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IS GARVEY RIGHT?

MARCUS GARVEY, if we understand his position, maintains that the black race can never come into its own in America and that its only salvation is to migrate to the land of its forefathers and build up a great and powerful empire in Africa. We believe that, stripped of details, fundamentally this is his contention. Is Garvey right? That race prejudice is increasing rather than decreasing as our race advances in thrift, intelligence, wealth, moral worth, character and self-respect, cannot be denied by the thoughtful student of social phenomena. In striking contrast, however, to this increasing prejudice is the ever-enlarging number of thoughtful and fair-minded white men and women—who realizing the injustice, as well as the danger of this attitude are doing all within their power to combat it. Then, too, it must be noted that in spite of opposition we, as a group, have made, and are making wonderful progress. This progress we hold answers Garvey's charge that the black race can never come into its own in America. It is coming slowly, we grant, but steadily into its own. That Africa offers golden opportunities for those who have the pioneer spirit and the spirit of the pioneers is doubtless true. That as knowledge of this grows among our people venturesome youth will seek their fortune there cannot be doubted, but that there will ever be the evacuation of America by vast multitudes of Negro folk, while possible, is scarcely probable.—When one views the growing prejudice against Negroes in America it is easy to account for Garvey's contention and those who believe as he does. When, however, one notes other significant facts one cannot agree with him. The Negro who has contributed so much to the making of America will come into his own and win his place right here—just as surely as there is a God in heaven. Africans will develop Africa and are developing it and Americans will develop America, and black men born here are Americans to the core.

UNITE AND ACT

THE MONITOR is always inclined to be conservative, although its editor has been called "a dangerous radical", much to his surprise and amusement. We have been stating that the Negro population of Omaha was about 14,000. We were told the other day by certain compilers of statistics that our number is around 17,000. Perhaps this is true. We are inclined to believe that this estimate is too high and that 15,000 would be nearer the mark. We have been trying to show what 14,000 people, alive to their economic, civic, religious and political power and privilege, could do in this community by united effort. If our number be larger as some contend then it adds force to our argument. Fourteen thousand people by

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

questionably endowed with humor and music, that has made a marked advance in poetry within the scant sixty years of its freedom, will unquestionably produce finer poetry when conditions have followed their present tendency for a generation or two. In the light of these facts the present period is, from the larger point of view, likely to witness the real dawn of Negro poetry."

HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END

One of the greatest failings of the Negro is his lack of continuity of purpose and action. He will start out in some undertaking with so much zeal and enthusiasm that one would be inclined to think that he could achieve his goal in less than given time. Watch his progress and you will observe that when he should be striving hardest his interest wanes, he gives up. Ask him his reason, and he will retort nonchalantly, "I couldn't be bothered any longer," or "Something went wrong." This indifferent attitude is exhibited in the actions of Negroes in all walks of life. They lack stick-to-it-iveness, and do not realize that it is the plodder that rights wrongs, surmounts difficulties and eventually reaches his goal.

Nothing in this world that is worth while is easily obtained. Whether it is a good position, a business, a profession or a life-companion, these prerequisites all require the elements of stamina, perseverance and endurance in one's character to acquire them. Use this thought as an incentive when faced by difficulties and they will disappear before your intrepid onslaught.

The youth who has to work and struggle hard to acquire a profession usually appreciates it, and puts it to better use than one whose parents paid his expenses and furnished him with an office or the necessary appurtenances to practice such profession. The struggles to attain one's ambition bring out either the best or worst in us. If we fail to overcome our difficulties, we exhibit a weakness of character that could not stand the test of endurance because the elements of self-confidence and courage were undermined by fear and doubt. If we overcome our difficulties we conquer our own weaknesses and thereby gain two victories at once—the attainment of our ambition and the conquest of our weaker self.—The Negro World (N. Y.)

ODE TO THE CRAVEN FAIN

By William Poag.

Who casts a slur on Negro worth, a stain on Negro fame,
Who dreads to own his Negro blood, or live, or die the same,
Who scorns the warmth of Negro hearts, the clasp of Negro hands?
Let us but raise the veil tonight and shame him as he stands.

The Negro fame: It rests enshrined within its own proud light,
Wherever sword or tongue or pen has fashioned deed or might;
From battle charge of El Cana to Europe's thunder tone,
It holds its storied past on high-urivaled and alone.

