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## IN HEARTY AGREEMENT

THE Monitor is in most hearty agreement with the sound position taken by The Kansas City (Mo.) Call, so ably edited by Chester A. Franklin, in a recent editorial captioned, "We Must Win the World's Good Will." The Call's editorials are always sane, frankly honest, thought-compelling and constructive, and deserve wide reading. The Monitor quotes the editorial in full and commends it to the consideration of our readers, urging them to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest it. Here it is:  
 Commenting upon prohibition, it is well said that no law can be enforced which does not find its first and greatest enforcing power in public sentiment. The Volstead law is a good one. The alliance of the distillers, the brewers and the rotten politicians was bad. Liquor deserved curtailment if only for the company it kept.  
 There is a thought in the liquor situation which Negroes should consider. The laws giving us equality and a citizen's opportunity are equally a dead letter until public sentiment backs them up. Therefore our problem is how to win the world over to our side. Partly by argument, partly by good living, always with patience and kindness, we must keep at it. We must forget the injuries of our enemies and hold up the arms of our friends. We have no time to turn back to seek revenge. We must be always mindful that right and only right, lives. Let us also see the handicap our weaklings are to the whole race. No man has a greater right to reach down a helping hand to them, than those of us who see their plight. The "biggety" Negro and the "uppity" Negro are two of the burdens which the sober, industrious, common-sense race must bear. May Providence give us strength to see our task and measure up to it.

## THE ELAINE REPRIEVE

THRICE now has a reprieve been granted the six men who were sentenced to death for alleged participation in the Elaine riots two years ago. It is quite apparent that there are good grounds for doubting that the penalty imposed upon these men is just. A review of the evidence as placed before the courts has moved justice-loving white men and women of prominence and sanity to plead for clemency for those unfortunate victims of peonage, for such they unquestionably were, who acted only in self defense. It is hardly fair that the white men who conspired against these Americans of color and really instigated and staged the riots in which scores of Negroes as well as white people were killed should get Scot free, as they have, and these black men, convicted by a jury in 11 minutes, an average of less than a minute apiece, should be sent to the electric chair. Attorneys for these men have not been quibbling over technicalities to defeat the ends of justice but have been fighting not only for justice for their clients but for the good name and honor of Arkansas. We hope that the Supreme Court to whom the case now goes will reverse the finding of the lower courts and the lives of these men be saved.

## A GOOD AUGURY

ONE cannot read the declaration of principles or platform adopted by the colored people of Virginia, who in protest to the lilywhite movement in that state have nominated a full ticket of their own, without admiration for the dignity, sanity, poise and good sense therein manifested. Our group is awakening to a consciousness of their strength and is manifesting a most commendable spirit of independence everywhere. This bodes good for the future of the race and country. The independent movement in thing political is a good augury.

## NIGHT SCHOOLS

NIGHT schools open in Omaha next week and The Monitor would again urge our people who wish to improve their education to enroll and attend regularly. "Never too old to learn" should be a popular slogan.

## LECTURES ON PURE MILK

The necessity of pure milk for good health is being told in a series of lectures at the Alamo Dairy. A cordial invitation is given the public to attend at any time but in addition to this with the hope of getting more to attend Monday afternoon October 10th at 2:30 p. m. will be reserved especially for a lecture to colored people and churches, lodges and societies are requested to make this fact known.

## RETURNS FROM BUSINESS

TRIP TO KANSAS CITY, MO.  
 Mrs. Grace Hutten, commissioner of the Omaha Commercial Club, returned Tuesday from Kansas City Mo., where she had been for several days on business for the Club. While away she visited many of the welfare organizations of Kansas City and made an address before the Colored Commercial Club of that city. She also visited the Y. M. C. A. and Community Service organizations of the city. Mrs. Hutten reports much progress in the welfare bodies of that city, particularly the Colored Commercial Club. That body received her in the name of the Colored Commercial Club of Omaha.

