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"SMOKING US OUT."

The Baltimore, Md., Afro-American, under the caption of "Where are you, John?" says:

It has been heralded around the country that John Mitchell, Jr., did not attend the recent session of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias at St. Louis.

The fighting editor of the Richmond Planet and bank president, who is also grand chancellor for Virginia, has been at odds with the Supreme Lodge since before its session at Baltimore four years ago.

That it may, the rumor comes to town that the smaller wing of the Knights of Pythias, which met in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., last week, may meet "somewhere in Virginia" two years hence.

Now that is John's ballwick. We wonder will the meeting be held there with John treating the strangers within his gates in a friendly but distant way or will it be that the militant editor and lodgeman is tired of the strenuousness of the age and is willing to lead his cohorts into those of the ap-aces of peace and good will where ramparts are said to reach all over the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

We want to know is the slogan, "Let us have peace" or "Fight to the death."

If we were to reply frankly to the questions propounded we would answer that we are not tired of fighting for great principles as we understand them and yet we are in favor of that peace as enunciated by the great statesmen who have gone on before. As to the question, "Where are you, John?" in the Knights of Pythias affair, we are where the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by restraining order and decree left us. It reads:

1. That the defendant (Supreme Lodge) the Knights of Pythias of N. America, S. America, Europe, Asia, and Africa, its officers, agents, attorneys and all others on its behalf, be, and they are hereby, restrained and permanently enjoined from attempting to enforce the decree or enactment of the Supreme Lodge of the said defendant Order of the Knights of Pythias, adopted at its Biennial Session held at Baltimore City, Maryland, in the year 1913, purporting to revoke the charter of the plaintiff and to dissolve the said plaintiff Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of Virginia, and, further, from doing any other act or thing on the assumption that the said plaintiff Grand Lodge has been dissolved, or that its fraternal charter has been revoked, or that the said plaintiff Grand Lodge is liable to be dissolved, or that its charter is revocable, or liable to be revoked, by reason of any cause or matter existing or claimed to exist, or arising or occurring, prior to the date hereof.

2. And it is further Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed That the defendants (Supreme Lodge), the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, its officers, agents, attorneys and all others on its behalf, be, and they are hereby, restrained and permanently enjoined from enforcing or attempting to enforce the proclamation of suspension issued at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the 20th day of July, 1912, and from revoking or attempting to revoke the charter of the plaintiff for any of the causes mentioned in such proclamation of suspension.

3. And it is further Ordered Adjudged and Decreed That the defendants (Supreme Lodge) the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, its officers, agents, attorneys and all others on its behalf, be, and they are hereby, restrained and permanently enjoined from collecting or undertaking so to do, any unpaid portion of the certain tax claimed and assumed to have been levied upon and against the plaintiff, or its members, by the said defendant Order of the Knights of Pythias at its Biennial Session held at Kansas City, Missouri, in the year 1909, and in the pleadings evidence and proceedings here in set forth and described.

This means that we are reinstated by order of court to all our rights and privileges in the Supreme Lodge. It means too that John Mitchell, Jr., is reinstated to all of his rights and privileges in the Supreme Lodge. He is Supreme Representative from Virginia and also a member of that body by virtue of his being a Past Grand Chancellor.

Thomas M. Crump, E. R. Jefferson and William M. Reid are similarly situated. Whether or not anyone or all of us will ever exercise those rights,

which have been established will rest with ourselves and the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Virginia when it convenes next year in Danville, Va. We must admit we have been forced to the conclusion that some of the leaders in the present national organization are not of a kind and character to entitle them to either the support or the respect of honorable citizens. Just to what extent the representatives from Virginia and their constituents will tolerate this condition of affairs, deponent saith not.

