

THE MONITOR

A National Weekly Newspaper Devoted to the Interests of Colored Americans.

Published Every Saturday at Omaha, Nebraska, by The Monitor Publishing Company.

Entered as Second-Class Mail Matter July 2, 1915, at the Postoffice at Omaha, Neb., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

THE REV. JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS, Editor and Publisher.
Lucille Skaggs Edwards and William Garnett Haynes, Associate Editors.
George Wells Parker, Contributing Editor and Business Manager.
Fred C. Williams, Traveling Representative.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES, \$2.00 A YEAR; \$1.00 6 MONTHS; 60c 3 MONTHS
Advertising Rates, 60 cents an inch per issue.
Address, The Monitor, 304 Crouse Block, Omaha, Neb.
Telephone Webster 4245.

FOR anything worth having, one must pay the price, and the price is always work, patience, love, self-sacrifice—no paper currency, no promises to pay, but the gold of real service.—John Burrows.

MEDDLING AND MUDDLING

It looks very much as though President Wilson were unduly meddling in European politics and muddling affairs. How far the United States will suffer or be benefited by this meddling is open to debate. Undoubtedly there will be some soreness upon the part of Italy, whose secret treaty with the allied powers, before America entered the conflict, by which she was guaranteed the territory which she now claims, has, at the alleged suggestion and demand of the American president, been treated as "a scrap of paper." Italy justly believes herself to have been mistreated. It may be that astute European diplomats are using President Wilson as "the goat," but certainly it must be apparent to all that America's entrance into the circle of European diplomacy is fraught with dangerous possibilities.

Italy feels aggrieved against President Wilson. This is very evident. And to be perfectly frank, she has just grounds for her grievance. Whether this will lead to unfriendliness for the United States remains to be seen.

Japan, too, far-sighted, suave, commercially alert, intellectual, rich and brave, does not take kindly to President Wilson's attitude on the equality of races. Of course, he was not alone in his opposition to this absolutely just recognition, to which the world must eventually come, but that does not mend the matter.

These are but two of the clouds, "about as large as a man's hand," coming up out of the sea of European diplomacy, which may overcast the sky of international peace.

THE ITALIAN CRISIS

THE Italian premier has returned to Rome. Why? Because President Wilson has refused absolutely to allow Italy to have Fiume and the Dalmatian coast. The press of the country naturally supports Wilson in his position, but surely Italy has something on her side. In the secret treaty made at London, the allies promised Italy just what she asks for, provided she would cast her lot with them against Germany. Italy did so and kept her word. Now when it comes to payment time, Wilson, who knew nothing whatever of the secret treaty, refuses to let Italy have what she fought for. Is Italy being treated fair? Have not the allies made their treaty with Italy only "a scrap of paper," just as they accuse Germany of making "a scrap of paper" out of her agreement not to violate the neutrality of Belgium?

One does not deny that secret diplomacy makes many questionable deals and deals which are often more unjust than just, but if treaties are to have any sanctity, they must be kept. We have noted particularly that in all matters where white races are concerned, President Wilson is loud in proclaiming his special brand of justice, but when it comes to the concern of the Latins, Japanese and other darker races, his ideas of justice suffer an eclipse.

Italy has been wronged and Japan has been wronged, and Wilson in both cases is largely responsible for the wrongs done.

"PRINCIPLE, NOT COLOR"

MR. C. C. GALLOWAY, speaking before the N. A. A. C. P. forum last Sunday afternoon, gave voice to a sentiment which should become regnant throughout the country. Mr. Galloway said, "It is time to forget color and to stand for principle." He pointed out very clearly and forcibly that America or no other country or race or individual will ever get the true perspective, ever advance to the highest point, until there is a cessation of the disposition to think of a man's color or nationality first, and the principle involved last. He fearlessly stated that our race no less than the white race is in bondage to this false and pernicious custom.

"Forget color and stand for principle." This is undoubtedly the lesson not only America but the entire world needs to learn.

Obvious Observations

ITALY is sore because the allies have regarded their treaty with her as a scrap of paper. As Ramases said the night he found his hen roost deserted, chickens will always come home to roost.

We thought winter was over, but we've got another guess coming.

Uncle Sam is bringing the white boys over pretty fast, but is mighty slow bringing the Colored. What's the whereof of the whereas?

Friend Chester Franklin of K. C., a very brilliant vegetable raised in Omaha, is going to start a newspaper next week. Good luck, old man. We need more live wires and we know you're a hot one.

Are you doing anything with that lawn in front of your house and anything with the garden spots in this back yard? If not, get busy soon, if not sooner.

Through the fields and over the fence, but the booze hounds still pursue us.

The Monitor is fat again, but that doesn't mean everybody is paid up. There are still some folks who ought to find out the office number or the telephone.

Dr. Nathaniel Cassell, of Liberia, will be in Omaha next week. Don't forget to give him a few dimes for Liberia. Our brothers there need them.

The war is over, but Europe doesn't think so.

Thanking you kindly for your favorable attentions, we will now pause to make some trenchant remarks to the office staff who make unkind remarks about the age of our pipe.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Handing It to Baby.

