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THE SIN OF SILENCE

To sin by silence when we should protest makes cowards out of men. The human race has climbed on protest. Had no voice been raised against injustice, ignorance and lust, the inquisition yet would serve the law, and guillotines decide our least disputes. The few who dare must speak and speak again to right the wrongs of many.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE SLUGGING OF SHILLADY

It is exceedingly difficult to write temperately of the brutal attack made upon John R. Shillady by the cowardly ruffians and bullies at Austin, Tex., last Friday. That Mr. Shillady escaped with his life is most fortunate. Brave and muscular as he is, he showed excellent judgment in not attempting to defend himself, for if he had he would have undoubtedly been killed. By the admission of those who attacked him, he was outnumbered three to one; while according to his own statement some eight or ten were in the crowd that mobbed him. To have attempted to have fought that mob would have been suicidal. So big, brave John Shillady—may God bless him—submitted to a beating at the hands of cowardly Texas toughs because he believes that all Americans, black as well as white, should be given and enjoy the full rights of American citizenship.

With half a show and his back to the wall he could have whipped the three yellow-streaked, white-livered wolves who attacked him. We scorn to call them men, for they did not show any qualities of manhood. Their methods were those of the wolf, the most cowardly of animals, which will not attack a man unless the pack is there. And that is the method of the southern mobocrat. He is a coward and a bully. When he has his gang with him and he is sure that his victim is unarmed, outnumbered and helpless, how courageously he will attack! But if the odds are anything like even he will slink away.

The attack on Mr. Shillady shows the resentment of the south against any white man who has the manhood and courage to ask that the Negro be given a square deal. This resentment is especially strong against the white northerner. It is almost as strong against the white southerner. It is almost as much as a white man's life is worth to champion the cause of the Negro in the south. Rankin, a broad-minded white southerner, was killed almost on the very spot where Shillady was beaten, because he dared to do it.

If the life of white men who plead for justice for the Negro in Texas is not safe, is it any wonder that the black man dare not demand his rights? Does any one in his senses believe that things of this kind can continue and America hold her place among the nations of the earth? Are not men like Shillady, who are pleading for a square deal for all classes of American citizens, the country's truest benefactors and best friends?

The law-abiding, broad-minded citizens of Texas owe it to themselves to see that Mr. Shillady's assailants are adequately punished. We are very reluctant to believe that the people of Austin generally approve of this outrage. It remains to be seen what action will be taken by the authorities. The National Association is too powerful and influential an organization to let this serious matter pass. The principles involved are too fundamental. The slugging of Shillady strikes a blow at the cornerstone of American liberty. Red-blooded Americans will not suffer this with impunity.

TRICKERY OR INSINCERITY?

AS certain features of the peace treaty come into the limelight many of the American people are seriously and honestly asking, "Was Wilson the victim of trickery at Versailles or is he chargeable with insincerity?" The Shantung affair, to say nothing of two or three other shady and unethical transactions, do not place President Wilson in a very favorable light. Perhaps—perhaps—history may vindicate his actions as a far-sighted, diplomatic statesman, but we have our serious doubts as to this future vindication.

LABOR DAY

MONDAY is Labor Day. It is rightly proclaimed a holiday. It is the one day in the year on which organized labor demonstrates its strength and its fraternity. We are exceedingly glad that this year will demonstrate a truer appreciation of the real brotherhood of labor by the increased number of men of our own race who have been admitted to the ranks of union labor. We hope that year by year better opportunities will be given to all who honestly earn their daily bread to grow in efficiency and intelligence and to fully enjoy the just fruits of their labor.

OVERDOING IT

It looks like overdoing it just a little when it is reported that a Negro jumped on the running board of a rapidly driven touring car at Twenty-fourth and Poppleton, and attempted to throw his arm around the waist of the fair driver, who immediately speeded up the car to thirty miles an hour, when the Negro became frightened and jumped off—jumped off on a paved street, mind you, with a car running thirty miles an hour and yet escaped uninjured! Of course, it could be done. It was true, of course, because it was in the papers. But, never mind. Keep cool, and the truth of all this hysterical propaganda will come out some day.

JOHN MERRICK—A LESSON

(Raleigh, N. C., News-Observer.)

