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#### THE SPIRIT OF UNITY

third has been in the service of the jous life that such a season of inten- son is going to run into some real British government during the past sive spiritual training as this season tabasco when he asks the senate to four years looking after cetrain mili- contemplates should be helpful to all ratify the League of Nations scheme. tary aspects of South Africa. Surely who conscientiously use it. unity.

#### JAPAN AND BRAZIL

colonizing parts of Brazil. It was a has been made concerning it, but it has a great significance. The colonization of Brazil by Japanese is merely fulfilling of the treaty made between the countries sometime ago. Brazel needed emigrants to develop her resources and Japan needed an outlet for her population, so the countries got together and reached an agreement. That was some years ago and at the time, Americans did not take kindly to the idea. Just now the nation is too busy with the peace conference and internal questions to ment to the jury, he exclaimed: pay any attention to the move, but is Japan as a commercial factor in

While the American capitalists are still discussing how to secure South an issue of prejudice and decide it American trade, Japan is making upon that issue and not upon the eviready to secure it and in a way that dence. It was a trick unworthy of a will eventually make her supreme. reputable lawyer and no doubt re-The American cannot do it as Japan is doing, for he feels himself superior to every other man and nation on the globe and thus superciliousness doesn't carry anyone far who is seeking favors from the other fellow. Eventually the American will realize that if this nation becomes a great commercial factor in the world, it will have to overcome its ignorant and foolish prejudices.

### COL. BILL HAYWARD'S BOYS

WE do not wonder that the 92d division loves Bill Hayward, their colonel. Many army officers have taken occasion to speak of their black troops and their bravery, but Bill Hayward uses a megaphone. All the time in France he was writing back about "his boys" and when they marched the streets of litle Old New Yawk, Bill marched along with them -afoot. Nor did he get quiet about "his boys" when he reached home. He told everybody from the governor of New York down that "his boys" were the fightingest, cleanest, fastest, jolliest and finest soldiers that Uncle Sam sent across the seas and he seems to mean every word of it.

We only take this occasion to thank Bill and to remind the country that Bill is a Nebraska boy. His father was once governor of this sovereign state and it was here amidst the plains and sandhills that his boy Bill learned the heart of Omaha. His attention is the last few hours, the idea came into the eternal truth that it is the man again respectfully called to the sec- his head to write out a wheeze on who counts and not the color. Bill tion lying north of Nicholas street, friends and here it is. loves "his boys" and his boys love between Twenty-first and Twenty-Bill, and because Bill wasn't afraid second and extending to Seward THE "BATTLE OF THE to help them do anything he wanted them to do, they weren't afraid to fol- thority now, without any legislative low Bill anywhere he led. That was action from Lincoln, to order this secwhy the whole bunch came back load- tion of the city pavel. Gentlemen, ed with honors and that is why Bill doesn't mind using a megaphone and letting America know just what he thinks about them. All honor to Bill.

LENT

SH WEDNESDAY is the first A day of Lent. It derives its name lead to war. from the custom which obtained in

the early Christian church of blessing ashes made from the palms distribut-THE Negro press has written much ed on Palm Sunday of the previous of late concerning unity, in fact, year, and signing the cross with it has been the theme of many race them on the heads of those who knelt leaders for years. Nor has The Mon- before the officiating minister for the itor hesitated in saying that the most purpose while he said, "Remember, vital thing to the black races through- man, that thou art dust, and unto out the world today is unity. From dust shalt thou return." He then adtime to time we have had letters from monished them to repent from their race men throughout the world and in sins. This day then inaugurated foreach and everyone of them we catch ty days of fasting and penitence, comthe strain of a longing for unity. memorating Christ's Fasting and Last week there came to The Monitor Temptation in the wilderness, during tional obligations between members office three letters, one from London, which period the fathful gave themone from the West Indies and one selves up to what might be called a from South Africa. In everyone of time of intensive religious exercise or them we could discern the desire for training. Millions of Christians in all unity of the black races. These let- parts of the world observe this seaters, in each instance, were from son and find it helpful. Its observance men of ability and influence in their is confined chiefly to Roman, Greek respective communities. One is vir- and Anglican (Episcopalians), Cathtually the unofficial representative of | olics and Lutherans. It will be read- J ducked Old Man Winter he starts the Orient in London; another is an ily apparent, however, to all who are wintering sure enough. official of the government; while the seriously in earnest about their relig-