As to the prospective meeting of the Supreme Lodge of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere which is rumored will meet in this state, we have not been advised. Attorney W. Ashbie Hawkins ranks high among the leaders of the colored people of this country. Should he and his associates come amongst us he can rest assured that the hospitality for which Virginia is noted will not be waived in their cases. We repeat that we are where the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia left us,—on the inside of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A. A. & A. In fact, Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green and Supreme Attorney S. A. T. Watkins, to the contrary not withstanding, we have never been legally on the outside. Selah.

MR. HUGHES' ADDRESS.

It must be evident to any one of ordinary intelligence that Hon. Charles Evans Hughes of New York ranks with the foremost statesmen this or any other country has produced. His language is of the highest order and his declaration of great principles and sound logic must necessarily attract the attention and win the admiration of the thoughtful. He delivered an address before the American Bar Association at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., last week and is quoted as follows:

Mr. Hughes gave a clear and concise exposition of constitutional government in war. He explained that the war powers under the Constitution are carefully distributed. To Congress is given the power "to declare war," he said, while the proposal to and "to make peace" found no favor, as this was deemed to belong to the treaty making power vested in the President and the Senate. To the President he added, was given the direction of war as the commander in chief of the army and navy.

"This exclusive power to command the army and navy and thus direct and control campaigns," Mr. Hughes said, "exhibits not autocracy, but democracy fighting effectively through its chosen instruments and in accordance with the established organic law."

Concerning the power of Congress to pass conscription laws Mr. Hughes said: "Upon every citizen lies the duty of aiding in the common defense. In exercising its constitutional power to raise armies, the Congress may enforce this duty. The Congress may call any one to service who is able to serve. The question who may be called, or in what order, or assigning one for the judgment of the national legislature. The power vested in Congress is not to raise armies simply by calling for volunteers, but to raise armies by whatever method Congress deems best, and hence must be deemed to embrace conscription."

Mr. Hughes said that the constitutional authority vested in Congress is not limited by any qualifications arising from religious beliefs or conscientious objections. "It is, however, in my judgment," he continued, "a sound policy on the part of Congress to provide for the discharge from the draft of conscientious objectors. Nothing, I believe, is gained for the country by denying the claims of conscience in such cases; but it is obviously necessary that there should be such definitions and restrictions as they have stomach for war."

Dealing with the subject of reasonable regulations to insure success in war Mr. Hughes said: "The extraordinary circumstances of war may bring particular business and enterprises clearly into the category of those which are affected with a public interest and which demand immediate and thoroughgoing public regulation. The production and distribution of foodstuffs, articles of prime necessity, those which have direct relation to military efficiency, those who are absolutely required for the support of the people during the stress of conflict, are plainly of this sort. Reasonable regulations to safeguard the resources upon which we depend for military success must be regarded as being within the powers confided to Congress to enable it to prosecute a successful war."

There is no maudlin sentiment, no appeal to national prejudices, no seeking of enthusiastic applause from the extremists in this country. It was a plain, judicial interpretation of constitutional law and his lucid explanation of the powers of the executive and legislative branches of the government will rank among the great discourses of the century. This plain, unassuming man possesses rare characteristics and great reasoning powers. Men of his type and calibre are not now recognized by the masses of the electorate at their true worth. Certain it is, he stands head and shoulders above many of his fellows.

HARRY S. CUMMINGS

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about persons present. Various lodges and organizations were also well represented.

TOUCHING TRIBUTES PAID

Rev. Leonard Z. Johnson, pastor of Madison street Presbyterian Church, of which congregation the deceased was a member, conducted brief services at the Cummings' home, 1318 Druid Hill ave. Rev. I. W. S. Thomas officiated.

The services at the church included the reading of the opening hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," Rev. J. T. Colbert; opening prayer, Rev. D. G. Hill, a classmate of the dead politician at Lincoln University; the reading of the first scripture lesson by Rev. A. L. Gaines; the scripture lesson, Rev. Hodges; reading of Neener, My God To Thee by Rev. A. J. Mitchell; the reading of resolutions from the Colored Bar Association, 17th Ward Republican Organization, and other organizations, and a sketch of Mr. Cummings' life, by Rev. Naylor. The principal eulogy was delivered by Dr. Leonard Z. Johnson. Brief and eloquent tributes were paid by Rev. Drs. R. W. S. Thomas, and others.

