalization of \$125,000 in cold cash, a million or more of good wishes of the entire community and under the most auspicious occasion, the Mutual Savings and Loan bank, the first and only race bank in the state, opened its doors to the public on December 2.

White Lieutenant Kills Sergeant

Cowardly Officer Deliberately Murders Colored Soldier by Shooting Him in the Back for Slight Offense.

MAJOR COMPELS CONFESSION

Which Clears Up Murder Mystery Puzzling Military and Civil Authorities; Murderer Will Be Tried by Court-Martial.

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 20.—Lieutenant Brandon Finney (white), connected with the Twenty-fifth United States infantry here, has confessed that he killed Sergeant William J. White (Colored), because the latter saluted him with a cigarette in his mouth. Sergeant White, of Company F, was shot in the back during the early part of November and his body placed near the plant of the Arizona Gas and Electric company. Mystery at first surrounded his death and it was not until Major Easton, who was with the lieutenant when he committed the cowardly act, informed him that if he did not confess to the crime he (Easton) would tell the whole story to Colonel Carnahan.

Here is a version of the unfortunate affair:

"The two officers met the Colored sergeant near the gas plant, the sergeant saluting, but at the time had a cigarette in his mouth. Lieutenant Finney began a vigorous reprimand and the sergeant walked on. This seems to have still further angered the lieutenant, who pulled his pistol and fired, after which both officers hurried away from the spot, going to camp.

"At the time the shot was fired the soldier was on the sidewalk coming toward town, and it is believed that when the bullet struck him he became dazed and wandered into the vacant lot and laid down behind a large box, where his dead body was found."

When Finney admitted that he committed the crime the civil authorities refused to put him in the local jail, declaring that they did not want it torn down. Later the lieutenant was taken to Douglas for incarceration. He will be given a trial by court-martial.

PROMISES TO INVESTIGATE

Mr. McAdoo Hears Protest Against Recent Railroad Order Limiting Employment of Colored Labor.

By Walter J. Singleton, Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—W. G. McAdoo, head of the federal railroad administration, has promised the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that he would investigate the recent order of Regional Director Aishton of the Northwestern roads, requiring railroad managers not to extend employment to Negroes beyond the custom prevailing before the government assumed control of the roads.

"I was not aware of the order to which you refer, but I am looking into the matter and will advise you later," Mr. McAdoo said in a telegram to John R. Shillady of New York, secretary for the protesting association.

The order of Regional Director Aishton, as quoted by the protestants, is sweeping. It requires that the employment of Colored people as firemen, hostlers, switchmen and brakemen beyond the present practice shall be no part of the policy of the managers, and concludes by saying that they shall not be employed in any service not heretofore open to them.

MEETS CULTURED BLACK MAN IN PORTUGAL

Native of Martinique, Prominent in Business and Speaks Several Languages Fluently.

Detroit.—In a recent letter from Madrid, Spain, Mr. Daniel T. Brantley relates the following incident:

"A few days ago while in Lisbon at the hotel where I was stopping I met a black man (black as the proverbial ace), who was one of the most polished and affable gentlemen I have ever met, thoroughly informed on all the current topics of the day. This man, a native of Martinique, is the residential representative in Free-town, Africa, of a large corporation in England and was at that time on his way to London to make his yearly report and consult with the directors of his concern. The man could converse fluently in English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese."

THE RED CROSS IS CALLING

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THE Red Cross is calling for millions of hands. To float its fair standard o'er seas and o'er lands, Where wounded lie bleeding, where night time is nigh; Oh, heed their keen anguish and come lest they die. The eyes of the stricken, when shadowed with doom, Must see that bright beacon dawn red thro' the gloom. Then bring hope to many, kind hands of the world; The Red Cross is calling with standard unfurled.

THE Red Cross is calling for millions of hearts, For love's tender feelings, for sympathy's arts, For hearts that have suffered and long understood, The bars of whose crosses are dyed with their blood. Ah! they will give service and whole sacrifice To close the wide gashes, to still the deep sighs. Then bring love to many, kind hearts of the world; The Red Cross is calling with standard unfurled.