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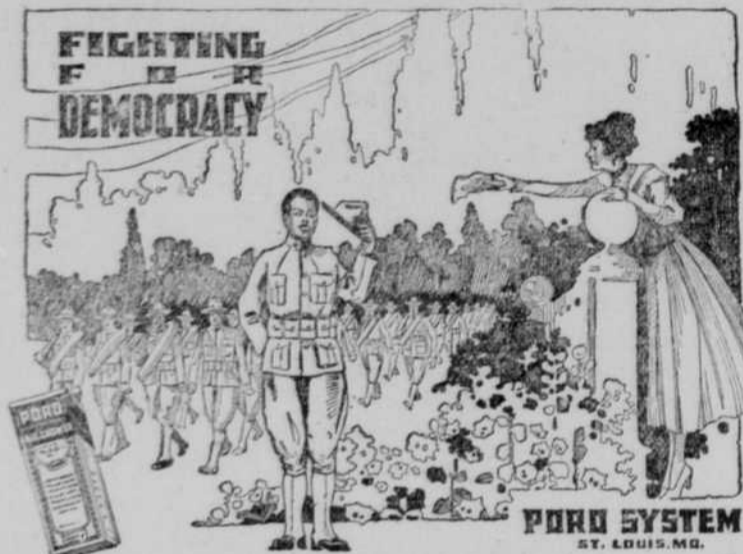
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In Louisville, Kentucky, a colored man, an educator and a poet, rose to a position where the best men of the community were proud to call him their friend. Now his son, scarcely more than a boy, overcoming the bitter handicap of falling health, has published his first book, and again the critics on the great metropolitan newspapers have acclaimed Joseph S. Cotter's "The Band of Gideon," not only a book worthy of the best literary traditions of the day but also a

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**Letters from Boys Overseas**

SENDS COPY OF "THE STARS AND STRIPES"

Sergeant Wynn D. McCulloch Writes Interesting Letter Telling of 92d Division's Splendid Services.

U. S. Army Postal Service, A. P. O. 766, A. M. E. Nov. 20, 1918.

My Dear Father Williams:

I have contemplated writing you for some time, but the censor regulations and other strenuous duties have prevented me from doing so. Now that it is all over and peace is near I feel at liberty to write you. I am enclosing you a copy of the "Stars and Stripes," the official organ of the A. E. F. I would especially invite your attention to the several marked paragraphs. You will note that reference is made to several picked units of the A. E. F., among which you will find the 92d division.

Here couched in one or two brief statements is the epic of the American Negroes' contribution to the winning of the great war for democracy. Where the battle was the hardest there he was, and not only was he there, but when the armistice stayed his progress, he was of all America's troops nearest to the Rhine.

Time and space will not permit me to write you of individual deeds of heroism, although I would like to do so, but suffice it that I quote a few paragraphs from a memorandum recently issued by the commander of the 92d division, General C. C. Ballou, before being transferred. Here is what he says:

"Five months ago today the 92d division landed in France. After seven weeks of training it took over a sector in the front line, and since that time some portion of the division has been practically continuously under fire.

"It participated in the last battle of the war with creditable success, continually pressing the attack against highly organized defensive works. It advanced successfully on the first day of the battle, attaining its objectives and capturing prisoners. This in the face of determined opposition by an alert enemy, and against rifle, machine gun and artillery fire. The issue of the second day's battle was rendered indecisive by the order to cease firing at 11 a. m.—when the armistice became effective.

"The division commander, in taking leave of what he considers himself justly entitled to regard as his division, feels that he has accomplished his mission. His work is done and will endure. The results have not always been brilliant, and many times were discouraging, yet a well organized, well disciplined, and well trained Colored division has been created and commanded by him to include the last shot of the world war. May the future conduct of every officer and man be such as to reflect credit upon the division and upon the Colored race."

I also invite your attention to the poem I have marked in the paper enclosed, it is the work of one of my comrades in the army postoffice. It was very favorably commented on by the A. E. F.

The Monitor comes to me regularly for which I thank you. It is very interesting and newsy and all the boys like it.

With best wishes to you and your family and inquiring friends, I am yours very truly,

WYNN D. McCULLOCH,

Sgt. A. P. O. 766.

The writer of the above interesting letter was No. 1 in the first selective draft. He felt proud of this fact and was eager to go. While anxious to be on the firing line he with three or four other Omaha boys were selected for the army postal service.—Editor.

RAY PARKER'S FIRST LETTER HOME

November 18, 1918.

Dear Little Mother and Folks:

Well, little Mawhy, we did our stuff and the kaiser's dream ended with an abrupt bump. We did not get into action, as things went a little too swift. On Sunday, November 10, we were snoozing in the hay when, about four o'clock, our commanding officer awoke us and said: "Boys, make up light, pack, fill your canteens, oil up your guns, and get ready for the line. We are going in to stop things now."

We lit out at six a. m. and by noon we could hear the roar of the big guns just over the hills. But a dispatch rider rode up and stopped us. He said that the boches were hauling it so fast that we couldn't catch up with them. Every road to the front was so choked with khaki that we simply had to look on. On Monday the armistice was signed, and that is the nearest thing to fighting I have done.

