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EDITOR GARVEY

(By Dr. W. H. Lowry.)

Mr. Marcus Garvey, president general of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, commander-in-chief of the African Legion, editor-in-chief of the Negro World and "Chief Promulgator of Personal Bank" is nearing his climax in journalism. In a recent publication of the Negro World Mr. Garvey has a cut of himself dressed in a gaudy uniform that would make Jacob change the color scheme of Joseph's coat.

"Vanity of vanities saith the preacher; all is vanity."

Mr. Garvey also published a speech he made in the Baltimore, Md. In publishing this speech Mr. Garvey inserted a combination of forty-one parenthetical applause and laudations. We shall make no comment upon the speech because the most of our time was taken up applauding the applauses and laughing the laughers.

We have been neutral on the so-called "Garvey movement." We realize that it is a gigantic undertaking, and since its success or failure is yet to be determined we can only wish it success. However, we feel safe in saying that Mr. Garvey's recent effort in journalism is rustic, crude and wholly unethical.

We would advise that the editor-in-chief of the Negro World and his staff pay a short visit to a board of commissioners of insanity composed of expert phrenologists.

Almighty God, how long must the Negro press be burdened with this egotist?

Mr. Chas. M. Shedd, The Bystander, Des Moines, Iowa.

My Dear Mr. Shedd—

A sense of duty to the race as well as personal pleasure prompts me to give expression to the profound joy and satisfaction that the Christmas number of the Bystander gives me. Bristling with news from far and near; aglow with Christmas cheer and innumerable yuletide greetings it has warmed our GREAT RACE HEART and brought about a feeling of fellowship that means much and will make greatly toward race solidarity.

Our race population in Iowa is comparatively small, hence the greater necessity for unity and co-operation. I know of no instrument that may be more effectively used to this glorious end than the Bystander.

Your policy of "a paper open to all for the promotion of all things racial" is to be highly commended and should be encouraged by every member of the race in a tangible and substantial manner. The Bystander should be a regular visitor in the home of every Negro in the state and I pledge to assist in bringing this about.

In grateful appreciation for the service you are rendering the race, I am sincerely,

WILLIAM H. GRIFFIN, Pastor St. Paul. A. M. E. Church.

WHITE GIFTS FOR THE KING.

This most vivid and realistic production was rendered in the church Christmas Sunday by the A. C. E. league at their service hour.

Never was the story of the Lord's birth more effectively told than there. The characters appropriately costumed played well their parts without halting or prompting. Every minutes of time was full of interest and the play seemed too short.

The play was well staged; the settings impressive; the songs well selected and inspiring. Mrs. Morris deserves great praise for the successful management of this affair which goes to prove that she is capable of doing things of a larger scale. That great care as to fitness was exercised is evident in the characters selected.

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BORAH FLAYS TREATY

Four-Power Pact Fought by the Idaho Senator.

Says It Kills Monroe Doctrine and Destroys Defensive Power of the U. S.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The four-power treaty for settlement of Pacific questions will destroy the Monroe doctrine, Senator Borah said, in discussing the agreement which proposes to make the United States an ally of Japan, Great Britain and France.

"It will also destroy the power of the United States," he declared, "to protect the West coast of Mexico and South America against Japanese colonization such as was attempted a few years ago at Magdalena Bay. If Japan undertook to repeat her plans for colonizing Magdalena where the United States harbors her fleet, it would be extremely embarrassing for the United States to object if we are in this treaty."

"If we enter into a treaty which makes Japan our ally, how are we going to be in a position to stop her if she tries to repeat the performance of a short time ago? The only way we could stop her would be by the use of force and under the treaty we would be prevented from using force, all we could do would be to sit down with Japan, France and England and talk about it. The moment we decided to use force to stop these plans from being carried into execution, Japan ceases to be our ally, although she still would have the help of France and England, who would be bound by this treaty to be against us."

Discussing the danger to the Monroe doctrine which would be brought about by inclusion of the United States in the four-power alliance, Senator Borah said:

"The Monroe doctrine is nothing but the doctrine of self-defense. But the moment the United States is compelled to submit to the alliance questions which heretofore have been settled by the United States alone under the Monroe doctrine, that moment the doctrine itself is destroyed and becomes nothing."

