

ous and venomous propaganda to make it sting, too. But not one American Negro soldier ever listed to that siren song!

Now pause right here and put yourself in their places. Only barely fifty years removed from the blight of slavery at home; freed in name, but in fact always the victims of a venomous race hatred at home; enrolled as American soldiers to fight for freedom overseas, with their white brethren in arms from the same land constantly jeering and disparaging and insulting them; forced to rebut and repel German propaganda so true that it burned like fire; compelled to maintain their courage and their morale and their bravery against foes within and against enticing propaganda without—we say that these American colored troops wrote high their names on the scroll of fame! We say that from Crispus Attucks, the first victim of freedom in the Revolutionary War, to the last dusky hero who laid down his life in battle charge in France, all down the line of American history, the American Negroes have proven with their hearts' blood, their courage, their valor, their patriotism and their love for a land—which has ill requited their devotion.

Now observe further. Look right down into the black record—blackier than the duskiest skin. Truth harms none but the guilty. In the thirty years last past upwards of three thousand American Negroes—citizens of this land—have been brutally mutilated, tortured, butchered, unsexed, burned and lynched. Only recently a Negro woman was disemboweled and her unborn babe torn from her quivering flesh. Almost within sight of the White House, at Alexandria, Virginia, a Negro was most brutally lynched. At Springfield, Illinois, where rest the ashes of Abraham Lincoln, and almost within sight of his tomb, a Negro was burned. Last year at East St. Louis, Illinois, over forty Negroes were barbarously slaughtered. And, in addition, in the past year thirty-one Negro men and one Negro woman were barbarically lynched. Negroes have been burned at the stake even in John Brown's old State of Kansas. And mark this: In just two places in this world has the smoke from living human torches ascended heavenwards—at Rome under Nero and in the United States of America under the Star Spangled Banner!

Look further. The United States—with the aid of the American Negro, too—protested with all its might, with all its billions, with millions of its men, on sea, on land and in the air, against the awful atrocities, mutilations, defilements, butcheries and outrages perpetrated overseas. America's strong arms—upheld by American Negroes, too—spanned the seas and throttled to its death barbaric atrocities abroad.

Aren't burnings at the stake, mutilations, tortures, unsexment, hangings, disembowelments, crucifixions and human tortures just as atrocious in America as they are overseas? Why visit barbarities with fire and sword overseas and tolerate them in our own land? America idealizes, enshrines and worships justice—justice to all abroad and at home. Is her arm long enough to span an ocean but too short to throttle her own savers of bestiality?

Most American Negroes are poor; but who stole their toil for generations and still pays them but a pittance? Many American Negroes are ignorant; but who kept them so for generations and still doles out education with niggardly hands? Many American Negroes are lustful; but are they the only ones, and if so, whence come all the millions of mulattos?

There are ten million American Negroes in this land—their ancestors brought here kidnapped to minister to American idleness—and but few voices are raised in their behalf. We raise our voice.

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If American Negroes are good enough, brave enough, courageous enough, patriotic enough, to fight—as they have fought like dusky demons—in every American war, aren't they good enough to be protected at home? Blood gushing from dusky skins has hallowed every American battle ground and ought not that blood—ever freely shed for this land—to be protected in this land? Should we cleanse Europe's pits of infamy with the aid of the American Negro and leave in our own land as deep pits for dusky feet to press?

Ought the American Negroes, having battled—against fearful odds within and without their ranks—heroically abroad for freedom, to return home to battle against a resurrected Klu Klux Klan? We say No!

PURELY PERSONAL

Mrs. Georgia Green was buried from the Richardson Undertaking Parlors last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Zella M. Ashby and Mr. C. A. Fleming are honeymooning to San Francisco in their new auto. They will be absent about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Evans sport a brand new Maxwell, which runs like greased lightning.

Percy F. Norris is the proud possessor of a well-equipped auto repair shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wright have returned to Seattle after a six month's residence in Olympia.

W. C. Wilson, the Bremerton wonder, visited in the city last Monday evening.

President Stone of the Seattle Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., has districted the entire city and captained the same with persons, who will work for new members.

Mrs. E. N. Drake visited with friends in Bremerton last Wednesday.

Rev. W. D. Carter, B. F. Tutt and H. R. Cayton have been made a committee to pay the respects of the King County Colored Republican Club to Governor Louis F. Hart. Henry Williams, who is ever ready to do something for the good of the cause, will motor the committee to Olympia with his compliments.

Mrs. George Green breakfasted the five graduates last Tuesday.

Mrs. Margueret S. Malone is visiting with relatives in the city.

