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THE ROOSEVELT CREED

I BELIEVE in honesty, sincerity and the square deal; in making up one's mind what to do—and doing it.

I believe in fearing God and taking one's own part.

I believe in hitting the line hard when you are right.

I believe in speaking softly and carrying a big stick.

I believe in hard work and honest sport.

I believe in a sane mind in a sane body.

I believe we have room for but one soul loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people.

NO, THANK YOU! NOT OURS, BUT YOURS

THE World-Herald which is seldom caught napping published on the first page of its issue of Sunday, November 23, under the heading, but not in box car letters, "Give Negro Twenty Years for Attacking Child," the following item:

"Orrie Brown, alias Barnard, Negro, was sentenced Saturday afternoon to twenty years in the penitentiary by District Judge Day for an attack on 7-year-old Ella Sundell last July. The sentence followed overruling of a motion for a new trial."

This was the case to which The Monitor referred three weeks ago, when we called attention to the marked contrast between reports of crimes or alleged crimes by Negroes and whites in the daily press. Brown's heinous crime, the assault of a 7-year-old child, was reported with such a modest headline, that it scarcely attracted attention. Brown is white. Had he been a Negro, we know what box car type would have been used to have proclaimed the fact of his crime and to call attention to his race. We are charitable enough to believe that the dailies do not mean to be unfair in this matter, but the fact that they are is indisputable. Striving to be a Christian, we are hoping and praying for the conversion of American dailies that their eyes may be open to see the injustice of this method. We have faith to believe that they will eventually come to see the light and that there will be attendant amendment of life.

But now here comes Omaha's "great religious daily," as someone has named it, the World-Herald, and wishes to present us with a degenerate of the white race. No, thank you! He is not ours, but YOURS. Keep him. Our vicarious burden is already heavy enough. Not only do we have to carry the burden of those who really belong to the black race, but also of those who blacken their faces and lay the blame on us. When the degenerates are known to be WHITE, for heaven's sake, or the other place's sake, please keep them.

Be it said to its credit that the World-Herald promptly published a correction on the front page of Monday's edition and again on an inside page of Tuesday's edition, thus making full atonement for its original error.

WOOD FOR PRESIDENT

SOME months ago The Monitor modestly suggested that Major Leonard B. Wood would be—no pun intended—an excellent choice for president of the United States to succeed his excellency, Woodrow Wilson. We said that the republican leaders would make no mistake, in our humble opinion, in nominating him for this high office. What we then whispered has become a loud voice, for we note with gratification that a campaign for General Wood's nomination has been launched. A strong sentiment favoring his candidacy is sweeping over the country. We hope that this sentiment may become so strong and irresistible that it will lead to General Wood's nomination for this high dignity and responsible office. His nomination by the republican party will be tantamount to his election; for the handwriting on the wall foretells the return to power of a republican administration. While there are indications that a third party might be a welcome possibility for many who are not satisfied with either of the two old parties, the democratic or the republican, but cannot as yet bring themselves to espouse socialism, the coming political power—there is little probability of such a new third party becoming a factor to be reckoned with for the next three or four years. The contest, therefore, in the next presidential election will be between the

two old parties, the democratic and the republican, and as to which will be successful there can be no doubt. The republicans have several strong men whom they could put in the field, but none can surpass, if they can equal, in qualifications, General Wood.

The unsettled world conditions, in which our country is sharing, demand not only a statesman, but a soldier in the presidential chair. America in this time of turmoil and readjustment needs a man of strength and vision. Such a man is Leonard B. Wood. With Rooseveltian spirit and ideals, which incarnate our republic's truest self, Wood unites poise, coolness, deliberation, firmness and a well balanced sense of justice which characterize the truly great military leader. Trained as a civilian and following an eminently successful career as a physician until the Spanish-American war called him to military life in which he rapidly rose to distinction, the civilian and military viewpoints happily blend in him and give him a breadth of view which is denied the man who follows only one career. To whatever duty he has been called Leonard B. Wood has fully measured up to the demands made upon him.

