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THEN welcome each rebuff that turns earth's smoothness rough.
Each sting that bids nor sit; nor stand; but go.
Be our joys three parts pain;
Learn, nor account the pang;
Dare, never grudge the throe.
—Browning.

ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS

THE eloquent tribute paid by the Hon. J. O. Thompson to Theodore Roosevelt is such a wonderful piece of eloquence that we have reproduced it in full for the enjoyment of all our readers.

This red-blooded American all love and honor and revere. Theodore Roosevelt could always be found "on the side of the angels." And this is that places him among the few immortals.

WATCH DOG OF THE SENATE

THIS for years has been the title conferred upon one who gave every bit of himself to the service of his race—Archibald H. Grimke, to whom has been awarded the fifth Spingarn medal. Never did an adverse piece of legislation appear in congress but what this man knew of it and organized the fight against it. He watched always to see that no law aimed to abridge the rights and privileges of Colored Americans should pass, unless it passed after every force had been brought to bear to crush it. That the District of Columbia does not have "jim crow" car laws is due in a large measure to the unceasing efforts of this man.

In honoring him we honor ourselves. The committee does well when it rewards seventy years of service to his race and his country by conferring upon Archibald H. Grimke, author, scholar and worker the Spingarn medal and all the honor that goes with it.

WHO SHALL PAY FOR THE HOUSTON RIOT

THE question has arisen as to who shall pay the financial cost of the Houston riot. Shall the \$80,000 property loss be congress' or the individuals.

Our minds go back, but it is not of dollars we are thinking. We are thinking of those thirteen Negroes who paid the price, and as we think we tell ourselves that the ultimate goal of the universe is the kingdom of God which means a better social order than now, a time when the life and practices of men shall be based upon the laws of God.

Nothing worth while comes in this world unless some one pays the price. We bow the head, O God, we bow the head,

Tear-dimmed with grief and pain and sort distress
While in our ears rings out the hymn of those thirteen
Who paid the price!

Their mutiny was the rash act of those Whose red-blood cried out against oppression,
East St. Louis and her horrors filled their souls with dread
And made impossible calm deliberation;
They paid the price!

We raise our heads again, O Lord, again
Above thy throne, undimmed, the morning star doth rise,
Heralding from out the gloomy travail of the night a rosy dawn.
Faith sends our grieving souls this consolation:

Through all the ages past, in thy economy O God of love—
Never in vain, has martyred soul Paid the price.

A SCIENTIFIC VOLUME

WE welcome to our desk a volume on Negro Migration in 1916-17. This book is gotten out by the U. S. department of labor—division of Negro economics, George E. Haynes, Ph. D., director.

This book is an invaluable contribution to the subject of Negro migration which is at present such a mighty factor in war readjustments.

Villa and Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm certainly have managed to keep monotony away from the world during these latter years. Some say that re-incarnation is a reality and Beelzebub has come back as twins.

is asking for the same thing in the last analysis.—Pittsburg Courier.

Health of Colored Troops

The Negro is constitutionally a better physiological machine than the white man. This is the conclusion drawn by experts from the military examination and experiences of the past few years as reported by the editor of "Current Comment," page in the Journal of the American Medical Association (Chicago, May 17). Students of eugenics, he says, point out that certain races have unconsciously varied in their choices of partners in such a way as to bring about differing conditions, with respect to resistance to disease, to mental capacity, and to moral quality. Of these, the resistance to disease is susceptible of more accurate estimation because it can be considered on the basis of statistical information. He goes on:

"A peculiarly valuable instance is afforded by the comparison of white men and Negroes of the United States army. The numbers are sufficiently large to give some semblance of validity to the deductions which they permit. The white and Colored troops live under equally good sanitary conditions and are examined with equal diagnostic skill. A study of the sort indicated has recently been reported by Lieut. Col. Love and Maj. Davenport, who have undertaken an analysis of more than half a million admissions to sick report of our army, including more than 15,000 of the Colored troops. For many maladies the morbidity rate is the same in the two races. The army officers have, however, ascertained from the statistics that the Colored troops are relatively less resistant to diseases of the lungs and pleura as well as to certain general diseases, like tuberculosis and smallpox; they are also much more frequently infected with venereal diseases and suffer widespread complications from these diseases. Love and Davenport point out, on the other hand, that in general the skin not only on the surface of the body, but also that which is infolded to form the lining of the mouth and nasopharynx, is much more resistant to microorganisms in Negroes than in white men. The skin seems to be relatively a degenerate skin in this respect. Furthermore, the nervous system of the uninfected Negroes show fewer cases of 'instability' than those of white men. Thus there is far less neurasthenia, there are fewer instances of psychopathic states, and there is only half as much alcoholism in Colored as in white troops. Nutritional disorders . . . are also less common among the Negroes. As Love and Davenport describe the uninfected Negro, he seems to have more stable nerves, has better eyes and metabolizes better. Thus, in many respects, the uninfected Colored troops show themselves to be constitutionally better physiological machines than the white men."—Literary Digest.

