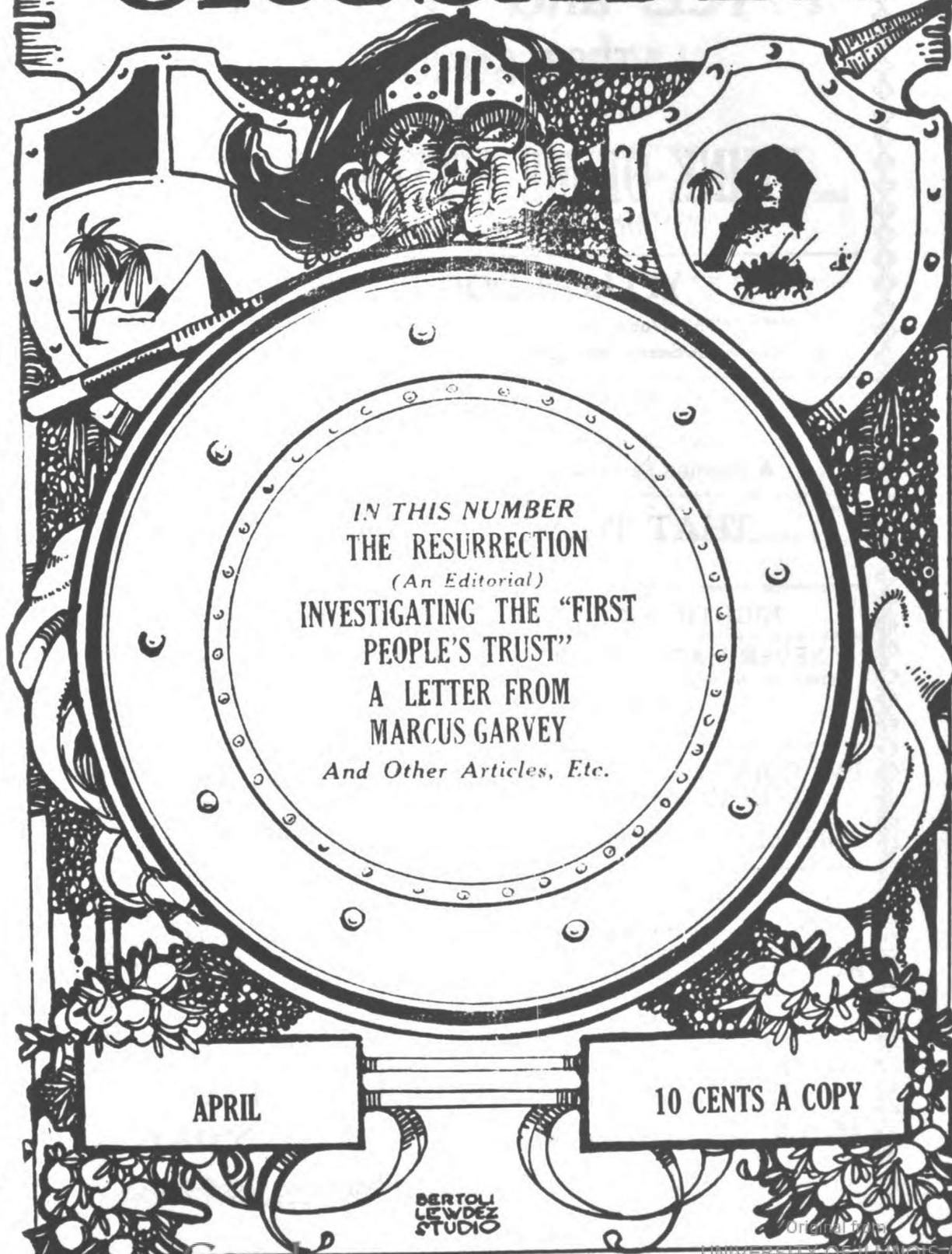


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## A LETTER FROM MARCUS GARVEY

(Sequel to the article on "A Paramount Chief for the Negro Race," which appeared in the March number of THE CRUSADER.)

THE following letter from Mr. Marcus Garvey, President-General of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League, is in response to the article, "A Paramount Chief for the Negro Race," which appeared in last month's CRUSADER:

March 9, 1920.

Mr. Cyril V. Briggs, Editor of THE CRUSADER, 2299 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Briggs: A copy of your March number of THE CRUSADER has just reached my hands.

The article under the caption of "A PARAMOUNT CHIEF FOR THE NEGRO RACE" has struck me forcibly. It is the most intelligent explanation of the real purpose of our Convention that I have read from the pen of a contemporary journalist who is not himself a member of the Executive Body.

I have to thank you for this public explanation, and I trust you will be numbered among those who attend our Convention.

We intend sending you an invitation in the very near future. Again I thank you with very best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

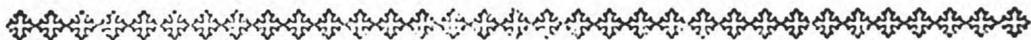
(Signed) UN. NEGRO IMP. ASSN.,  
Marcus Garvey, President General.

We thank Mr. Garvey for this letter of appreciation and take it, too, as an indication of recognition on his part of our attitude as one of friendly and constructive criticism rather than the destructive and malicious criticism which his projects have met with from many quarters. However, to be frank, Mr. Garvey's letter misses the most important point in the article to which he refers, viz: the necessity of extending to all Negro bodies throughout the world the invitation to attend and take part

in the proposed Convention for the purpose of electing "His Supreme Highness, the Potentate, His Highness, the Supreme Deputy, and other high officials, who will preside over the destiny of the Negro peoples of the world until an African Empire is founded."

In our opinion this proposal to elect a Potentate or Paramount Chief is fraught with danger to the unity of the race. We do not mean to pretend that no necessity exists for the election of such an official. The need is supreme, but the task for such an election calls for immense and careful preparation and the choice of a point more convenient to the center of the Negro population of the world than is New York City, otherwise we do not see how it would be possible to get together a set of delegates having mandates from all the Negro communities of Africa and the New World, or at least from the majority of these communities; since even under the most favorable conditions and with choice of a more convenient center than New York, it would take months of preparation and much more extensive propaganda than has so far been given the matter to arouse and enlist the support and co-operation of the majority of Negro communities in Africa and the New World. And unless this support and co-operation is secured, the project of electing a paramount chief for the Negro race is doomed to end in failure of the most farcical kind and in all probability will engender enmity and division in place of the unity that Mr. Garvey, along with all other Negro patriots, desire.

