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### WILL AMERICA ACT WISELY

THAT there are apostles of discontent, wholly antagonistic to organized government, active in the United States must be apparent to all who will not ostrichlike hide their face in the sand and refuse to see the approaching storm. That economic conditions, manifestly unfair and unjust, have begotten these apostles of discontent, it were the height of folly to deny. That this discontented element should seek allies from all sources to further their cause is but natural. That they should turn hopefully toward the Colored American in the face of tragic events in which he has been most vitally concerned chiefly since the close of the world war "for democracy" and "the right of self-determination of smaller nations" and groups, should cause no surprise. Upon the contrary it was to be expected and shows a rather keen estimate of average human nature. America's attitude toward her black citizens, in the face of their loyalty and forbearance causes wonderment throughout the civilized world. Keen apostles of discontent here at home and elsewhere realize that this attitude cannot continue without eventually alienating black America which constitutes about one-ninth of the total population. It is upon this discontent and alienation that the forces subversive of government are counting. The discovery that communists are circulating incendiary literature among the colored people of New York in the face of Tulsa and similar Negro pogroms ought to cause no surprise. The race press is doing splendid service in urging our people to turn a deaf ear to such propaganda; but in the face of governmental ineptitude and indifference and recurring massacres and pogroms how long before the apostles of discontent will gain a sympathetic hearing? The question which concerns us is will America act wisely and by changing her attitude towards our people bind us to her with silken cables of loyalty and affection that nothing can ever sunder or will she push us into the arms of those who are enemies to her peace?

### DEPENDABLENESS

DEPENDABLENESS is a long word, but not too long to be remembered. It means a trait of character which is largely wanting among our people. Dependableness or dependability means just this: when a man or a woman promises you to do a thing you may rely upon him, or her doing it. It means keeping one's word or promise, doing the thing one promises to do. Among our racial faults and weaknesses which we must all strive to overcome is this lack of dependableness. We are all quick to promise that we will do certain things, but when it comes to keeping that promise, we are prone to treat it with too much indifference. We are not reliable. We are not dependable. Speaking broadly, this is true of us as a people. Of course, there are honorable exceptions, but speaking of the masses this is true. We do not consider obligations and promises seriously enough. One of the virtues we need to cultivate is dependableness. Do a little self-examining and ask yourself if you are dependable and if not resolve that you will overcome this grave and serious fault. "It is better not to vow, that is promise, than to vow and fail to keep thy vow." Cultivate dependableness.

### STACK YOUR ARMS

THE Oklahoma Sun of Tulsa says "Stack your arms and take refuge in the Lord." Good advice of course provided that the other fellow will do likewise; otherwise The Monitor would call attention to another wise saying, to-wit, "Have faith in God, but keep your powder dry."

### IMPORTED LABOR

THE Monitor is publishing in this issue a statement from the Colored Commercial Club, a civic and commercial organization in this city, in which it sets forth in plain, facts and advice regarding the labor situation in Omaha to those coming here looking for work. THE MONITOR concurs with this statement, knowing as it does the most unfavorable consequence of the overworked idea that there is a super-abundance of employment in Omaha for all who mind to come here. The fact is that Omaha is suffering now from the same effect of the unemployment problem from which other cities are suffering and consequently cannot supply the demand of its own. In the interest of the welfare of those who would come as well as the natives of the city, we would advise that those who intend to migrate here would first get in touch with those bodies which have to do with placing labor and secure work before leaving home. We would suggest the Colored Commercial Club, 2122 N. 24th St., this city.

Our experience lately has been that many of those coming here in pursuit of employment, especially those from the south, have done so, not only without any promise of work or idea of when or where they will secure work, but without necessary means to provide for themselves until employment is secured. The certain result of this is that these new comers will either furnish an object of charity, which none of us are able to support, or an unintentional menace to the community which will be forced upon them by being without legitimate means to support themselves.

THE MONITOR does not wish to dampen any one's ambition to come to this city, but it feels called upon to take this emphatic stand in the best interest of both Omaha and those who would come.

### THE RIGHT KIND OF METTLE

THE Oklahoma Sun is made of the right kind of stuff. Its plant was destroyed by Tulsa's vandals in the riot; but Bro. Baughman has started his paper again and it comes to our desk a little diminished in size but filled with its old spirit of championing the race's cause. Congratulations, Baughman. You show the right kind of mettle. Success to The Sun. Long may it shine and illuminate the moral and intellectual darkness of Tulsa.

### THOSE AEROPLANES

THE Monitor would like to know who owned those aeroplanes which were used with such deadly effect at Tulsa? Were they government planes? Has the government any control over privately owned aeroplanes? The activity of eight aeroplanes in the Tulsa outrage calls for investigation.

### FLORA AND FAUNA

THIS means flowers and animals. The flowers we have in mind are the cherry blossoms of Japan. The animals are the lion of Britain and the eagle, albeit a bird, belongs to the animal kingdom, of the United States. There seems to be some international complications in which the cherry blossoms, the lion and the eagle are interested. Perhaps the lion and the eagle would like to feast upon the cherry blossoms.