is time that the American Negro give observed by people outside of the com- he thought he was when he went beheed to his brothers throughout the munions which originally kept it, fore the peace conference and that world. There is a future for us all, shows that the Lenten season answers the French people don't have much but that future depends upon our a felt need in the religious life of time for him now.

#### SHYSTER METHODS

QUITE recently an Associated Press JOHN W. BATTIN, attorney for dispatch announced that Japan is TOHN W. BATTIN, attorney for whole race should read it. district court, for an alleged attempt had enough war yet. brief dispatch and a little comment to commit a statutory crime on Gladys Lt. Turner tried to hog the whole McRoy, resorted to the methods of a front page of the News with his facial prejudice the case by such an appeal. is sure some popular these days. The case proceeded as all actions at The Monitor has now a London ofevidence. Albert Ramsay was ac- rica. Wow! boy, SOME CLASS! cused of a crime. That he was white The League of Nations look like a was no effort to inject prejudice into tackle the big one? What then? case until Battin did it. In his argu-

to be doubted?"

It was a clever shyster trick to raise poor case.

tin's rhetorical question, raised with who haven't any idea whatsomever as malicious intent, by stating that the to the meaning of the word. They general impression upon the part of smile at you and hand you their icy preliminary hearing and in the district debt of friendship, but they haven't court was that Gladys McRoy was They haven't given you a thing but telling the truth and that someone a shiver. No man can ever decide this questionable proceeding seemed them. Another thing, the friend isn't to be about equally divided between always the dude who makes you feel two witnesses for the defense.

## NOTHING DOING

ored patrons at the municipal bathing beach. He learned their mind. They were a unit in saying that they were Nothing doing.

### WE HOPE SO!

TOMMISSIONER TOWL has anprove some of the blighted spots in street. The commissioners have aublighted spots.

## FROM THE PROPOSED CONSTI-

OBLIGATIONS to notify league copies.

without previously submitting dispute to arbitration. Declaration of war must be delayed three months after receiving award.

Establishment of permanent court of arbitration. Details to be formulated by league executive council, Breach of covenant to be punished

by diplomatic, trade and financial boy-

cott. force, to be constituted as emergency arises, from national contingents as determined by league executive coun-

Reduction of national armaments to lowest point consistent with national

Restrictions on and final prohibition of private traffic in munitions and

implements of war. Full publicty of armament pro-

Pledge to respect territorial integrity and independence of league mem-

In case of dispute between memberstate and non-member state, the latter

Automatic abrogation of all internainconsistent with terms of covenant .-New York Tribune.

#### **Obvious Observations**

TUST when we thought we had

It looks as though President Wil-

Mark Sullivan says in Collier's that such men speak with authority and it | That it is becoming more generally Woody wasn't the wonderful wizard

> Have you read Dr. Durkee's address before Howard? It is the most worth while speech that has been delivered in many moons and the

Even Mexico feels that she hasn't

common syster. No allusion had been map last week and all its reading made to color on either side or to space with tales of over there. Ed

law should proceed, according to the fice and an office down in South Af-

and his accuser Colored, had nothing bunch of big fellows planning to keep liability for a return. Their joint inwhatever, or should have had nothing the little fellows down, but suppose whatever to do with the case. There the litle fellows get together and

Thanking you kindly for your devoted attention, we will not put on "What special right has this Col- our bearskin coat, our sealskin cap, it certainly spells one thing and that ored girl to be believed and the testi- our gum shoes and mittens, and step mony of Rose, a discharged soldier, outdoors to take a peek at the ther-

