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MARKED FOR SLAUGHTER

THE cessation of hostilities on November 11 saved the lives of thousands of black American soldiers. It will be recalled that the 92d division was within striking distance of Metz when the armistice was signed. Metz was supposed to be impregnable. It was conceded to be the most strongly fortified position held by the Germans. After the signing of the armistice, American engineers were kept busy for several days in digging up mines guarding the approach to Metz. A general attack was to have been made on this formidable fortress on November 13. The Americans were to attack in the center, the French on the right, the British on the left. The Ninety second division had been reserved to lead the American attack on Metz. We all know what that meant. It meant that Metz would have been taken, but thousands of brave black American soldiers, who had nothing whatever to do with the bringing on of the war and who at the outset were told they were not wanted and who were victims of damnable American prejudice even while fighting for democracy, would have slept the sleep that knows no earthly waking on the crimson poppy blown fields of France.

Pershing had reserved the Ninety-second Division for this supreme test of the valor of American arms. It was a compliment, if you please, to the valor of the black American soldier. Thousands of brave white American soldiers, too, would have paid the supreme sacrifice before Metz, but it will readily be conceded that the "shock troops" would have suffered most heavily. But an overruling Providence willed it otherwise. These brave troops had been marked for slaughter, according to the plans of man, but "He that sitteth above the waterfloods and remaineth a king forever, laughed them to scorn." He would not have it so. Is there not something profoundly significant in this? Can any one doubt that the hand of God was in it? If we believe this, how are we going to show our gratitude to Him Who over rules the wrath of men?

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF RAILWAYS

THE government ownership of public utilities has long been a wish of millions of people throughout the country and there is no doubting that the trend has been in that direction, but the manner in which the government has handled the railroads will without doubt make many of these millions dubious. The recent report on the railroads developed the fact that they are \$710,000,000 dollars in debt and the private owners say they want the money or they will go to court. Such a debt is a tremendous one when one considers that passenger and freight rates were raised. There is a probability that management was turned into mismanagement. The fiasco, however, should not discourage government ownership. In the case under question men assumed charge of railways who knew nothing whatever about them and thus it was to be expected that it would not prove a success. As to us in particular, we have not found that the government is any more disposed to abolish jim-crow cars than were the private owners. In fact, we believe that it will be as easy, if not easier, to secure the abolishment of this form under private than under government ownership, because under private ownership the economic situation can be brought to bear, whereas under government ownership it is all a matter of politics.

TRYING TO START SOMETHING

COUNTY COMMISSIONER TOM O'CONNOR is quoted by the Omaha Daily News, which by the way seems to be specializing in interviews with people who are suggesting and agitating lynching, as saying, "Within thirty days there will be a Negro lynching in Omaha unless something is done and done quickly. We absolutely need these dogs (bloodhounds) and need them badly. And the dogs must be either the 'Hicks nigger-chasing bloodhound,' or another just as good."
All right, Mr. O'Connor, if the taxpayers of Omaha are willing to have you squander their money in buying bloodhounds, go to it. If they are willing to let individuals of your ilk

start something, that's their concern. If you think your foolish talk is going to turn out to your advantage, keep it up.

WHAT IS BEHIND IT?

THERE are some individuals in Omaha who seem determined to give Omaha an unsavory reputation and to stir up trouble. We wonder what sinister motive is back of it? We have the suspicion that there is a movement on foot, because of the fact that the exigencies of war opened up industrial opportunities to our people from which they were formerly barred, to discredit wherever possible and to bring into ill-favor members of the Negro race. We believe that there is such a propaganda on foot. Whether it will succeed or not is open to question. It behooves our people in every community to keep their heads, to be self-restrained and to render the most efficient and conscientious service wherever they may be employed.

There is something behind this studied effort to make it appear that Omaha is infested with Negro criminals. What's back of it?

KELLY MILLER'S NEW PAMPHLET

PROF. KELLY MILLER of Howard University has written a new pamphlet entitled "The Negro in the New Reconstruction." It is hardly necessary to remark that it is good, because all of Prof. Miller's pamphlets are good, exceedingly so. There is no doubting the statement that Prof. Kelly Miller is one of the foremost thinkers of the race and when, recently the new president of Howard remarked that this school had professors who were the peer of any in the country, we thought of Prof. Miller first of all. As a clear, concise and logical thinker and writer, he ranks with the highest.

The so-called reconstruction that is following in the wake of the world war is of immediate interest to our race and its relations to our race are not to be better explained, anticipated and mapped out than in this pamphlet. Like all of the Miller pamphlets the price is only 10 cents and may be had by writing to the author at Washington, D. C. Every member of the race should possess a copy.

THE PRESIDENT INTERCEDES

WE ought not overlook the fact that President Wilson on the eve of his departure for France took time to interest himself in the case of Sergeant Edgar Caldwell, a Colored soldier, recently returned from overseas, who was sentenced to be hanged at Anniston, Ala., for killing a conductor with whom and a motorman he was fighting because of his ejection from a street car. The president asked for a respite until the attorney general might have a chance to examine the records in the case. The president's action would seem to indicate that he is anxious to see justice done and believes that this is a case in which there may be extenuating circumstances. As we are quick to blame, let us be equally quick to praise.

