

Our Women and Children

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WASHINGTON, LINCOLN,
DOUGLASS

GEORGE WASHINGTON, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass were born in February. These three great men are identified with two great crises in American history. Washington, at the very beginning, when our country was but an idea of government, but when the hearts and determinations of the people were one.

Lincoln when the nation was torn and dismembered. He was surrounded by intrigues, political and personal enemies, yet he kept the faith that his people would not desert those ideals and principles which made men and nations great. His great faith cost him his life, yet his name, his fame, grows greater with the years. Douglas lived through the same period as did Lincoln. Rising from the shackles and degradation of slavery, he stood shoulder to shoulder with the most learned, gifted and honored Americans.

He refuted by his own development the idea so prevalent in his day that the Negro's brain was not capable of the highest culture for American history records no greater orator and he was an equally great statesman.

What a great incentive to Negro youths is his life! It demonstrates that regardless of race, condition or handicap, rich reward will come to those who labor and wait.

We honor the memory of the three—Washington, Lincoln, Douglass. We can make no comparisons for when we Judge Frederick Douglass—to quote his own words—"not by the heights but the depths from whence he came," he is peer.

L. S. E.

FROM HERE AND THERE

February, the second month of the year, having twenty-eight days, except in leap years, when it has twenty-nine. It is named for Februus, an ancient Roman deity, in whose honor acts for the purification of sins were performed during the month.

Flower: Primrose.
Gem: Amethyst.

There is an old rural tradition which says that on the second day of February the ground hog or woodchuck comes out of his hole and looks around. If the day is bright and he sees his shadow, he retreats to his burrow for six weeks; then we have a late spring. If, however, the day is cloudy and his shadow is not visible, he stays outside the hole and there is an early spring.

"Pie" is derived from the word "pastie," of which it is a contraction.

St. Valentine's Day is named in memory of a beloved martyred Roman priest. February fifteenth was originally observed as the anniversary of his death, but later it was changed to the fourteenth day of the month. Centuries ago there was a belief that the mating season of birds began on St. Valentine's Day—hence the custom of sending love tokens and the exchange of love notes.

The sensitiveness women feel about mentioning their age is not at all modern. A great many women are mentioned in the Old Testament, but there is but one—Sarah, Abram's wife—whose age is on record.

It takes so little to make us glad,
Just a cheering clasp of a friendly hand,
Just a word from one who can understand;
And we finish the task we long had planned
And we lost the doubt and the fear we had—
So little it takes to make us glad.
—Exchange.

FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF LYNCHING

The deep stain on our American life is the atrocity of lynching which bursts through the veneer of our boasted civilization, so often on so little a provocation. Trivial causes, the fact that a Colored human being will dare talk back to the superior race, for example, being enough to cause him to be murdered by the crowd.

It is too bad that there is so much of the Hun left in human nature. Just when we are lifting our finger to point in scorn at some other people which is lynching by wholesale, off go some of our lily whites and burn or slash or fill with bullets some Negro.

Of course Apache atrocity does not do the business it is concocted to do. It may terrorize a community; but it makes it sullen, revengeful, a pent

up fire of hate. Crime thrives at heart when atrocity breaks through self-restraint.

There seems to be but one way out. Make lynching a federal offense. If the sections which are most prone to lynching understand that the federal government will take the matter of detection and punishment in hand, and that the death penalty will be exacted for lynching, lynching will stop.

In line with this it is noticeable that the board of managers of the Freedmen's Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church, has taken this action: "We hereby earnestly memorialize the senate and house of representatives of the United States to pass a federal law for the suppression of lynching, we being thoroughly convinced that this brutality can not be hindered by state legislation, and as thoroughly convinced that the holding of each locality in which lynching occurs to a community responsible for the doings of its anonymous citizens.

"We furthermore believe that today is the day of days for such legislation inasmuch as the Negro race which has been the most frequent object of lynching has made a record for bravery and efficiency and patriotism on the battlefield and at home so as to make their conduct a righteous demand that the rights belonging to an American citizen shall be accorded them in full measure."—Central Christian Advocate.

