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## The Arkansas Challenge

What Answer Will the Negro Make?

THE lightning conviction in the courts of Arkansas of several colored men accused of the heinous "crime" of organizing for their economic protection and the contemplated murder of these men by the State of Arkansas constitute the most brutal notice the Negro has yet had from the American dominant race that democracy or even simple justice is not for him. The action of Arkansas, in the courts and out, is a direct challenge to the legitimate and reasonable aspirations of the Negro to enjoy those democratic institutions for the safeguarding and extension of which the war was ostensibly fought. Neither Washington, Chicago nor Houston with its military murders was so direct or brutal as this action of the Arkansas courts in its challenge to our legitimate aspirations to enjoy the rights and privileges of men and its notice that the Negro must "stay put."

To this challenge, to this brutal notice, what answer will the Negro make? Will he cowardly agree to "stay put"—go down to infamy along the road of least resistance? Or will he continue to aspire to the higher things of life, to the inalienable rights and privileges of men, refusing to "stay put," and so inviting the vindictive wrath of his enemies?

We have sufficient faith in the race to believe that it will emphatically and energetically *refuse to "stay put"*! And such being our belief of the case it is necessary to formulate a definite policy to meet the situation. We will assume that the Negro will no more invite a fight than he will flee a fight forced upon him. That he will neither carry a chip about on his shoulder nor will he hesitate to *fight back in self-defence*. With these preliminaries as bases of our policy, our next step must be in the direction of forming alliances with the liberal and radical forces of the country—of the world! Their fight against reaction, capitalist exploitation and bourbonism must be our fight. Our fight against bourbon-

ism, reaction and capitalist exploitation (with its corollary of imperialism) must be their fight. This is already so to a great extent today. American, British, French and even white South African radical papers have recognized as allied to their own cause the cause of the oppressed darker millions. The radical forces in every country have opened their organizations to the Negro comrade and are showing increasing concern in the status and treatment of the darker millions as they begin to recognize that economic exploitation at home is based upon and supported by economic exploitation abroad. British labor cannot compete with the cheap labor of India and Egypt, and is therefore interested in lifting up this "foreign" labor from its present helpless position to a status more on a level with its own.

In an alliance with the liberal and radical forces of the world the Negro has "nothing to lose but his chains" and everything—including the rights and privileges of free men—to gain. (From the days of Wendell Phillips and Garrison down to the present it is liberals and radicals who have ever protested the wrongs of the Negro). To fight alone would be futile, since he is hopelessly outnumbered in this country. To ignore opportunities to help his cause by alliance with forces that are fighting the same enemy as he himself is fighting would be absurd and unstatesmanlike. When America entered the war against Germany she instantly began to co-operate with those Powers that were already at war with Germany. The Negro must also co-operate with the forces that are fighting his enemies: capitalism, bourbonism and reaction. He must fight with every weapon at hand. (No one could condemn the Irish should that oppressed people, in any of its frequent rebellions against British tyranny, resort to the use of dum-dum bullets, poison and any other means at their disposal. The slave has a right to fight for freedom with any weapon within reach. And, in fact, his

oppressors will use all and any weapons against him, as witness the bombing of Indian, Egyptian and Afghan towns by the unspeakable Briton.)

Alliances with the liberal and radical forces must, then, form one of the most important is understood that our Motons and Scotts will not dare offend their white masters by concurrence with such a plank. But then no other race pays the slightest attention to its traitors, so why should the Negro bother with the fossilized and bought opinions of these old serviles?) And this point of alliance need not be confined to the Negro group in America, but will be found of inestimable strategic value to our brethren in the West Indies and Africa, where already Socialism has begun its advance in the face of an oppressive capitalist-imperialist regime that is unmatched for bare barbarism and wanton cruelty anywhere else in the world. As imperialism is the child and protege of capitalism, so Socialism is the antithesis to capitalism and the destroyer of imperialism, as witness the history of Soviet Russia and its renunciation of the Czarist claims in strangled Persia. An alliance with the Socialists is, therefore, an alliance with the

principal opposing force of our chief enemy, capitalism, and its myriad tools. Arraying ourselves with the Socialist party will be the most effective and *fearsome* answer we can give to the brutal challenge of the courts of Arkansas. Such an answer would rock the American strongholds of reaction, and would ultimately shatter the control of the Bourbon South, and would have a tremendous effect upon the future destinies of Negro groups throughout the world. Are we men enough to make it? At Bogalusa, in the State of Louisiana, two white men went to death in defense of a colored comrade, thereby proving that radical labor has made our cause its own. Will we make their cause our own? Let us swell the ranks of organized labor and of the radical forces in the fight against a common foe. Let us give Arkansas and the rest of the Bourbon South an answer that will make them tremble for their vested privileges, for their "rights" to exploit the labor of little children and weak women, and for their plan of keeping us "put" by such barbarous acts of repression and injustice as were resorted to in the civil courts of Arkansas and in the military courts-martial at Houston.

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## A HOROSCOPE OF THE MONTHS

The Nature and Destiny and Some of the Idiosyncracies Which Have to Do With Persons Born Under the Sign "Capricorn," Representing the Period Between December, 21 and January 19.