The Monitor believes that many of the principles advocated by the socialist party must be adopted and put into practice by the American people before the problems confronting this country will be happily solved. Whether the republican party, which was in the beginning the party of the common people, can be sufficiently liberated from the influences which largely dominate it to accept these principles and policies which so vitally affect the interests of the common people, is open to question. We sincerely hope it may and again become the party of the common people, of the masses rather than of the classes. This opportunity confronts it, as it is about to be recalled to national control by the people. Its future place in American political life depends upon the wisdom it can bring to bear upon meeting the conditions, perilous and exacting, of reconstruction facing us and projecting themselves into the coming years. Much depends upon the man called to the presidency. The man who in The Monitor's judgment will fully measure up to the job is the well-balanced, true and tried, God-fearing statesman and soldier, General Leonard B. Wood.

SUPPORTING THE RACE PRESS.

THE Mid-West Labor News in its issue of November 28 has an interesting editorial headed "Does Labor Need Its Own Press?" The article calls attention to alleged misrepresentation of labor interests by the daily press and cites a specific instance, which it stigmatizes "as an example of the desperation of the controlled press to poison the minds of the public against the labor union." From this "example" of misrepresentation it points the following moral:

"The moral to the workers is plain. If you would have the truth told about your cause, if you would have the general public know for what you stand and for what you are striving, you must lend your efforts to building up a labor press that will be able to cope with the propaganda of the interests that are seeking to destroy organized labor. This labor press must be so powerful that it will not only reach the workers—who know the truth about themselves—but the general public as well. This result can only be accomplished by the earnest, intelligent, active and persistent co-operation of every man and woman who works."

Our contemporary in cogently pointing out the need for a labor press, plainly sets forth the reasons for supporting our race press. Like the labor press, our own race "must be so powerful that it will not only reach (Negroes)—who know the truth about

themselves—but the general public as well."

The demand for a fearless, sane, dignified, well-edited press to tell the truth about our cause and to cope with the anti-racial propaganda becoming more virulent every day is growing more insistent every hour. Support and uphold your own press.

SCOTT'S APPRECIATION

EMMET J. SCOTT'S appreciation of the uplifting work of the Episcopal church in providing an educated ministry and developing an educated pew, as expressed by him in a recent notable speech which was published in last week's issue, gains in value when it is recalled that Dr. Scott, who looms so large in national American life, belongs to another communion. It takes a big man to unselfishly give credit where credit is due. Dr. Scott's words are timely, for the Episcopal church in its last general convention has authorized a budget of more than \$2,000,000 for aggressive educational, social and evangelical work among Negroes and has made this a factor in its nationwide campaign which is now being waged. As Dr. Scott well states, whatever advances the religious and educational standards and status of the race is of vital interest to all.

DAILY NEWS IMPROVES

THE Monitor has been severe in its criticism of the yellow journal methods of the Omaha Daily News in its reports of crimes and alleged crimes by Negroes. Our criticism was fully merited. It gives us great pleasure to call attention to the fact that for the last two months there has been a decided improvement in this matter on the part of the Daily News. Nothing objectionable has appeared in its columns. It has given facts without sensationalism, either in headlines or subject matter. We commend the Daily News for its changed attitude and we have taken opportunity to personally thank its editor in chief, Joseph Polcar, for its new policy which means so much to us as a people and which we hope to see continued.

THE COAL SITUATION

IF you would not be cold, use economy and discretion in your use of coal—when you can get it. It is to be hoped that the coal situation may speedily improve or, if it does not, our Heavenly Father will graciously send us such mild weather as may minimize suffering.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

THE President's message does not measure up to the standard of his former state papers. It betrays a decline in power of vigorous expression in which Mr. Wilson has been acclaimed preeminent. Evidently our president is a disappointed and heart-sick man. His message discloses this by its perfunctoriness. Written as a duty and not as a labor of love wedded to duty, it lacks that heartiness of conviction which has characterized others of his messages which indeed have been great documents. This message is greater, perhaps, in what it omits than in what it says. It omits mention of the peace treaty, upon which the president has set his heart, except a covert attack upon congress for its failure to ratify it; of the Mexican question, which is acute; and of several other pressing problems. Among its constructive features, however, in which it is not wholly wanting, are the recommendations for a budget system, a tariff for the chemical industry and better labor conditions. Its pronouncement for orderly government is timely. A clarion note is sounded in the closing words: "The instrument of all reforms in America is the straight road of justice to all classes and conditions of men."

THE PERISCOPE.

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Social Unrest—Cause and Effect.