## LEAVES FOR PARIS

Next week Mrs. Florentine F. Pinkston will leave for New York, from which port she will sail, October 15th for Paris, where she goes for advanced study in music. She expects to be absent for two years.

## LINCOLN, NEB.

T. T. McWilliams, P. G. Secretary of A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and C. T. Denton, master of Lebanon Lodge No. 3, were also among the visitors at Omaha in company with R. H. Young, M. W. G. M., the past week. All state they were royally entertained by the good brothers of this city.

Mrs. Maggie Williams is in the city from Kansas City, Kans., looking after the removing of some household goods to Kansas City this week. A committee of the O. E. S. from several cities of the state met here Sunday to arrange for setting up a grand body in the state. A. P. Curtis and Mrs. Yule M. A. M. of Alliance, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Hunter, Mrs. P. H. Jenkins, Mrs. Metcalf, and Mrs. Kate Wilson of Omaha, all met in consultation, Sunday afternoon in the Masonic Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Mosbey who were recently married, returned home the past week, after a visit in Kansas City and Chicago on their honeymoon. Mrs. Mosbey was formerly Miss Vasti Knight of this city.

Rev. H. H. Jones and family left for their home in Kansas last Wednesday. Rev. Mr. Jones is yet ill and for this reason, was transferred nearer his home.

Mrs. W. M. Clark of Wichita, Kans. is visiting her son, Mr. W. R. Clark and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown of Omaha are in the city this week. They worshipped at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are traveling artists, and will render a performance here this week.

A jolly crowd of young folks, including Miss Carmel Botts, Mable Scott, Minnie Ford, Francis Hill, Messrs. Lawrence Ashford, and Ed. Craft, motored to Beatrice Sunday. They report a most pleasant trip.

Rev. B. F. Simmons of Nashville, Tenn., is in the city this week. He preached for Rev. H. W. Botts Sunday night.

The Morning Star Baptist Church held an all-day rally last Sunday preaching all day. Rev. H. W. Botts of Mt. Zion Baptist Church spoke in the afternoon.

Sunday school and Society were held as usual Sunday at the A. M. E. Church. Rev. L. B. Smith occupied his place in the pulpit. He will take his departure soon, having been transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference. Praise and covenant meeting were carried on at Mt. Zion Sunday morning. Rev. B. F. Simmons of Nashville, Tenn., preached at the night service. Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. were held as usual. Next Sunday will be the 1st Anniversary of Rev. H. W. Botts' pastorate at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. There will be three services during the day, following a week's festivities. Rev. H. W. Botts will preach in the afternoon, and Rev. J. R. McMillon of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Omaha, will deliver the anniversary sermon at the night service. After the night sermon the financial reports, collections, etc., will be made. Come and help us in this effort.

The writer wishes to state to subscribers that he will see you as soon as possible. If for any reason you become anxious, just call and you will be obliged.

P. L. Moore is yet confined and will perhaps be some time before he can walk again.

Mrs. Lola Howard will entertain the Utopian Art Club at her home, 2153 U St., Oct. 13.

The N. A. A. C. P. met at the New-some M. E. Church, Monday night and was fairly attended.

# Facts About Australia



Commonwealth Parliament House, Melbourne.

Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.

The summer conference of the premiers of British dominions, including the premier of Australia, and the general understanding that Australia is in close sympathy with the United States in the matter of oriental immigration, makes that far-away commonwealth of more than ordinary interest to Americans just now.

Australia is the most isolated of all inhabited continents and is remote from the center of all of the world's activities. Northward the sailing distance to Japan is approximately 3,000 nautical miles; to India, 2,500 miles; South America is 7,000 miles to the east; and Africa an equal distance west.

From London to the capital of Australia ships by the Suez route traverse approximately 11,000 miles of water and by the Panama canal, 12,734 miles. From California ports the routes via Samon, or Fiji, or Tahiti cover a quarter of the circumference of the earth. Australia's only large civilized neighbor within a radius of 1,000 miles is Java.

