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DEFAMERS AND DEFENDERS

THE NEGRO RACE has always had its defamers and its defenders. Nor is this peculiar to our race. We are prone to think that the lot of our particular people differs entirely from that of others. But that is not true. Others have their difficulties and problems too. The pathway of progress is marked by memorials to obstacles surmounted. There is a sound philosophy underlying the well-known lines of Isaac Watts, in referring to victory in spiritual things: "Sure, I must fight, if I would reign." This applies all along the line. We must not expect to be carried to the skies on "flowery beds of ease". Progress comes through struggle. Character is developed by struggle. We cannot be exempt from this law of life.

We meet opposition and will continue to meet it. We must not be overcome by it but overcome it. It does not matter in what form this opposition comes it must be manfully met. It may come in the form of detraction. It may come in various ways; but come in whatever way it will it must be met and vanquished.

What we need is courage to carry on and do our part like men no matter how strong the opposition. Character and achievement are credentials which none can deny. Where these are in evidence and defamers arise defenders will not be wanting. A striking illustration of this is at hand. A southern officer, Bullard by name, has just written a book, in which he maligns the character and courage of Negro soldiers in the late World War. What has happened? The eastern newspapers are full of letters from high officials in the army denying Bullard's charges, and paying high tribute to the valor of black soldiers. These defenders have a good case, because of the character and achievements of Negro soldiers. Defamers are vanquished by defenders when the defamed have contravening facts on their side.

IS THIS FAIR TO CHILDREN?

KRUG PARK, one of the amusement parks of this city, has adopted the custom of inviting the school children of the city to be its guests on designated days of the year. Different districts, such as the North side, West side, South side, are invited upon different days. All schools in the particular district are the guests on its designated day. All school children are invited to come and enjoy the amusements and privileges of the park. Colored children are allowed to enjoy all privileges but one. They are not allowed to enter the swimming pool. All other chil-

dren, of all sorts and conditions, Italians, Jews, Slavs, Lithuanians, Syrians, Poles, Filipinos, Japanese and others can enjoy a dip in the pool, except the Negro child. He alone is excluded, after having been invited as a pupil in his respective school to be a guest. This discrimination is as glaringly inconsistent and unjust as that would think that calling attention to it is all that would be necessary to correct it. It is too much to hope that the management of Krug Park will see to it that this discrimination shall cease in the case of school children whom it generously invites to be its guests?

WHO IS LYING?

General Bullard of Alabama, says the 92nd Division, Negro troops, were cowardly and inefficient in the World War. General Pershing publicly commended them for their valiant service, saying, "I want you, officers and soldiers of the 92nd Division, to know that the 92nd Division stands second to none in the record you have made since your arrival in France." Somebody is handling the truth recklessly. Who is it?

DESIGN OR OVERSIGHT

It is rather interesting and instructive to notice the mental attitude of the average white American towards the colored American even in communities where there is a disposition to be broad-minded and fair in public movements. Our people are very frequently left out of the count. It isn't always because they want to leave us out, but simply because they do not think. Their mental process may be described as "thinking in terms of white only". Perhaps were we the dominant race our thought process would be the same. In planning civic affairs or movements we might think of colored folk only. The mental processes of white people is that unquestionably of thinking almost exclusively in terms of white. As illustrative of this: Take Omaha. When making up citizenship committees quite frequently there is no representation whatsoever from our group and yet we constitute about one-twelfth of our city's population. Recently a meeting was called to organize a "Good-Will Movement", to put into practice the principles of the Golden Rule and eliminate friction and misunderstanding among various groups, religions and nationalities. It would seem that on the preliminary committee of something over 100 names, place would be found for some representative of our people. It was doubtless an oversight, due to the tendency, perhaps a natural one, to think only in terms of the larger and

dominant group. Our people are not always overlooked in such movements in this community, but it quite frequently occurs, more through thoughtlessness, we are inclined to believe, than to any willful and set purpose to leave us out. We may not be able to help much, but we all can help some. Good Will movements should certainly include all.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Dr. A. B. Moss is able to be out again, having improved much since his operation.

R. H. Young was confined to his bed with illness the past week.

Mrs. Fanny Young returned home from Crete Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Cooley went to Kansas City, Mo., this week to visit her daughter, Miss Fredda.

Rev. H. W. Botts left Sunday night for Omaha from where he goes in company with his brother, Dr. W. F. Botts, to Wichita, Kans., to attend the National Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. congress.

The annual sermon of Lebanon Lodge No. 3, A. F. and A. M., was preached by Rev. C. R. Ross at the Newman M. E. church Sunday afternoon.

The annual sermon of the Daughters and Sir Knights was held in the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon; Rev. H. W. Botts of Mt. Zion Baptist church preached.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mosley entertained the Utopian Art Club at their home last Thursday night. Quite a crowd was present and a profitable meeting was had. Mr. and Mrs. Zack Johnson will entertain the club Thursday night, July 2nd, at their home, 2464 Woodcrest.

The Kentucky Harmony Singers gave a concert in Newman Methodist church last Thursday night—and at Mt. Zion Baptist church Friday night, and were greeted by fine crowds.

Rev. T. J. Porter conducted services at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church last Sunday in Rev. M. C. Knight's absence.

Rev. Mr. Scott preached for Rev. H. W. Botts at Mt. Zion last Sunday morning. The pastor preached at night. Rev. Scott will conduct services for Rev. Mr. Botts Sunday, June 28th.

Mrs. Harding and her granddaughter of Chillicothe, Mo., are visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Patrick, here.