It is quite unfair for the students of economic progress to saddle all the cause of "social unrest" among the people of our group on the distribution of propaganda and sedition. As a matter of cold fact, the entire world is topsy-turvy in the matter of social conditions. There has been a universal awakening to the fact that certain so-called "superior" groups have been holding the iron heel of oppression on the heads, feet and hands of many so-called "inferior" groups, and it is now generally realized that "superiority" and "inferiority" are merely matters of opportunity and environment.

Therefore, the attorney general of the United States in making a report on radicalism and sedition, as reflected by our publications has seemed to view the subject entirely from the viewpoint of one who is willing to admit himself "superior" and the 15,000,000 of our group must necessarily be "inferior," with limited and well defined aspirations.

There come to the executive offices of The Associated Negro Press prac-

tically all of the publications of the race. Their editorials, news stories and headlines are carefully scrutinized. It can be truthfully stated that, with but one or two exceptions, while the majority of the publications are now "crying from the housetops" the things that they are crying against, are the things that we fought against on the bloody battlefields of France; the things that the publications are demanding are simply the rights and privileges of American citizens. Are we entitled to them? If not, why not?

The present unfortunate state of bitterness of so many people against so many of the whites is due to the fact that so many of the whites will not be fair and square in dealing with us. However, we must always be willing to co-operate with those who are willing to be fair, and by the same token, the white people must also realize, regardless of the past, we are willing to meet them half way, we are not such terrible terrors. Ask the French people—they know.

"Carry On! Carry On!"

You remember the story of the haunted house, the man who tried to tarry there, the succession of cats, each one larger than the other, the last one always saying: "Let's go get him," and the others replying, "We can't do nothin' 'til Martin comes." The nerve of that lonely brother failed him, and he finally, running out exclaimed, "When Martin comes, tell him I've done been here and gone."

The times are changed! We, as a group of American citizens, take the place of the "lonely brother," the scheming, designing, prejudiced, insistent, inconsistent, unreasonable, steadily growing smaller group of whites represent the various sizes of cats that come into the pathway of our liberty and progress. But we are sitting up with them and waiting for "Martin." Sizes and numbers do not frighten us any more. We are going to stick and carry on, carry on!

We are going to carry on our fight for equal justice and opportunity, and we will be guided only by the eternal principles of right. We know what they are, and we know that we know what they are, and we know that all the other folks know that we know what they are, and we propose to carry on, carry on! We will not be sidetracked, "banfooled" or frightened.

Today we are doing the seemingly impossible things. We are going forward in every avenue of American progress—economic, political and social—and fighting the demon Prejudice every inch of the way. We are what we are, because we have been weighed in the balance and not found wanting. If we have made progress, and we have, it has been by the stern edicts of merit and necessity—there is no sentiment in the transactions. All these things, wherever we are, in whatever line of endeavor, we must realize in the concrete, and govern ourselves accordingly.

We must take heart and know that we are farther along in life's pathway than yesterday, and we must carry on, carry on without ceasing.

EGYPT SECURES A CONSTITUTION

Malta Secures Local Self-Government —Unrest and Agitation Bearing Fruit.

London, Dec. 3.—A constitution for Egypt and local self-government for Malta, both of which were announced November 29, are designed to meet the unrest in those countries, which have been demanding application to themselves of the self-determination theory.

The extreme Egyptian Nationalists demand complete independence, and Cairo messages say the cabinet has resigned as an answer to Field Marshal Allenby's statement of the British plans.

One of the Egyptian complaints has been that Great Britain has published its intention to maintain a protectorate, but has kept the Egyptians in the dark regarding what is meant by a protectorate and how it is to be carried on. Great Britain's action in preventing an Egyptian Nationalist delegation from going to the Paris conference has been another cause for complaint.

Another sign of the times is that a group of Burmese, with the support of former British Burman officials, have begun agitation for including Burma in the new measures of self-government which the Montague scheme will give India.

MOUND BAYOU VOTES \$100,000 SCHOOL BONDS

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 2.—Evidence of the progress of Negroes in Mississippi, especially along educational lines, is found in the fact that Mound Bayou, a Negro settlement, owned and controlled entirely by Negroes, has just voted the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds for the erection of a school. It will be for teacher training and vocational training purposes. It will be the largest institution of its kind in the south.

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