## Few Americans Go There.

The continent, lying thus far outside the ordinary routes of travel, is rarely visited by Americans. For most of us knowledge of this fascinating land is obtained by a study of a few pages in the back of school geographies—pages descriptive of "Australia and New Zealand" and accompanied by a map of "Australia and the Islands of the Pacific" on a scale too small for the recognition of significant features.

One of the first surprises awaiting the tourist from the northern hemisphere is to find that Australia and New Zealand may not be grouped as two islands of like appearance, differing mainly in size; near neighbors which may be treated as a unit. New Zealand is nearly twice as far from Australia as Bermuda is from New York, and is not only east but also south.

The southern coast of the Australian mainland has the latitude of central New Jersey, while the southernmost of the three islands which comprise the Dominion of New Zealand occupies the position of southern Newfoundland.

Unique vegetation of remarkable variety and beauty, animal life of bygone geological periods, and an aboriginal population, the lowest in the scale of beings having human form, stand out as features distinctly Australian—a never-ending source of interest to the geographer.

Australia is a large country. It is about fourteen times the size of France or Germany, twenty-five times the size of Italy, or Ecuador, and two and one-half times the size of Argentina, its chief competitor in the southern hemisphere. Its area is equal to three-fourths of Europe, or one-third of all North America, or one-fourth of the British Empire. The continent is almost exactly the size and is nearly the shape of the United States.

**Level in Surface, Low in Elevation.**  
 Australia is the most level in surface and regular in outline of all the continents, and even of most large islands. It is also the lowest continent, with an average elevation about that of Ohio. Its surface lacks variety. The change from one type of topography is so gradual, and significant natural features are so few and so widely spaced that, with the exception of the Murray river, they are not utilized in marking the boundaries of states.

The traveler in search of duplicates of the Canadian Rockies, the Yosemite and the Grand canyon, of Norwegian fjords and Alpine scenery, need not visit Australia. Its mountain scenery is that of the southern Appalachians, the White mountains, and the low ranges of Arizona. Its plains and plateaus are comparable with those of the Rocky Mountain foothills and the arid expanses of Utah, Idaho and Oregon.

Although the mountains are low compared with those of other continents, their influence is great, for nowhere is their control of rainfall and consequent distribution of vegetation and people better exemplified. A bird's-eye view of Australia shows a belt of vegetation extending along its north,

east and southeast edges, with a patch on the extreme southwest corner and another covering most of the island of Tasmania. In these regions the people live.

The trade winds abundantly supply the northeast coast, but carry little water beyond; the westerlies, the "roaring forties" of the sailor, deposit their moisture on the lands along Bass Strait and on the southwest tip of the continent; but have little or none to carry inland. The north coast is alternately drenched and dried with the coming and going of monsoons. The center of the continent is therefore arid, large parts are desert, and the numerous large lakes shown on the map are expanses of salt mud covered with water by infrequent rains. Australia's streams are fewer and carry less water than those of any other continent.

## Its Forests Are Surprising.

The flora of Australia is not only beautiful, it is unique, having no counterpart in other lands. Of the 10,000 species of plants most of them are purely Australian, and are unknown even in New Zealand. The general impression one gets of Australian forests is their total unlikeness to anything seen elsewhere. Forms which may be recognized as tulip, lily, honey-suckle and fern take on a surprising aspect. They are not garden flowers, but trees, and the landscape of which they form a part reminds one of the hypothetical representations in books of a landscape of Mesozoic time, a period antedating our own by millions of years.

The impression that one is looking at a landscape which has forever disappeared from other parts of the world is so vivid that the elms and maples and oaks in some of the city streets strike a jarring note. The transition from Jurassic to modern times is painfully abrupt.

The animals of Australia, too, are so distinct from the rest of the world that some have proposed two great zoological realms: Australian and non-Australian. The peculiarity lies not only in the fact that Australian types are not found elsewhere, but also that families like the cats and the pigs, which are found native on all other continents and on many islands, are absent from Australia. The kangaroo is Australia's national animal, and the group to which it belongs, the marsupials, is typically Australian.