While thanking Mr. Garvey for the invitation he extends to us personally, we would prefer to see a public invitation extended to ALL Negro bodies and communities throughout the world, with other assurances that the Convention is really to be in the interests of the Negro Race.



## *Just a Label, But—*



R. E. NICHOLAS

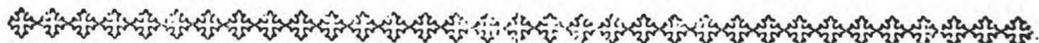
It was just a label—but it caught my eye and sent through me a thrill of racial pride and clamorous, surging joy as its significance sank into my mentality.

It was just a label on my tie, caught by my eye as I hurriedly dressed for the theatre. But what thoughts, what joyous inspirations and thrills of pride it engendered! What memories and comparisons with the world famous "Made in Germany" label! What faith in mine own kind! What visions of the future when this will be but one of many labels, and all supplemented with the line "Made in Africa."

Such were some of the thoughts that flashed through my mind, leaving a mountain of inspiration, as the gold-lettered words "NICK'S TOGGERY" flashed their scintillant signal to my eye, and their telegram of racial pride and racial deeds to my brain centres.

"NICK'S TOGGERY" gold-impressed upon as neat and pretty a label as any that bear the marks of the oldest firms of Europe.

And I thought of the man and his work, and the debt of gratitude owed him by his race for the daring of his imagination and the energy of his efforts that had brought to him—and to his race—such brilliant success as to make his two stores in Harlem the show places of that progressive Negro community; and famed for the superior articles and brands they carry, the lasting satisfaction given by their purchases, and the reasonable price at which the best standard manufactures are sold to the public. And I silently thanked him for the thrill and the pride and the inspiration, and promised myself to do my best to pass it on to other minds.—V.



## PICTURES OF THE PAST

By THEO BURRELL

HERE in my memory, even amidst this busy hum of city life, there linger three scenes that I cannot forget. At times my heart longs for the solitude, the highlands of variegated green, the humming birds, the full orb'd moon and the refreshing nights amidst beauty and grandeur. Each of these scenes are five hundred miles from the other. The first, a thing of beauty. On a wooded peak of a tropic spot, at the end of a lonely trail just as the golden sun of day was dying, I saw among the bowers and vines what might have been an ancient castle. Haunted fancies crept into my memory, but its sudden beauty called me to within its walls. 'Twas a castle of other times—a church of God. There, hundreds of years ago, stood a great temple dedicated to the Almighty; the columns still contained the art of old Castile written in its choir and nave. Minutely I searched the wrecked edifice and with bared head stood before the ruined altar. My thoughts went back to former years when Negroes and Spaniards alike must have there enjoyed in common the Holy Eucharist, how the effigy of the Christ must have been borne down its terraced aisles at Eastertide. I saw again the hour of evensong and the Negro priest holding aloft the emblem of the Sacred Heart, offering invocations for the help of his afflicted people, then in slavery, or saying mass for the "repose of the souls." I saw again the rough crowd touched by his sacred eloquence. But why "the broken chancel and the broken cross?" Then I remembered the tale of other years. Sir Francis Drake had been there with England's banner of destruction and had disturbed its sanctity. A Negro priest one Sunday afternoon was preaching before a mixed congregation of Negroes and Spaniards. He was telling of the great love of the Divine Paternity and the far reaching power of the human faith. But in the midst of his eloquence there came the roar of cannons. Looking seaward they saw the English standard floating in the breeze from the masts of several ships. A panic started among his congregation, who before had heard and tasted of English cruelties, but were reassured by his eloquence and stately exhortation—"Porque de tal manera amo Dios al mundo, etc." (John 11:16.) Before he had finished speaking, however, the church was surrounded and entered as was wont in those times from the fact that its altars were lavished with gold and precious stones, the wealth of the Indies. Here the Negro priest interposed and with uplifted crucifix dared them touch one soul, Spaniard or Negro. Caring not for the uplifted sword he proudly said: "Take the gold to the master whom you serve, but save my people." But the English buccaneers were bent on rapine and sacrilege. He fell wounded. Struggling to his feet he rallied his followers, who had now produced arms. Step by step the buccaneers were driven to their boats, their way strewn by the altar pieces they had dropped in their headlong flight, and the bodies of their dead. The

Negro priest had saved the old town of Port Antonio by his eloquence and the devotion of his followers. In revenge the buccaneers fired the church with round shot as they weighed anchor and slipped out of the bay to return no more. The name of the Negro priest is not left on history's page. It is forgotten. Almost so is that of the commander of the pirate squadron.

In a wild forest on the Caribbean coast of Central America stands another church unroofed. . . . Fate did not give him a place in the Necropolis of his people. The forests of acacia and pine, ceiba and whitewood alone wave over the lonely tomb of that wanton murderer and desecrator—Sir Francis Drake.

### THE AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD.

*Colon, Panama.*

A meeting of the Colon (Panama) Post of the African Blood Brotherhood was convened on the evening of February 21st by order of the Temporary Commander of the Colon Post, and a large number of enlistments accepted. The meeting was called to order at 7.30 p. m. by Temporary Post Commander A. Jemmott, who, after the singing of the opening hymn, "Lord, Pour Thy Spirit From on High," outlined the character of the organization and administered the oath of membership to the new recruits. The Colon Post now numbers well over a hundred members and is one of the strongest posts of the Brotherhood.

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### "STRIFE."

By ROBERT W. JUSTICE.

I feel, I feel the heat of life,  
I hear the tumult, the noise of strife,  
Down in the city street,  
Where saint and sinner meet.

Some in one thing, some in another,  
Some whispering soulful prayers,  
Others muttering curses on the sickly airs,  
Tottering old men with spirit tamed.

