

HERE AND THERE

The Knights of Pythia has been in session in St. Louis for the past week and it is reported the largest delegation of members of the order that have ever before assembled were on hand.

The Twenty-fourth Infantry is now at Camp Logan near Houston, Texas, and the company is reported to be in the pink of condition. It recently had a row with the whites of Texas and as a result some unpleasantness was created.

Many attempts have been made to burn the homes of colored folks in East St. Louis, who left them at the time of the riots and as yet have not returned. This is evidently being done with the view of intimidating them into not returning.

Political jealousy of the spirit of, "If I can't, you shant," is responsible for the retirement of the Ohio Colored Company, at which Col. Young was as the head. The row raged so raw and strong that the governor tired of it all and ordered the company disbanded, which means the permanent retirement of Col. Young. This is the oft told tale among the colored citizens of the United States.

Rev. Hollis Burke Frissell, principal of Hampton Institute, one of the foremost institutions of the South for the education of colored youths, suddenly died at the institution. Dr. Frissell was the successor of Col. Armstrong, the founder of the school, and was almost as much instrumental in its success as was Col. Armstrong himself.

A committee of colored men called at the White House recently to protest to the president against the growing outrages perpetrated upon colored citizens in various parts of the country. The spokesman of the committee was James W. Johnson, contributing editor to the Age of New York and secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The president refused to see the committee.

The Eighth Regiment, Illinois Infantry, will not go South to train, according to an order recently issued by the war department, but will find training grounds in the North. It's soothing to know that those black men will not have to train among those white heathens, but it does seem that Uncle Sam would be able to send his soldiers wherever he desires at least in his own country, but the White House, being under the influence of the South, will doubtless continue to do as the southerners want it to do.

A copy of the compiled reports of the seventeenth annual session of the National Negro Business Men's League, which was held in Kansas City last August, has just reached this office and it is chuck full of good things. The chief organizer of this league was the late Dr. Booker T. Washington and that was the first meeting held after his death, and the memorial addresses showed in what high esteem he was held, not only by the members of the league, but by the citizens of this country by and large. The annual session this year will be held in Chatanooga, Tenn.

Among the prominent Pythians present were Rev. James Jones, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Dr. C. M. Wade, Hot Springs, Ark.; W. R. Springer, Marianna; Dr. Jos. A. Booker, Little Rock; E. O. Trent, Ft. Smith; Dr. E. C. Morris, Helena, Ark.; Prof. H. C. Yeager, Hope; Dr. N. R. Parker, Dermott. The following officers were elected: Henry Avant, Helena, grand chancellor; J. H. Culler, Forrest City, vice G. C.; W. H. Allen, Monticelle, grand prelate; Fred D. Morris, Little Rock, G. of R. & S.; Theo Bond, Madison, G. M. of E.; E. J. Lunon, Marianna, G. L.; J. S. Davis, Little Rock, G. M. at A.; Matt Gilliam, Hot Springs, G. M.; Dr. Z. M. Mazique, Wabbaseka, G. M. E.;

Wm. Meacham, Camden, G. I. G.; J. B. McGowan, Tillar; G. O. G.; Frank A. Young, Little Rock, grand trustee; supreme representatives, Rev. James Jones, Pine Bluff; Ed. Pembroke, Gaines Landing. The grand lodge will meet next year in Fort Smith.

The Eighth Illinois Regiment having been mustered in the government service the leading colored citizens of Chicago have begun the organizing of a home guard, the services of which will be tendered to the governor of the state. There was a move looking toward the organizing of a similar body in Seattle, but it seems to have died a bornin. Let's hope the Business Men's League of Seattle will revive the effort and absolutely put in into effect, providing the governor will accept the company, and even if he does not, it would not be a bad idea to organize it just the same for it might come in handy when you least expect it.