THE PERISCOPE

Africa

Africa, "the land of darkness," is slowly, but surely, becoming the continent of light. Africa, endowed by nature with richer gifts than any other continent of the world, is swaying the politics of the nations of earth, for one reason and another.

Civilization has reached its highest pinnacle in Africa, and in some sections of it, one may be led to believe that civilization has reached its lowest ebb.

Nevertheless, Africa is grand and glorious in promise, and no less a person than Dr. Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago has recently said so publicly.

There are a great many people of our group who sneer at the thought that their forebears came from the continent of Africa. Others inquire: "What have I to do with Africa? I live in America." There should be a cessation of that kind of talk about the African continent. That kind of talk is a true sign of ignorance—ignorance of history, conditions and human duty.

Africa is worthy of our respect, honor and pride. Africa may yet rise up in its might and redeem us from whatever oppressions now suffered by this American group.

Labor

Keen to observe the "handwriting on the wall," the American Federation of Labor has turned a somersault of attitude on the race conditions of America that may be regarded as one of the most significant exhibitions witnessed in many years. Labor has voted practically unanimously, to admit Colored laborers on "terms of equality."

Labor has seen that the Colored people of the country are fast falling into economic power, and without support from this side much progress will be lacking. Of course it will remain for the individual organization "back home" to put the decree of the convention into effect. Scores and scores of delegates publicly told of their locals already admitting members of the race. There is a growing sentiment in favor of giving fair play to the Colored man, as little as it may

seem at times, and the move by labor will have unquestioned effect on many other avenues of progress.

TO A ROSEBUD

By Eva Alberta Jessie
O DAINTY bud, I hold thee in my hand,
A castaway, a dead and lifeless thing;
A few days since I saw thee wet with dew,
A bud of promise to thy parent cling.
Now thou art dead, but lovely as before—
The adverse winds but waft thy fragrance more.

How frail art thou! I tramp thee underfoot
And leave thee helpless on the reeking ground;
Perchance some one, in pity for thy state,
Doth pick thee up in reverence profound,
Lo! thou are pure with sweetness more intense,
Thy perfume grows from earthly detriments.

Why do we grieve? Let each affliction bare
A greater purpose neath the surface sod.
And hope arise as incense from the urn,
And mounting up, enshroud the throne of God.

Envoy of faith, this lesson I disclose—
"Be ever sweet," thou humble, fragrant rose!

O TELL ME

O TELL me where the flowers hide
when the wintry breezes blow,
O tell me where the stars abide
when noontide sun doth glow,
O tell me little bird what message
have you heard of sweetest melody?
O tell me streamlet gay, what guides
you on your way,
On your journey, your journey to the sea?

O can it be the little stream is guided
by God's hand,
By us unseen, the bright stars gleam
to light up heaven's land?
The birdling brings his song, sent by
the angel throng,
To tell his Master's love.
The little summer flower has lived its
little hour,
Now finds its way, its way above.

"AFRICA MAY COST WHAT IS LEFT OF EUROPE"

Self-Determination Only Solution—Liberia Greatest Marvel of the 19th Century.

(By Associated Negro Press.)
Chicago, June 25.—"Africa and Africa only, will be important in the world's politics for the next ten years," says Dr. Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago, anthropologist, traveler and lecturer.

"Africa may cost what is left of Europe, for Europe has neither the men nor the money to maintain dominion over Africa.

"Africa has 138,000,000 discontented people.

"Europe is sending back to Africa tens of thousands of black men who have been trained to face white men under arms. These black men, who have been denied arms in the past, can manufacture their own weapons in the future.

"Liberia is the only hope of Africa. Liberia may save the world from chaos. It is the greatest marvel of the nineteenth century, and I mean to make my exhibit of Liberia and Congo Free State so vivid and so real that it will impress these facts on all who come to the Methodist centenary celebration in Columbus, June 20 to July 13.

Dr. Starr has postponed what will be his ninth trip to Japan in order to be present and supervise the display of his curios at the centenary celebration.

"Liberia," says Dr. Starr, represents the largest thing the black man has ever accomplished. It is at present represented before the peace commission of Europe, with plans that territory unjustly taken from it by France and England may be restored.

"Liberia represents the only expression of self-government in Africa and I am not speaking as a radical when I say that this is the only hope of the continent.

"Egypt is in a foment. Morocco is held by force of arms. That which was German Africa will not be content under mandatory of any other nation. Leading French and English military and civil authorities have often said, by word and in writing, that with any considerable evidence of disorder their African possessions cannot be held by the number of men and the amount of money they can afford to spend on them."

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