LAST week a death occurred in Durham that is worth a little study by the colored people of North Carolina. He was John Merrick, a Negro, sixty years old, and a man who had won success, not only as it is measured by figures on a bank ledger, but in that large sense of being useful to the world in which he lived and to his fellowmen. John Merrick went to Durham a stranger from Sampson county when a young man, but died there one of the best known men in the city. He was industrious and frugal, two things worth emulating by any man, black or white. He worked and saved his money, and when he had a little accumulation he put it into productive property, also an example worth following. He joined with others in founding a hospital and a library and a bank and a fraternal association and in various ways he worked for his own prosperity and for the advancement of his people.

But he did still more. Instead of occupying his time bewailing any actual, or supposed handicap that he encountered he devoted his energy to making the best of the wide opportunities that this country gives all men, black or white, and he won out. And that is the point that would be made from his example. Perhaps he fought in a narrower field than is the luck of some men. But he showed that his field was broad enough for honest, industrious effort, and that a Negro can make substantial friends among his white acquaintances who will stand by him and help him along if he cares to show himself entitled to that kind of help. John Merrick had no monopoly of opportunity. The same world is open for any other Negro that was open for John Merrick, but he must avail himself of it as Merrick did. It is the same world that is open to any other man. In Durham as in every other place in North Carolina, now as in the older days and always, the gods help them that help themselves. John Merrick had a host of solid friends among his white acquaintances, and so will every other man, no matter what his color, who shows himself to be deserving. This is a lesson all should learn thoroughly.

SMILE, WORK, THINK.

Smile, work, think.

Flashes of Most Anything

AND still the wonder grows that Texas can carry all the lawlessness she knows.

LET us set ourselves as a nation to instruct ourselves in man's past self, viewing history with the eye of avoiding the shoals of entrenched privilege upon which nations have wrecked themselves.

WHO then dares hold another shall not breathe the same free air he holds necessary for his own life's expansion.

WITH their fingers on the public's pulse and one eye on the clock, congress passed the bill giving us sun time after the president had vetoed it twice. We common folk are mighty glad that the high cost of rest will come down sixty minutes in October.

A MAN down in Sallisaw, Okla., who hadn't spoken for forty years dreamed that a woman was being attacked; his impulse was to yell for help to come to her rescue. In his dream a silence of forty years was broken and he woke himself up with his own cry and has been able to use his voice ever since. He is a firm convert to the doctrine that he who would help another helps himself the most.

**PRAYER OF THE RACE
WHOM GOD MADE BLACK
By Lucian B. Watkins.**

WE would be peaceful, Father—but, when me must, Help us to thunder hard the blow that's just!

We would be prayerful: Lord, when we have prayed

Let us arise courageous—unafraid! We would be manly—proving well our worth,

Then would not cringe to any god on earth!

We would be loving and forgiving, thus

To love our neighbor as Thou lovest us!

We would be faithful, loyal to the right,

Ne'er doubting that the day will follow night!

We would be all that Thou hast meant for man,

Up through the ages, since the world began!

God! save us in Thy Heaven, where all is well!

We come slow struggling up the hills of hell!

Amen! Amen!

**WAR CAMP COMMUNITY
WORK FOR GIRLS**

A very interesting meeting was held at Kellom school Wednesday afternoon, August 20, in regard to establishing War Camp Community work for women and girls in Omaha. A group of women interested in girls' work and representing the various interests in the city were present. Miss Madree Penn presented Mrs. Rene E. H. Stevens, director of girls' work, and Miss Helen Purcell, national supervisor of girls' work.

Miss Stevens gave an interesting talk along lines of girls' work and the special need of it in Omaha, enforcing the fact that community work among women and girls will be continued after all the soldiers are mobilized. Miss Purcell also gave an instructive and enlightening talk about work in various cities, especially Chicago and Kansas City, emphasizing the good and effective work done by our women and girls. At this point Mrs. Frazier, assistant principal of the Dallas high school, was introduced. She spoke of community work done under the auspices of the war camps in Dallas, Tex.

After several ladies had discussed the work from different points of view and given a number of suggestions along lines of girls' work a committee of three was named by Mrs. Rene E. H. Stevens and approved by the ladies present, as follows: Miss Madree Penn, chairman, Mrs. J. Alice Stewart and Mrs. Larry N. Peoples. The committee above named, having had experience along various lines of girls' work, is to act in an advisory capacity, co-operating with the trained worker sent here from New York City by the war camp community.

The worker, Miss Frankie Watkins, who is to be in charge, arrived Saturday morning with her mother and is stopping at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Overall, 2010 Lake street. Mrs. Jessie Hale Moss has been appointed assistant to Miss Watkins.

