

EDITORIALS

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Terms of Subscription \$2.00 per year Race prejudice must go - The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man must prevail. These are the only principles which will stand the acid test of good citizenship in time of peace, war and death.

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THE BAER-LOUIS FIGHT

NEXT Tuesday one Maxie Baer will climb into the ring to face one Joe Louis, the idea being to see which can knock the other down and emerge as the "logical" opponent for one James J. Braddock for the so-called heavyweight championship. We call attention to the public that a radio broadcast of the fight will be dispatched over a nationwide hookup beginning at eight o'clock Central time. We are no boxing experts but the Detroit Negro looks like a formidable antagonist and we would not be surprised if he managed to take the measure of Mr. Baer. There are many who will be intensely interested but we see no cause for stirring up racial feeling or fights. However here in Omaha the only fights will likely be between gentlemen of color over payment of the proverbial "bet".

ETHIOPIA MUST STAND

THROUGHOUT 7000 years of history this ancient empire has withstood the assaults of would be invaders from the European continent and has never been conquered. The latest threat, an invasion by Italy, causes alarm throughout the world because it is feared that the natives with all their fierceness and courage cannot withstand the modern implements of war that Mussolini has imported for his East African campaign.

Mussolini's motives are well known but little sympathy can be found for this man and his nation. That Italy is overpopulated is a fact, but that is not due to any Ethiopian cause. The dictator made this condition by encouraging the birthrate increase of the nation. Free theatre tickets and groceries were given to mothers. The marriage age of the girls was moved from 16 to 14. A tax on single men also was placed in effect. Knowing the boundary limits of his country one can hardly understand why any nation should encourage an increasing birthrate.

England with her vast empire made up largely of darker races will never permit Italy to conquer Ethiopia. Her domination of India and parts of Africa would be threatened. France is in a dilemma and is trying to play ball with both nations. She cannot afford to lose England's support against a German invasion and she dares not lose Italy's support in maintaining Austrian independence. The smaller nations with the support of England will come to Ethiopia's assistance and a prolonged war against Italy will finally break down the determination of Italy's man of destiny, Mussolini. In the meantime thousands of Americans, white and colored, are protesting the attack on Ethiopia and are picketing the Italian consulates in various cities throughout the country. At the same time boycotts against Italian merchants have been started in many cities. All of which will be helpful but it is doubtful that anything could stop the power mad Dictator now. There may be history in the making. The next few months will reveal the fate of world peace and the effectiveness of the League of Nations.

CAN THE WORLD SECURE PEACE?

THE PEOPLE of Omaha like millions of others throughout the United States, are intensely interested in peace. Undoubtedly most of them condemn Japanese aggression in China, and look with horror upon the approaching carnage in Ethiopia. We notice that various groups in the United States are urging that something be done to prevent slaughter. The Women's Christian Temperance Union recently heard an appeal from its president who found it strange that Christian nations are "standing idly by while little Ethiopia is ravaged by great Italy", and she wonders why "in the name of humanity, cannot Italy be stopped."

Along this same line, the Negro Baptists of the United States deplored Italy's action, and a speaker called upon the United States government "to use its influence to prevent this war and help save Ethiopia."

Again, quite recently, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom inaugurated a campaign to secure fifty million signatures to a "people's mandate to governments" to end war.

The Omaha Guide is certain in sympathy with the aims of these organizations and others that have taken similar action, either in specific cases of warfare or in the general effort to advance the cause of international peace. The problem, how-

ever, is much greater than stirring up a sentiment for peace, because its solution depends upon a willingness on the part of people everywhere to remedy the causes of inter-national unrest, which inevitably lead to warfare.

In an attempt to make clearer what we mean, we call attention to a recent statement by Miss Pearl S. Buck, a well known author, who prefaced her remarks by saying that people are sick of war and denying that the world is atune to the war spirit. She insisted, however, that war is again probable, not through ignorance of its terror and futurity, but because "life is for too many people even more terrible than war." She contends that the next war will be "an escape" for these people, and suggests that "organizations for peace must begin their work in the very bowels of life. They must study the depressed classes."