Broken in body and the mind in the sere,  
They have seen much, tried much, little gained;  
Wait t'inevitable hour to calmly obey  
The summons of Death.

Little children playing without a care  
Of what future years may bring,  
Or in what way their life will run,  
When now 'tis only begun.

I feel, I feel the heat of life,  
I hear the tumult, the noise of strife,  
Down in the city street,  
Where saint and sinner meet.

I know that there's in their breast  
A striving to know their better selves,  
To know where their life rose  
And the Great Sea where it goes.

## EDITORIALS

### THE RESURRECTION

At this period, symbolical of the resurrection of Christ, it is gratifying to note the many signs and portents of another great resurrection that promises to occur at no very distant date: the resurrection of Negro manhood from the pit of degradation into which it had been cast by the white race following the decline of the great Soudanese States and the Moorish power in Spain and the Barbary States, and the triumph of the European ideal that mere superior force makes racial superiority.

But the Negro race, as says the Bantu proverb, is like an India rubber ball. The harder you toss it to the ground the higher it will bounce. And it is at present rising so fast that the bonds of white domination are straining to the breaking point, and even the dullest imagination can visualize the lightning approach of the day when those bonds will no longer hold together, when not a limb of aroused Negro manhood will remain in occupation of the pit of degradation into which the race was thrown. Hail the Resurrection Dawn! Hail the New Negro Manhood rising from the pit. Pity the Roman soldiers on guard.

### WILL HAVE TO COME ONE BETTER!

THE CRUSADER is in receipt of a lengthy and entirely valueless "release" from the Leonard Wood Campaign Committee, accompanied by a letter of explanation informing us that "the enclosed article about General Wood, the friend of the late Theodore Roosevelt, is by a Negro writer of distinction for distribution to the colored press. I hope it will interest you and that you will find space for it in your paper."

The article in question did not interest us for many reasons, the first of these being that we do not admit the claim of being "a friend of the late Theodore Roosevelt" sufficient qualifications for a man seeking the presidency; not even though the two "became congenial companions and fast friends." (THE CRUSADER is not of those who admit the sincerity of the "friendship" of the late Mr. Roosevelt for the Negro race.) We are more interested in learning of what General Wood has ever done by deed or advocacy for the Negro group whose votes he seeks. And

of this we found nary a word! Indeed, not even the usual florid campaign promises of what the candidate *would do* for us if elected!

We are afraid the "Leonard Wood National Campaign Committee" will have to take the Negro more into its confidence as to any genuine qualifications the general may have for the presidency and the basis (if any) of reciprocal friendship upon which he seeks our aid to that office. We are callous enough even to question whether his "successful and fearless campaigns in the colonies," in murderous and unequal contest with a group of the darker races, would constitute a qualification in the eyes of the New Negro. But as the article in question was written by a "Negro writer of distinction" (distinction, we suppose, as one of the Old Crowd Serviles, and as too cowardly to attach his signature), it is to be hoped that the Negro voter may yet hear some more convincing argument from General Wood and his supporters.

### REAL IGNORANCE

There is no more disgusting and revolting ignorance than ignorance of one's own kind, race, nation or tribe. "The proper study of mankind is man," and one of the first essentials in such a study is instruction in the origin, development and achievements of the group, tribe or race with which one is, by nature and community of interests, identified.

The individual who, though illiterate and book-ignorant, is yet familiar with the history of his race or group through knowledge of its folk-lore and traditions, is possessed of far more important essentials of genuine education than is the individual who, though knowing all there is to know about another group, is in complete ignorance of the true origin and development and mighty achievements of his own group. Strengthening the racial backbone by clear and reiterated expositions of the racial background, is by far the most important single aim of modern education and literature. No member of a white group, ignorant of the history of that group, would be considered by cultured and discriminating men as truly educated. The Negro cannot defy universal standards. The individual without knowledge of the history

of his race, no matter how much he may know about that of England, France and other countries inhabited by white groups, *is ignorant*. That is the universal judgment. And there are no modifying circumstances. The more he knows about others, the more inexcusable his ignorance of his own group!

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#### MOTON AGAIN SQUIRMS INTO THE LIMELIGHT

Robert "Rusty" Moton has again squirmed into the limelight. In his efforts to serve his white masters by keeping the Negro in the South, he attempts to bolster up a false optimism by the statement that "there will be no more lynchings of Negroes in the South in a few years." The honorable doctor bases his conclusions upon the fact that the present "governors of North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky have pledged themselves there will be no such occurrences in their States while they are in office." North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky are only four States of the Southern block. Moreover, their governors (as are the executives of other States) are elected only for a short term of years. And they were not elected on any platform aiming at the elimination of lynch-law. Upon such a platform, in the present state of public sentiment in the South, they would have been overwhelmingly defeated! Yet Robert Rousa Moton sees the "end of lynching" in the mere promise of more or less helpless officials, holding office only temporarily, that there will be no lynchings in their States while they are in office.

Even were these governors in a position and frame of mind to keep their promises literally by not merely punishing the perpetrators of a lynching but by PREVENTING the lynching, are four States in the South, and are the policies of four short-term office-holders more representative of the community than the sentiment of that community as demonstrated in the long list of mob-murders, the election of Negro-haters to State legislatures and the National Congress, and the unchanging policy of repression and persecution consciously and deliberately practiced against the Negro?

Georgia had twenty-one lynchings in 1919, Tennessee one, North Carolina three. Other States in which lynchings occurred during that year are Alabama (seven), Arkansas (twelve), Colorado (two), Florida (five), Louisiana (seven),

Mississippi (twelve), Missouri (two), Nebraska (one), South Carolina (one), Texas (four), Washington (one), Kansas (one) and West Virginia (two). Yet, according to Dr. Moton, lynching is to cease in a few years because of the magic words of four men whose terms of office will soon expire. Dr. Moton has a most wonderful imagination, to say the least. It certainly should enhance his earning capacities—in the service of his white masters.