DR. JOHNSON'S ESTIMATE.

Dr. Johnson in paying his tribute to Mr. Cummings said: "It was his distinction preeminent to be prominent in the public eye and speech of the community, city and state in which he lived. He was a Negro, born with the handicap of his race life, yet out of Negro heredity of descent and Negro conditions of family and social life and out of Negro economic and civil and political opportunities, he so made himself and so achieved by what he made himself to be that he lifted himself to the wide and conspicuous prominence he attained."

After paying a compliment to his achievements in college and declaring that the achievements made by the dead politician indicated the probability of further successes on his part "had all things of life rightly shaped themselves to their full play in strength and use of all his powers," the speaker continued: "This life is a token and a proof of Negro possibility in the sphere of life achievement, if given its chance to fulfill itself, and while such Negro possibility shows there shall none of fight reason, deny the Negro people and refuse right and a place of common human respect and equal opportunity of strong life in the citizen life of the nation."

MESSAGE OF HIS LIFE.

"He stands revealing type of what the race can do as a citizen element of intelligence and force in the nation's life. The race can take its place and fulfill its part side by side with all elements with such efficiency and successful effect as to make indubitably manifest its right and fitness to be there, winning the respect and inducing the fellowing of all, as man to man, citizen to citizen. This is the meaning and message of his life to which we point and emphasize. And it is the meaning and message of every enlightened and achieving Negro life in the life of the nation."

Monumental Lodge of Elks held their last services, and Mr. Samuel T. Hemeny sang a solo. Mr. H. Cummings died on Friday last week, following a long illness. He was born in Baltimore, May 19, 1856. He was educated at Lincoln University and the law school of the University of Maryland. As the City Council fills all vacancies Democrat will succeed him.

The floral numbers, the majority of which were made by George H. Siddons, were numerous and handsome four carriages being necessary to take them to Mt. Auburn Cemetery, where interment took place.

HANDSOME FLORAL TRIBUTES.

The honorary pallbearers, were: former Governor P. B. S. Pinchback, Judge Robert H. Terrell, of Washington; John C. Dancy, financial secretary of the A. M. E. Zion Church; Wallace L. Smith, Dr. C. D. Jones; James Hughes, John P. Forrester and Chris J. Perry. The active pallbearers were: William L. Houston, Dr. Washington; James N. Young, Dr. William T. Carr, Harry T. Pratt, H. Grafton Browne, George H. Siddons, George W. F. McTechee and Robert Turner.

Among the people from out-of-town who attended the funeral were: Amos W. Scott, "Al" Jones, M. Fisher Groves, Sr., all of Philadelphia; Henry I. N. Nutter, William Ginn, Wesley Ginn, all of Atlantic City; James W. Gray, Dr. A. M. Curtis, Daniel Murray, William Painter, and J. Snow-Konkin, all of Washington and T. M. Conklin, of Jersey City, a brother-in-law of the deceased.

COUNCIL PAYS HOMAGE.

The City Council held its first meeting Monday afternoon, following the summer recess. Following the adoption of a motion offered by Councilman Daniel C. Joseph to have the seal and desk of Mr. Cummings draped for the next fifteen days, the City Council adjourned until next Tuesday out of respect to the man who laid the record among its members for length of service.

Both the Criminal and Orphans Courts adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Cummings, Monday. State's Attorney William F. Roysing offered the motion in Criminal Court. W. Ashbie Hawkins made the motion in the Orphans Court, Henry J. Broening seconding.

The flag at the City Hall hung half mast Monday, and Superintendent of Public Buildings, William J. Conner was among those who attended the funeral.