Pointing out how to avoid war, she insists that this is to be accomplished by making "life better, so that its security will be too precious to lose," and by remedying the cause "for such despair in life as makes people willin g for war."

Along the same line comes an expression from the pen of Colonel Edward M. House, former close adviser of President Woodrow Wilson. In a recent article in Liberty Magazine, he declares that Great Britain, France, Russia and the United States, the four powers now possessing the world, must revive Italy, Germany and Japan on terms adjusted to present world conditions, and see that they are given their proper part of colonial resources.

Some years ago Premier Mussolini said that Italy must expand or explode. The same comment has been made repeatedly in regards to Japan, and for years Germany insisted that she must have her place in the sun. If there is any truth to the contention of these three nations, and there must be some justification of their attitudes, it immediately becomes apparent that the nations interested in maintaining world peace must be willing to permit them into enjoy a fuller share of the world's bounty.

The people of the world must study the question of peace seriously. It involves much more than a wish for peace.

WATCH OUT FOR COLDS

THE NEAR approach of cold weather reminds us to warn readers against the common cold, that many people think unavoidable. It is nothing to be lightly dismissed because it leads to serious complications very often.

People catch colds but they can be avoided. Build up your system if it is run down, see your doctor and take advantage of medical science in fighting the cold. If you have been susceptible to them in the past it might be a good idea to secure special treatment from your physician.

Parents should not permit their children to run wild during the time they have colds and should not mingle with other people themselves. If you want others to have your infection, if you wish to disregard the health of others and don't care care whether somebody dies from your carelessness then when you catch a cold, forget all precautions and spray your germs as you go. Otherwise careful avoid infecting other people.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It's about time for the new calendars to begin to appear.

People still insist on trying to beat the engines to the crossings.

We still maintain that payin geash is the best way to keep out of debt.

One of these days the world will be more like you want 't but you won't be here.

The idea of woman's superiority falls by the wayside when one considers the prerogatives that many of them get.

The man or woman who thinks that a public question is as plain as mud probaly knows little or nothing about it.

Do your part to build up Omaha and you will probably be surprised to find out how many people are ready to do the same.

Correct this sentence: "No thank you Daddy, I don't want you to give me any money because I have had enough candy already."

The Omaha Guide ought to be in every home in this area and we hope to add new names to our subscription list every week this fall.

Forward looking boys are now cautiously approaching their parents and finding out what the prospects are for Christmas.

Adults who criticize children for playing would be better off if they did some playing themselves.

The get rich quick schemes that attract you has gotten the savings of better men than you are.

Fast driving is said to be the cause of most automobile accidents, but you can hardly get a fast driver to admit it.

KELLY MILLER SAYS:

ETHIOPIA STRETCHES FORTH HER HANDS

Might met right on the archway which spans the roof of the world. "Make way for me" said right. "I am the first born son of God", "You might be his first son after his marriage" responded might, "but I am the illegitimate son of his lusty youth". Thereupon might struck right in the forehead who fell sprawling headlong through the dome of the Cathedral of Rheims were he lays helpless until this very day.