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#### A HARLEM NEGRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

It is greatly to be regretted that legitimate business in Harlem is not giving the necessary and deserved support to the idea of a Negro Chamber of Commerce, which germinated in the fertile brain of Harlem's most successful dry goods merchant and man of vision, R. E. Nicholas, proprietor of "Nick's Toggeries," and fructified, through his energies and financial aid, showed great signs of success up to a few months ago.

Never was such an institution more needed than at this period of wild-cat finances. Never were such wild schemes and illicit propositions as are now being offered to the people of Harlem and other Negro sections—made fertile for just such schemes by the ignorance of financial matters and the child-like credulity of a people unaccustomed to, and untrained in, big business ventures.

It is safe to say that even Wall Street in its palmiest days of crookedness would have suffered by a comparison with present-day Harlem, where bait-for-suckers range all the way from the apartment-shortage-inspired idea of exploiting the necessity of flat seekers to make them pay an exorbitant rental and to put up the money for the operation of the villains mulcting them, to the highly superlative money-separator scheme of offering to advise on the purchasing of stocks and building up the confidence of the victims to be by first giving sound advice as to investment in standard stocks, and later exploiting the confidence so inspired, to influence the victim to change his good stocks for "something better," on the recommendation that the change would benefit the victim by obtaining a larger interest on his investment, and would be "absolutely safe." Human nature being what it is, the Negro in particular being unfamiliar with the stock market, the victim bites nine out of ten times where

this "confidence" game is worked. The trick is turned. The standard stocks for which the victim has now paid all or nearly all due, are changed for stocks that are absolutely worthless, upon the advice of the creature who assiduously worked along psychological lines to win the victim's confidence by first giving him sound advice and later using the fact of having given sound advice in the first place (and the confidence thus won) to fleece his victim.

These, and many other money-separation schemes, are being advertised through the columns of certain Negro newspapers, whose proprietors are obviously more interested in "getting theirs" than in taking measures to safeguard and protect their readers. It is useless to expect these "weaklies" to essay the work of exposing the dishonest operators who supply so great an amount of their advertising revenue. The task of exposure is thus thrown upon the few honest publications as the *Messenger*, the new-born *Emancipator* (which comes out weekly, but not meekly) and THE CRUSADER. THE CRUSADER for its part gladly takes up the burden, even though such exposures are outside the sphere of a propaganda organ such as THE CRUSADER frankly is. However, we assure the helpless people of Harlem of a thorough cleaning of the Augean Stables, and will be glad to receive communications from those who have been induced to invest in doubtful securities. These will be treated confidentially when so requested. Investment information will be supplied by mail where stamped return envelope is enclosed, or in the columns of THE CRUSADER at our discretion. As it is our purpose to deal purely with facts, with malice towards none but with the searchlight turned upon all, THE CRUSADER has no fear of the ultimate outcome of its fight to protect the savings of the people, yet it cannot down the reflection that the battle would have been much easier, perhaps even unnecessary, for the existence of a strong, virile and protective body such as that which Mr. Nicholas proposed when he launched the idea of a Negro Chamber of Commerce for Harlem. Is it too late for legitimate business and the investing public to get together in such an organization?

#### OUR INCONSEQUENTIAL SELVES

Louis Seibold, Washington correspondent of the *New York World*, enumerates as the most important matters "that irritate the professional politicians of both parties" the following: Prohibition,

money, the League of Nations, Mr. Hoover, the high cost of living, labor and women.

It will be noted that both labor and the newly enfranchised women are included in this list of "important matters," but that the Negro is conspicuous by his absence in a list that "includes pretty nearly every element that makes for trouble and interest in politics." Apparently the Negro makes neither for "trouble nor interest in politics," as the Republican bosses and their Negro satellites are supposed to carry the Negro vote in their back pockets. But we wonder if the bosses and their tools have felt their back pockets lately? Are they quite sure that Negro votes are still deliverable? Have they so soon forgot the lesson of Washington, Chicago, Knoxville, etc.? Will the dreamers wake up before election day?

#### WELCOME, "EMANCIPATOR!"

Hats off, and a thousand welcomes to the new-born "Emancipator," which, with the week of March 8, 1920, has weekly, but not meekly, made its appearance in the list of champions (unbought and unbuyable) who are battling for the race against the foe of Anglo-Saxon prejudice and the destructive influences of vacillation and treachery on the inside.

May the "Emancipator" have the success due so able and fearless a champion of the sons and daughters of Ethiopia.

#### MR. JUSTICE SECURES POST-OFFICE FOR HARLEM.

Mr. R. W. Justice, director of the New York Academy, has succeeded in his efforts to have a postoffice station established here in Harlem to accommodate the lack of postoffice facilities and the increasing business for this district.

Congressman Jerome Donovan has notified Mr. Justice that the New York postmaster, Mr. Patten, has approved his recommendation for the postoffice, and that it will be established in a few days at 448 Lenox avenue, just opposite the New York Academy.

This is Mr. Justice's second and successful attempt to have the authorities establish an office in Harlem.

#### Cairo, Egypt.

Deprived of all weapons, even deprived of walking canes, the Egyptian Nationalists still wage the fight for "self-determination" and complete Egyptian independence. Egypt resolutely refuses to treat with the Milner Mission or to compromise herself in any other manner with the "British" Government.

## EASTER THOUGHTS

By *BEN E. BURRELL*

Deep on the world the Lenten shadows fall,  
 Low voices mingle in the evening air;  
 The Angelus of Life has called to prayer,  
 I, too, am list'ning; I await the call.  
 Thus have I seen this human current flow  
 Far out to the everwid'ning sea  
 That breaks on shores of immortality,  
 Where Life's soft winds unseasingly  
 doth blow.

I can but follow where the current drifts,  
 Seeking for places and for lands un-  
 known,  
 Where in Love's time the living seeds are  
 grown,  
 And one by one each plant its head  
 uplifts.  
 But no one knoweth aught that lies before  
 When the Great Silence shall have hushed  
 the Will,  
 When these harsh notes of human strife  
 are still,  
 And the dear voices call to us no more.

