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SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1919.

THE VICTORY LIBERTY-LOAN.

The steam whistles in the Twin Cities at 9:00 o'clock Thursday night, with the loud acclaim told the people of the Fifth district that they had gone over the top with their subscriptions to Fifth or Victory Liberty Loan and knocked the "it" out of the Fifth, and thus showing that we finished the job over here that they began over there.

"AMERICANIZATION."

Since the war there has been a lot of talk in the papers about "Americanization" and it is important that every person in the United States should be taught the essentials of good citizenship.

This does not apply solely to foreigners but to many of American birth. For instance, in the southern tier of states, large numbers of people have no conception of American citizenship. Many of the leading citizens are so busy with lynching and other devilry that they lose sight of the essentials of American citizenship.

ETERNALLY VIGILANT.

The Victory Loan campaign finds Republicans everywhere zealously working for the success of the last popular appeal the Government will make for financial assistance. Most of the sum represented by the Victory bonds has been realized already by the Treasury in the sale of certificates of indebtedness, which will fall due at various dates within a few months. The money received for those certificates has been applied in the payment of emergency obligations by the Government. The bonds simply have got to be sold for the maturing certificates cannot be paid. The credit of the Government is at stake, and the people will see to it that it is maintained, as they always have done in the past.

But in working for the success of the Loan Republicans are not losing sight of the other duties they owe the Nation. Their fight against the menace of Bolshevism continues as heretofore; their study of the proposed league of nations proceeds unabated, and the necessity for floating the loan

WORLD DEMOCRACY PETITION

Colored Americans Call Upon Senate of United States of America to Carry Out the World War Declarations of World Democracy.

PETITION.

To the Senate of the United States of America: We, the undersigned, petition the Senate of the United States of America, which by virtue of its treaty power must give to the League of Nations Covenant its assent before said Covenant can be finally adopted, in the fulfillment of the noble purpose of the recent World War repeatedly proclaimed by this Government and its Allies while the result was in doubt—viz: To establish real Democracy everywhere, to make the World safe for Democracy, and a safe place to live in, to insert or add by way of amendment when said Covenant comes before the Senate the following clause: Real Democracy for the World being the avowed aim of the Nations establishing the League of Nations, the contracting parties agree to vouchsafe to their citizens the possession of full liberty, rights of Democracy, and protection of life without restriction or distinction based on race, color or previous condition.

Name..... Street..... City..... State.....

N. B.—Sign and send to THE APPEAL or to Jas. L. Neill, Secy., 906 T. Street, N. W., Washington, D. S. Cut out, attach blank sheets and get signatures. Circulate in Churches, Societies and Race Organizations. Act at once. Byron Gunner, Chairman World Democracy Congress Committee, Allen W. Whaley, Natl. Organizer.

is not allowed to obscure the far greater obligation of the party to preserve our American institutions untainted by foreign influence; and in every patriotic endeavor to which the Republicans are pledged, both locally and through their representatives in Congress, their interest will be maintained. The Victory loan is being floated with the whole hearted co-operation of Republicans throughout the country, but the thrills of the bond campaign do not pervert their sober judgment in other matters affecting the welfare of the Republic.

HEADLINE HARBINGERS.

Out of eight column headlines in one of the leading metropolitan dailies of a recent issue an issue printed when we are supposed to be either at peace or close to it, the following story is told: "Allied Missions Seized-Interned Budapest at Request of Lenin." Guns Rule Budapest. "All Egypt in Revolt." "Poland, Roumania and Jugoslavia Fear Bolshevik Invasions." "Council Needs Chief—Leader Wanted at Peace Table to Bring End to Discord." And now take a look at the following one which represents what is going right on just as though the other headlines never existed. A representative of blind egotism and stubborn will; a representative of the limit to which a man will go who believes in theories above practical things. "Wilson Draws Clause to Guard Monroe Code—League Powers Limited—Can Recommend but Not Force, Reduction in Armament." Such a comparison needs no explanation. In its subtle way it speaks for itself.

MINISTER MILITANT.