A belt of country 100 miles wide along the east, south and southwest edges of Australia would include probably 80 per cent of the commonwealth's population. There are no inland cities of over 10,000 population, except six mining camps, and the most remote of these is about as far from the sea as is Pittsburgh.

A striking feature of the Australian census is the concentration of population in cities—a phenomenal situation for an agricultural and pastoral nation with less than 1 per cent of its area under cultivation and 47 per cent unoccupied. The six Australian state capitals include 38.80 per cent of the commonwealth's population, and five of them are growing at the expense of the back country. No other nation, and few states, can match these figures.

A "white Australia" is the settled policy of the commonwealth government, the immigration laws being so administered as effectually to exclude colored races. Legislation is directed particularly to the exclusion of Chinese, Japanese and Polynesian labor, not only from the land, but from employment in pearl fishing, coastwise shipping, and on overseas steamers holding mail contracts.

## Appreciative.

"What is your idea of relativity?" "Very favorable," replied Senator Sorghum. "We have so many perplexing questions to handle just now that I am grateful to the gentleman who discovered it for not letting it get into politics."

## Entertaining.

"Done any entertaining in your new neighborhood as yet?" "Well, our junk seemed to entertain the neighbors as we moved in."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**England Welcomes Virginia Flower.**  
 To many people the Virginia creeper seems like rather a lowly and modest plant, and yet it has received a warm welcome in England, where it is grown freely, rambling over buildings, rocks and walls, just as much at home in English soil as in American.

**Pearl Fishers in Sea All Year.**  
 The women pearl fishers of Japan commence their work at the age of fourteen and are in the water almost all the year round, except in the coldest season, from the end of December to the beginning of February.

## NOTICE OF PROBATE WILL

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.  
 In the matter of the estate of Ida May Johnson, Deceased.  
 All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court, praying for the probate of a certain instrument now on file in said Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 6th day of October, 1921 and if they fail to appear in said Court on the said 6th day of October, 1921 at 9 o'clock A. M., to contest the probate of said will, the Court may allow and probate said will and grant administration of said estate to Silas Johnson or some other suitable person, enter a decree of heirship, and proceed to a settlement thereof.  
 Bryce Crawford  
 County Judge  
 31-9-17, 22-29-21

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

NOTICE  
 In the matter of the estate of Ernest C. H. Wick, deceased.  
 Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of an order of the Honorable L. B. Day, Judge of the district court of Douglas County, Nebraska, made on the 2nd day of September, 1921, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at public to be secured by note and mortgage on vendue to the highest bidder and upon the following terms, one-third cash, and the balance on three years' time, with interest at six per cent per annum the premises sold, at the east door of the court house in the city of Omaha in said county, on the first day of October, 1921, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. the following described real estate: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4), in Block Two (2), in Hyde Park, an addition to the city of Omaha, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded. Said sale will be held on the 12th day of September, 1921, remain open one hour.  
 Frederick J. Wick  
 Administrator of the Estate of Ernest C. H. Wick, deceased.

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Mexico's Coast Line.  
 Mexico has a coast line 6,000 miles long, although the greatest length of the country is 2,000 and the greatest width 750 miles.

Wedding Days in Holland.  
 In orderly Holland, where everything happens by rule, the different classes of society choose different days of the week on which to be married. For some unknown reason Monday is society's day and marriage fees for that day amount to a sum approximate to \$24. On Saturdays the charge is \$2, or nothing at all if the couple do not wish a separate ceremony, and are willing to join a group of 20 couples. At these group marriages the clerk reads the service once, all the couples making the responses in chorus.

Diplomatic Youngster.  
 Harold was often allowed to visit his grandmother, but was always told he should return home. On revisiting at his grandmother's one morning he was asked how long he could stay. "Well, grandmother, I don't remember whether mother said ten o'clock or three o'clock, but I'll go home after dinner and ask her."

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