#### SKITS OF SOLOMON Friends

sorted to because the attorney for the L sticks by you summer and winter defense realized that he had a mighty and isn't afraid to give you a lift if you need one. There are lots of peo-The Monitor will answer Mr. Bat- ple who call themselves your friends disinterested spectators both at the mitt and think they have paid the else was lying, and that the honors in who his friends are until he needs happy with yourself and starts you looking in the mirror to see if you aren't sprouting wings. The friend isn't backward in showing you where COMMISSIONER FALCONER vis- you can make improvements along ited the Colored Ministerial Union your lines of personality and he is to learn their mind upon the building also the guy who doesn't flinch when and equiping of separate dressing you tell him how he can improve his rooms for the exclusive use of Col- psychological architecture. The greatest proof of a friend is if he will lend you a dollar when you need it and the greatest proof of whether you unalterably and uncompromisingly are his friend or not is if you will opposed to any entering wedge for pay him back friend dollar when you segregation in the enjoyment of mu- get it. Friends are generally as few nicipal privileges for which we as citi- as oranges on an Esquimoux farm, yet zens bear our proportion of taxes. every man ought to have one or two to his credit. If a man hasn't got one single friend, he is in a hard way and needs lost of consolation. Solomon didn't start out to write about O nounced that he is going to im- friends today, but inasmuch as he has been making friends with the fire for

## KINGS" GOING BIG

Omaha, Neb .- "The Battle of the Kings," an admirable orchestration, please get busy. Gean up these composed by J. Frank Terry of Omaha, is receiving considerable notice in the east. It is now being played in vaudeville and by the Four Mu-TUTION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS sical Lunds and inquiries are coming from all parts of the country for

## Obligation not to resort to war Subscribe for The Monitor

## PAY AND FILE INCOME TAX **BEFORE MAR. 15**

International military and naval U. S. Internal Revenue Bureau Gives Warning That Severe Penalties Will Be Enforced.

#### WOMEN WITHIN LAW'S SCOPE; HOW THEY REPORT INCOME

The Income Tax drive comes to a close on Saturday night, March 15.

date under the provisions of the new fore their offices close that night.

The Income Tax is being collected to Elser, a white officer. meet the war expenses. Every person to be invited to accept obligations of who shouted and tooted his horn on league membership for the purposes Armistice Day is now called upon to contribute his share of the cost of winning the war.

The laggards and the dodgers will face severe fines and jall sentences. The Internal Revenue Bureau an-Tax law did his share.

#### Where to Pay and File.

taxes to Geo. L. Loomis, Collector of Internal Revenue, Omaha, Neb., or to any of his deputy collectors who are now doing free advisory work on Income Tax.

Payments sent by mail should be attached to the returns and should be in the form of check, money order or draft. Cash payments by mall are sent at the taxpayer's risk of loss.

If you are unable to make your return personally because of Illness, absence or incapacity, an agent or legal representative may make your return. If there are any doubtful points as to your items of income or allowable deductions, you should get in touch at once with a Revenue officer or a bank-

#### er for advice. Women Pay Tax.

Women are subject to all the requirements of the Income Tax. Whether single or married, a woman's income from all sources must be considered. If unmarried, or if living apart from

her husband, she must make her return for 1918 if her net income was \$1,000 or over.

If married and living with her husband, her income must be considered with the husband's in determining the come, less the credits allowed by law. is subject to normal tax. The wife's net income is considered separately in computing any surtax that may be due. Husband and wife file jointly, as a rule. If the husband does not include his wife's income in his return, the wife must file a separate return.

### Severe Penalties.

The new Revenue Law places severe penalties on a person who fails to make return on time, refuses to make return or renders a fraudulent return. For failure to make return and pay tax on time a fine of not more than \$1,000 FRIEND is a guy or guyess who is named, and 25 per cent of the tax due is added to the assessment. For refusing wilfully to make return or for making a false or fraudulent return there is a fine of not exceeding \$10,000 and imprisonment of not exceeding one year, or both.