Here, or wherever goes humanity,  
 That One Great Life shall point the open  
 Way  
 From Goodness unto Goodness, till the day  
 Dawns on the soul, clear as a silver sea.  
 And Love's light burns, and from that  
 light we read  
 Sage oracles as taught in ancient climes,  
 And shall be taught in the far future  
 times—  
 The dead still lives, the living are the  
 dead.

So when the sun sets on my little day,  
 I shall go out and wander, till I find  
 One lone frail bark, the shelt'ring cliffs  
 behind,  
 And take the current to the Outer Bay;  
 Far onward, till I reach the Farther Sea,  
 Where Love is ocean, and where Love  
 is shore;  
 Love far behind me, and Love far before,  
 Endless and tideless as Eternity.

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## THE RAY OF FEAR

A Thrilling Story of Love, War, Race Patriotism, Revolutionary  
 Inventions and the Liberation of Africa

By *C. VALENTINE*

(Second Instalment.)

**T** was six days to the dot after the scene in the sick chamber of the President of the Black Republic, where Paul had reported to the President and his beautiful daughter, Nazima, "the Rose of Africa," the decision of the republic's statesmen to strike a daring blow for "the glory of the republic, the redemption of the Fatherland and the liberation of our scattered and oppressed kindred." The President, fully recovered, was seated with his beautiful daughter in the official box of a grand stand on the principal street of Maseru, the handsome capital of Basutoland. At his right sat the Paramount Chief of the brave Basutos and at his left his daughter, while standing at her side was the hero of the hour, Air-Admiralissimo Paul Kilmanjaro. Across the street in a larger box sat the members of the President's Cabinet and the legislators of the Black Republic, with the councilors and vassal chiefs of the Basutos. North and south of the two boxes sat and stood a cheering multitude, while along the main street marched in review the mobilized forces of the Basutos, 60,000 strong, all in native uniform and carrying modern equipment. And as the last of these swept by in military precision and open pride of race that told the story of their ancient triumphs against cruel Boer and brutish Britisher

and even against the intrepid warriors of Chaka, the Great, another body hove into view, which, as it approached, unfolded to the thrilled gaze of the multitude the brawny representatives of Chaka's race, clad with barbaric splendor and treading the earth with the tread of men who considered themselves its masters. These, arrived at the official stands, halted facing the box of the President, and gave with all the might of Zulu lung power the *Bayette*, which no Zulu gives but to royalty. Then, with rapid tread and proud carriage, they followed the larger force to the camp outside of Maseru, where endless drilling and target practice were to be their portions for the next week or more.

Rising with inexpressible dignity and grandeur of manner, the Basuto Paramount Chief dismissed the multitude with a majestic waive of his hands, and as these poured into the side streets opening on the main street, he turned to the President, and, bowing, said:

"These are all the troops we have mustered so far, Your Excellency. But two days have passed since the arrival of your forces and South Africa is big. But you can be assured of many, many more. The tribes will flock to your standard in their thousands and the greatest task will be their training and equipment. All Africa will thrill at news of the liberation."

"Africa, and beyond," smiled the President as he cordially gripped the hand of the Paramount Chief. "And you—you are fully satisfied, are you not, with the arrangements which leave your own power and the liberty of your people unimpaired, plus the sure protection which unity brings?"

"Perfectly satisfied, Your Excellency, and thankful that the hour of liberation has been blessed with wisdom such as yours to effect the everlasting unity of the race. But come, Your Excellency, the hour grows late and the chiefs are waiting to take the oath of allegiance." And the Chief led off, with the President following, after a short and vain attempt to attract the attention of Paul and Nazima, who, but six feet away, were engrossed in the story of Ethiopia's triumphs, which Paul was relating for the exclusive benefit of Nazima, that not even the lusty shouts of the thoroughly amused President had any effect upon them.

Paul's plans had worked perfectly. Not once had there been the slightest hitch. Every fort and fortified post, every strategic point and mountain pass in Africa were in the hands of the forces of the Black Republic, which were at present engaged in occupying every inch of railway on the continent, as well as the most important motor and wagon roads and the navigable rivers, the lakes, seaports and all the shipping on them, thus consolidating the gains. Europe lay helpless and paralyzed, fear-stricken and demoralized, under the baneful influence of the *Ray of Fear*. Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, Singapore and other strategic outposts of European empire were in the hands of the forces of the Black Republic. Shipping was being picked up on the high seas and in European ports where they lay unguarded, deserted by their demoralized crews. African troops and commissions were scouring the continent of Europe and the British Isles for arms and ammunition, aeroplanes, tanks, automobiles, etc., removing everything that could be of value in warfare, while in Africa the most extensive preparations were in progress: vast armies were being raised and trained, naval and technical schools were in full swing, agricultural and common schools were being established and every other possible step

being taken to put the entire continent on a progressive war and industrial footing. Paul was taking no chances. He knew that Europe would hardly submit without a struggle to the loss of her domination and that the real test to African unity and power would come with the wearing off of the effects of the *Ray of Fear* from the minds of the European peoples.

"This effect," he told Nazima, "will be completely worn off at the end of ninety days. In the case of strong minds, the mental equilibrium will be recovered within sixty days. And you must remember, too, that all the people of Europe are by no means under its effect even now. It is impossible to have *Rayed* those in scattered communities within the time set. Then, again, we did not want to make the thing too obvious. We prefer Europe to consider it a natural phenomenon, and thus puzzle their brains in the wrong direction."

"And do you think we will be thoroughly prepared at the end of ninety days, Paul?"

"Well, enough so to hold our own against a Europe which, please remember, will not have thoroughly recovered its powers at the end of ninety days—or ninety years for that. Then, too, we will have allies in free India and the Farther East. Steps have been taken in those directions already. I only wish as effective steps were being taken in another direction, Nazima."

"What direction, Paul? And why do you not command that such steps be taken? You are in full control."

"I wish I were, Nazima, for then I would set our wedding date for tomorrow," answered Paul, taking quick advantage of the opening he had gained by his love strategy.

"Perhaps we shall set it soon, Paul," Nazima answered softly, with lowered eyes to hide the lovelight that Paul's words had evoked. "As soon as your military aims are all achieved, Paul, and Ethiopia's free from pole to pole." And Nazima ended her pretty speech by upturning invitingly her prettier face.

