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DUBOIS' DUBIOUS ADVICE

DUBOIS gives poor advice to our people in a recent issue of The Crisis. He says in substance it is immaterial as to which presidential candidate we vote for, so long as we see to it that on the congressional ticket we vote only for our friends. This is buncombe, pure, simple and unadulterated and wholly unworthy a man of Dubois' mentality. Dubois knows, or should know, that nothing can be gained in putting over any policy by any party only partially in power. A democratic, republican or socialist president, if you please, would have his hands tied by giving him a congress of an opposing party. In the present crisis the contest lies, as Dubois himself admits, between the two old parties. Neither the Socialist nor the Labor party, both of which he regards with favor, has any hope of coming into power. This he admits. If this be true, our duty is plain. We must elect either a republican administration or a democratic administration. And what self-respecting colored American, whatever may be his views on the issues before the country today, with the attitude and record of the democratic administration towards our group before him, can vote for the perpetuation of that policy? None. Granted that there is small choice in rotten apples; yet there is a choice. The Monitor belongs to that group of race journals that is not by any means wholly satisfied with the attitude of the republican party towards our loyal group during the last twenty years during which it seems to have fallen into the hands of weak and spineless men who were willing to bow to lily-whiteism. But this we do know, that our only hope for securing the legislation and relief that we demand lies in the return of the republicans to power. This is the duty of the hour. To this we should bend every energy. To this task the Monitor consecrates itself. If then having by our votes returned the republicans to power, and they cannot be elected without our vote, and they again fail us, our duty will be as plain four years hence as it is now to "turn the rascals out."

Four years hence our group may follow DuBois into the Socialist Party, the Labor Party or some other party which may give promise to be the party of the masses rather than of the classes, but in this year of grace there is only one thing to do and that is to leave nothing undone to elect Harding and Coolidge and a republican congress to back them up, and upon whom may be placed the responsibility, unlet and unhindered, of carrying out a legislative program that will insure justice and prosperity to all American citizens in general and grant to our group that freedom from those specific grievances against which we justly complain and against which we will not cease to protest until they are removed and we are treated in every respect as American citizens enjoying every constitutional right to which we are entitled to be in Georgia or Nebraska.

In the present campaign, our duty is clear. As self-respecting men and women, there is only one thing for us to do and that is to vote for a republican administration to be placed in power at Washington. This is the duty of the hour. None will be misled by the false advice of DuBois.

"BE-LEAGUED PEACE"

THE history of our government during the last six or seven years manifests generally a vast divergence between, or an absolutely incompatibility of, the president's purposes and the people's practicability.

As a result the nation is lacking in governmental stability and in fixed and definite policy at home and abroad because of the president's uncompromising stand relative to his league of nations.

It might be said, of its own initiative, the democratic party won the national election of 1916.

President Wilson, playing his game, made peace the issue of the democratic party contrary to the nonpartisan nature of peace or war. However, the president's party was returned to power upon his peace promise, with the president playing the game that he controlled and his party adopted.

As we remember the actual happenings relative to the peace promise, we got peaceless war abroad and peaceless peace at home.

The suspense of national stability has no doubt taught the American people that politics must cease to be a mere game based upon chances of deceiving our citizenry, but must be purpose for common good based upon principles of truth logically beneficial.

Now we have the democratic party's paradoxical situation that savors of effrontery. Before election, we must not part with peace upon any condition; after election, we may only have peace upon condition. It is singular how the parting with peace before the war could be so bitterly protested and its rightful return after the war so successfully prohibited.

The nation has paid for peace in blood and service and ought to have it, and such status forthwith declared consistent with the peace resolution of the senate.

The president has said the nation entered the war against Germany to make the world safe for democracy. It is contended that such as the nation's object for entering war was a misstatement of the fact. The nation, not without precedent, entered the war to maintain the freedom of the seas. Once before, in 1812, our nation entered war against England for freedom of the seas.

Now this nation has not the constitutional right to engage in war to maintain the freedom of the seas for any other nation, much less for the world.

To make the big world safe for democracy is an expedition upon which this nation may not engage, being prohibited by its own organic law, and making of other nations safe for any purpose being prohibited by their organic laws.

It has been almost two years since the hostilities of war ceased and the war is not legally ended by the declaration of peace because the president disapproves of peace unless it is encased in the cumbersome and dangerous league of nations.

The nation has long since prepared our peace for any presentation ceremony, "bound up" in the suffering of its soldiers and the sacrifice of its citizens and sealed with the blood of its patriots; therefore, our property of peace is princely and priceless enough without the decorations of international ribbons and partisan seals.

The league to which our govern-

ment should attain is national, not international. It should aspire not so much for a league of nations abroad, but—first—for a league of states at home, bent upon the righteous coordination of their governments and making the national constitution their supreme law in spirit and in fact.