"I don't propose to have it (the league of nations) crammed down my throat until I know what it is, what it looks like, tastes like and what it is to cost this country." This is the way one minister expresses his views concerning the league. He is the Rev. Charles A. Eaton, pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, of New York, and head of the National Service Section of the U. S. Shipping Board. He expressed his views while speaking at Wilmington, Del., and praised the critics of the league plan, even though he is for a league of nations, by saying: "God bless the thirty-seven Senators who criticized the league of nations plan. Americans have to make the greatest decision since the signing of the declaration of independence."

HAD A FINE TIME.

The Department of Labor's industrial junketeers, who sailed in January to study labor conditions abroad, and possibly to catch a few crumbs from royal tables, have returned. Like Mr. Hurley, who meandered abroad to enforce a world-wide marine wage-scale, they return with open minds and ears to the ground after an enjoyable trip at public expense which netted them no concrete information. It is now Secretary Redfield's turn to provide for a junket. European tours de luxe at public expense for government officials looking forward to retirement in 1920 are the order of the day. "On account of the war."

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.

William J. Bryan positively asserts that the idea in the League of Nations of "deliberation before war" is taken from the 30 treaties negotiated by the United States with three-quarters of the world. These treaties were written while Mr. Bryan was Secretary of State. So the idea is not, as some would have us understand, original

NOT EVEN GOOD OLEO.

"Fine words butter no parsnips." If they would President Wilson could make a success of at least one of his undertakings. Fine words could not save the Mexican fiasco. Fine words could not prevent the disaster wrought

by the free trade law during the few months before the war stopped its operation. Fine words could not make up for the surrender of our rights to the Panama Canal. Fine words could not lessen the taxes due to extravagant administration. Fine words could not carry letters when the mail service was demoralized. Fine words could not keep us out of war when the Huns were deliberately murdering our citizens. Fine words will not remove the dangers of European entanglements. Yet there are many people who prefer fine words rather than butter on their parsnips.

JEWS OPPOSE A SEGREGATED NATION.

Short-sighted colored men who are talking about a "negro republic" in Africa, and forgetting to agitate for reform in the treatment of 12,000,000 colored citizens of the United States, ought to know that prominent non-Zionist Jews from all parts of the United States have sent with President Wilson to the peace conference their objections to the Zionist demand for a Jewish state in Palestine. The petition was handed to the President by Congressman Kahn on February 5. There were 983 names on the petition representing the richest and most prominent Hebrews in the country.

SOUTH OUT OF SADDLE.

An analysis of the state of committee chairmanships of the next house, as framed by the Republican committee on committees, shows the transfer of power from the south to the north, with the middle west exercising the dominant influence. Whereas nearly all of the important chairmanships, during the Democratic regime, were held by the south, only two states south of the Ohio river, Kentucky and Tennessee, will figure in the list this time. These two states will have one minor chairmanship each.

WISE SPENDING.

Are you a wise spender? Wise spending is regarded as a highly important preliminary to thrift by the U. S. Treasury. As part of its campaign for promoting popular savings through Thrift and War Savings Stamps during 1919, it has issued through its Savings Division the following definition of wise spending, which merits the thoughtful attention of every family and every individual who would get ahead in life: Wise spending implies the balancing of all needs and of all means of meeting these needs and, after balancing needs against means, spending in such a way as to meet the most urgent needs, even if lesser ones have to be left unsatisfied; in essence it means a sort of budget-making. When a family, city or state makes a budget, what it does essentially is to take a comprehensive view of both needs and income. It is important that not all the income be spent on the first needs that may occur lest other more urgent needs appear and no funds be left to meet them; that is, thought must be taken so that available income can be applied intelligently and wisely to cover most important needs and to satisfy them somewhat in proportion to their relative importance.

"REBUILDING THE WORLD."

"Rebuilding the world," is the inscription surrounding the cross on the shield of the "Missionary Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which is working up a scheme to get Southern colored people to plant cotton in "God's Acreage" and contribute the money to the missionary fund of \$120,000,000 which it is planned to raise.

PAID FOR PULCHRITUDE.

How about this: Discharged soldiers receive a bonus of \$60 and girls retained in Government service receive a bonus of \$240 with a big increase in salaries. Does the government owe these girls more than it does the men who faced death in France? As one soldier says: "Washington keeps its

girls and the soldier keeps his uniform because he cannot buy a suit." Such a condition should be remedied at the next session of Congress. Bills have already been prepared to give the men a year's pay, and other advantages. If the government can afford a \$240 bonus for its girl war workers it can afford a substantial bonus for the men who won the war. Think it over!