MANY HOMELESS IN FLOOD

Ohio River Expected to Reach Crest Soon—Towns Without Food.

Louisville, Dec. 29.—The Ohio river, after having reached the highest stage recorded here in almost a decade, today will reach the crest and will be stationary for several days, according to the official forecast of the weather bureau.

When the muddy waters begin to recede, a number of families that were driven from their homes in the low-lying sections of the city will reclaim their own, but not until after the city health department has mopped up a bit, according to announcements.

Although the river above the falls reached a stage five feet above the flood line, comparatively little damage has been reported.

Practically all river traffic is suspended because the steamers cannot go under bridges, and small towns along the river that are without railway facilities are reported running short of food.

One fatality has been reported, a girl being drowned Sunday night when an automobile in which she was riding, backed into a ditch filled with water twenty-five feet deep.

EX-GOV. BICKETT IS DEAD

Former Executive of North Carolina Succumbs Following Stroke of Paralysis.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Former Governor Thomas Walter Bickett, who suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home here, died without having regained consciousness.

FRANCE'S LAST WORD ON SUBS

Will Refuse to Modify Demands on the Limitation of Submarines.

PERILS HUGHES' NAVAL PLAN

Proposal for Future Conference May Be Laid Before the Delegates at Washington Within the Next Few Days.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Hope for an agreement to limit submarine tonnage was declared to have been abandoned at the meeting of the arms conference naval committee.

Washington, Dec. 29.—France's last word on the question of limitation of submarines, a reiteration of her stand of last week as announced by her naval experts, was delivered to the conference naval committee. The report that there might be further discussion with a view to modifying France's demands was characterized by the French as a joke.

France Blocks U. S. "Sub" Plan.

The American compromise proposal for settlement of the question of submarine tonnage on a basis of status quo for France, Italy and Japan and a reduction of 60,000 tons each for the United States and Great Britain appeared to have been blocked through objections by France and Japan when the full naval committee of the conference on limitation of armament resumed sessions for the first time since Saturday.

After 90,000 Tons.

While the nature of the instructions from the French government on the submarine question, received by the French delegation have not been revealed, it was said in responsible circles that France would formally disagree to the American proposal, under which she would be allotted about 31,500 tons in submarines against the 90,000 tons figure suggested by French naval experts as her minimum requirement.

The Japanese delegates already have flatly rejected the American proposal, which would reduce their submarine allotment from 54,000 tons under the original limitation plan to 31,000 tons, and although they are communicating with Tokyo on the situation, there was no indication of any intention to recede from their stand for the higher figure.

May Pass Question Along.

Should the American plan be finally rejected, what the next step might be in an effort to solve the submarine problem, upon which apparently hinges the entire question of limitation of auxiliary warship tonnage, has not been indicated.

With so wide a difference of opinion revealed in the submarine controversy, however, there appeared to be an increasing disposition among the delegates to consider a plan for leaving the whole question of auxiliary tonnage to a later international conference.

In highest American official circles it was said that a concrete proposal for a future conference might be laid before the delegates within a few days.

NEW TAX FORMS DELAY DATE

Time for Filing Income Tax Schedules Postponed Until January 20.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Just as the tired business man was getting so that he could wade through the ramifications of Uncle Samuel's income tax schedules, G. W. Arnd, head of the local federal income tax division, announced that a new set of forms is in preparation, postponing the opening date for the filing of schedules, which heretofore has been January 1. "Because of recent income tax law changes," he said, "it has become necessary to provide new forms. They probably will not be ready until January 20. We have no advices as to whether the final date, March 15, for filing returns, also will be set forward."

EX-G. A. R. COMMANDER DIES

William A. Ketcham Passes Away at His Indiana Home, at Age of Seventy-Five Years.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—William A. Ketcham, former commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home here. He was seventy-five years old. Death was caused by acute indigestion. Mr. Ketcham was elected commander in chief September 24, 1920. He was succeeded by Lewis Pilcher of New York, who was elected at the encampment here last September.

Shoots Self to Balk Poss.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Jake Windell wanted in Los Angeles to answer charges of having murdered two policemen, died in a Kingman (Ariz.) hospital from four wounds he inflicted

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