Wm. Hightower is home from camp at Crete.

Miss Mary Nelson is visiting in the city. Miss Nelson has been teaching in the city of Nashville, Tenn., the past year and expects to return to her duties in September.

Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Burckhardt entertained at eleven o'clock breakfast Thursday morning for Mrs. L. M. Braxton, Misses Vaughn, Johnson and Weatherly from Fulton, Ky., who are giving concerts at the various churches. Covers were laid for seven at a most wonderfully appointed breakfast table.

Mrs. G. H. Huff, Hastings, Nebr., is a week-end guest of Mrs. C. Johnson.

The M. S. Club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lorraine Dorsey.

The Children's Day program under the committee composed of Misses Maxine Holmes, Ruth Hickman, Charlotte Loving, Florence Reid and Agnes Thomas was a great success. The Junior Choir was a complete surprise and the numbers were excellently executed. Mrs. Sara Walker, superintendent Quinn Chapel.

Rev. M. C. Knight and Rev. O. J. Burckhardt left for Omaha Friday morning enroute to Los Angeles, Cal.

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45,000 FEET ALOFT IS FLYING LIMIT

Speed at Turns Must Not Exceed 250 Miles.

Washington.—Flight surgeons of the army air service believe man has about reached the maximum flying speed at which he can suddenly change direction, owing to the centrifugal force exerted on the body and its effect on the blood. This speed is placed in the vicinity of 250 miles an hour.

The limit of speed on a straightaway course, they say, can probably be placed much higher than is now mechanically possible, but experience will have to write the actual figure.

The height limit, they add, is around 45,000 feet. This contention regarding the maximum speed for turning, the flight surgeons point out, is predicated upon the experience of Lieut. Alvin J. Williams of the navy, at the Pulitzer air races at St. Louis in October, 1923, who said he became practically unconscious at the turns of the triangular course, when he rounded at 243.67 miles an hour.

Blood Carried to Stomach and Legs.
The flyer at the turn banks his craft at right angles, the centrifugal force acting at right angles to the new direction of travel and the blood being carried away from the head toward the stomach, and probably even into the legs, causes faintness and possibly unconsciousness.

Blood circulation quickly adjusts itself, the flight surgeons say, and the direction of centrifugal force is rapidly changed, although at turns at very high speeds in airplanes, brain injury or rupture of a vital blood vessel might result.

Even when supplied with oxygen, the flight surgeons hold, an aviator could not survive beyond a height of 45,000 feet, under ordinary circumstances, because the available oxygen pressure in the lungs would be too low to sustain life.

Between 23,000 and 25,000 feet is the "upper limit of consciousness" without oxygen, say the flight surgeons, and at higher altitudes oxygen is indispensable.

Only if inclosed in a cabinet or suit in which the barometric pressure were kept at a degree compatible with life would it be possible to ascend beyond the 45,000 limit, with suitable arrangement made for disposing of the surplus carbon dioxide.

Queer Experiences at High Altitude.
The aviator experiences, among other things, as the result of high altitude flights, sleepiness, uncontrolled emotion, including giggling, singing or laughter; muscular weakness, shortness of breath, impairment of the intellect and judgment, and impairment of vision and hearing.

These are chiefly due, medical men explain, to a lack of oxygen in the brain.

There are 50 army flight surgeons stationed at different flying fields, all on flying status. A flight medical school is maintained at Mitchell field, New York, where courses are given to select medical officers picked for aviation duty. Aviation psychology forms a large share of their work, and they are acquainted with first-hand conditions of the men who go up in the air in ships.

The National Aeronautic association's records show that the present maximum altitude record is held by a French flyer with 39,586 feet, and the speed record in a straightaway course is held by another French airman at 278.48 miles an hour.

Hit by Burglar, Woman Traps Him in Closet

Philadelphia.—How Mrs. Sarah Kaufman unwittingly trapped and almost ensnared the burglar of a burglar who had felled her unconscious was revealed 15 hours after the attack. Then a closet door in the Kaufman home was opened by police and out fell the burglar nearly unconscious.

Mrs. Kaufman was passing through a room on the second floor on the way to her bedroom when she was felled by a blackjack. Police say that in falling she struck the closet door into which her assailant had darted, and closed it, the spring lock snapping. Her husband found her unconscious and took her to the Misericordia hospital. She was able to return home the same day and was passing through the room where she had been assaulted when she heard a faint scraping noise in the closet. Going to the door she heard a faint breathing and called the police.

As the officers opened the door a youth, who later said he was Melvin Barnes, eighteen, of Galveston, Texas, fell out, almost unconscious from lack of air.

He admitted later he had broken into the house, but denied striking Mrs. Kaufman.

Look Through Walls and Floors With New X-Ray

Schenectady.—X-ray machines by means of which one may look through solid walls and floors as easily as a surgeon or dentist now examines subconscious parts of his patient's body have been perfected. The inventors are Dr. W. D. Coolidge and his associates in the research laboratory of the General Electric company here.

The new apparatus, confined in a box 7 by 8 by 10 inches and weighing only 30 pounds, is expected to prove of great value, especially to plumbers, building contractors, electricians and jewelers. To use the device it will only be necessary to connect an ordinary extension cord to the nearest lamp socket or base plug of the household lighting system.

Hereafter, the inventors say, the man who wishes to hang a picture on the wall and doesn't know where to find a solid place to drive a nail will not have to ruin the wall before finding the right spot. The new machine may also prove a nemesis to smugglers. By shooting the rays through precious stones the jewelers would easily be able to determine the genuineness of any jewel.

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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 tenacity of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

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