Paul accepted the invitation and clasped her in his arms with many a hot word of love and fervent promise that Ethiopia would soon be free from pole to pole.

## FACTS, FUN AND FANCIES

Lives of "business experts" remind us,  
They can graft so clean and neat;  
And departing leave behind them  
Footprints bigger than their feet.

Some people glide so imperceptibly into deep water and get the plunge so unexpectedly.

A letter was received at this office recently from a "business expert," informing us that "our financial position is not insured." Delinquent subscribers! You have much to answer for!

And after a careful study of the same letter we have come to the conclusion that it was intended to be humorous also. Anyway, a member of the staff, after reading it through, went outside and kicked at a stray dog.

### HOW OLD IS ANN?

Woe is us! The "business expert" has said it—we are bum writers. He goes so far as to intimate that even at that our pen writes everything else more successfully than checks!

He also propounded the amazing question, HOW OLD IS ANN? And informed us that our answer would prove the editor's ability to edit.

At first we shied at the question, but the "expert" insisted and persisted with reinforcements. Finally such persistence excited in us a desire to know how old "Ann" really is! So we got busy and we are proud to say that we have found the answer, and it has gone through us like a ring-tailed cyclone and we've decided to turn it loose and shake it out full on the

most read page of the magazine. We have furnished all the documents, with such testimony on the side as will make the answer complete. We are sure it will make a hit (that always tickles an editor) and stir the entire community to its profoundest depths.

### FOR WE ARE, WE ARE, "FINANCIAL EXPERTS."

We swept the floor and we polished up the handle on the big front door,

We fooled our race and we set the pace to dig deep down into the savings of the poor;

We sat like cattle and we swallowed the rattle of a hook-nosed Greening full-set upon the spoor.

And by this dope, we guess by Nope, that we are "financial experts" and more.

Husband—"You are outrageously extravagant, my dear. Last month you spent \$215.45."

Wife—"Really; I wonder what I could have bought with that 45 cents."

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you desire that manuscript should be returned when not available for publication. The following contributions were accepted out of those submitted:

I stood on a bridge at midnight,  
The sun was shining fair,  
When somebody took the bridge away  
And left me standing there.

—O. M. SKINNER,  
New York, N. Y.

### THE NEGRO'S WAY.

In a city court recently a Negro on the witness stand was being questioned about a sick horse.

"What was the matter with the horse?" asked the lawyer.

"He was ailin'," replied the witness.

"Yes, I know," said the questioner, "but what was the matter?"

"He wus jes ailin'."

"But what was wrong? With what disease was he suffering?"

"Jes' ailin'," persisted the Negro.

The lawyer was quiet a moment, then he had a bright idea. He would try to get at the horse's symptoms.

"Well, how do you know he was ailing?" he asked.

"Cause he died," replied the witness.

—BERNICE SAWYER,  
Omaha, Neb.

## A REVEALED SECRET OF THE HAMITIC RACE

By JAMES N. LOWE, of Jamaica, B. W. I.

### ARTICLE IV.

THE writer mentioned in article three the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth chapters of Isaiah, and twenty-ninth and thirtieth chapters of Ezekiel as the positive and secret cause for the slave trade of the Sixteenth Century, and even our present oppression. If one is even ignorant of history such as one may judge from the position of him or herself and race, that they are to be found among this and that nations of the world. The fact that we are among the different nations of the world should make us understand now and for all times the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth verses of Ezekiel, chapter twenty-nine, which read as follows, verse twelve with omission: "And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. Yet, thus saith the Lord, at the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they are scattered. And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros (means Pharaoh) into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom." Now the twentieth verse of the nineteenth chapter of Isaiah and the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth verses of Ezekiel, chapter twenty-nine, should be read carefully by all persons of the African race. These verses are the promised hope of Africa's political salvation and

the return of its race, sooner or later, to the land of the Pharaohs, the land of their habitation.

Now all the chapters and verses mentioned should be carefully read, commented and all mistakes and violent intention marked and omitted. I have heard people of my race question whether or not the Egyptians were Negroes. To answer such the writer wishes to say Africans do not know themselves as Negroes. The words Negro, Mulatto and Colored are all ridiculous epithets given us by some Robert the Devil or Edith of the Swan's Neck. But I answer yes, the people whom the white man calls Negroes were both the Egyptians and Ethiopians of ancient time. We shall prove this with the following four facts, to wit. Biblical, historical, moral and identical. The first can be proved by all the chapters mentioned in this article. Ezekiel, verse twelve, chapter twenty-nine: "And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations." We know of no other people but the Jews and ourselves that were scattered among the nations. The Jews are not Egyptians. They were taken from Asia and us from Africa and Egypt is in Africa. We are told it is the cradle of the arts and sciences which now are in the hands of other nations. Second, historically we are told that the foreign armies drove our foreparents from their cities. Now think of a people driven from their city limits.