GRADUATES BEING HONORED

That the recent high school graduates of Seattle may know the high esteem they are held in a public reception in their honor will be held in the A. M. E. church next Monday evening at 8 p. m. Dr. F. B. Cooper, one of the chief promoters of the affair, will act as chairman of the evening. The following program has been arranged for the evening:

Chorus A. M. E. Choir
Invocation Rev. Eugene A. Johnson
"Spirit of the Occasion" Rev. D. A. Graham
Vocal Solo Mr. C. C. Wilson
"High School Education"

..... Rev. W. D. Carter
Piano Solo Miss H. I. James
Class Prophecy Mrs. Warren T. Russell
Vocal Solo Mrs. Margueret S. Malone
"An Education" Mr. O. H. Winston

TAKEN FROM OTHERS

The Department of State reports that the Union of South Africa will hold a national exposition at Pretoria in March and April, 1920.

New York Stock Exchange seats have reached the highest price in nearly a decade. Two exchange seats the other day sold at \$85,000, the highest since 1910.

Speaking of the Piedras Negras consular district in Mexico, Vice-Consul W. P. Blocker declares: "It can be stated with emphasis that conditions have improved very remarkably during the past twelve months and that each day adds to the security and safety of the country."

The milling plant for a new Zululand papyrus-pulp enterprise has been purchased in America. The mill has a capacity of 6000 to 8000 tons per year, but the material available is equal to an annual output of 100,000 tons. Motor boats equipped with

mowing machines are used for harvesting the papyrus.

Removal from office of Frederic C. Howe, Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, has been demanded by Senator King of Utah, on the ground that Commissioner Howe presided at the Pro-Soviet meeting at Madison Square Garden in New York last week.

Great Britain must raise \$7,500,000,000 to meet estimated expenditures for the current financial year ending March 31, 1920. Taxation on the present basis (including the excess profit tax) can be depended on for \$4,680,000,000. For the balance new taxation is necessary. The expectation is that an attempt will be made to raise \$5,000,000,000 by taxation and the remainder by loans. In a statement to the House of Commons Chancellor of the Exchequer Chamberlain said that the national debt on March 31, 1919, was \$37,175,000,000.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF Washington for King County.

John J. Shirley, Plaintiff, vs. Frank T. Rawlings and Jane Doe Rawlings, his wife (whose true Christian name is unknown); Jesse W. Rawlings and Mabel Rawlings, his wife, and Emma T. Rawlings, Defendants.—No. —. Summons for Publication. The State of Washington to Frank T. Rawlings and Jane Doe Rawlings, his wife (whose true Christian name is unknown), Jesse W. Rawlings and Mabel Rawlings, his wife, and Emma T. Rawlings:

You and each of you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: sixty days after the 21st day of June, 1919, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer the complaint of the plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for the plaintiff at his office below specified in Seattle, King County, Washington, said King County being the place designated by the plaintiff as the place of trial of said action, and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

The object of the above entitled action is to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the defendants Jesse W. Rawlings and Mabel Rawlings, his wife, bearing date the 16th day of December, 1908, and filed for record in the office of the Auditor of King County, State of Washington, December 23, 1908, in Volume 424 of Mortgages, page 315 of the Records of King County, Washington, whereby there was mortgaged to the said Emma T. Rawlings the following described real estate situate in King County, State of Washington, to-wit:

The North twenty and six one-hundredths (20.06) feet of Lot two (2) and the South nineteen and ninety-four one-hundredths (19.94) feet of lot one (1) in block one (1) Leschi Heights Addition to the city of Seattle, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining.

That said mortgage and notes were duly assigned, transferred and set over for a valuable consideration by the said Emma T. Rawlings to said John J. Shirley, the plaintiff herein.

That said assignment of mortgage was dated the 23rd day of September, 1918, and duly recorded in the office of the Auditor of King County, State of Washington, on the 28th day of January, 1919, in Volume 760 of Mortgages, page 406, of the Records of King County, Washington.

The object of said action is to exclude defendants herein and each of them from any lien or interest in said property and otherwise as will more fully appear from said complaint.

JOHN J. KINNANE,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Robert W. Jeffery, Plaintiff, vs. Myrtle E. Jeffery, Defendant.—No. 135467—Summons for Publication.

The State of Washington to the said Myrtle E. Jeffery, Defendant:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days from and after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within sixty (60) days after May 17, 1919, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled Court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff at their office and post office address below designated, and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the plaintiff's complaint, which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court.

The object of this action is to obtain a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant on the grounds of abandonment.

MORRIS & SHIPLEY,

Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Office and Post Office Address:
55 Haller Building,
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Date of first publication May 17, 1919.