### CAPRICORN: THE SEA GOAT

December 21st to January 19th.

**P**ERSONS born during this period are possessed of frank energetic, progressive natures, and blessed with great faith in their fellow men. They are naturally leaders and thinkers and especially fortunate in commercial affairs.

People who belong to this period are often extensive travelers, and seldom die in

the place where they first saw the light of day.

An artistic and musical nature is one of their attributes, and they often rise to high success in the arts.

The Children of this Sign should never be deceived for when once their confidence is lost it is almost impossible to regain it. They must be made companions of, and put on their honor even in little things.

Capricorn people are usually kind-hearted and make loyal friends.

### The Zodiacal Signs.

1. Aries.....	The Ram	Reigns from March 21 to April 19.
2. Taurus.....	The Bull	Reigns from April 20 to May 19.
3. Gemini.....	The Twins	Reigns from May 20 to June 18.
4. Cancer.....	The Crab	Reigns from June 19 to July 23.
5. Leo.....	The Lion	Reigns from July 24 to August 23.
6. Virgo.....	The Virgin	Reigns from August 24 to September 21.
7. Libra.....	The Scales	Reigns from September 22 to October 21.
8. Scorpio.....	The Scorpion	Reigns from October 22 to November 20.
9. Sagittarius.....	The Archer	Reigns from November 21 to December 20.
10. Capricorn.....	The Sea Goat	Reigns from December 21 to January 19.
11. Aquarius.....	The Water Bearer	Reigns from January 20 to February 18.
12. Pisces.....	The Fishes	Reigns from February 19 to March 20.

\*This is the seventh instalment of "A Horoscope of the Month." The first was printed in the July issue of The Crusader. In subsequent numbers we will give the sign for the month of issue and explain its significance to those whose birth-month it may happen to indicate. Watch for your month and note whether the characteristics given will apply to yourself and to your friends.—The Editor.

## THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM

By *BEN E. BURRELL*

**T**EACHER of the living Truth,  
 Thou champion of the poor and weak,  
 Once more the lights of Bethlehem  
 Our shadowed memories shall seek;  
 Once more upon the olden page  
 There come the letters bold and clear;  
 From farthest corners of the earth  
 My people chasten'd shall draw near.

From stress of war, from taints of wrong,  
 From sorrows of the inner soul,  
 The Darker Races oft have strove  
 To rectify the common whole.  
 But Babe of Bethlehem, the States  
 The darker people have opprest;  
 They breathe Thy Name; we breathe Thy Name,  
 Yet, Teacher, which of us hath rest?

O Master, all our prayers are vain,  
 And vain are favors we would ask.  
 Teach us to pray with our right arm,  
 And to fulfill our race's task.  
 O Syrian Seer, the lyncher's rope  
 Still hangs from many a Southern tree;  
 Chicago, Houston, St. Louis  
 Have been, O Christ, our Calvary.

Lord, hither comes Thy glorious star,  
 Its lambent glory falleth near;  
 We of the Cyrenian brood  
 The shivers of Thy cross shall bear.  
 Led by Thy flaming torch of love  
 Our race goes conq'ring in the strife,  
 Lord give us Peace, Love, Liberty,  
 Thy Holy Sangreal of Life.

## EDITORIALS

### THIS NUMBER

The present number of *The Crusader*, while bearing the caption and spirit of the Christmas holiday season, is for the month of January. *The Crusader* is always issued from ten to fifteen days prior to the month for which it is intended. The present number is somewhat crowded with advertisements. This is unfortunate but could not be helped. The printing situation is such that we found it impossible to add a few extra pages, and as *The Crusader* is the holiday carrier of greetings, best wishes and announcements for the theatrical field and a large section of the Harlem commercial field, we have in this issue advertisements far in excess of the proportion to reading matter which we long ago decided would be fair and just to our readers. We must therefore crave their indulgence for this one issue with a promise to more than make up for our lack of reading matter in the coming numbers. With best wishes for a *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year* we are, as ever, at your service, unbought and unbuyable!

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### SENATOR FRANCE AND AFRICA

An awakening race will gladly acknowledge its debt of gratitude to Senator France, of Maryland, for his valiant efforts to make the matter of the final disposition of the former German-African "colonies" an issue in the United States Senate.

Whatever may be the opinion, based upon the wish, of the old-type leaders (who exist merely by virtue of repeated and repeating treachery and who, therefore, would have no means of existence where there were no white men to buy them out) as to the opposition of the American Negro to any plan of emigration to his Fatherland, the existence of a deep and widespread interest in the Fatherland is already amply testified to by the unparalleled success of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League and several other movements based upon the open and declared platform of a Free Africa and the return to that continent, through the Liberian gateway, of New World Negroes to aid in the struggle for its freedom.

Senator France's efforts in the Senate met with both victory and defeat. He was defeated in the major proposition that the

principle of "self-determination" be extended to the natives of the former German African territories, with opportunities for the Negro American to participate, on his own initiative and as largely as he desired, in the blessings that would accrue to the liberated inhabitants of those territories and with America as a mandatory. But he won a modifying victory when he prevailed upon the Senate to decline to waive its rights to have a say in the final disposition of "colonies."