IF anybody thinks that a new born baby gets a square deal in this wicked world, it is because he believes that everybody follows the rules for baby culture as laid down by infant specialists. If day old babies could really start something, there would be an anti-nurture campaign started tomorrow that would make the anti-booze battle as sensational as a child's doll party. In some countries babies are given half a chance to grab onto the dangling rope of life, but in others—wow! In parts of Germany, Greece and Armenia, a new born kidlet is salted down with real salt on the basis that evil eyes, witches and members of the devil family, have as much use for salt as a whale has for the prayer book. In Tartary baby is covered with butter, no matter whether it costs a dollar a pound or not, while around Macedonian parts it is held under a stream of running cold water to make it tough. If this heroic treatment kills the kiddo, it is considered a weaking anyway. In Guinea it is buried up to its neck in sand, while the Lapp infant edition is put in a shoe and covered with moss and snow to keep it warm. In Mongolia a chip off the old block or blockess is decorated with a pot of paste and Bulgaria believes that unless she crowns the dimpled darling with a hot, sizzling omelet, it is sure to suffer from sunstroke. In parts of India the infant specimen, and especially if it is a girl, must wear a ring in its nose and shawl over its face, while a certain African tribe boards up the baby's head so that it will develop into a right angled triangle. Every American knows what happens to an Indian baby, but in China a baby is wrapped up like a papoose and hitched onto the back of an older child so that the mother won't have to worry about it.

GOOD MANNERS

GOOD manners should be coveted and cultivated by all. Never consider it a mark of smartness to be rude. It is a badge of ignorance and inferiority. Good manners will always compel respect. One of the world's master minds and one of the very first of Christian gentlemen gives this excellent advice, "Be ye courteous." This, of course, means always have and show good manners.

JUST OFF THE PRESS

"Brown Boys in Khaki Brown," a snappy, stirring, catchy race song. Suitable for stage, church or school. Sung about our own boys in our own songs. Words and music by Eva A. Jessie.

Copies at 25c at Monitor office, or send 25c to Eva A. Jessie, 309 West Street Boulevard, Muskogee, Okla.—Adv.

AFRO-AMERICAN REALTY CO.

We collect rents.
We pay your taxes.
We advance money on your first payment.
We are a friend to those who need a friend.
We make a specialty in sales and up-keep of property.
NIMROD JOHNSON, Mgr.
2709 Lake St. Webster 540.

THE WEALTH OF AFRICA

By W. F. Francis, Jr.

Under the title of "America's Opportunity" an article appeared in a recent issue of Collier's Weekly (March 22, 1919) with the intention of awakening the American manufacturer to the usual opportunity of expanding his trade to the undeveloped parts of South Africa.

The writer of the article in an effort to enlighten his white brethren, has gathered some interesting statistics which prove why the autocratic whites of the South Africa Union, and for that matter the European nations are eager to control and retard the progress of the natives of the vast continent.

Says a paragraph of the article, verbatim: "In any matter pertaining to Africa the American merchant and exporter must remember that he will confront a human equation and in this instance it is a black one. The African native is not our Colored man. The African native is a child with a body of a man—who reasons as a man does and who follows first impulses. On the average he is honest. He may steal a loaf of bread when he is hungry; he may kill you if he thinks you intend to harm him and his Tet, withal this primitive manifestation of human nature is not of the vicious type is not produced by a warped brain or wrong motive. It is human nature as it prevails in Africa."

While the foregoing is partially true the writer of the article in a following paragraph reveals the old Caucasian lust of subjugating the native to manual labor to further their own commercial interests, while little or no effort is made to give him an equal opportunity for development. Says another paragraph:

"American capital can find an excellent outlet in the development of cotton farms worked by natives under white supervision. So far as individuals are concerned, Americans unless they be mining or constructing engineers or salesmen should keep away from Africa, as native labor is so cheap that no white man can compete and eat. All manual labor is done by natives. The blacks are so superior numerically that only inter-necine hatred, tribal differences, and the superior "kultur" of the whites help the latter to maintain their control. Africa is worth controlling."

Undoubtedly the concluding sentence (Africa is worth controlling) has been the prevailing thought of the European nations at the peace conference, each seeking to obtain as much territory as possible and finally conceding to the mandatory system in preference to "Africa for Africans."

For the six months ending June 30, 1917, the mineral productions of South Africa was gold \$94,445,421; diamonds, \$18,562,505; coal, \$7,808,421; copper, \$2,793,171; tin, \$981,622; antimony, \$45,750; asbestos, \$221,392; ostrich feathers, \$10,000,000.

Egypt is the third largest cotton producing region in the world. The British Cotton Growers association reports that in 1916, in addition to the Egyptian crop, West Africa produced 20,300 bales of 400 lbs. each; East Africa, 33,800 bales, and the Sudan, 16,200 bales, a total of 32,100,000 pounds.

Indeed! Africa is worth controlling.—The Crusader.