### ATTENTION! MR. HUMMEL

No segregation or jimcrowing at Municipal Beach. From former experience you no doubt know the Monitor's position on this matter, Mr. Hummel. Equal privileges in public parks, for the maintenance of which we are taxed, has been the will all these years, and this just will continue.

Thatch Roofs 200 Years Old. Some thatch roofs in Holland are 200 years old and are still serviceable.

### COMM. LABOR BUREAU

(By Grace M. Hutten.)  
 During the last few weeks many strangers have flocked to Omaha from the east and south looking for work. Many have come expecting to be sent to the harvest fields. Since there are only a few counties in Kansas where they employ great numbers of our people harvesting, these openings were long ago filled. We have sent letters and telegrams to all distributing points trying to find work for these men. All answers are the same. "We have more than we can use now."

As a result many strangers are now stranded in Omaha. Many have spent all their savings on railroad fare and board. Many cities in the east have such a large per cent of unemployed they are sending them to the west hoping they might find work in the harvest fields. For the protection of the Omaha people, we thought it best to inform other Labor Bureaus not to send more jobless men to Omaha unless they have definite information work can be secured. If more continue to come, a surplus of labor will be created here which will force wages lower. This must not be allowed to happen. We have been very successful placing Omaha people, in fact it seems work is just beginning to open. We hope all of Omaha's unemployed will take advantage of the work offered now, because it will not be so plentiful later.

### POET'S INGLE NOOK

What I Would Be  
 I have to live with myself and so I want to be fit for myself to know. I want to be able, as days go by, Always to look myself straight in the eye.  
 I don't want to stand, with the setting sun,  
 And hate myself for the things I've done.  
 I don't want to keep on a closet shelf  
 A lot of secrets about myself.  
 And fool myself, as I come and go,  
 Into thinking that nobody else will know  
 The kind of a man I really am:  
 I don't want to dress up myself in a sham.  
 I want to go out with my head erect,  
 I want to deserve all men's respect,  
 But here in the struggle for fame and pelf  
 I want to be able to like myself.  
 I don't want to look at myself and know,  
 That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.  
 I never can hide myself from me  
 I see what others may never see,  
 I know what others may never know,  
 I never can fool myself, and so  
 Whatever happens I want to be  
 Self-respecting and conscience free.  
 —Arkansas Thomas Cat.  
 "City of Spindles."

This is a name popularly given to Lowell, Mass., which is one of the largest cotton manufacturing towns in the United States.

### LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Omaha, Nebraska,  
 July 1, 1921.  
 Rev. John Albert Williams,  
 Omaha, Nebraska,  
 Dear Sir:  
 I am enclosing a little piece of poetry which came to us from Mrs. F. F. Porter, who lives next door to our Center at 2306 N. 22d St. This so well bespeaks the appreciation of one in the neighborhood for what the Y. W. C. A. is bringing to the locality and to the people of that section that we hope you, as well as the "daily" papers of the city will give it space in your paper.

Cordially yours,  
 L. C. Loveden,  
 Business Sec'y.  
 To Mrs. Watkins and her daughter Ruth, I wish to convey a heartfelt truth, I truly rejoice each and every day. That next door to us came the Y. W. C. A. And to the devoted women who established a place. Which "Old Father Time" will not erase.  
 It certainly is harmonious to the ear To lie and listen to the music and cheer And to know the purpose of the inspiration Did not cease with imagination.

The lawn made beautiful with flowers and grass Is noticed and admired by all who pass; The awnings too, and the screens when done Will be a great comfort to everyone.  
 Someday you will see at the entrance way Two columns and lights bidding you not delay  
 This is a welcome to all who come To join in the pleasures of this lovely home.  
 Very soon at the rear a vine-covered fence Will be installed at a small expense  
 A luncheon was given one day in May, Prepared by Mrs. Mahamitt in her dainty way Assisted by Mesdames Pinkett, West, Lowry and Moore.  
 And a generous tray was brought to my door.  
 Mrs. Lowry with her skillful hands Gave the second luncheon of delicious viands.  
 This time another tray was sent to my door Which was appreciated equally as much as before.  
 So you see I have had many a well-prepared bite Which touched the depth of my appetite. And I surely can tell you the "eats" are fine.  
 So make it a point to fall in line. The cause is a worthy one so do your best To make this corner a Haven of Rest.  
 —(Mrs. F. F. PORTER, 2319 N. 22d St.)

### ANOTHER BANK OPENED

(By The Associated Negro Press.)  
 SAVANNAH, Ga., July 14.—The Savannah Savings and Real Estate Corporation, one of the largest Negro Banking houses in this city, was opened last Monday morning at Gaston and West Broad streets. The building is 73 by 100 feet, and is of four stories. The structure is of concrete and steel and is finished with terra-cotta trimmings and faced with brick. This is one of the largest and most imposing structures on West Broad St. and is in the heart of the Negro business district.

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