*The Crusader* firmly believes with the Baltimore *Afro-American* that "the time will come when the Senate of the United States will see clearly if it does not see now, that there can be no world peace unless the African question is settled right." Moreover, *The Crusader* is of the opinion that even internal peace is impossible until the African question is settled right and Negro Americans dissatisfied with conditions in this country given the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of freedom under government of the Negro, by the Negro and for the Negro. This, the United States Senate will be forced to see, but whether in time to prevent a race war more bloody than anything that has yet taken place, is a question. Senator France in pressing for justice for Africa has done his duty to his race, to his country, to the peace of the world, and has done, moreover, an act of genuine altruism and lofty magnanimity in the interest of the entire Negro Race.

### PARTNERS IN FRIGHTFULNESS

We have been wondering what had become of the "American conscience" that used to be so shocked by German attempts to bomb the city of London from the air, and why it has been so completely inactive in the practice of this same kind of "frightfulness" by British airmen upon the towns of Egypt, India and Afghanistan. Now we understand. This headline "Devil Dog Flyers Terrorize Bandits," culled from the *New York World* of November 22 explains the puzzle. The "devil dog" flyers (appropriate name for the barbarians of civilization, if we may coin the term) are members of the United States Marine Corps aviation squads operating in Wilson's undeclared and private war upon the people of Haiti. The "bandits" are Haitian patriots

who are opposing the American occupation of their country and the resultant curtailment and denial of their sacred liberties. These so-called "bandits"—it is the custom to designate as bandits all those who oppose an occupation of their country by alien forces, as witness, the bandits who are fighting the French in Morocco and the British in Egypt and India—are Haitian patriots fighting for the principle of self-determination against the foremost "champion" of that principle, Woodrow Wilson, and the "rights of nations great and small."—another principle that was grandly and loudly enunciated during the World War by the arch hypocrite of all time.

No wonder America dare not protest against the murder of Egyptian, Indian and Afghan women and children by British airmen. America and England are partners in frightfulness, and the successors in that business to the much-reviled Germans.

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#### MEXICO

The American oil interests in Mexico are endeavoring to bring about intervention by this country in Mexican affairs. A subservient Congress is seeking the same ends as its masters. But unless Congress and its masters propose themselves to invade Mexico it is time that they called a halt to the vicious propaganda, for so far as the American masses are concerned there will be no war with Mexico. If the capitalists and their complaisant tools in Congress want war with Mexico let them fight it. It would be an interesting and unprecedented sight to see even a corporal's guard of capitalists and their law-makers marching with rifles on their shoulders into a foreign country. And this will be the only alternative to peace if the American masses continue in their determination not to be used to pull capitalistic chestnuts out of the Mexican fire.

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#### THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion is exhibiting its true colors as much in the exercise of arbitrary mob-rule against those maintaining ideals and principles with which its hard-boiled leaders are in disagreement—and they are in disagreement with all progressive ideas—as in its dirty efforts, first, to bar the Negro veteran altogether, and later, to accept him in a subordinate position.

The veteran of Negro race has nothing in common with the American Legion and the type of "Americanism" for which the Legion, along with Schwab, Judge Gary

and Rockefeller, is sponsor. He can serve neither himself nor his race by affiliating with it.

The Legion has shown itself both reactionary and lawless. The Negro cannot gain the fuller liberty he seeks by following the opposite road of reaction and he, if anyone, should be thoroughly disgusted with lawlessness and mob-rule. Neither has he any interest in the conservation of the Legion's type of "Americanism" with a continuance of the present political and industrial status under which he is so shamefully treated. The Legion's "Americanism" is strangely akin to the German "kultur" which has been so much reviled of late, only that it preceded it in that this type of "Americanism" had been practised in the South for the last fifty years or so.

The Negro wants nothing of the Legion and its peculiar "Americanism." The Negro veteran will find more congenial companionship and better organization advantages in the various Negro veteran organizations.

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#### LIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT

One of the chief problems facing Liberians in their efforts to develop their tremendously rich and productive country, is that of transportation. The Liberian rivers are mostly small streams and interrupted by rapids in the vicinity of their mouths or by bars at their mouths. Liberia has no river system to compare, even on a small scale, with the system that has done so much to develop the immense territory of the Congo State. Lacking the generous aid of an otherwise beneficent Nature in this one respect, she must depend upon the initiative and creative work of man.

Other countries faced with the same problems have met it by the construction of railroads into the interior. But railroad building is an expensive operation and necessitates the aid of foreign capital which in the end is usually followed by foreign bayonets. But another means of transportation has made tremendous progress within the last decade, and it now appears that Liberia may be able to do better and do it cheaper. Auto-trucks are rapidly making themselves a factor in transportation, and experts are even now predicting the day when they will either completely oust the railroads or relegate them to a secondary position in the field of transportation.

