

THE OPEN COLUMN

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An Answer to "A. G."

Editor the Missourian: This is an answer to "A. G." who wrote "The Japan Question" in the open column Thursday. A. G. made the following statement.

"It is our business to seek to understand our neighbors across the Pacific. After that, whether we trust them or not, depends on them, not on us. But by exactly the same rule, if the Japanese cannot trust us, the blame comes right home to us."

I heartily agree with him. More-over he has suggested to me what I would like to say. I believe it is only through mutual understanding that any two nations or any number of nations can realize the so-called "International Peace."

Japan, a country which was opened only sixty years ago by the efforts of the Americans (though you may not know it) is trying to understand America and Americans—and in fact, she is trying very hard. But Americans ought to have some sympathy for her even if contrary to her cleverness she is very slow in catching hold of your customs and ways, for before she was awakened she had been excluded from the world. There was no intercourse at all with foreign countries, except with China, which is a country extremely Oriental. Consequently her mind was narrowed to the peculiar Japanese ways of thinking.

A great change has nevertheless taken place among our people during the past sixty years. While the government was sending students to Europe the Japanese people as a whole have taken much interest in America. Out of their own pockets they have been and are still sending sons into America that they may learn America and bring about peaceful relations. Mutual understanding, I believe, must be done by us with the aid of our fellow countrymen, first by introducing to you our opinion and second by welcoming your ideas.

The opinion of my fellow countryman, K. Yamagishi, is worth while. He says that the most surprising question asked him by any American is: "Will there be war between the United States and Japan?" Can you imagine that there is any room to allow our mind to plan about waging war upon a people who have guided us with such kindness? Especially when we Japanese are considered to have a high moral sense? Although Japan is a small country the population is crowded. She has to devise some way of feeding her people. The first thing she has to do is to develop her commerce and industry, and secondly she has to find a place to send her over-crowded people. This can be done gentleman-like, without shedding even a single drop of blood, if you Americans and we Japanese understand each other. We hope just as we study America, so you Americans will study Japan also.

T. TAMURA.

As to the New White Way.

Editor the Missourian: I have noticed with a great deal of interest the discussion in regard to the extension of Columbia's Great White Way on South Eighth street which now is built to Cherry street by the city, and it is proposed to go to the main entrance of the campus. I have read several discussions of what seemed feasible and best to the council. To my mind, the fair way to extend the White Way is for the property owners to put in the standards at their own expense and let the City furnish the current.

If the City feels able to extend the White Way, it should not be confined merely to one street, but other streets should be offered the same opportunity, provided they were willing to put up the standards, and no street should be extended this privilege unless the property owners were willing to put up the standards at their own expense. The suggestion that the standards be taken away from North Eighth street and placed on South Eighth street would, to my mind, be a very poor solution of the problem. As a property owner on North Eighth street, I would prefer that they all be taken away as to have half of them taken. The White Way means light. Unless there are plenty of standards to create abundance of light it is worse than none at all, and I am opposed to a half way solution of this proposition. In fact, I doubt seriously whether the city should indulge in any White Way extensions at all at the present time. If they have money for this proposition they could probably put in other more needed service at the present time. I am not in favor of half way measures. I believe in a full White Way or none, and as a property owner on North Eighth street,

I wish to vigorously protest against taking out part of the standards. The standards on South Ninth street in front of the Virginia Building were put in at the expense of the property owners. The city has not put any on the other side where Mr. Hall has just finished spending \$60,000 for a new, beautiful theater building, which is an ornament to the town, and if any recognition is to be accorded in this matter it seems to me that the standards should be put on South Ninth street in the block south of Cherry.

S. F. CONLEY.

A Fighting Chance.

Editor the Missourian: Since "Lily White" insists on uttering in the tornado of race prejudice, the statements made in Sunday's Open Column should be enlarged upon. Without answering the world-wide challenge to mortal combat and the demand to "put up or shut up," made by the pugilistic "Lily White," I wish to monopolize a few lines in this column.

Yes, we should have segregation. But the black man must not and cannot be coked in a bottle, to become a sore spot in our civilization, as our spotless critic recommends. The negro must have his own place of residence and amusement apart from the white man; but merely because of the handicap of race he must not be denied a fighting chance to reach higher levels.

The negro himself does not desire to mingle as a social equal with the white man, but he cries aloud for a chance—just a chance—to develop mentally, to drag himself from the mire of ages, in which "Lily White" would smother him. He wants to be left alone. He doesn't even ask help from the white man; he wants only to be allowed to help himself.

And when, with this craving to elevate himself and brothers to the mental plane he deserves, he attends the Missouri Conference for Social Welfare, he is sneered at by one who can utter only words of destructive criticism. If the negro is where he is, it is the fault of the Lily Whites who strive to keep him there.

Yes, the negro is a "menace to the Teutonic race"—as he is today. Then why pen him in and keep him so? Why not loose him to develop his industrial and mental powers? Allow him to attend conferences for the social uplift of both black and white. Give him a fighting chance. W. H.

Wanted—A Guardian.

Editor the Missourian: The burning of the freshman caps marks the completion of an experiment. For the first time in the history of the University the members of the freshman class have been placed entirely on their honor; no hazing or interference from the upperclassmen has been tolerated; the freshmen have been left to themselves, and their actions have been watched.

Fresh from high school and entering a strange environment, they were protected from over-zealous sophomores by the University authorities and the Columbia police. An attempt has been made to make them feel at home, to instill into them the real spirit of the University. They have been told that they would not be interfered with. One sophomore has been suspended from the University for annoying the new arrivals.