WOULD ELIMINATE JIM CROW CARS

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connection therewith, to deny or to refuse to furnish, by any device or method whatsoever, equal and identical rights, accommodations, and privileges to any person who shall pay, or offer to pay, the uniform charge made for such equal and identical rights, accommodations and privileges in interstate transportation, when such refusal is on account of the race, color, or previous condition of servitude of the person so applying.

"And it shall hereafter be further unlawful for any owner, operator, manager, lessee, trustee, or receiver of any system or systems of transportation within the territorial boundaries of the United States of America, and engaged in or soliciting interstate commerce, or any servant, employee, or agent of such owner, operator, manager, trustee, receiver, or lessee, or any other person connected therewith, to operate upon any part of their transportation system or systems any car, vessel, train of cars, or other conveyance in and upon which any person, being transported to a final destination beyond the boundaries of any state or territory of the United States of America, or beyond the District of Columbia, and paying, or offering to pay, the uniform charge made for transportation in interstate transportation, shall, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, be separated from any other passenger, or be denied equal and identical rights, accommodations and privileges accorded any other passenger paying or offering to pay such uniform charge for interstate transportation, or be permitted to be assaulted, molested, or in any other way injured or oppressed by reason of the exercise of any right herein granted or protected."

Sec. 2. That any owner, manager, lessee, operator, trustee, or receiver of any system of transportation as set forth in section one of this Act who shall violate or connive at the violation of any of the provisions of section one shall, for each violation or connivance, forfeit not less than the full sum of \$5,000, to be recovered in a proper United States court, in an action on the case, to the use of each person aggrieved by such violation, together with costs and reasonable counsel fees, to be fixed by the trial justice; and all other persons guilty of such violation or participation therein shall, upon conviction in a proper United States court, be fined \$1,000, or imprisoned in a federal prison for one year, or both.

Sec. 3. That the provisions of this Act shall apply to the interstate operation of transportation systems under federal control, with like penalties and punishments for its violation.

Sec. 4. That all Acts, part of Acts, statutes, regulations, and orders not in conformity herewith are hereby amended, altered, or repealed.

NASHVILLE BAPTISTS RAISE QUOTA FOR EDUCATION

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 27.—More than two thousand people heard the reports of the captains in the five thousand dollar campaign for religious education at the Mt. Olive Baptist church here Sunday afternoon. "My Country 'Tis of Thee," sung by a chorus of one hundred voices, in which the entire congregation stood and participated, added a picture of patriotism to the opening scene. Nashville, being the middle district of Tennessee, made its rally, and at the close of the meeting twelve hundred dollars or more than one-fifth of the entire amount allotted for Tennessee, was reported in actual cash.

WEDDING BELLS

Martin Calvin Ewing and Miss Nellie Watkins were united in marriage Friday evening, February 7, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Lucy Watkins, 1620 North Twenty-second street, by the Rev. Griffin G. Logan, pastor of Grove Methodist Episcopal church, in the presence of friends and the immediate relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing left Saturday morning for Minneapolis, Minn., where they will make their home.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Philip's Episcopal church have on hand a fund for putting in electric lights and other improvements in the church. Contracts will soon be let for this work.

CAPITALIZES THE WORD NEGRO

(Special to The Monitor.)
Kansas City, Mo.—Dr. Burris A. Jenkins, the new editor of the Kansas City Post, one of the largest dailies in the west, has issued an order to the effect that the term "Negro" shall be capitalized throughout the columns of the Post.

A committee, headed by Mr. Nelson Crews, the well known editor of the Kansas City Sun, waited upon Dr. Jenkins when he assumed the editorship of the Post, requesting that he capitalize the word Negro. Dr. Jenkins received the committee courteously, listened to their plea and at once issued the order.

RIB TICKLERS

Ready to Remit.