For auto transportation, good roads are an important accessory. And to us it appears that Liberia can by no other means so

easily, rapidly and cheaply open up her territories and increase her trade and prosperity and prestige as by covering the republic with a system of good roads and buying a fleet of auto-trucks—to be increased according to need—to meet its

transportation problems and bring its riches to the coast. Building motor-roads and buying motor-trucks will be cheaper by far than the construction and equipment and upkeep of railroads—and more effective too, because auto-trucks are more mobile than railroad trains.

## FACTS, FUN AND FANCIES

By the Staff.

### A CALL TO ARMS

By S. A. de Witt

There is silver in Sonora,  
There is gold in gay Chihuahua;  
There is laughter in Durango,  
Love and peace in Cohauila.  
From Nogales to Potosi,  
From Tepic to Vera Cruz,  
They are making things too rosy—  
And there is no time to lose.

There is oil in Tamaulipas;  
There is treasure in Saltillo;  
There is only blood to stop us—  
On to Mexico.

There is only flesh to keep us  
From the treasure of the Toltecs;  
We have steel and lead to reap us  
All the riches of the Aztecs;  
We have editors and papers;  
We have ink and brush and pen  
To send our youth thru capers.  
On the battlefields again.

There is silver in Sonora,  
There is oil in rich Tampico;  
We will furnish phrase and aura—  
On to Mexico.

We have Pearson, Hearst and Cowdray,  
And his kinship Rockefeller;  
We have every tout on Broadway,  
And every Wall Street seller;  
We have banks with gold in oodles,  
And the old Democracy;  
And guns and Yankee Doodles  
To set the Greasers free.

There is gold in gay Chihuahua;  
There is oil in rich Tampico;  
There is silver in Sonora—  
On to Mexico.—*Good Morning.*

There will never be a League of Free Peoples 'til there are free peoples to make it.

There are still some who would have Ethiopia fawn over the hand that ill-uses her and lick the boots of them that kick her. But, thanks to Allah, the tribe is on the decrease. Those that remain have been repudiated by the masses and are of little consequence.

We know there are traitors in every race. But we know also that the traitors of other races at least get their thirty pieces of silver. But the average Negro traitor is apparently satisfied to do his vilest just for the sake of doing it. Many of our publications should be enjoying a subsidy from the white South, and at least one, of recent appearance, from both the white South and the British Government.

The New York World commenting on Russia and Mexico says "neither affords adequate protection to the lives or the property of foreigners." Will the World tell us which is worst: the nation which cannot protect the lives or property of foreign residents or the nation which will not protect the lives and property of its own nationals?

One of the blessings of British Rule in India is that children of twelve years and over may now enjoy a fourteen-hour day in the factories.

Another blessing is the relief to many of the obvious discomforts of living.

### OUR OWN THEATRICAL DOPE

Because one of the actresses hugs and kisses another on the stage that isn't a sign that they are the best of friends behind the curtain.

When you see the emotional actress beating Job to it in the matter of lamentations, just remember that she most probably has come from giggling somewhere in the wings and give her the more credit for her torrential tears and lugubrious ways.

Bish has had no chance of late to show us how superbly fitted are his head and

manner to a High Hat. Having a role calling for a perfect "dress-up" is one of the joys of Bish's young life—except when said role also calls for a rough and tumble on the stage and the resultant wear and tear on an expensive dress-suit, and other accessories to the immaculate appearance.

Colored? No White!

"Signs her Guide to Success" reads the headline of an article telling of the beliefs

of Miss Isabelle Lowe "the youthful actress who plays the leading role of the Russian ballet artist in 'The Dancer.'" Colored, No, White!

"Chicken Theft May Cause Her Life"—reads caption of story of woman chicken thief. Colored, of course? No, White!

"10 Arrested for Playing Dice"—is caption of an article telling of the arrest of 10 participants in a game of "African Golf." Colored? Not on your life. White!

## THE DRAFTED MAN

By LEON E. MERTINS of the Fighting Buffaloes

(FIRST PART.)

The average drafted man on reaching camp in September and the latter part of October, 1917, felt that everything in his own world had suddenly disappeared. He might or might not see his own folks again or revel in his old associations. It was not unlikely that all the comforts and joys of civilian life had fled forever. Books, study, ambitions of all kinds, no longer meant anything. A careful looseness of speech eased the spirits, and the first few days under the tutelage of hard-boiled regular army non-commissioned officers did nothing to assuage whatever pain he might have felt at bidding farewell to books and such. These "non-coms" were not overfriendly with men who attempted to display any "learning."