The Negro blood! Its crimson tide has watered hill and plain
Wherever there were wrongs to crush or freemen's rights to gain;
No dastard thought, no coward fear, has held it tamely by,
When there were noble deeds to do and noble deaths to die!

The Negro heart! The Negro heart! God keep it fair and free,
The fullness of its kindly thought, its wealth of honest glee,
Its generous strength, its ardent faith, its uncompromising trust,
Though every worshipped idol breaks and crumbles into dust.

And Negro hands! Aye, lift them up! Enbrowned by honest toil,
The champions of the world today, the guardians of the soil;
When flashed their battle swords aloft, a waiting world might see
What Negro hand could do and dare to keep a people free.

They bore our starry flag aloft through enemy gate and wall,
They stood before the foremost rank, the bravest of them all.
And when before the cannon's mouth they held the foe at bay,
O, never could the Negro's heart beat prouder than that day.

So, when a craven fain would hide the birthmark of his race,
Or slightly speak of Afric sons before his children's face,
Breathe no weak word of scorn or shame, but crush him where he stands,
With Negro worth and Negro fame as won by Negro hands.

Among the twenty-three women arrested in 1924 for murder, two of them were colored. Both were convicted of first degree murder.

When French, Russ and Democrat And a Serb all bunch together,
The man who is a diplomat Will talk about the weather.

There are more Sunday school mottoes hanging up on the walls than are lived up to.

A San Diego man has been fined for snoring in church. Serves him right. One snoring man in church is a nuisance to any of the rest of us who want to sleep.

The best of all medicines are rest and fasting.—Franklin.

Soft words are frequently more effective than hard facts.

The watchful sentinel is happier than the sleeping soldier.

A man is, in his veriest reality, what he loves.—George Tyrrell.

He that will be angry for anything will be angry for nothing.—Salust.

Lying is the strongest acknowledgment of the force of truth.—Hazlitt.

"If you would be wealthy think of saving as well as getting."—Franklin.

If some people only spoke their minds they wouldn't have so much to say.

It is not until you know some people well that you regret you do know them well.

Worry eats through energy, purpose, vitality, and produces—nothing.—The Progressive Grocer.

As the yellow gold is tried in the fire, so the faith of friendship must be seen in adversity.

Men of Great Genius Not Firstborn Children

It has often been said that first-born children are the cleverest in the family, but the careful investigation of the Society of Bavarian School Teachers upsets this theory. An inquiry into 74 cases of prominent personalities of the artistic and literary world showed that among them were only ten first-born children. The vast majority were late-born offspring. Fenimore Cooper was the eleventh of twelve children; Honore Balzac, the youngest son of his parents; Napoleon Bonaparte, the eighth child; Benjamin Franklin, the youngest of seventeen; Rembrandt, the fifth of six children; Richard Wagner and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart were the last of seven; Robert Schuman, the fifth, and Franz Schubert, the thirteenth of fourteen children. The investigations thus show that a rather advanced age of the parents seems to be more favorable to the production of great personalities.

Returned to Native Soil

With shells screaming overhead and the rattle of machine guns in the air, an officer of the Irish guards in the front line trenches near Givency in 1915, noticed some plinks growing in the garden of a shell-battered cottage between the lines. That night he succeeded in digging up some of the plants with an entrenching tool. Eventually they reached a garden in Surrey, where they have bloomed and increased. Now plants grown from these war refugees have been taken back to Givency by an officer of the Imperial War Graves commission, and their white flowers are to be seen in the Guards' cemetery, and by the Memorial of the West Lancashire territorials.—London Times.

Heart Specialists Organize

The American Heart association is a recently formed organization of cardiac specialists whose announced purpose is "to study and disseminate knowledge concerning functional derangements and maladies of the heart, to promote scientific treatment of such sufferers, to relieve the sufferings of patients unable to work because of the disease, and to select avenues and means of employment suitable to other patients."

Record Snapshot

A snapshot taken from the highest altitude at which any such photograph has ever been made is now on exhibition at the War department in Washington. The picture is of Dayton, Ohio, and it was taken from 32,220 feet above sea level, which is a little more than six miles. The temperature was 62.5 degrees below zero F., and special electric warming devices had to be used for the camera.

Wooden Sewing Machine

A sewing machine made entirely of wood, except a few screws and the needle, is owned by P. A. Coney of Deering Center, Maine. Although the wooden bobbins, wooden wheel, wooden head and wooden machinery are more than half a century old, all are in good working condition. The machine was made 63 years ago by Mr. Coney's grandfather, Phillip A. Faust of Danville, Pa.