The doctor coughed gravely. "I am sorry to tell you," he said, looking down at the man in the bed, "that there is no doubt you are suffering from smallpox."

The patient turned on his pillow and looked up at his wife.

"Julia," he said, in a faint voice, "if any of my creditors call, tell them at last I am in a position to give them something."

Which Did He See?

CAPT. —, who spent some weeks at Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., tells the following:

A Negro soldier attempted to pass the sentry on the road leading from the camp to Little Rock. The sentry asked the soldier for his pass.

"Ain't got none," the black replied. "You can't pass," the sentry rejoined.

"Ah gotta get by," says the black. The sentry threw up his gun. The Negro pulled a long razor from his pocket.

"Looky heah, Mr. Gaahd Man," he remarked, "git out'n mah way. I see a bad niggah, I is. I see got a daddy in hell and a mammy in heaven and a gal in Little Rock, and I see goin' to see one of 'em—TONIGHT."

LA GRANGE, TEXAS

H. L. Vincent, Agent

The Monitor agent spent last week in the school room at Kirtley teaching for Prof. Andrew Johnson, who was afflicted with the flu. We are glad to note that he is up and at work again.

The week past was one of good weather.

Regular monthly religious services were held at the St. James M. E. church here Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Napier.

Rev. I. D. Coffee, P. C. of A. M. E. church here, preached at the Bethlehem A. M. E. church near here Sunday.

Rev. S. A. Tillman preached at Eagle Lake last Sunday.

Last week Rev. S. E. Jones, district superintendent Austin district, held his first quarterly conference here at St. James M. E. church.

Mrs. Julie Sutton is at home again from nursing flu patients at Fayetteville.

La Grange high school is again running with all teachers being up and able to be at their posts.

Private James Poole is home from France in good shape. He was quietly married to Miss Ada Neeright shortly after his arrival.

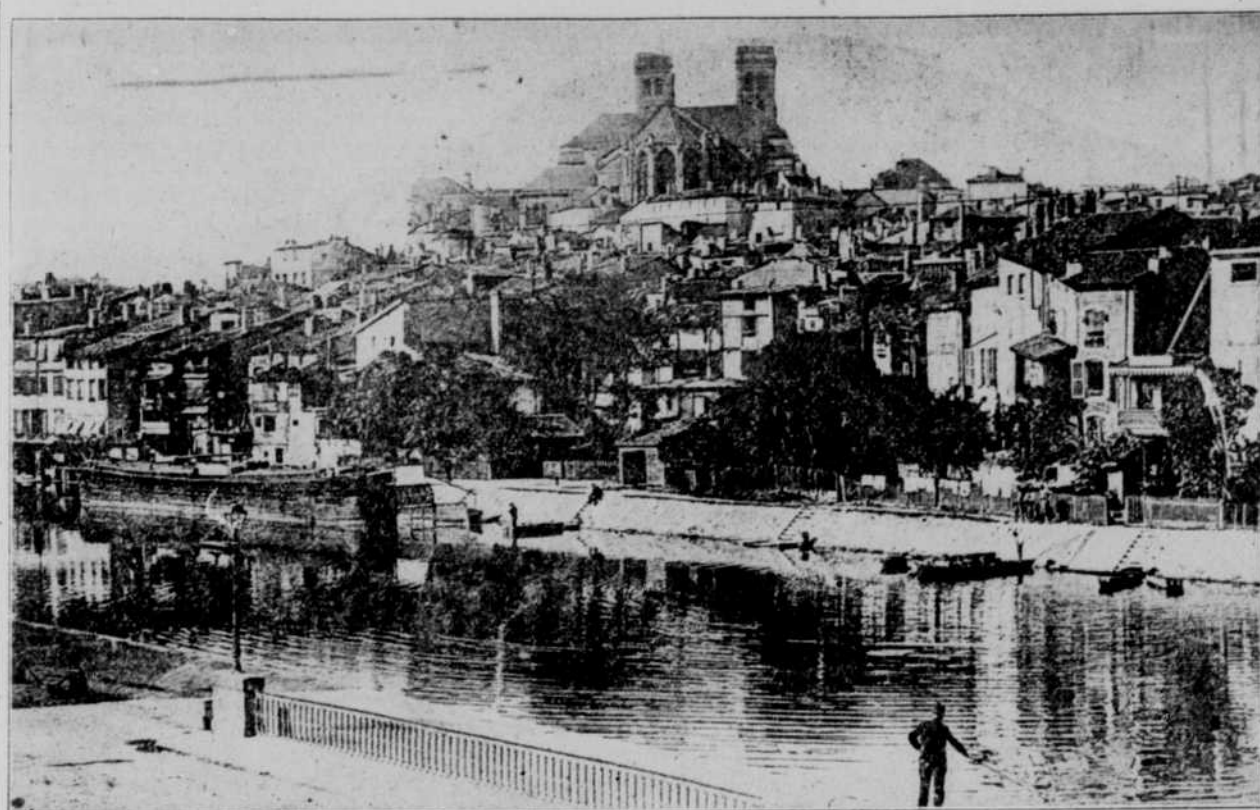
Misses E. N. Herring, M. V. Adams, Susie Grant, E. M. Dobbin, D. Oakes, Juanita Sawner, Mrs. M. E. Clark and Profs. A. Johnson, J. W. Hubbard were teachers at La Grange Saturday.