After many examinations and inoculations the drafted man, then called a rookie, was given an axe, mattock and pick, hoe or shovel and other articles of war and told to go forth and conquer the elements, or, rather, the cutting of stumps. Of course this "fatigue" was supplementary to the arduous drill, the close order work and practice hikes along the dusty roads. The corporals were generally the commanding officers in these operations detailed by a sergeant or commissioned officer. The rookie who had planned to write diaries or long literary letters or to study enough to win a promotion was speedily disillusioned, for after the day's work he was too tired to lift a pen. As a matter of fact, oft times during the concentrated drill, when our rookie's mind would wander off and melt in the sea of cosmic longings, a sharp order would brace him up and bring him to the tone of "Hey, wake up!" Thinking of something else? Can't do it in the army. They give the stone wall to "those"

who fall asleep on duty "over there." No excuses. You have to be on the job all the time or to the guard-house for a few days. The corporal must be a man of determined spirit to hold his job or else he would be "busted" to the grade of private and himself be receiving sharp orders from one of his own squad men who takes his place. The rookie must obey every command, and the constant attention needed was sufficient strain to tire out the rookie mentally, just as the stump grubbing left him fagged out physically.

After a few weeks the burdens seemed easier. Mastering the elements with patience and enthusiasm, the rookies graduated in name "doughboys" and discovered that they had several hours to themselves daily after retreat, and all day Sunday. This leisure time was sometimes broken up by a guard or a kitchen police, but the soldiers discovered that they had a large amount of time on their hands. Rifles and the cleaning of them had not yet entered to consume what might otherwise be free time. What could they do at night? Within the barracks were the *games*. Down the street was the "Y" and the movie show. The visiting of friends was always negative, for the soldier rapidly became a pal to all his buddies, and they satisfied his craving for fellowship.

As time wore on and the simpler details of military routine were mastered, the soldiers began to think of promotion. They perchance grew weary of peeling potatoes or dishing out the "slum," and dreamed of taking charge of a guard instead. When classes were organized to train enlisted men to become non-commissioned officers, the ambitious grasped the opportunity and attended with regularity and diligence. The enlisted man realized the dignity of a chev-

ron on the right and left side of his coat sleeve and the exalted position of commanding a body of men. He must assume that attitude in order that his ambition might be elevated to that of *First Sergeant*. Ordinarily, the man who can handle men is the right hand man of a company and easily secures the exalted position of his company. He must further handle men with a con-

crete spirit and arbitrate disputes without consulting his superior, except in cases of a serious nature. The drafted man no longer wanders in his mind back to the past, but to the future, to stand firm and more firmly to the duty to which he was called to serve. He was then recognized as a soldier, a model of a new form from civilian life.

(To be continued.)

## A REVEALED SECRET OF THE HAMITIC RACE

(II.)

By JAMES N. LOWE of Jamaica,  
British West Indies.

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**C**HIS article will reveal the truth about Africa and the Negro race. I have given many years of my life to social and historical research, and arrived at a fact which none can reasonably dispute. From my early boyhood I was never satisfied with the narrow account of my racial history which came down to us through the medium of Hebrew and Anglo-Saxon penmanship. The Hebrew writings falsely state that our kindred, the Canaanites, were given to them as slaves and their land as a heritage. The Anglo-Saxon invented a scheme which they termed ethnology and anthropology. These aim to infer that the pale is naturally superior to the black and yellow races. Whatever may be the conclusion drawn by those who wish not well unto our souls and bodies, we take it humorously. For it is not true that what a species of men believe to be right is always right.

Esau is accused and abused, but Jacob is the thief. Behind many false beliefs and accusations, there stands the fact that what Esau did was ordained by God. What Jacob did was an evil. And Jacob's race has suffered more punishment at the hands of God than Esau's. So likewise whatever may be the condition, the sons and daughters of Ham, upon whose heads God has ever caused His sun to shine, are yet living on the face of the earth side by side with Jews and Europeans.

One can see a black child running about the streets of some American or English cities in playful juxtaposition with the children of the so-called chosen race of Israel. And black boys and girls will continue to run on the earth until it is no more.

Once there was an extensive African empire stretching from Ethiopia to the River Ganges in the heart of India. This was built up by Pharaoh Rameses (II) the Great. This empire extended northward to Jerusalem, which became a part of the black man's domains, so made by Pharaoh Necho. There was a constant interstate and maritime commerce between Africa, India and Canaan. And at that period, the economic and mutual relations of these countries were controlled by the then dominant tribes of Ham.

The civilization of the Jews is not their's, but of the Africans and Canaanites. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were only wandering people who lived in tents. It was not until they came in touch with the Africans and Canaanites, who lived in great houses and had great architects and artists, that they (the Jews) learned the institutions and arts of civilization. The civilized history of the Jews began with Moses and

their coming out of Egypt. And who was Moses? We call him the great leader of the Jews, but he was born and educated an African, educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, even in the house of Pharaoh.

It is not secret why Moses had been chosen to lead the Jews. Such a man was the only one fit to do so. And what could he teach his people but the ideals of Egyptian institutions?

The Japanese students educated in America and England carry back the civilization of the West to the East. And although they (the Japanese) had a civilization superior to the early one of Abraham, we can see in Japan today the light of Western civilization. And one who has a knowledge of the social, historical and economic life of man will see if he is not covetous that world civilization is Hamitic civilization with additions. Even Jerusalem was built by the Hamitic race. It was only captured by the Jews. The great temple at Jerusalem, called Solomon's temple, was built by black men, the great Sidonian artists, architects and masons. Solomon said the Jews could not furnish men skilled enough to do the work.