BOYCOTT NEWS

THE Omaha Daily News is deservedly in ill-favor with our people. Its sensational headlines, with reference to the alleged attack supposedly by a Colored man on Mrs. Glassman are absolutely inexcusable. Its tactics have been those of a rabid Negro-hating, Negro-baiting southern sheet and in a less self-contained community than Omaha might have led to serious results. With commendable self-respect a large number of our thoughtful people have decided that they will stop their subscriptions and refuse to buy copies of this sheet. We are getting wide awake.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Japan and the League of Nations. THE Japanese have gathered their kimonos about themselves and sat down on the League of Nations. They say that they are ready for world peace and any other good thing that comes along that is a cousin or other relative, but hanged if they are going to sign their names to any

bunch of league dope that means to make the Angry-Saxons the big dog and everybody else the Pekinese. And when it comes down to rip-roaring, silent diplomacy, the Japs are wangs. They can put over the polite reception stuff in a way that it fools everybody, but every time they smile they have a thought hooked on behind it. They know that when it comes down to racial superiority the Angry-Saxon doesn't hold much more than a pair of deuces, and they are not going to let him get away with it. The censor has put down the lid and blinkers and blankets on the peace conference, but we know that those little brown skin dudes are making it hot for everybody in general and for Woody Wilson in particular. When they sign their hieroglyphics to the League of Nations it will be a real league and the Jap is going to be a real party to it. They have a big idle army and plenty of jack and aren't afraid to stand on their dignity and on their rights and tell the rest where to head in at. We expect Woody and Lloyd and the rest to come across, and if they don't the Jap will continue his polite reception stuff in a different way. We need a League of Nations badly, but we need one that is going to be for the good of the world and not merely for the good of a few nations who want to turn the earth into a valley of peaceful pickings.

Obvious Observations

IT is good that the weather has decided to rain wetness instead of snowness and to give a little thunder along with it. That means that spring is dressing up for a call.

There is so much pro and con about the League of Nations that we have put it on the top shelf to ripen.

Lots of returned soldiers are having trouble finding work, but our boys aren't.

Omaha is to have a real African visit here soon and you must hear him. Have you paid up for The Monitor? If not, don't wonder why it doesn't come around weekly.

Mark Sullivan says that the newspaper correspondents in Paris are gagged so that they can't even think their own thoughts. How, then, can we get any real dope of the peace conference?

We sure wish somebody would take another punch at the high cost of living.

We are glad the real estate agents are busy selling and our people busy buying. There is nothing better than a home and a bank account after your family.

If you want your news in the paper use the animal they call the telephone. It is still working.

We don't do much else now but listen to the boys from over there talk about the war and the pretty French girls. (But soft pedal this last part.)

Thanking you for your gentle attention, we will now proceed to mend a hole that is sneaking into our socks.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. J. A. Broadnax, Pastor

We had very good services at Allen Chapel A. M. E. church Sunday. Lieutenant Edward Turner spoke at 8 p. m. He is one of whom we all should be proud. All were elated to have him with us.

The Senior Stewardesses Board, Mrs. A. Pogram, president; Junior Stewardesses Board, Mrs. R. Servere, president; Sunday school, Mrs. Redd, superintendent; Aid society, Mrs. E. Clark, president; are looking after their boards and departments. Bishops H. Helm, R. Servere, E. Roberson, P. Jefferson, S. Jones, Stapleton, C. Goode and W. Alston are working hard to bring in \$100 each on the 1st Sunday in May. Collection Sunday for the day \$52.90.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Services were good last Sunday. Large crowds were in attendance both morning and evening.

On Monday night Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, recent additions to the church from New York City, appeared under the auspices of the laymen of Zion Baptist church. Musical numbers and dramatic readings were given by them and the applause given them proved that the large audience was well pleased with their efforts.

Dr. York, superintendent of state missions, will be in the city this week and at Zion church he will be the chief speaker on Sunday, March 23.

On Monday, March 24, Dr. S. B. Butler of Wichita, Kan., will arrive in the city to assist the pastor in a ten-day series of meetings.

Strangers welcome to all services.

MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, Pastor. A large audience listened to a wonderful sermon Sunday night by Pastor M. H. Wilkinson, the subject being "Lay Hold of the First Opportunity." It was spiritual and inspiring. The banquet March 17 was well at-

tended. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson, which was enjoyable. Lieutenant Andrew Reed told of his experiences overseas.

The Silver Leaf club met with Mrs. G. Swatts Tuesday night. A program was rendered and a delightful evening was spent.

The Swastika Art club met with Mrs. Belcher at the residence of Mrs. G. Smith, 2518 Charles street. The following officers were elected: Mrs. M. Duncan, president; Mrs. H. L. Anderson, vice president; Mrs. V. Middleton, secretary; Mrs. C. Bailey, assistant secretary; Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson, treasurer; Mrs. J. Burk, assistant treasurer; Mrs. M. Buford, chaplain and reporter.

The Mission Circle met with Mrs. C. Wilson last Thursday. A dainty lunch was served and a delightful evening was spent.

Regular services next Lord's day, with baptism after the morning service.

The church sick are improving nicely.

Strangers are welcome to all services.

ELLA SMITH.

MRS. CHARLES ROLLINS DIES AT NEBRASKA CITY

Mrs. Charles Rollins of Nebraska City, who was correspondent for The Monitor, died at her home there from pneumonia March 7. Her children had been suffering with the "flu," through which as a devoted mother she had successfully nursed them, when she too was stricken. Mrs. Rollins was born and reared in Nebraska City and was highly respected by all who knew her. The News of that city spoke of her in the highest terms. She is survived by her husband, four small children, six brothers and three sisters.

Attorney Ailey W. Lewis, who is to appear at Grove M. E. church, March 25th, will no doubt bring to the public a message fraught with living interest for the good of the race and nation. I have heard him on previous occasions and judging the future by the past can heartily commend him to the public.

REV. W. F. BOTTS, B. S. T.

I have known Ailey W. Lewis, formerly a practicing attorney of Denver for seven or eight years. I consider him a young man of ability who will interest our race on any subject he may present.

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