Except Asia, Africa is the largest continent on earth; it is twelve millions of square miles or more. The cities were then in the hands of the foreign Greeks and Romans, whose good sense was to administer cruelties to the people, leaving only a small number of them in the cities; the bulk of the population took to the interior or forest land. With no outside help to relieve this state of affairs, crime and anarchy grew into tribal warfare. As a result of this they began roaming over the land, penetrating the depths of the great continent. Here we see the prophecy came to pass. Many of them were eaten and have yet been eaten by the wild beasts of the land. (Isa. 18 vs 6.) (Third, morally.) We are told by Bousset, a French historian and theological writer, that Egypt is the source of all good governments. That the laws of Egypt were remarkable and evidenced a high civilization enjoyed by the people can be seen in the following two sections of Ancient Egyptian laws in the history of Northrop: A man found guilty of offering violence to a woman was condemned to mutilation. Adultery was punished in a man by a thousand blows with a stick, in a woman by the loss of her nose. A high regard for women's chastity, and the innocence of women in Africa today up to the age of 35 to 40 are senses of moral restrictions traced back to the laws of Egypt. Fourth, and lastly, let us go to Egypt today and look carefully at the pyramids, and then go back and look at the bushman's hut in West, South and East Africa. And there we will see that the huts are built on the same angle or architectural shape of the pyramids. Again the people of Nigeria, British West Africa, seventeen millions in numbers, are intelligent and engaged in manufacturing all the necessities of life for themselves. This is true of all Africa, more or less, and shows that they are a people who knew Egypt, which place we are told is the cradle of the arts and sciences. To those who question whether Egyptians were black or not, the fourth and fifth verses of Ezekiel, chapter thirty, will answer. It says all the mingled people would fall with Pharaoh. The word mingle is synonymous to the law of variety. It shows us a people black, brown and yellow as can be seen today in Africa at home and Africa abroad. Variety in man, beast and vegetable is the decoration of nature intended to satisfy the desire or taste of man in the matter of choice. It makes pleasant and beautifies the structure of God's material creation. Even in the white race, which is the most one-sort of human being, there is variety. Some are darker than others; some have red hair, some have black hair; some have cat's eyes, some have black eyes. This is intended to satisfy the taste of that species of man. Now the hair upon the heads of African people is no mark for African types. We can often see a truly black son or daughter of the African race whose hair is as black as him or herself and as smooth as new black silk. Many of these people are to be found in Nigeria, British West Africa, where the women are to be seen with long silken hair, flowing well down their backs. In fact, many children of the African race never change their birth hair.

The truth which was taught to us from the writings of Moses and Joshua was only a moral truth. In much of the teachings sent

down to us we will find at least two sorts of truths. There is a natural truth and a moral truth. As touching justice and virtue the first is truth divine, and the second truth decline. Truth divine exists amid the din and confusion of words esoterically arranged to change ideas and magnify caste on race. Truth divine is ever celebrating the acts of God, who exercises paternal interest in the affairs of man. All moral truths like Judaism eventually find its rest in the waste place of mockery and disgrace. In the fourteenth chapter of Deut., verse twenty-one, the Jews were taught that all things died of itself, by disease or whatever might be the corruption they were to give it to strangers and sell it to aliens. It was not good for a Jew. It was also their moral truth that a Greek would pollute the temple of God if he entered it. But it was not an ontological or divine truth that man, in whose body is the breath of God, would pollute the temple by his having been in it. Neither is it ever right with God that things not good for one people should be given to another. Such truth is false ipso facto. And there are many such in the corruption of Judaism. Tracherous teachers and anti-Christian religionists taught us that God intended to raise up an Israel's race to enslave and destroy the Hamitic race in all Syria. And when we ask in the Sunday school what is the meaning of this promise to Abraham: Now Abraham look towards the sky, and if thou can number the stars, so shall thy seed be. (Now there are only about seven million Jews and a child can count that.) They always answer our questions thus: Christ was to be born in Abraham's race and would be father of all men. But Christ was in the beginning with the father when he made man and was ever the father of man. Again, Christ was born in the two races, Hamitic and Jewish. Rahab and Bathsheba were Hamitic women. The first was the great-grandmother of David and the second his beautiful wife, whom he stole from Uriah the Hitite. Now does this promise of Abraham's countless children come to pass? His human blood may be traced in all mankind. Thou shalt no more be called Abram, but Abraham, which means father of many nations. The very sense of this expression could not mean one race called Israel. It has a plural meaning and includes many other people. If this promise is a blessing it came first to the house of Ham. How does it come first to the house of Ham? It was God who made Abraham's wife Sarah barren so that the blessing may go to the African house also. The first child of Abraham was Ishmael. The mother of Ishmael was an African girl called Hagar. She was born and raised in Egypt. The story of Ishmael and Hagar is well known to those who read the Scriptures. But the truth about this child is hidden from the students of the African race. The writer could name the twelve sons of Jacob from the time he was a little boy. But I was never even told that Ishmael had a son and I bet the members of my race cannot name one. Now when Ishmael was grown his mother took him an African wife from Egypt. They lived in Beer-sheba, the land of Sheba, one of the tribes of Ham. It would be foolishness to think that this girl driven away with her child like a dog and outcast by a Semitic race

would go and live with another Semitic race. Those who think so are unreasonable. The race of Ham was dominant from Asia to Africa and controlled the economic and social field at that time. There was a constant going and coming of the kindred people from Canaan to Egypt through Sheba (now called Arabia), and Hagar could have had easy and constant communication with her home in Africa.

Ishmael had twelve sons and these are their names (Genesis, chapter 25, verses 13, 14, 15): Nebajoth, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. Out of these children came the most powerful tribe of the great Arabs. Out of the Arabs came Mohammed, the prophet of Islam. There was not a greater man on earth than Mohammed. Mohammedanism has lifted millions and millions of people out of degradation of paganism to a higher ideal of the true living God. This religion is the forerunner of that philosophy which Christ taught in the land of our brother Canaan. And those who are sending missionaries to Africa and Asia if they were right Christianity by this time would come after Mohammedanism and have won the world for Christ. These people were called in ancient time Ishmaelites. They knew that Africa was their mother's country and in the year A. D. 639 rushed down into Africa and later drove the Greeks and

Romans back into Europe. They raised a strong army, entered Europe, captured Spain, Italy and France and revenged the blood of their kindred, the Africans. They remained in France more than forty years and in Spain about 200 years. They changed the entire character of the Spaniards. They and the Carthaginians, another African tribe, built cities in Spain and many examples of their architecture are yet to be seen in Spain such as the Alhambra. The children of Ishmael from the very early time of the Pharaohs were trading with Africa, their mother country, and settling down in it. They are to be found today over the length and breadth of Africa; so much so the names of Massa, Ishmael, Adah, Edith (or Judith), Mahalah and Korah are common among Negro people, especially in the West Indies. These names came down to us through Ishmael, Esaw and the Canaanites. (Please read Genesis 36:1-7.) (Genesis 26-34.) Now it was promised that Esaw would be separated from the house of Israel and when he was 40 years old he took his wives from among the Hamitic women. These people melted with the children of Ishmael and the Canaanites into the great Afro-Arabic-Hamitic stock. This is a blessing to Africa from Abraham and shall make good in the redemption of our country. More about Ishmael and the Arabs shall come in the next article.