Mr. T. C. Wormley, Smithville, spent a few hours here Saturday with his wife, Mrs. Ethel Wormley.

Mr. Oscar C. Leonard, Smithville, and Messrs. Thos. L. Clinton Jr. and Moore Giddings were very interesting visitors here last Saturday as the honored guests of Misses Elliott, Mae Dobbin and Delphine Oakes.

The Christian Endeavor league of St. John's A. M. E. church gave a surprise party last Wednesday night to Rev. Mrs. Coffee, the pastor's wife.

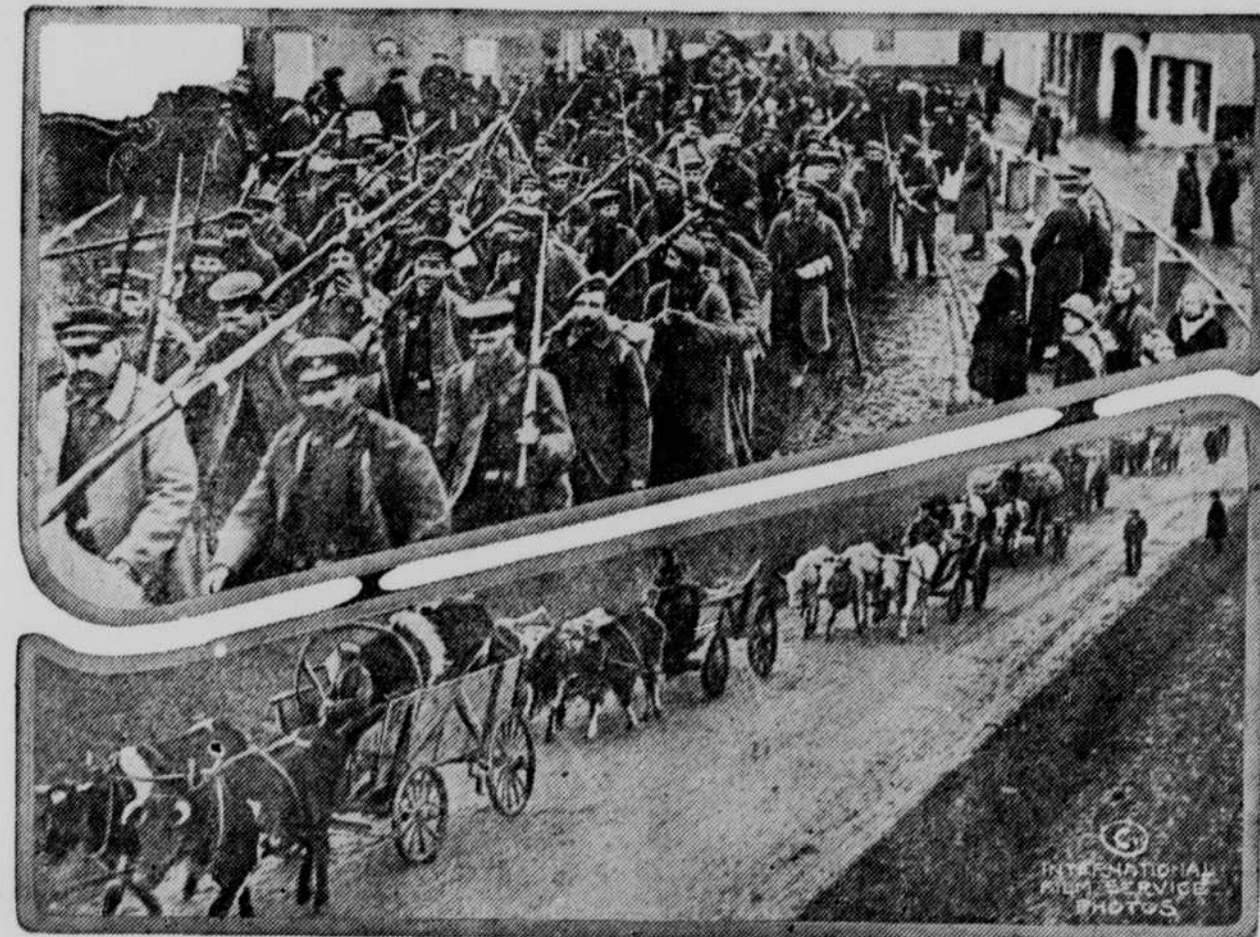
Friends and members of St. James' gave their pastor a nice pound party last week.