FRANKLIN F. JOHNSON.

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U. S. WARSHIPS SINK U-BOAT

Two Merchant Ships Lost Off Coast of France.

ATTACK MADE ON CONVOY

Secretary Daniels Startles Country by Erroneous Report That Six Submarines Were Sent to Bottom.

A typographical error in a cablegram reporting a submarine attack on a convoy of merchant ships off the coast of France, on September 5, led Secretary of the Navy Daniels to announce that six submarines probably had been sunk in the battle.

In reality, the probabilities are that only one was destroyed. The mistake was not discovered until several hours after the country had been electrified by the report of a wholesale sinking of U-boats. This statement then was issued by Mr. Daniels:

"My attention has just been called to a serious error made in transcribing the report of the attack made on the Westwego and other vessels. I gave the report to the press exactly as it was presented to me, stating that 'two of the steamships attacked were sunk, and probably all of the submarines were lost.'"

The true version, it appears, is that the merchant ships, of which the oil tanker Westwego was one, were attacked by submarines in force off the coast of France, September 5. In the fight two merchant ships were lost and probably one submarine was sunk. The ships were conveyed, presumably by American destroyers or other warships. Some statement probably will be made later to show where the typographical error was made which led the navy department to announce the probable loss of six submarines.

The uncorrected despatch as given out follows:

"The navy department received a report from Paris which states that the steamship Westwego reports on September 8 that while cruising with several other ships she was attacked by a massed force of six submarines off the coast of France, on September 5. The result of this attack was that two of the steamships attacked were sunk and probably all of the submarines were lost."

While this does not actually say American destroyers were conveying the ship, that is believed to be the fact.

It was announced recently that a policy of conveying fleets of merchant ships across the Atlantic had been adopted.

The fleet, of which the Westwego was one, was on the way to Europe from the United States when attacked. No details of the fight were included in the report. The names of the ships sunk were not included in the despatch. It is not even known whether they were American ships. The navy department has called for additional information.

PRISONER KILLS DETECTIVE

Wanted For Murder, Italian Breaks Away and Stabs Captor. Captain Ralph Mullin, of the P. R. R. detective force, was stabbed to death at Philadelphia by a man he had arrested on a charge of murder, said to have been preferred against him in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mullin went to Franklin and Thompson streets, where the man, who said his name is Martino, was employed in a sewer excavation job. Presenting his warrant, Mullin took charge of Martino and started toward the station house with him when the prisoner whipped out a knife and plunged it in the detective's breast.

Police men heard Mullin's cries for help and started in pursuit of Martino who took to his heels. One of the pursuers drew his revolver and fired several bullets after the fleeing man, one striking him in the knee and bringing him to a halt. Both Mullin and Martino were taken immediately to the Children's Homeopathic hospital, where the detective was pronounced dead and the foreigner's wound dressed.

GENERAL MARKETS

PHILADELPHIA.—FLOUR—Firm. Straight, \$10.25@10.50; city mill, \$12.75@13. RYE FLOUR—Quiet; per barrel, \$9.50@10. WHEAT—Nominal. CORN—Firm; No. 2 yellow, \$2.25@2.30. OATS—Strong; No. 2 white, 67½@68c. POULTRY—Live steady; hens, 25@27c; old roosters, 18@19c. Dressed, steady; choice fowls, 29c; old roosters, 28c. BUTTER—Firm; fancy creamery, 46c per lb. EGGS—Firm; selected, 50@51c; nearby, 42c; western, 42c.

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Aviator Falls, May Die.

Loderick R. Kennedy, Minnesota private, Third Aero squad, 200 feet in the aviation course at Still, Okla., and received a check which may prove fatal. He was caught fire and he was killed.

Says Germans May Invade U. S.

"There is danger of a German invasion of the United States," it is said that the American people woke up and got ready to fight. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee, so told the senate.

BIBLES FOR SOLDIERS

Stacks of New Testaments in Khaki. For the Troops.