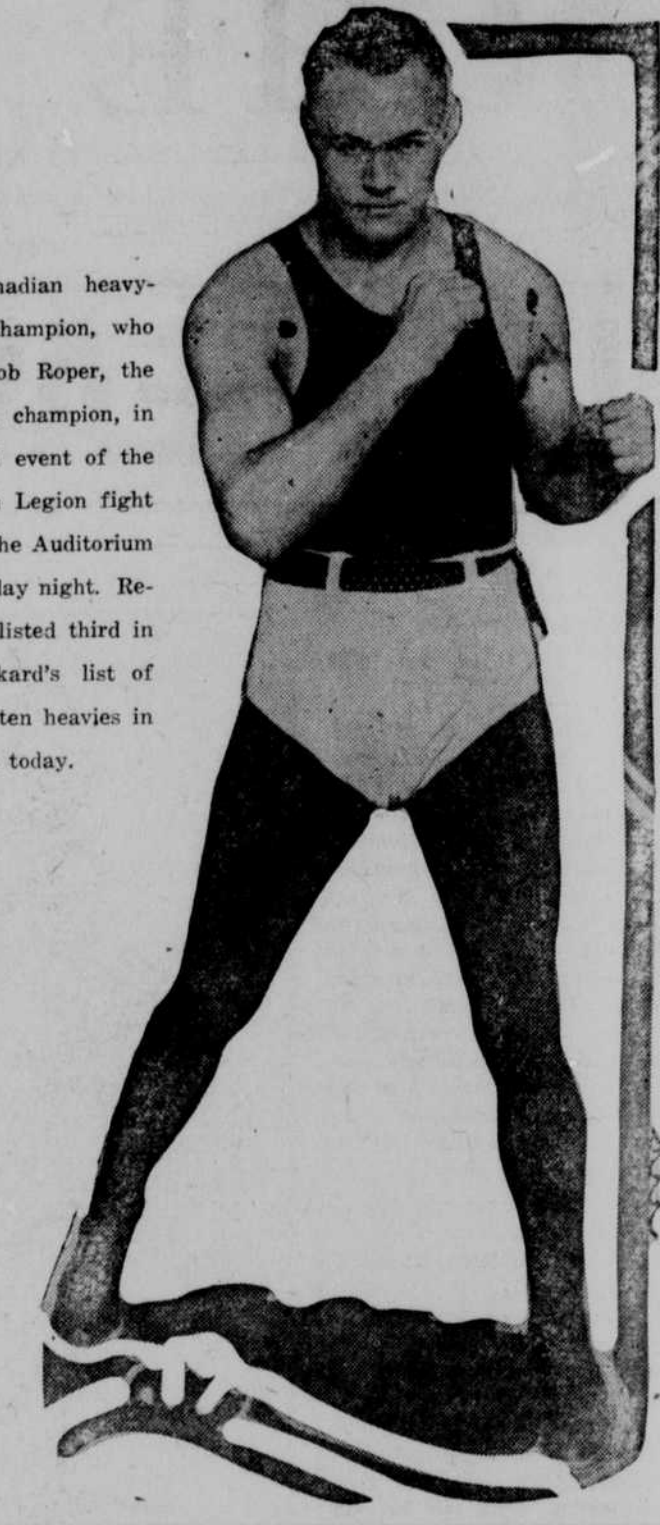
Woman's Distinctions

Dr. Amelia Reinhardt, who is at the head of Mills college in California, is said to possess more college and university degrees than any other woman in America. In addition, she has the distinction of being the only woman to hold the presidency of a college in any part of the far West.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDENT

To Ellis Lacy, non-resident defendant: You are hereby notified that on the 14th days of October, 1924, Bernice Lacy, as plaintiff, filed a petition in the District Court of Douglas County, Neb., against you as defendant, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds of cruelty and non-support, and custody of your minor child, Ellis. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 23rd day of February, 1925. BERNICE LACY, Plaintiff. By W. B. Bryant, her attorney. 4-11-16-25

JACK RENAULT



The Canadian heavy-weight champion, who meets Bob Roper, the A. E. F. champion, in the main event of the American Legion fight card at the Auditorium next Friday night. Renault is listed third in Tex Rickard's list of the best ten heavies in the game today.

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