THE CITY OF VERDUN

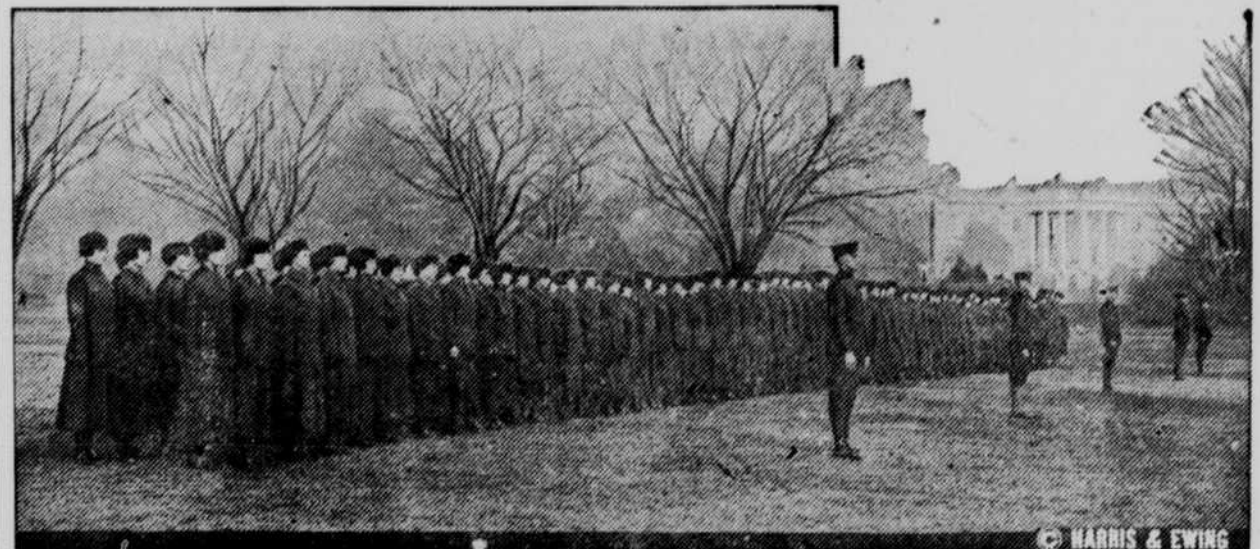
Nearly All Omaha's Colored Boys Are Biliated Near This Famous French City.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF RETREAT OF BEATEN HUNS