And the result? The high school instincts still remain. Columbia policemen say that it is now the freshmen who are giving them the greatest trouble, that the crowds which insist on "rushing" the theaters after a football victory are composed mostly of freshmen, and that it was freshmen who threw eggs at the police, their former protectors.

"The biggest bunch of hoodlums ever represented in a freshman class of the University" is the way Chief Whitesides characterizes this year's class. "And I don't care what the sophomores do to them now, as long as they keep off the streets," he adds.

It is evident then that the University freshman is not mature enough to care for himself—he needs supervision. Hazing, although a preventive measure, tends to rowdiness. The freshmen need not punishment but prevention.

They should be watched by upperclassmen with power to interfere when the erring ones show tendencies to behave in a manner unbecoming a University student. SENIOR.

BAZAR WOULD AID WAR'S NEEDY
\$500,000 Is Goal of Mammoth Sale Begun in Boston.

By United Press
BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Five hundred thousand dollars for relief of starving, naked and dying non-belligerents in warring Europe is the goal of the second annual National Allied Bazar which opened in the Mechanics Building here today. The bazar last year was given in Grand Central Palace, New York.

PLANS ARE COMPLETE FOR TIGER BANQUET

Champions' Festival Will Break Record In Its Own Class.

LIMIT PUT AT 200

Governor-Elect Gardner Not to Speak—Program Otherwise Unchanged.

When the banquet begins for the Tigers, Missouri Valley Champions, and "Bob" Simpson, the world's champion hurdler, it will mark the largest and most elaborate affair ever held in honor of Missouri's athletes.

The committee on arrangements met last night at the Elk's home to complete final details. It was decided to make the banquet strictly a football affair, and, in accordance, invitations will not be extended to the members of the other athletic teams as planned at first.

After hearing the report of the ticket committee, it was decided to set a limit of 200 on the number of banquet tickets to be sold, because of the limited facilities of Rothwell Gymnasium. The committee also arranged to have the banquet begin at 6:30 o'clock.

The program will be as first announced, except that Governor-elect Gardner will not be present. The invitation was at first accepted by Governor-elect Gardner, but later he found it necessary to decline because of a previous arrangement the evening of the Tiger banquet.

All arrangements are completed, and the work, with the exception of decoration and a few other details, is finished. E. Sidney Stephens said that the gold footballs have been ordered and are expected here within a few days.

Oregon Has Blind English Teacher.

By United Press
EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 9.—Stone blind, Leslie Blades today is acting as assistant professor of English at the University of Oregon, instructing three classes daily. He uses a system of raised letters in reading from his notes. Blades is believed to be the first and only blind professor actively engaged in teaching in an American university. His home is in San Diego, Cal.

M Men to Give Dance.

The second annual dance given by the M men's association of the University will be held at Rothwell Gymnasium Saturday, December 16. Bob Simpson's trophies, the Missouri-Kansas game football, M blankets and sweaters will be used in decorating. Faculty members of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and the board of the Missouri Co-operative League have been invited.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY

HIS NAME IS SIMPSON, TOO
He Is Just Plain "Dawg" But He Is a Privileged Character.

When you meet him on the street he may look like plain "dawg" to you, but he isn't—not by a long shot. In City Clerk Jacob's office they have his address, number, name, sex and color written in a big ledger just as accurately as they have your record in the home-town directory. It takes a lot of money for a human being to break into Dunn and Bradstreet's, but for three dollars a year a Columbia dog can break into the official dog register and remain there for one whole year, entitled to participate in the chase for life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

So far this year, over five hundred dogs have availed themselves of this privilege. Among them are Mutt, Queen, Prexy, Hadley, Woodrow, Teddy, Taft, All Baba, Romeo, and just plain Gyp. The memory of many a political figure of importance is perpetuated in the Columbia dog. And just one thing more; if a black bull dog happens to bark a greeting to you some day don't think that he is exceeding his rights, for he is a privileged character. He is number 95; masculine sex; breed, bull; name, Bob Simpson.

EVIDENCE SENT TO WASHINGTON

St. Louis Election Cases Are Put Up to U. S. Attorney General.

By United Press
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—United States District Attorney Oliver announced today that he had forwarded the first section of the evidence in connection with the alleged irregularities in the election at St. Louis, November 7, to the Attorney-General's office at Washington. Additional evidence, Oliver said, would be sent to Washington as soon as it is prepared. Some of the evidence concerning the negro collection charge and the countercharge of alleged intimidation will be received by the Attorney-General in installments.

This last step in connection with the St. Louis election is considered significant in that Attorney-General Gregory, while in St. Louis a few days ago, told Mr. Oliver that the Attorney-General's office would be "glad to go over the evidence submitted to Oliver if Oliver decided it was sufficiently important to warrant investigation by the Department of Justice or prosecution through the Attorney-General's office."

Negro Youths Back to Reformatory.

Two negro youths, Earl Materson, 15 years old, and James R. Rummans, 14 years old, were returned to the state reform school at Boonville yesterday afternoon by Policeman W. R. Miller. Both had been paroled, after having spent several months in the reformatory for grand larceny. Materson's parole was terminated by Judge David H. Harris. The reformatory demanded the return of Rummans.

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18 South Ninth Street

Henry Lawrence Southwick, the distinguished orator, president of Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, Mass., will interpret Shakespeare's Othello in Christian College Auditorium, Wednesday night, Dec. 13th, at 8:15 o'clock.

The Boston Times says of Mr. Southwick, "He held his hearers steadily under the spell of his matchless genius. He is more than a dramatic reader. In his work glows the deeper, steadier light of the artist with the loftiest conception of life's best culture.

Price of admission 50 cents. Adv.

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