But, mawsy, I shall never be the least bit sorry for the time I have spent in the army. I have found many things out that I never realized before, and most of all I have had a chance to see provincial France, beautiful France. We are now close to German soil and in a country which the Germans held for four years. This chain of hills was used by the Huns for a recreation ground and they certainly tried to make it a little paradise for the soldier. Of course soldiers do not look for flowery beds of ease and chicken a la king served by nymphs of perennial beauty, but these dudes came as near to it as possible. There are several ruined towns around here as business was rushing hereabouts. Yesterday was Sunday and I took a long hike exploring this place. There is an amusement park about three blocks from our barracks that must have taken a year or two to build. Leading to it are six stairways, each about a mile long, leading up to the different barracks. These stairs are made of trees about an inch in diameter and cut about a foot and a half long, and laid side by side. When you get down to the valley you enter a beautiful park built entirely of trees. The drives and walks are all of concrete. They had theaters, cafes and dance halls, and the officers had palaces strewn around that make things look as you dream Greece must have looked. They burned most of it when they had to make a hurry-up getaway, but there is still enough left to give you an idea of what the whole had been. It is too bad that Uncle Sam had to interfere with Bill's plans and make him mess everything up so, but it had to be did.

Well, folks, I am writing under difficulties. I never did shine as a penman and when I have to do the writing stunt under difficulties, it's some job. We will soon be making tracks toward the Big Muddy, but don't look for me until about spring. Adios, for this time. I mean, au revoir. The other is Spanish and just now I am trying to be French. Love to all,

RAY.

DEATH OF MISS SARAH JEWELL

Miss Sarah Jewell, a former resident of Omaha, but recently of Chicago, died at the residence of her brother, James G. Jewell, 2911 Lake street, Saturday morning after a protracted illness. Miss Jewell came to Omaha a few months ago to visit her brother, hoping that the change would be beneficial to her health. Soon after coming she underwent a serious operation, from which she never recovered.

The funeral was held under the auspices of Shaffer chapter No. 42, O. E. S., of which she was a member, from the residence Monday afternoon. The Rev. W. C. Williams, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, of which she was a devoted member for many years during her residence in Omaha, officiated, assisted by the Rev. John Albert Williams. Interment was in Forest Lawn cemetery.

N. A. A. C. P. HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

The local branch of the National A. A. C. P. held an interesting meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. John's A. M. E. church. A thoughtful paper on "The Educational Life" was read by Mrs. Della M. Stewart. An interesting discussion followed, participated in by Amos P. Scruggs, S. L. Bush, Thomas Reese, the Rev. W. C. Williams and M. F. Singleton. It was unanimously decided to continue the Sunday afternoon forum of the association each Sunday.

Next Sunday afternoon it is expected that the Rt. Rev. I. B. Scott, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, will be the speaker. The public is invited to attend these profitable meetings.

The executive committee met at the home of the president, Rev. John Albert Williams, Tuesday night and re-elected the standing committees of the local branch. Authorization was given to extend an invitation to W. Ashbie Hawkins, president of the Baltimore branch, who carried the fight on the Baltimore segregation ordinance through the courts of Maryland, to stop over in Omaha for an address January 14, on his way to California.

BISHOP SCOTT OMAHA VISITOR

Bishop Scott of Nashville, Tenn., will preach at Grove Methodist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Bishop Scott is one of the outstanding men of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was prior to his election to the episcopacy president of Wiley university and editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Bishop Scott was for twelve years in charge of the work of the Methodist church in Africa. He is one of the two Colored bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Camp Dix, N. J.—Instead of releasing at Camp Dix the thousands of Negro soldiers awaiting demobilization new orders of the war department received here direct that the troops here be returned by detachments to their home states, where at central points they will receive their discharge papers and final army pay.

It is evident the new scheme will provide against the Southern Negroes becoming stranded in northern cities and insure a normal distribution of the Negroes to meet labor conditions in Southern states.

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Topeka, Kas., Dec. 6, 1918. Rev. John Albert Williams, Omaha, Neb.

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New Raymer, Colo., Dec. 6, 1918. To the Monitor and Editor, Omaha, Neb.

Sir: After reading your paper for some time I must say that in my mind it is the best race paper we have and I am glad to say that it was through Mrs. E. R. West that I became acquainted with it. Enclosed you will find \$3.50 for subscriptions. Wishing you more success, I am yours, WALTER S. EVANS.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 25, 1918. The Monitor, Omaha, Neb. Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find check for renewal of my subscription for one year ending November 8, 1919. Your valuable paper I read each week and really feel that I cannot be without it.

Kindly remember me to Mr. Fred Williams, the gentleman who first brought this paper to me.

Wishing you much business success, I beg to remain. Yours very truly, CHAS. T. PHELPS.

2223 Austin Ave., Chicago, Dec. 10. The Monitor, Omaha, Neb.

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WILL GO HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Western University, Kansas, Dec. 20.—The Misses Elsie Hills, Hazel Roulette and Messrs. Wilson, Green, Guiou, Taylor and Tommie Wilson, students of Western university, will go to Omaha to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

LECTURE BY GEORGE WELLS PARKER

Rain, the street car strike and fear of the flu ban interfered with the attendance at the lecture by George Wells Parker at Calvary Baptist church last Thursday night. The audience, numbering about seventy-five, was well repaid for their attendance. Mr. Parker was introduced by Mr. Fred C. Williams, who explained the objects of the Hamitic League of the World, an educational movement to awaken race pride. Mr. Parker held the undivided attention of his audience from start to finish as he marshaled an array of facts to prove that the African race has an honorable lineage and record.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

The Christmas services at St. Philip's Episcopal church will be: Holy Communion at 7 a. m.; matins and Eucharist at 11 o'clock and communicants of the church are reminded that Christmas day is a day of holy obligation, when all communicants are expected to receive the Holy Communion. The Holy Communion will also be celebrated at 7 o'clock a. m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, which are St. Stephen's, St. John the Evangelist's and Holy Innocents' days.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends, the members of Amaranth chapter of Magnolia court, Kensington club and the Davis club, who so kindly assisted us in caring for our brother in his last illness, until death claimed him. Also accept our thanks for the beautiful floral offerings.—Mr. Evans Corneal, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Corneal, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Corneal, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Young.

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