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## DROP THE HYPHEN

Since Uncle Sam's entre into the European war the Europeans and their descendants in the United States have dropped their hyphenated suffixes and instead of Irish-Americans and the like all of them have voted that in the future to be just plain Americans, but the black man and his descendants still insist on holding on to the hyphenated suffix and label themselves Afro-Americans or Negroes, thus making them the only foreigners now fighting for the flag "over there." I want to see the black Americans, like the Europeans, become plain Americans and if there be any disposition on the part of the white Americans to deny them that right then fight for their rights. The black men of this country are as loyal and patriotic as are the white men and are giving as good account of themselves over there as the white men despite the fact they know that their brothers and sisters at home are being as shamefully mistreated by the Huns of the South as are the Belgians by the Huns of Germany. Think about a colored American soldier striking terror into the hearts of those Germans in battle and yet knowing of his mother being stripped before thousands of Mississippi roughnecks, tarred, feathered and then driven out of town, and that soldier yielding his last drop of blood to protect the flag, and you have some slight idea of what it costs a black man to be patriotic. What man has more right to be a full-fledged American than such a black man. The above is not an exact quotation of Mrs. Nettie J. Asberry of Tacoma, but is in substance, and to us it seems to hit the nail squarely on the head.

## NOT A VIGILANT COMMITTEE

The vigilance of the members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in protecting the rights of the colored Americans is so commendable that they should go to the head for par excellent work, but to my mind there is more to do than to walk around with a chip on your shoulder looking for trouble to serve the colored man best. If the black man is advanced in the good things in life there will not be so much call for fighting for his social and political rights. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of colored families have recently come to Seattle as to most every other city of any size in the North, East and West, and if the Association would do its whole duty it would use its influence with these people to get homes, go into business and seek gainful occupations and thus become good citizens in name and nature. Its not nearly so hard for a good

citizen to get his rights here or anywhere else as it is for an undesirable citizen. The advancement of the colored citizens to my mind has for its object their advancement mentally and morally and only in the manly art when it is absolutely necessary," briefly remarks the Rev. Barber, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church of this city, to which we say amen. During the life of Cayton's Weekly it has hammered away on this idea and it welcomes so able a convert to the cause. Ninety per cent of the colored families are able to own a home and if they do not its due to slothfulness and its the unqualified duty of the Seattle branch of the National Association to make some effort to quicken their interest in getting a home while getting is good.

## SOME SICKLY SENTIMENT

Whoever was responsible for the fight, which the daily press made for the nomination of Mrs. Beals for justice of the peace of Seattle, ought to seek employment with Barnum's aggregation as being a past master at humbugging the public. One Cynthia Gray in the Star claimed that Mrs. Beals was supporting the families of her husband and two brothers who are over there, when in fact there was not a word of truth in the statement. Frank and Johnny Carroll, Mrs. Beals' brothers, are brave boys and all Seattle is proud of them and will do them great honor if they ever return, but they each get upwards of \$300 per month and their wives and children are looked after by our government, and to leave the impression that Mrs. Beals is caring for the three families on \$150 per month is so ridiculous that it is absolutely rotten. Irrespective of who is "over there," one seeking public office should be supported from a meritorious standpoint and not from a deceiving sympathetic standpoint. If one does not merit a thing then he or she should not get it.

## WANT TO BE CITIZENS

Thousands of war workers from China and Japan are being employed in France under contract "for the war," but there is another clause in that contract which says, "be it understood that if these war workers desire to remain in France after the war they are not to be molested. In other words the Orientals are making it possible to remain in Europe after the cruel war is all over and perhaps sooner or later assimilate with the natives in whatever European country they find themselves when peace is declared. We have since the breaking out of the war maintained that the present conflict was the end of the white man's supremacy and that a race conglomeration would follow peace. The Latin countries are already made up of a mixture of bloods and with the Orientals there in great numbers and a shortage of men, it is fair to presume that a hybrid race will show up in a few years after the war.

## THE RENT HOG

That organized labor is profiteering at the public's expense is plain to be seen and yet organized labor is making the biggest holler about the "rent hogs." A mechanic in one or all of the shipyards of Seattle earns all the way from \$6 to \$10 per day,

which is an increase of wages over what the same class of mechanics got two years ago or in 1916, of 100 per cent and yet that same shipyard mechanic insists on his landlord raising his rent just 25 per cent over what it was in 1916. In other words if he was paying \$12 per month for a steam heated apartment in 1916, which was the current price, he says that the rent of the same apartment now should only be \$16 per month. Fuel and other apartment house necessities, be it remembered, have increased 100 per cent and yet the rent must only be increased 25 per cent. Who argues thusly is too silly to answer. The apartment that rented for \$12 in 1916 should now rent for \$30 if the owner of the property is expected to net 4 per cent per annum on his investment. In 1916 there was not an apartment house in Seattle that was netting 4 per cent per annum on the investment and even today there is perhaps not one in the city that is netting 7 per cent per annum on the investment. As an operator of an apartment house we would gladly accept 7 per cent per annum net on our investment and let the other fellow take the leavings. But, as said above, organized labor wants its profiteering to be made permanent but wants the other fellow's cut out. Its another case of "God bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more, and to hell with all the rest.

## EVERYBODY

Don't waste—time, money, food or anything. Remember that every dollar spent unnecessarily takes somebody's time, somebody's labor, somebody's materials which Uncle Sam can use. It makes no difference how much money you have in your pockets. It's not the price that counts. There is just so much of everything useful—food, cloth, leather and metals, just to mention a few items—and Uncle Sam needs it all.

Put your spare money into Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. You will be helping the Government to help the boys at the front—and you'll be better off later on.

Stick to your job. Shifting at this time dislocates industry, wastes time and money and does you harm in the long run. Only when Uncle Sam calls have you the moral right to throw over the task in hand. Don't slack and don't get extravagant because you are earning more than formerly. Remember the man Over There. Uncle Sam can't keep him supplied as he should be with food, ammunition and equipment if you are not more economical than ever.

Don't compete with Uncle Sam. He needs all the workers he can get. Likewise all the materials which enter into the service of war. Don't advertise for a hundred men when you only require thirty. At least seventy will waste their time answering your call, and time is no more to be wasted than materials these days. Get in touch with the War Industries Board or the United States Employment Bureau (branches everywhere) and find out just what the Government expects of you.—Extracts, The Vigilantes.