Consult I Kings, chapters 2-6-7. This will show that Ham was the greatest of all people on earth. A greater secret shall come in the next issue.

## A LUCRATIVE VOCATION

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## ODE TO CHRISTMAS

*By Robert W. Justice.*



AS the hours roll by, and the seasons fly,  
One day draws nigh that forbids the sigh  
Of the careworn heart. For it draws the smart  
From life's thorny way, bidding Peace hold sway  
'Mongst all mankind; whilst the balmy wind  
Bespeaks good cheer, and bids men wear  
Visage serene. For did not the Queen  
Of Queens then bless Man's helplessness  
With a Stream of Light—yea, a Prince of Might  
Who proved goodness wealth, and restored to health  
Man's sin-sick Soul?

And this Flood of Light, with torrential might,  
These two thousand years, on His bosom bears  
Plenteous balm to hearts, in all the parts  
Of this vale of woe; lest they sink below  
The weight of troublous times. Ring out, dear chimes!  
Ring out in peals of silver sweet, how it is meet  
That men should hate to celebrate  
This day of days, with aught but praise  
Of an All-Wise God, who would have us plod  
In quest of good, in the sustaining mood  
Of those that fear no ill.

## DIGEST OF VIEWS

### THE PROBLEM OF ASIA, OR GETTING THE BOOT

**B**ELIEVING that any action of the Asiatics in "booting" the European thieves will be reflected by similar action in Africa and other parts of the world, we have tried to keep our readers well informed on the Asiatic situation as much as on matters pertaining directly to Africa. The challenge to European domain wherever it occurs is of interest to us. The cause of freedom, whether in Asia or Ireland or in Africa, is our cause. With this in mind, the reader will find particularly interesting the following editorial from the New York Tribune, which is all the more important because coming from what in all probability is the leading American imperialist newspaper:

#### *The Problem of Asia*

Optimists who expected from the peace conference an inauguration by international protocol of heaven on earth began to realize in sorrow that the disbandment of that august body, now drawing near leaves Europe disorganized.

Yet, grave as are the problems of Europe, behind them looms the gigantic figure of Asia awakening from a thousand years of lethargy—eight hundred million people—articulating a demand for what a little man with a big mustache and bigger helmet called "a place in the sun."

Europeans and Americans are wont to consider the problems of Asia as a number of items altogether uncorrelated except for the accident of geological vicinity. There was a "problem of the Near East," a problem of India, seen mainly as a domestic trouble of England, as a kind of far-away Ireland-Ulster tangle; then there was a dim notion of somebody or other conducting negotiations in and with Persia. Finally, there was the question of the Far East, visualized for Europeans chiefly by the catchword, coined by Kaiser Wilhelm, of the "yellow peril" and for Americans by the phrase, less sensational but more real, about the "policy of the open door," and involved, also, in the immigration problem of our Pacific coast.

All these questions appeared safely isolated from one another in water-tight compartments, and, above all, as being too far away and indefinite to have any actual

bearing on our lives. Even the colonial problems of Africa, what with the publicity of events like the Mahdi rebellion, Fashoda, the Boer War, and, lately, the Morocco dispute, were brought home to the newspaper-reading public with an incomparably clearer emphasis.

Thus it happens that today the nations of Europe and America are confronted with the tremendous fact of an Asiatic revival, spreading from Suez to Shanghai, from the Mongolian desert to Ceylon, without sign, almost, of realization on their part. There are a great number of factors converging in this revival, and the several subdivisions of the problem itself exist side by side without being consciously linked together. They include the Pan-Islamistic movement of Western Asia, fostered by the Young Turks and their German friends, with its local ramifications in Anatolia, Kurdistan and among the Tatars of the Caucasus; the Arab nationalistic renaissance in Syria, Mesopotamia and the Arab peninsula proper; Bolshevism permeating Turkestan and Mongolia, and infiltrating even into Persia, Afghanistan and among the tribes of the interior; the unrest in India, partly purely nationalistic, partly connected with the general Mahometan ferment; and the rumbling in that vast volcano of humanity, only recently believed extinct, China.

All these must be recognized before it is too late as the incipient phases of a possible upheaval, caused by factors of utmost diversity, yet at bottom akin in their origin, which is the ineradicable distrust of the Asiatic for the European, and of the European and his oversea descendants for the Asiatic. A way must be found to bring East and West together.

### SHOTS HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

**T**HE shots fired by embattled Negroes in Washington, Chicago, Knoxville and other American cities have been heard around the world as clearly as those fired by the embattled farmers at Lexington, and have achieved for us an awakening interest among our brethren throughout the world and among European liberals. The Japanese Press has with marked unanimity and a conspicuous lack of urbanity requested America to first set her own house

fairs. The powerful *London Times*, commonly called "The Thunderer," also discusses at some length the case of the Negro and the problems facing the two races in this country, agreeing with other keen observers that little had been accomplished toward solution. Says the London paper:

Another race riot, this time in Omaha, accentuates the fact that the United States is still far from finding a solution of what is, when all is said and done, the most difficult, though not immediately the most important, of her social problems. A good deal has been said in previous articles of the movement for the proper Americanization of citizens of alien blood. Things like the steel strike, which would not have come about had it not been for the inflammability of the foreign laborers in the mills, show that the movement is a much needed one.