### Farmers' Income Taxable,

Every farmer and ranchman who had a fair or a good year in 1918 must heed the Income Tax this year. He must consider all his income as taxable. He is entitled to deduct from his gross income all amounts expended in carrying on his farm. The cost of farm machinery, farm buildings and improvements cannot be deducted. The cost of live stock, either for resale or for breeding purposes, is also regarded as investment,

Overtime and Bonuses Taxed, Salary and wage earners must consider as taxable every item received from employeers and from other sources. Bonuses and overtime pay are to be reported, as well as the regular payments.

### Allowances for Losses.

Losses sustained in 1918 and not covered by insurance are deductible items if incurred in the taxpayer's business or trade, in any transaction undertaken for profit, or arising from fire, storm, shipwreck or other casualty, or from theft.

#### SQUARE DEAL FOR EVERY INCOME TAX PAYER \*

Washington, D. C. - "The ★ rights of all persons now filing \* Income Tax returns are amply \* protected by provisions for \* abatements, refunds and appeals," says Commissioner Dan- \* iel C. Roper,

"Every person can be sure of \* a square deal. No person is expected to pay more than his share of tax. His share is determined solely by the amount and nature of his net income for A 1918, as defined in the law.

"Abatement petitions are dealt \* with open-mindedly. Refunds will be made in every case where ★ too much tax is erroneously col-\* lected.

"The Income Tax is 'on the level' all the way through."

#### FIGHT STARTED TO REVIEW COURT MARTIAL VERDICT

Petition Secretary Baker to Free Sol-Against Superior Enemy Forces.

Baltimore, Mr.-Efforts are being W. Cheers, Lieut. Robert E. Johnson. sailing was stationed at Camp Meade. The verdict of death was recently changed to ten years' imprisonment. INCREASING CRIME IN The engagement at Vienne l'Chateau, France, September 26, in which the All payments and returns due on that Third Battalion of the 368th infantry took part, resulted in the charge of Revenue Law must be in the hands of cowardice being preferred against the report of the increase in crime in local Internal Revenue Collectors be- men. The infantry at the time was northern cities, due to the migration

Artillery Thirteen Hours Late. 368th infantry was allowed to face the the northern cities show an increase, Huns at this point without hand gre- as follows: Cleveland from 7.8 to nades and other ammunition and were | 16.5; St. Louis from 14.5 to 20.8; Chicompelled to seek shelter from the cago from 10.0 to 11.0; Pittsburg from storm of shell fire coming from the 5.8 to 9.6; and Philadelphia from 4.9 nounces that its officers will check us Germans. It was further cited that to 6.7. all up to see that every person who the supporting force, the 136th Field | Frederick L. Hoffman of the Prucomes within the scope of the Income Artillery (white), was thirteen hours dential Life, who tabulates these figcut down some of the men of the 368th | migration of Negro laborers to north-Residents of Nebraska are required infantry. This lag on the part of the ern communities brought into the cento make their returns and pay their artillerymen placed the infantry be- tral urban centers particularly the tween the shell fire of the Huns very element which continues to conand the creeping barrage of its own tribute so large a share to the homisupporting element.

#### Send Facts to Baker.

In order to erase the blot of cowardice from the infantry records of the bravery of the men have been diers-Condemned Officers Fought given Secretary of War Baker in the attempt to justify the action of the soldiers in this particular sector. Insufficiently supported, meeting with made by influential citizens of this far superior numbers of the enemy, city to have the cases of the four with scarcely any ammunition, no arofficers of the 368th Infantry Co. 1, tillery support and no hand grenades Third Battalion, reviewed by the war are some of the pleas offered. It is department. The men convicted for reported that the Third Battalion, unviolating article 75 of the war code able to get in touch with the comwere: Capt. Daniel Smith, Lieut. mander, retreated rather than be an-Horace R. Crawford, Lieut, R ert nihilated. This infantry, prior to

## NORTHERN CITIES

By the Associated Negro Press. Cleveland, O., Feb. 27.-There has been much discussion here over the under the command of Major Max from the south. While the southern states still lead in Negro population there is a marked increase in crime It has been officially stated that the conditions. The figures for most of

behind orders and fired shots that ures, explains as follows: "The heavy cide record of southern communities.

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