Photo by Associated Press Association

Bumper Grain Crops.

Forecasts of production of the principal crops, based on conditions existing September 1, were announced by the department of agriculture, as follows: Spring wheat, 250,000,000. All wheat, 668,000,000. Corn, 3,248,000,000. Other crop estimates are: Oats, 1,533,000,000. Barley, 204,000,000. Buckwheat, 20,200,000. White potatoes, 462,000,000. Sweet potatoes, 88,200,000. Tobacco (pounds) 1,221,000,000. Flax, 11,000,000. Rice, 32,200,000. Hay (tons) 91,700,000. Sugar beets (tons), 7,940,000. Apples, 177,000,000. Peaches, 42,500,000. Kaffirs, 10,000,000.

Senate Adopts War Tax Bill.

The senate's bitter fight over the war profits taxation virtually has come to an end with adoption of the finance committee's compromise provisions for a total levy of \$1,286,000,000, or about one-third of this year's war and normal excess profits. This is an increase of \$1,060,000,000 over present taxes. The high tax advocates failed to secure adoption of a single amendment. The vote on adoption of the finance committee's draft was 72 to 7. The seven were Bankhead, Borah, Gronna, Johnson (California), La Follette, Underwood and Vardaman.

Hid Wound That Killed.

Fearful that he might be punished, Clarence B. Dincolo, five years old, son of Martin Dincolo, of Elizabeth town, near Lancaster, Pa., did not tell his parents he was suffering from a bullet wound inflicted with his father's revolver with which he was playing. The boy's sister witnessed the accident. Both decided not to tell their parents. The boy gradually grew worse and died. The undertaker in preparing the body for burial discovered the bullet wound, and the sister then told of the shooting.

Warning to Wheat Growers.

A warning to American farmers to beware of abnormally high priced seed wheat has been issued by the department of agriculture. "Various persons," said the statement, "are offering varieties of seed which they describe as far superior to the kinds now being sown. They are usually given catchy names and extravagant claims are made for them."

Record Railroad Earnings.

Preliminary returns for 916 of the 186 large railroads of the country that has been made public by the interstate commerce commission, indicate that the July revenues will exceed those of June, which established a new high record. The 106 roads reported net revenues of \$62,308,195, compared with \$61,290,980 in July, 1916.

To Exile Grand Dukes.

The Petrograd newspapers report that the government has decided to release and exile abroad, as a result of the recent exposure of a counter-revolutionary plot, Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, and Grand Duke Paul.

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ATTORNEY B. W. J. CARO PLANET, Richmond, Va

WANTS TO FIND HIM.

I am very anxious to find the whereabouts, if he is still alive, or to find the address of his relatives, if he is dead, of William Scott, who (ill some time in June of this year lived at 2495 E. 31st St., Cleveland, O., with a Mrs. Fletcher. Sickness caused him to return to his home near Richmond and he has not been heard from since.

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IN VACATION.

CHARLES NELSON, Plaintiff against ANNIE NELSON, Defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain an absolute divorce from the bond of matrimony by the plaintiff from the defendant on the ground of desertion.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Annie Nelson is not a resident of the State of Virginia; it is ordered that she appear here within fifteen days after the due publication of this order and to what may be necessary to protect her interest herein.

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VIRGINIA—In the Clerk's Office of the Law and Equity Court of the City of Richmond, the 5th day of September, 1917.

IN VACATION.

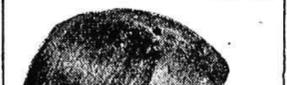
MARYLAND BARBER, Plaintiff against YBELIA BARBER, Defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain an absolute divorce from the bond of matrimony by the plaintiff from the defendant, on the ground of desertion.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Ybelia Barber is not a resident of the State of Virginia; it is ordered that she appear here within fifteen days after the due publication of this order and to what may be necessary to protect her interest herein.

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