For the Negro question there is no such ultimate cure as yet visible. The descendants of the slaves of colonial days and of the first era of independence, are already as much Americanized as they can be. One of the lessons of the present situation is that the farther upwards they move in the social scheme, the greater their discontent and the greater the prejudice against them of the whites with whom they compete.

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The war has also hardened the feeling of the Negro against the White. He was sent in large numbers to France. He found in France no particular color line drawn against him. He was received as an ally and not as an inferior. It irks him to return to the inequalities of the home he went to fight for, to the "Jim Crow" laws of the Southern States that provide for him separate railway carriages and to the various schemes, like the "Grandfather Clause," whereby some states confine the suffrage to those whose grandparents were free, in order to deprive him of the vote that was constitutionally given him after the Civil War. It irks him the more inasmuch as he is told by his organs in the press that

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the American high command tried to get the French to treat him as he was treated at home. Proud of his new found sense of discipline, he is not deaf to propaganda against allowing himself to be exploited by the white race in times of crisis and then, when the crisis is over, to be put back into a position of recognized inferiority.

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There have been Negroes high in the federal service. There are good colored doctors and lawyers; and there are many thousands of Negroes, probably, rich enough to own their own motors and that sort of thing. In New York, for instance, there is a most prosperous colored community, living together in good streets and good houses, with its own theatres and all the other trappings of civilization.

But there is a reverse side to the shield. The intellectual Negro seems to take rather kindly to Socialism and organized agitation. Thus, one finds, besides the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has many white members, a number of purely colored organizations like the League for Democracy, an organization of colored soldiers with grievances against the white officers they had in France, the Universal Negro Improvement Association, whose program is to awaken

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class consciousness among the Negroes here and in Africa, and to knit together all the colored races of the world, the National Association for the Organization of Labor Union Among Negroes, the Hamitic League of the World, the League of the Darker People of the World, and so on.

#### RIGHT OF REVOLUTION

In the course of discussion in the United States Senate on the Peace Treaty, Senator Robert M. La Follette submitted a reservation on November 13, to the effect:

"That nothing contained in Article II of the League Covenant, or any other provision thereof, shall be construed to deny to the people of Ireland, India, Egypt, Korea, or to any other people living under a government, which, as to such people, does not derive its powers from the consent of the governed, the right of revolution or the right to alter or abolish such government, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations in such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

#### BURN EFFIGY OF KING GEORGE

How alien kingship is despised and hated in India will be evidenced from the report of the alleged burning of King George's effigy at Ramnagar, a small town near Gujranwalla, Punjab, India.

Mr. Thompson, chief secretary of the Punjab government, said that the burning of the effigy of King George did really take place. Twenty-eight respectable men were charged with the alleged offense, and they were all convicted by Lieut.-Col. A. J. O'Brien, the district magistrate of Gujranwalla.

#### EGYPT FACES RAIL STRIKE

Inflammatory documents are circulated in Egypt threatening a general strike on the railroads, according to advices from Cairo. The documents menace volunteers with death. The railroad men say they are fully armed.

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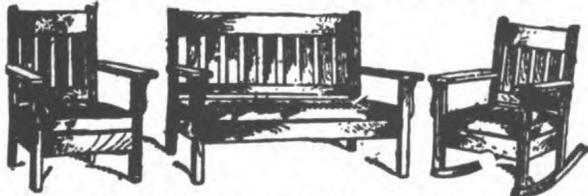
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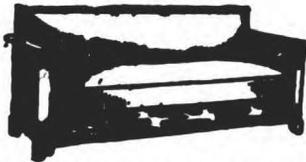
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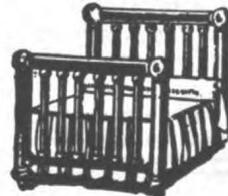
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President Wilson pointing out that as a result of having faith in his principles and claiming independence the Egyptians now

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## Our First Christmas in Africa

By GERTRUDE E. HALL.

**O**UR editor has imposed upon me the distasteful task of writing something appropriate to our Christmas number.

The task in itself is distasteful because one can scarcely realize any "peace on earth to men of good will" when so few are of "good will."

After many appeals to the President and the prayers poured forth by large congregations of colored people, the times still find the list of lynchings steadily increasing.

Even the hollyberries suggest an unjust waste of blood. And were it not for the green leaves of the holly—an emblem of hope—the very holly itself would yearly fill us with dismay.

But through all we must bear it bravely, and, as the Japanese say, "speak no evil, see no evil, hear no evil," but let our thoughts wander for a time into Africa on our first Christmas there—not into Liberia or Abyssinia, but somewhere in equatorial Africa, where the white man cannot live.