WE'LL HANDLE OUR BUSINESS.

We shall very likely make many changes in our laws and a few changes in our Constitution, in the future as in the past, but we shall make them on our own judgment and not at the behest of people of other lands who have come here to share in American prosperity without helping to support American institutions.

PUT PEP IN POSTAGE.

A New Yorker suggests that if Col. Roosevelt's picture were to be placed on our postage stamps it might tend to infuse new life into a moribund and disgracefully conducted department of the Government.

REORGANIZE "OLD 8TH" PLAN

Col. Otis B. Duncan Here to Make Regiment Permanent. Chicago, Ill., April 25.—Men of the "old 8th," crack colored regiment which won for Illinois and Chicago so much honor on the field of battle, will not be "homeless," Lieut.-Col. Otis B. Duncan, highest ranking colored officer in Illinois, arrived in Chicago today to supervise plans for reorganizing the regiment as a unit of the national guard. Later he will visit the other cities in the state, which had companies before the federalization of the troops, including Danville, Bloomington and Quincy.

TO MR. EMMET SCOTT.

The May CRISIS says in an open letter to Mr. Emmet Scott: The world and you will bear us witness that THE CRISIS and its Editor has given you loyal and unselfish co-operation, even at the cost of suspicion and criticism. We have done this, FIRST, because the war demanded, and had a right to demand, unswerving loyalty and unity on the part of the Nation and its constituent groups; and, SECONDLY, because we believed that you were doing all that was possible under very difficult circumstances. A visit to Europe has, however, revealed to the Editor a state of affairs in regard to colored troops which is simply astounding! Some of these facts we are publishing this month and others we shall reveal later. Meantime, we are withholding judgment in your case and simply asking you to answer the questions: 1. Did you know the treatment which black troops were receiving in France? 2. If you did NOT know, why did you not find out? 3. If you DID know, what did you do about it?

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"HUMAN NATURE'S FOULEST BLOT." My ear is pained My soul is sick with every day's report Of wrong and outrage, with which earth is filled. There is no flesh in man's obdurate heart. It does not feel for man: the natural bond Of brotherhood is severed as the flax That falls asunder at the touch of fire. He finds his fellow guilty of a skin Not colored like his own: and having power To enforce the wrong, for such a worthy cause Dooms and devotes him as his lawful prey. * * * * * Thus man devotes his brother, and destroys: 'Tis human nature's broadest foulest blot. —Cowper.

ADDRESS TO THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COLORED CONGRESS FOR WORLD DEMOCRACY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE AT WASHINGTON, D. C. DEC. 18, 1918.

Colored America, through delegates assembled from 37 of the United States of America, sore and bleeding with persecution because of race and color, hails with hope peace with victory, for the motto on the banners of the armies of the victors was "Away with tyranny and its injustice everywhere." Speaking for 12,000,000 Colored Americans, the National Colored Representative Assembly for World Democracy under the auspices of the National Equal Rights League congratulate their fellow Countrymen and their government on being the instrument by which the God of righteousness turned the tide of battle for the forces of liberty.

Wrongs To Individual On World Basis For Redress.

Two hemispheres and the islands of two oceans furnished without regard to race or color the armies of this bloody and terrible war. Shameful it would be if its close did not mark a new humane era. To the President of our Republic, Commander-in-Chief of our army and navy it was given to name the principles on which the winners fought this war, and its purpose. By his declaration, accepted by France, Britain and the rest openly before the human race, the principles and the aim of this war were put upon a world basis. Secondly these principles and aims were for the wiping out of autocracy, inhumanity, injustice, and for the establishment of world justice, world humanity and world democracy.

Utterly Undemocratic Treatment Of Colored People Of U. S. A.

Citizens by law of the United States of America, the famous Republic of the West, we first appeal to the civilized world for the discontinuance of all race or class discrimination in the world peace settlement. At this supreme moment in the cause of universal humanity, when wrongs to man should be banished, we must call world attention to the utterly undemocratic conditions under which every person of color is forced to live in this country. Because of race autocracy, our color in the Nation's Capital deprives us of every civil right except in public carriers and subjects us to rejection or to the restriction of the Ghetto as employees of the federal government. Otherwise our color in many parts of the country deprives us of every civil, political, social and judicial right; subjects us to obloquy, imposition, deprivations, injustices, cruelties, atrocities, worse in degree than exist anywhere else in Christendom. Segregation in public carriers, disfranchisement, lynching are essentially violations of that world democracy for which the war was fought.