COLORED PRESS VALUABLE ASSET IN WAR WORK

An asset of incalculable value in pushing war work among the Colored people of the country was the Negro press, the larger portion of which is actively identified with the National Negro Press association, the organized instrumentality of the race for the propagation of sentiment looking to its general uplift. These papers, large and small, of every denomination, fraternal affiliation or geographical section, without exacting a penny of compensation, gave column upon column of their space to the war news that cheered the millions of Colored Americans throughout the period of hostilities and kept them fully informed as to the helpful activities of the masses in the work of winning the war. This service proved to be of the greatest possible assistance to those charged with the conduct of the war, as it won and held the confidence of the people, maintaining their morale and stimulating their patriotism at the crucial hour, when this nation needed the loyal and earnest co-operation of every element of its citizenship to assure victory to its cause. The superb and generous support given by the Colored press to the war aims of the American government was one of the outstanding and most gratifying features of the trying conflict with the foes of civilization.

I DO the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.—Abraham Lincoln.

"UNDER TWO FLAGS"

Under the efficient management of Mrs. Aida Hall Smith, the BuBois Dramatic club will present "Under Two Flags" at Boyd theater, Friday evening, May 9. Fifteen of Omaha's well known amateur actors will take part and their thorough training and preparation promises a most excellent rendition of the drama which

stirred the country from coast to coast a few years ago. A few select numbers have been chosen for fifteen acts and Lawrence Parker's fifteen piece jazz orchestra, which will take charge of Krug park the next night, will make its first public appearance.

The drama is given by Mrs. Aida Smith for the benefit of the St. John's A. M. E. conference rally and a very large attendance is promised.

The Beautiful Thing

About the FORD CAR is its 100% simplicity of operation, 100% per cent economy, and 100% service. That's why we've adopted the slogan 100% Ford Service. We strive to maintain the Ford standard all the time, in all ways, in all departments.

We sell Ford Motor Cars and Fordson Farm Tractors.

Sample-Hart Motor Co.

Tyler 513. 18th and Burt Streets.

A Classified Directory of Omaha's Colored Professional and Business firms

Jenkins' Barber Shop

In our new location everything is first class. All barbers are expert hair cutters. Give us a trial. We guarantee service. Electric massage, manicuring.

Ice cream parlor and soda fountain in connection under management of Miss Ethel Caldwell.

2122 North 24th St. Webster 2095. OMAHA, NEB.



E. A. Williamson

DRUGGIST

Competent and Reliable

2306 North 24th St.

Webster 4443.

Telephone Webster 248

Open Day and Night

Silas Johnson Western Funeral Home

2518 Lake St.

The Place for Quality and Service

PRICES REASONABLE.

Licensed Embalmer in Attendance
Lady Attendant if Desired.

MUSIC FURNISHED FREE.

R. H. Robbins & Co.

GROCERIES AND MEATS

An Up-to-Date Store.

1411 North 24th Street.

Prompt Delivery. W. 241.

Maceo T.

WILLIAMS

Concert Violinist and Teacher

STUDIO, 2416 BINNEY ST.

Webster 3028.

EUREKA

Furniture Store

Complete Line of New and Second Hand Furniture

PRICES REASONABLE

Call Us When You Have Any Furniture to Sell

1413 N. 24th St. Webster 4206.

THE WASHINGTON - DOUGLAS INVESTMENT CO.

BONDS, INVESTMENTS, RENTALS AND FARM LANDS

Phone Webster 4206.

1413 North 24th St.

J. H. HOLMES

TAILOR

All work Guaranteed. Ladies' and Gents' Suits Remodeled, Cleaned, Pressed and Repaired. New Hoffman Press.

2022 N. 24th St. Web. 3320

A. F. PEOPLES

Painting

Paperhanging and

Decorating

Estimates Furnished Free.

All Work Guaranteed.

4827 Erskine Street.

Phone Walnut 2111.

South & Thompson's Cafe

2418 North 24th St. Webster 4566

SPECIAL SUNDAY DINNER

Stewed chicken with dumplings...40c

Roast Prime Beef au Jus...40c

Roast Pork, Apple Sauce...40c

Roast Domestic Goose, dressing 50c

Early June Peas Mashed Potatoes

Coffee Salad Dessert

We Serve Mexican Chile

EAGLE CONFECTIONERY

Delicatessen and Soda Fountain

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Open 8 A. M. to 12 P. M.

1409 N. 24th St. Web. 580

DR. P. W. SAWYER

DENTIST

Tel. Doug. 7150; Web. 3636

220 South 13th St.

JOHN HALL

PROGRESSIVE TAILOR

1614 N. 24th St. Web. 875.

W. C. CRAIG

High Class Pool and Billiard

Parlors. Soft Drinks in

Connection.

2124 North 24. Web. 280

DIXON'S SHOE SHINING

PARLOR, 1821 North 24th St.

All kinds of shoes cleaned and

repaired. Carpets renovated.

Candies and soft drinks.

Open for Business the

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

HOTEL

Nicely Furnished Steam Heated

Rooms, With or Without Board.

523 North 15th St. Omaha, Neb.

Phone Tyler 897.