There will we pitch our tent beneath the rays of the tropical sun, while we feast on the good things transported by a real ship of the Black Star Line and dance about upon a sun-baked tennis court. Fancy doing a fox-trot or a one-step across that floor while the sun draws the cold-cream from our faces and bakes the corn-pone and the children's mud-pies at the same time. Fancy that dancing assembly enjoying themselves without the usual white police-

man's staring command of order.

Perhaps we will live one day in hottest Africa, inasmuch as we are partly black.

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## Correspondence

### COL. YOUNG'S "AMERICANISM"

New York, Dec. 3, 1919.

Dear Editor:—

We desire to call your attention to the generous contribution in the Chicago Defender by the Mme. C. J. Walker Mfg. Co., to further the ideals of Americanism and Col. Charles Young's abuse of this great privilege in the issue of The Defender, November 29, page 6.

It is a pity; and may the good Lord deliver us from the kind of Americanism advised by him. Instead of high blood pressure, Col. Young must now be suffering with "Dementia Americana."

Every editor in the country ought to help ring down the curtain on this Young, old stuff.

We trust that the Mme. C. J. Walker Mfg. Co., will permit others of broader vision and better knowledge of Americanism who hold different views, to write upon this very important subject in the space she donates, and if that is not possible, we would be glad to have your great organ discuss the question.

We understand Col. Young is being hired by the American Legion at a salary of \$3,500 per year and we guess he has to talk that way.

We are for Americanism—but we want the kind enunciated by Lincoln, prattled about by Woodrow Wilson and wrested from destruction and General Fitzhugh Lee at Appomattox in 1865.

Very sincerely,

Constant Reader.

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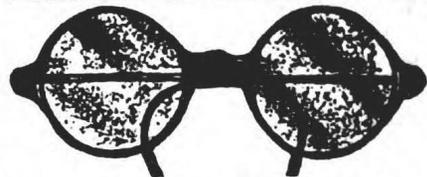
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## A THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON WITH OUR HEARTIEST GREETINGS

**A**NOTHER year is well nigh its close. Another will soon be ushered in. What have we as a race accomplished during the present year? Toward what are we turning our attention for the coming year? These are important questions which every Negro should ask himself.

We must not dodge the issue. In fact, we cannot. We cannot successfully shirk our individual responsibility in the upbuilding of our race.

This year has witnessed much more racial unity and interest amongst us than in former years. The results are manifold. Witness the many different business enterprises in which Negroes are being successfully engaged. Are these not evidences enough to convince every Negro that the best interests of the race are to be promoted and conserved through racial co-operation?

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Nov. 23, 1919.

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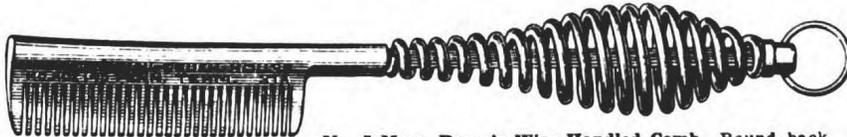
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**D**URING the latter part of November and the first week of December three very interesting plays were presented at the Lafayette Theatre. Two of the three may be said to have lost in natural interest on account of being revivals of plays seen here before, yet there still remained a great deal of interest in comparing the present casts in the revivals of "The Silent Witness" and "Today" with the original (Lafayette) casts. There is, however, the danger of such comparisons proving injurious to the present casts and so to the box-office. Comparisons are odious at best, and particularly so when made by persons untrained in artistic values. And, after all, the majority of Harlem playgoers are of just this type.

The work of the two companies presenting the three plays was on the whole good, though the production of "A Good Bad Woman" was noticeably weak in many ways—which fact brings to mind the almost

uniform failure of the Lafayette Stock and its directors to develop good actresses in any proportion to the good actors developed. While in the male line the Lafayette has (or has had) such excellent men as Bishop, Townsend, Walker Thompson, Muse, Simmons, Olden, Criner, Pryor, Laurence Chenault, Charlie Moore, Ray, Cooke, Kirkpatrick and several others, in the female line the Stock throughout its history has been able to show only six great actresses (of innate, potential, or developed greatness). These are Abbie Mitchell, Evelyn Ellis, Cleo Desmond, Mrs. Anderson, Inez Clough and Laura Bowman. And of these, the first, Miss Mitchell, was already an accomplished artist before becoming a member of the Stock. Miss Desmond and Miss Bowman likewise had been long in the theatrical world.

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Miss Evelyn Ellis in "*Today*" was charming in her portrayal of the lead, but lacked effective support from several of the women in her company. While Miss Inez Clough most ably portrayed the character of the German mother, Miss Ophelia Muse and Mrs. Carlotta Freeman were both somewhat ineffective—the latter, we would say from our first night observation, because of unfamiliarity with her lines, and Mrs. Muse, we suppose because of her long absence from the stage. However, the men members of the cast were all good. Arthur Simmons, although somewhat forgetful on the first night, soon took hold of his role in a manner to elicit applause and on Tuesday night when we viewed his acting from the wing he was doing fine. Mr. Simmons is one of the most natural actors in Negro stock today. He is possessed of both talent and ambition, and is already one of the most popular of the players. Clarence Muse made an excellent German fader and was "there" with the lingo alright.

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