At a convention of charity workers held in Hampton, Virginia, twenty white southerners met a like number of black southerners and discussed without reserve the social relations between the whites and the blacks, how the one could learn of the other and, how can we better attain racial co-operation. The mooted question has been, how to most effectively reach the colored needy by the whites. In some of the cities in the South no distinction is made and a black person gets the same consideration as a white person, but this is the exception and by no means the rule. The good that may be done for the needy colored is lost sight of by the whites lest in doing so the black folks will get the idea that they, the whites, are extending to them social equality. As in charity work so in religious work, a majority of the whites worshipping at the shrine of race prejudice instead of at the shrine of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Prof. Kelley Miller was one of the principal speakers, he representing Washington City, and his talk was along broad and liberal lines. He advocated the dropping of all colors and conditions, when doing charity and religious work. In those cities that have joint boards of white and colored members far better results are achieved by the charity workers.

TOPICS IN BRIEF

Evidently the Prussian diet is pie for the junkers.—Chicago Daily News.

The real peacemakers today are at the front.—Wall Street Journal.

Germany can lick any army that stops to talk socialism.—Wall Street Journal.

The army having been drawn, the next thing will be to quarter it.—Chicago Tribune.

The French-Canadians appear to be neither French nor Canadians.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

That Russian "drive" always seems to be pulled off on a circular track.—New York Morning Telegraph.

The crown prince seems to know all the impregnable points of the French line.—Wall Street Journal.

Norwegian Mission will do plenty of explaining, but our Allies need the food.—Wall Street Journal.

Low birth-rate scares Germany, for she can not afford a failure in the crop of future taxpayers.—Wall Street Journal.

Michaelis sees the Teutons victorious. For a man of sixty, Mike has remarkable eyesight.—Wall Street Journal.

The Russian army appears to have adopted the recall as a fundamental article of its military discipline.—New York Sun.

Rather more than nine persons out of ten guess wrong about the subject-matter of Mary Austin's new novel, "The Ford."—Boston Herald.

Senator La Follette may have a dark deep plan to make Senatorial courtesy so odious that it will be abolished.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The soldiers fighting on the Euphrates have come to the conclusion that that story about the Garden of Eden was a myth.—Boston Transcript.

The Kaiser imagines that changing the needle changes the tune, but it will be the same old record on the same old machine.—Wall Street Journal.

That North Dakota cartoonist elected to Congress can earn his stipend if he does no more than to enliven The Record.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The secret of the sedition of the Mayor of Chicago has been shrewdly guessed. He will be a candidate for the United States Senate.—Springfield Republican.

Senator Lewis, of Illinois, fancies the German Chancellor made a "direct bid" for peace. It was not loud enough to be caught by the auctioneer.—New York World.

If the tons upon tons of iron crosses awarded in Germany had only been dropt from airplanes, the destruction of London might have been completed.—New York Evening Sun.

The active participation of the Crown Prince in the present crisis suggests the belief that the Kaiser is thinking less of a place in the sun than of a place for the son.—Pittsburg Post.

Any one who supposes German military authorities would keep silence about it if they really had Kitchner as a prisoner gives them undue credit for reticence and modesty.—New York World.

It is comprehensible why the Teuton advance in Galicia should slacken as it approaches the line of Okrimovice, Romanouka, Jerebki, Colodievka, Polnankaletmanska, Eleonorouvka, and Sorokikrogouletz.—New York Evening Post.

Bad as it is, the Russian situation may be less dangerous, with the Germans striking at the heart of the country, than it was in the anxious weeks of truce on the front while German agents sought to effect a separate peace.—New York World.

Great Britain's best reprisal for airplane-raids upon defenseless cities would be the same kind of raids upon the bases from which the German aerial squadrons operate. Either way the distance is the same, and it is no more difficult for London to bomb Zeebrugge than for Zeebrugge to bomb London.—New York World.

About the only argument in favor of autocracy that appeals to Americans is found in the fact that under an autocracy the so-called German-American press would not be permitted to misrepresent the American Government, malign the nation's allies, and encourage the nation's enemies.—Chicago Daily News.

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