Self-determination For Darker Nations.

That the tremendous material and appalling human losses of this world war may not be without result for good, we appeal to the peace convener to grant self-determination and rights without discrimination to all of the darker nations.

The Appeal Sent By Race Petitioners For Universal Abolition Of Color Prescription.

On our part we shall send race petitioners to the assembly of the representatives of the civilized world meeting to make good the promises of the victors in the world war, to petition for the abolition of autocracy of race against Colored persons everywhere, and to appeal to this world Court for the discontinuance of color proscription and all distinctions based on color. PEACE AGREEMENT IN EVERY NATION AS AN ARTICLE OF THE LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH, and of the enjoyment by every human being of world democracy.

Else There is No "New Day."

For without this there will not be the dawning of a new day of democracy, nor of a new era of permanent peace, after the most terrible and gigantic war ever known embracing two hemispheres in a death grapple between the forces of autocracy and of democracy.

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William Monroe Trotter Reconciles Himself. with the thought, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

(From the Boston Guardian.) Porto Rico Will Demand Statehood or Freedom.

We consecrate all of the powers we have to fight for the immediate reign of justice and law in the treatment of 12,000,000 of our own colored fellow citizens, not on the banks of the Rhine, but on the banks of the Mississippi; not in Africa, but in Georgia. We should lose heart if we relied on man or men to win in this fight, but we know as Charles Sumner once said: "Justice reigns aloft on the throne of God and not below with the multitude." We turn from faint-hearted leaders and cheer ourselves

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 5.—After a debate of more than two days in both houses of the insular legislature, the Unionists and Republicans today agreed to join forces in insisting that the American congress make known what the future of Porto Rico is to be. It was agreed that if there can be no assurance that statehood is possible, the parties should work for independence. The people of Porto Rico are not satisfied with color line which has been forced upon them.

BRUCE GRIT FILES STRONG DEMURRER AGAINST MOTON'S METHODS

AN ABSOLUTE MONARCHY? No, An Absolute Democracy! But Wilson Reigns!

(From the Cincinnati Union.) There are more ways of kinging a dog than hanging him! Our Democratic administration, so anxious to make the world safe for democracy, has shown a sublime disregard for the rights and safety of colored American citizens at home. It now seems to feel that, by refusing passports to representatives of those who complain of intolerable conditions here, that Europe will not know of the foul canker that gnaws the very vitals of our government! "This another case of the ostrich sticking its head in the sand and feeling that its body is hid."

Europe knows that there is a skeleton in America's closet and that that skeleton is the black citizen of the U. S., occupant of the front-line trenches during times of war; occupant of the "Jim Crow" coaches during times of peace.

The pity of the whole despicable business is that our country is not great enough to live up to its own constitution, not noble enough to follow the precepts of its own Christianity! It basely bows to the caprice of prejudice and condemns its own citizens to scorn, contempt and humiliation. The burden of this petty passport problem need not be placed on the shoulders of France, for that glorious country has ever been great enough to honor and protect its citizens, regardless of race, regardless of color. The tint of the skin, the curl of the hair, has never been the badge of humiliation in La Belle France; and so in her time of need, gloriously did her sable sons rally to her support. The day will come when America on bended knee will cry for help. Will there still remain forgiving black sons to come to her aid, or will they all have been brutally done to death by the mob, the torch?

THE SIN OF SILENCE

To sin by silence when we should protest makes cowards out of men. The human race has climbed on protest. Had no voice been raised against injustice, ignorance and lust, the inquisition yet would serve the law, and guillotines decide our least disputes. The few who dare must speak and speak again to right the wrongs of many.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE MAN WHO DARES

I honor the man who in the conscientious discharge of his duty dares to stand alone; the world, with ignorant, intolerant judgment, may condemn, the countenances of relatives may be averted, and the hearts of friends grow cold, but the sense of duty done shall be sweeter than the applause of the world, the countenances of relatives or the hearts of friends.—Charles Sumner.