Thus wrote Elbert Hubbard in the last issue of the "Philistine" before he went down on the ill-fated Lusitania. Does right make might or does might make right? Ask Mussolini and the League of Nations. Throughout the history of the world down to the year of our Lord 1935, no nation has heeded moral restraint in face of national necessity. This nation took America from the Indians, Hawaii from the natives, Texas from Mexico. The Panama Canal Zone from Columbia, Puerto Rica and the Philippine islands from Spain without any great heed to moral niceties. Woodrow Wilson sought to bring international conduct under moral control but the United States would not have it so. The moral condemnation of the world is now being focused against Mussolini and his imperial ambition for colonial expansion, in Africa. Mussolini's policy and purpose is as raw and ruthless as that of any pirate in quest of the booty of innocent ships. Is not Italy a Christian nation, under moral sway of the Pope who holds the key to Heaven? Is Christianity an effective influence in the practical conduct of men and nations in the world today? Ask Adolph Hitler. Is England, France, or even the United States one whit better than Germany or Italy if moral obstacles stand in the way of their imperial purpose? Would we allow Mexico or Haiti to stand in our way in safeguarding the Panama Canal? Has England shown any moral scruples in building up her far flung empire? Then with what moral consistency can these nations, with a brigand record condemn Italy for now attempting to repeat their record of conquest and slaughter to expand her own dominion?

Let us give the devil his due, whereby Mussolini will be accorded all that he claims. Italy has restricted territory with 40,000,000 population and a high birth rate. Mussolini has encouraged this birth rate by reducing the age of marriage for men from 18 to 16 and for women from 16 to 14. The Pope has put his ban upon birth control for all loyal, faithful Catholics. The population of Italy, therefore, must overflow its natural boundaries. Mussolini knows this and seeks an outlet in Africa. This has been the method of verile and vigorous peoples ever since Caesar's description of the Helvetians who overflowed their boundaries because they were too narrow and restricted for a people of such natural vigor and warlike propensities. It is not because of the race and visage of the Abyssinians as the object of this attack, but because they are weak and their country abounds in resources and raw materials which Italy lacks and must have. There is probably not another nation but that would do the same thing or a similar thing if confronted by the same national circumstance. Sir Henry Johnston, author of "The Negro and the New World", states his belief that human slavery and all of its horrors of the past three hundred years would be repeated today if men and nations found it profitable to do so.

And yet we commend the restraint of the League of Nations to deprive Mussolini from his avaricious purpose. "Politics" said Senator John G. Ingalls of Kansas, "is the metaphysics of force". The League of Nations is but a balance of power, the world must keep in stable equilibrium or a state of confusion will follow. Thus the nations of the world make morality of necessity. Virtue is dictated by practical consideration and not by abstract moral decree. Tennyson had it right when he said:

"The common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in all And the Universe shall slumber lapped in universal law."

In the far flung purpose of things the continent of Africa must be redeemed from the chains of error and ignorance and lifted to the level of modern civilization. Is Marcus Garvey or Mussolini the better prophet of the process of redemption? Garvey believes, or believed, that the gathered fragments of the African race now scattered throughout the world should be reassembled upon their Mother continent and thus lift it to higher standards and nobler modes of life. On the other hand Mussolini the embodiment of selfish gorce, claims that the reclamation of Africa must come through her subordination and domination by European nations, in line with their policy of self-expansion. It does not seem that Garvey and his philosophy will ever get a chance to function. The philosophy of Mussolini is already functioning on all the continent of Africa except Liberia. Will England, France or Holland lift Africa or will

they drag her down? In pursuing their own selfish end it is likely that they will redeem the black race? While we may not at present answer this question in the affirmative, it is nevertheless obvious that this process will be exploited. Mussolini will probably conquer Abyssinia and dispute with Great Britain for other areas in the African Continent. All of our moralizing will be impotent and yet moralize we must. We cannot help ourselves. Those who have not might, right is always extolled. Ethiopia stretches forth her hands unto God because those hands are impotent, with an impotence upon which the moral advance of mankind depends.

WHAT GUIDE READERS SAY:

Omaha, Nebraska, September 18, 1935. Editor, Omaha Guide:

Please publish this letter in the next issue of the Omaha Guide. I am a subscriber to the Guide and I feel that the Negro population of Omaha should support the Guide.

With this support it would not take long for the paper to change from a weekly to a daily publication. If all of us would subscribe for the the paper we could learn more about what our people are doing and what other people are doing for our race. We are not interested enough in our race. We should wake up before it is too late.