**WASHINGTONIANS
HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC**

The always eagerly awaited annual picnic of the Washingtonian Benevolent association, of which Carter Duncan has been president for ten years, was held last Thursday afternoon at Hanscom park. The attendance was,

because of illness among members and absence of others from the city, not as large as usual. But all present had the customary delightful afternoon. Mr. Duncan in welcoming the guests briefly referred to some of the substantial things the association has accomplished in its thirty-three years' existence. Among these was the dispensing of charity and the acquiring of real estate.

\$10 IN PRIZES OFFERED

Lincoln Motion Picture Co. Management Offers Prizes to Winners of Ticket Selling Contest.

As a novel method of arousing interest in their forth-coming showing of "A Man's Duty" at the Boyd theater, Wednesday, September 3, the management of the Lincoln Motion Picture Co. (Inc.) offers the following prizes to the five contestants who sell the greatest number of tickets over the amount of \$10:

Prize No. 1—\$5 cash and two box seats.

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Prize No. 3—\$2 cash and two box seats.

Prize No. 4—Two box seats.

Prize No. 5—One box seat.

Contest open to all. Those desiring to enter must make application at Monitor office.

This is the last opportunity to enjoy the Boyd theater, which will soon be demolished.

Clarence A. Brooks, the star of "A Man's Duty" will occupy a seat in the box containing the winners.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
HOLDS MEETING**

Organization Includes Graduates of Various Schools and Colleges.

A regular meeting of the Alumni Association of the City of Omaha was held Wednesday evening, August 20, at the residence of Mrs. C. C. King, 2219 Seward street. After the transaction of the regular routine of business the hostess served the association a very pleasing repast.

There were present Mr. John T. McDonald, sr., Mrs. Griffin Logan, Misses Jamie and W. Eugenie Chandler, Mrs. L. L. Russell, Mrs. E. M. Hayden, Miss Pearl R. Nelson, Miss Fostoria Logan, Mr. J. E. Hamby, Miss L. E. Usher, Mrs. C. C. King, Mr. Walter L. Seals and Mrs. E. L. Gaines.

The meeting adjourned to meet again Wednesday evening, September 3, at the residence of Miss W. Eugenie Chandler, 2804 North Twenty-fifth street.

NEW GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

J. G. Walls of Chicago has been assigned as government meat inspector at Swift's packing house. He arrived in the city Tuesday to assume his duties and is stopping with W. T. Stewart at 2515 Parker street. This makes four government inspectors to be employed at Swift's. They are W. T. Stewart, Walter Seals, J. Davis and J. G. Walls.

**MISS MADREE PENN
TAKES VACATION**

Miss Madree Penn, the efficient office manager and associate editor of The Monitor, left Monday for St. Joseph, Mo., on her vacation. She will visit Atchison, Kas., her birthplace, and other points before her return. Her cheery good-bye words were, "Watch me boost The Monitor while I am resting."

PULLMAN NOTES

Mr. J. Buckner, who has been laying off about two months, has returned to the city with a handsome wife. He is running on the C. N. & W. (3 and 6) to Casper and Landis, Wyo.

Mr. J. Grass is running to Chadron, Neb., over the C. N. & W. (3 and 6).

Mr. G. Hughes is running to Deadwood, S. D., on the C. N. & W. (3 and 6).

Mr. W. Janer is running to Chadron, Neb., over the C. N. & W. (3 and 6).

Mr. Nat Perry is running on the Union Pacific (7 and 8) as chief cook to Ogden, Utah.

Mr. William McCullough is running to Rock Island on 5 and 6.

Mr. A. G. Marshall is running from Casper to Landis, Wyo., in charge on C. N. & W. (3 and 6).

Mr. E. B. Cole is running to Salt Lake on the Union Pacific (7 and 8).

Mr. C. O. B. Alfred is running to Deadwood on the C. N. & W. (3 and 6).

Mr. S. L. Whitley is running to Denver on the Union Pacific (15 and 16).

Mr. Bud Ray is running to Chicago on Northwestern (3 and 6).

Mr. D. W. Grant is running to Denver on the Union Pacific (15 and 16).

Mr. John Hardy is running to Billings, Mont., on the C. B. & Q. (41 and 42).

Mr. Bob Dawson is running from Casper to Landis, Wyo., in charge of 3 and 6, C. N. & W. This is a new run for our boys.

Mr. J. S. Carey is also on the same run.

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