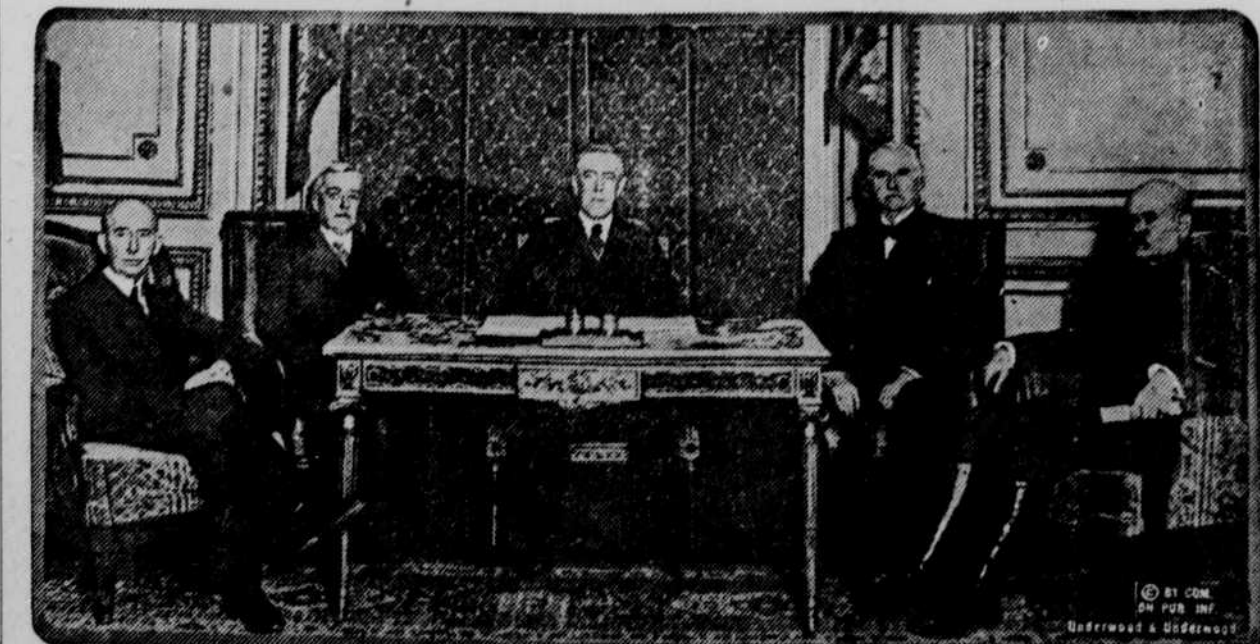
These photographs are the first to reach America showing the defeated German armies retreating toward their own borders, tired and dejected. In the lower one are seen ox carts taken from the occupied regions and used for transport service.

U. S. MARINETTES IN DRILL FORMATION



The 200 marinettes of the United States marine corps who are stationed in Washington have perfected their drill so that their appearance either singly or in drill formation excites the admiration of visitors to the capital. They are regularly enrolled in the corps as reserves, and though they are assigned to clerical duty they are under the same discipline as men. They wear practically the same kind of uniform, but for their skirts, and even do police duty. This picture shows them in drill formation back of the White House.

AMERICA'S DELEGATES TO THE PEACE CONGRESS



America's delegates to the peace congress, photographed in Paris. Left to right: Col. E. M. House, Secretary of State Lansing, President Wilson, Henry White and Gen. Tasker H. Bliss.