I have been a subscriber for the Guide for the past three months. I now think how much interesting news I have been missing all the years that I have lived in Omaha and did not subscribe for your paper. I am well pleased with the paper and I wish that it was a daily newspaper instead of a weekly. I find so much news of interest to me. We must unite before we can ever progress. In unity there is strength. Very truly yours,

Mrs. A. L. Williams 2102 Chicago Street

WEEKLY SHORT SERMON

By Dr. A. G. Bearer (For the Literary Service Bureau)

Modern Despots

Text: O, thou man of God, there is death in the pot.—II Kings 4:40. In this passage is found the record of one of the miracles of Elisha the prophet and successor of Elijah. He had instructed some of his followers to prepare a meal for some guests. By mistake a poisoned herb was placed in the pot. The eaters became sick and one cried "There is death in the pot". So, today there are many death pots from which men and women are eating, but there is no prophet to work a miracle and save them, so they just die.

1. The Rum Pot. There are many varieties of drink in the rum pot. Sometimes the foolish victims die suddenly, but, as a general thing, they die slowly, by degrees. The progress is so deceptive that they do not realize it, though they are dying all the while. There is certain death in the rum pot.

2. The Epicurean Pot. As did their ancient predecessors the epicures are crying, "Eat, Drink, and be merry". The effect of "Wine, women and song" is increased by indiscreet eating. There is a saying that many men dig their graves with their teeth. This is confirmed by the effect of gluttony characteristic of this reckless age. There is death in thousands of epicurean pots; but people still eat from them—and die.

3. The Pot of Sex Indulgence. The sex appetite is one of the most insatiate of all. In it more have found death than in any other. Exhaustion caused by excess, and venereal diseases, play havoc with the unbridled sensualist. Thousands are killed by jealous rivals and thousands suffer severe penalties, including death because of commission of sex crimes. Yes, there is death, certain, inevitable death in the pot of sex indulgence.

4. No Excuse for Those Who Eat and Die. In the case recorded here the poison was put into the pot by mistake, but it is fully known what is in these modern death-pots. For that reason those who die in this way are responsible for their own undoing. It is to be hoped that this may influence young men to think seriously before they surrender to appetite and final death in the pot.

Mothers—Let your boys be Guide newsboys. Send them to the Omaha Guide Office, 2418-20 Grant Street.

THE WAY OUT

By Loren Miller

TWO PLUS TWO

Even the most devout followers of the Republican and Democratic parties are willing to admit, if you catch them outside of office hours, that the two parties haven't done right by the Negro people. Of course, the perfidies of the old parties are so plain that nobody is entitled to much credit for the admission; it's something like admitting that two plus two equals four.

At that, I suppose there must be those people who have some preference in the matter and who much prefer to starve under the regime of, say, Mr. Hoover than under that of Mr. Roosevelt. Such things are not to be accounted for and there will always be a minimum of voters who will ride the elephant or the donkey to the bitter end. I can remember that my sainted grandmother always refused to eat tomatoes; she said that they were poison and she stuck by her belief to the last.

NOT ORIGINAL

With the case against the old parties as plain as it is, it seems to me that the thing to do is to look around and find more to our liking. The idea isn't original with me at all, in fact it has already been done in Queens, New York, where a group of persons are supporting a Negro woman candidate for Alderman on an independent ticket. Newspaper reports have it that among her supporters are Republicans and Democrats, Communists and assorted dissenters.

The same idea is back of the persistent agitation for a labor party. As I understand it, the Labor Party would include all who have grievances against the two old parties and who are opposed to things as they are. Basically the party's platform would include planks calling for adequate social and unemployment insurance, against discrimination and for a wide variety of reforms designed to relieve the ills from which poor Negroes and whites suffer.