NOT COMING AS STRIKEBREAKERS

ONE of the local dailies carried a statement last week credited to E. W. Pryor, president of the Colored Commercial Club, to the effect that 2,500 Negroes had come to Omaha within the past month and that 2,500 more were on their way to this city. Naturally, in the face of threatening labor conditions, this statement could have nothing less than a disquieting effect. The Monitor knew the statement was not true, for nothing like this number of our people have come to Omaha within a year, to say nothing of a month. We felt that Mr. Pryor, who is generally regarded as to his statements, had been misquoted; but to make sure we interviewed him. He states that he told the reporter that since the Des Moines training camp closed, or our entrance into the war between 2,000 and 3,000 Negroes had come to Omaha and others were on the way. This estimate is conservative.

As a matter of fact, there is a steady stream of migration into northern and western states, and Nebraska will undoubtedly get her proportion. Those who have come are in the main industrious, law-abiding, hard-working people. They are buying homes and will become a substantial addition to our citizenship. These people are not coming as strikebreakers or labor cheapeners, but as free American citizens seeking better industrial, educational and civil opportunities. It is safe to say that within the next few years Omaha's colored population will have radically increased; but there is no reason why they cannot become an asset in citizenship of which we need not be ashamed. The Monitor will be quick to oppose any concerted movement, that may come to its knowledge, to import members of our race here as strikebreakers or to use our group in any manner that may lead to exploitation or to the inciting of hatred and ill-will between the races. Which shall be equally fearless and insistent in demanding a square deal for our people both from capital and organized labor. Honesty and square dealing never give cause for fear.

CHARLEY THOMAS

"CHARLEY Thomas is dead." How this message saddened our heart. We had seen him but a few days ago apparently in the best of health and never dreamed that the angel of death was hovering hard by with a message for him. Of strong physique and athletic build and not yet fifty years old, those who knew him, and to know him was to love him, little thought that he would be so suddenly called.

"And who was Charley Thomas," do you ask? One of our warmest friends. For twenty years or more he was reporter and subsequently city editor on the Omaha Bee. Our friendship began over thirty years ago when he was leaving for the University of Michigan. We were then a student in the Seabury Divinity School, spending our first vacation in Omaha. He was a tall, well-built, pleasant-faced youth of eighteen. We gave him a letter of introduction to George P. Codd, a sophomore at Ann Arbor, and now Judge Codd of Detroit, Mich., who with myself was the more or less famous battery of the Detroit High school base ball club of 1886-7. Codd has recently won out in the Michigan primaries as a candidate for Congress. George and Charley became fast friends, "A.I.," now Congressman Jefferies, was also at Ann Arbor then and played on the same team with Cobb and Charley. And so Charley Thomas' friendship and ours dated from the time of our giving him a letter of introduction to Codd.

We have been friends through all these years. As a newspaper man, and newspaper men are in position to show and do show many kindnesses to their fellow men, if there was any favor Charley could show us it was a pleasure for him to do so. His summons home to us has been indeed a shock. Our sympathy goes out to his loved ones who remain. For him we have no fear. When we are called may we hear the voice of Charley Thomas greet us cheerily as of old. "Hello, Father John Albert, how are you? I'm glad to see you" and may our reply be as it was the last time we met in the Bee office a few days ago, "Alright, Charley, how are you?" And may it indeed be well with us both in His sight who judgeth righteously and rewardeth every man according to his work.

POLITENESS AND GOOD MANNERS

CULTIVATE politeness and good manners. Never fail to conduct yourself as a lady or gentleman. Compel respect by your own respectability and courteousness. Show your superiority to those who would treat you with contempt by your superior conduct and intelligence.

Proverbs and Paragraphics

He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and look, whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper.—Bible.
He that maketh the stars his target will hit higher than the tree tops.
He that sitteth down on a red hot stove shall rise again, and behold, the second act shall be more rapid than the first.—Shakespeare.
Every man has within himself a continent of unexplored character. Happy is he who acts the Columbus to his own soul.
Life itself is likened to a game.

To win, to earn and enjoy the fruits of victory, you must play the game fair.

Make sure the prize you chase is worth the price. If you cultivate your talents you will always find an opportunity to use them.

The enemy within the gates is the fellow to be watched.

White conceit is the same as black conceit. Tolerate neither.

Make the republic safe for liberty and it will be made surely safe for Democracy.

Your home is your castle, your family is the altar upon which to sacrifice your life. Let no man desecrate the altar.

Better to strive and climb
And never to reach the goal,
Than to drift along with the time
An aimless, worthless soul.

Aye, better to climb and fail
Or sow though the yield be small;
Than to throw away day after day
And never to strive at all.

—Selected.

HOSPITAL IS OPENED

(By Associated Negro Press.)
GRENVILLE, S. C., Sept. 23.—St. Luke's hospital was formally opened here a few days ago. Several prominent speakers were on the program for addresses. Richard Carroll of Columbia was the principal speaker. The hospital is in charge of Mrs. Mary H. Bright, who was formerly superintendent of the Good Samaritan hospital in Columbia.

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