SWELL IDEA

The idea is an excellent one last it is bound to be opposed by those who dwell under the illusion that the Republican or Democratic parties can be reformed to suit our needs. But it is well to remember that both old parties belong to those who put up the cash to run them and elect their nominees. They pay the piper and they call the tune. It's just as plain that Negroes and poor whites don't put up that cash. Hence they have to be satisfied with the crumbs.

Senator Seward, one of the founders of the G. O. P., remarked a long time ago that a political party is like a joint stock company and that those who contribute most, get the most out of the party's activities. What we need is a party to which we will contribute our share, in votes and support, and from which we can get our share of the proceeds.

NO WASTE

It goes without saying that the upbuilding of such a party is no simple task. It means sustained effort and sacrifices. But as the matter stands we do plenty of sacrificing and get nothing in the bargain. The United States is in such a shape that we've got to sacrifice whether we will it or not. As for me, I'm in favor of sacrificing to help ourselves.

Nor is there much in that hoary old argument that a new party can't win at the next election or the next. No political party springs up full grown. And consistent work and agitation for a party that has a platform for the best interests of the masses is bound to attract them sooner or later. The masses are the majority after all. Come to think of it, isn't it better to vote for

what you want and not get it immediately than to vote for those who mean you no good! There's no waste there.

SMALL TOWN STUFF

The Los Angeles Y. M. C. A. gained a small measure of a peculiar kind of fame recently when it closed its doors to Langston Hughes who was scheduled to speak there for a quite respectable organization. It is easy to set this amazing episode down to provincialism and let it go at that. The trouble is that that isn't the real story.

I happen to be well acquainted with Mr. Baxter S. Scruggs, secretary of the Los Angeles Y. M. C. A., and know that he is a nice enough fellow who prides himself on his liberality. I suppose that he must have read some of Mr. Hughes' work and that he was not particularly harmed by them. As a matter of fact, my operatives report that he was quite abashed at having to exclude the poet.

Strange Company.

The order itself came from two gentlemen who are fairly well known in the county. One of them Claude Hudson, once served as a national board member of the N.A.A.C.P. and the other, Albert Bauman, still graces the national board of the Urban League. Both of the men are quite ambitious members of the Los Angeles community and I am sure both of them pride themselves on their years of service to the Negro people in their respective fields of endeavor.

A little inquiry on the part of either of them would have revealed the fact that both the Urban League and the N. A. A. C. P. are looked upon as "dangerous bodies" in the wilds of Alabama. I have heard both men make statements for which they might have been burned at the nearest stake in Mississippi. They are keeping strange company when they join forces to curtail free speech.

Who Owns Them?

I have no doubt that both had heard grumbings from the Big White Folks coupled with whispered warnings against radicals. There, I think, is the crux of the whole matter. The question is: to whom do Negro Y.M.C.A.'s belong to the community, it seems simple enough that the people of the community should have the right to hear any person they want at their own institution. Reports have it that plenty of Los Angeles people were on hand to hear Mr. Hughes. They were prevented from doing so at the bequest of those who would control Negro opinion.

OLD STORY

There is plenty of reason for the desire of sinister forces to control Negro opinion. It is an open secret that Negroes are pretty well dissatisfied with the existing set-up. Why shouldn't they be? We are the hardest hit by the mushroom bills of the past six years. If there is any spark of struggle left, we ought to be plotting ways and means of bettering our own lot.

The effort to prevent Negroes exercising free speech is an old one. Frederick Douglass was barred from some of our best churches and "leading" Negroes shunned John Brown like poison. In our own day DuBois was branded a dangerous radical. The point is that any semblance of thinking by Negroes is frowned upon by those who profit, directly or indirectly, out of "keeping the Negro in his place." Negroes, like Mr. Scruggs or Mr. Hudson or Mr. Bauman, who connive at these efforts are only preparing a halter for their own necks. If they aid in preparing a Fascist America they can be pretty certain that they will occupy cells right close to that one assigned to Mr. Hughes.

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