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## A Horoscope of the Months

The Nature of the Destiny and Some of the Idiosyncrasies Which Have to Do With Persons Born Under the Sign "Aries," Representing the Period between March 21st and April 19th.

### ARIES: THE RAM

March 21st to April 19th.

CUSP: MARCH 21st to MARCH 27th

**T**HE constellation "Aries"—the first sign of the zodiac, and the head sign of the Fire Triplexity—exerts its influence from March 21st to April 19th, the period coinciding with the first month of the Roman year. It is a cardinal, equinoctial, movable, masculine sign, the positive pole of the Fire Triplexity, governing the face and head. The higher attri-

butes are courage, intuition and reason.

A person born during the period of the cusp, when the sun is on the edge of the sign, does not receive the full benefits of the individuality of either sign, but partakes of the characteristics of both.

Persons born under this sign are positive, obedient, yet with a faculty for commanding, paradoxical as this may appear. They are also inventive, original, determined and executive. Once the mind of an Aries subject is made up, nothing can swerve him from the course he has determined to pursue. Before undertaking any new enterprises, their habit is to study the entire situation carefully, thereby discovering and profiting by many seem-

### 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 tenth 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.

ingly minor, yet in the end important, points which escape the ordinary individual.

The brain of an Aries subject is the most active portion of his whole body. They are charming conversationalists, having keen intellects. Many fine writers, poets, lecturers and teachers come out of this sign.

They are aggressive and excitable, oftentimes going to extremes in their excitement, and they are apt to show too much antagonism. They enter a fight to win, and nothing can induce them to back out of it. The Aries woman has the same fighting spirit, and stands by her friends to the end, no matter what the circumstances may be.

The subjects of Aries are easily angered, but the fire is quickly quenched, leaving behind no sting or grudge. They are generous, sympathetic and kindly, and so much do they think of their friends that they will never acknowledge their faults. On the other hand, they never fail to see the failings of their enemies, and they speak of them in no uncertain terms.

The traits of Aries people are perhaps more varied and peculiar than those of any other of the twelve signs. They are not naturally patient, yet they are extremely so with those they love.

The Aries person is usually well built, strong and usually he is tall.

According to some authorities, the short, broad-shouldered subjects are much more fortunate in making money than are the tall ones. They have intellectual eyes, a ruddy complexion. Their foreheads are broad at the eyebrows. The eyes are generally deep set. They are more than willing to work for what they want to secure.

The success of an Aries subject depends upon the way in which he uses his splendid energy, action, systematic endeavor and finally upon his determination to everlastingly stick at the work in hand.

The chief faults of the Aries people are

impatience, anger, selfishness and fickleness, together with a tendency to extreme aggressiveness. The physical temperament of the subject will be nervous-sanguine, if born in a southern climate, and bilious-sanguine if born in a northern latitude.

When an Aries and Sagittarius person are united a most happy domestic life is certain. The offspring will be physically fine, the nature still finer and the intellect of the highest order.

Aries children should be very carefully and tenderly brought up. They can be readily managed only through kindness and love. In fact, Aries children seem to demand a constant expression of love. They crave a just appreciation of any little task they perform.

It is most important that an Aries child be not overpraised, for in so doing his higher development is certain to be arrested.

The ruling planets are Mars and Neptune and the gems are sapphire, turquoise and diamond. The astral colors are blue, white and pink.

Tuesday is the most fortunate day of the week, and June and July, the most favorable months in which to bring any business transactions to a successful issue. It is well for an Aries subject to endeavor to carry out the most important business transactions during these months.

The flower emblematic of Aries is the Amaryllis, signifying unbending pride.

#### Damascus, Syria.

Four hundred French troops have been destroyed by a force of Turks and Arabs near Houran. The French are evacuating Baalek (30 miles north of Damascus) and the El Bika Valley, lying between Labanon and Anti-Labanus.

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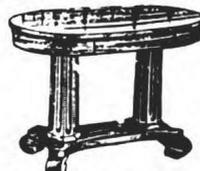
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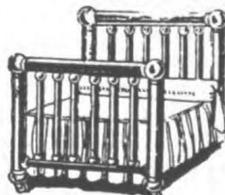
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only through white channels and to interest white investors." You are partly right, for we admit that the offering of the H. V. Greene Company was offered to and accepted only by white people until C. S. Reid became a member of the organization of the H. V. Greene Company. Mr. Reid realized the advantages to be derived from ownership of bank securities, and being a colored man, he persuaded H. V. Greene, president of the H. V. Greene Company, to permit him to give to his race a chance to derive the same benefits that 60,000 white people had and were deriving; as a result, we have here in Harlem an efficient and highly trained corps of Negro financial experts, who have and are doing a real service to their race. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, BRIGGS, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR THE RACE? You further state that such men who were instrumental in giving this financial opportunity to their race are "figure heads." Answer this! Do you consider a man or men who bring to our people an opportunity that 1,500 white people are bringing to their race, figure heads? Your answer will determine your ability to edit your paper.

Furthermore, Mr. Briggs, if we should cease all dealings with the white man, as you advise, where would we be as a race? Where do you get your paper you print your magazine on? Is it not from the white man? You are wrong, Mr. Briggs, for until we are able to paddle our own financial canoe, we will have to use at least one white paddle. This is a fact, and we cannot get away from it, no matter how much race spirit we have. If the large white banks would give its Negro depositors a chance to become owners in said banks, no sensible man would hesitate to take advantage of the opportunity and no doubt you would try to borrow enough money to grasp this opportunity.

If you are so small that you don't realize that it is better to be an owner than a depositor in financial institutions, which, to quote Poe's Manual and Pugo Committee (See Congressional Record), are 99 9-10 per cent. safe, then call on us and we will gladly attempt to give you the necessary knowledge and loan you enough money so that you can better your financial condition and be relieved of the embarrassment of placing the financial end of your magazine in some one else's hands.

If it is your desire to educate our people about investments, read what men of brains say on the subject and then, with their permission, reprint their articles.

The Chicago Defender, the Amsterdam News, the Daily Citizen, the New York American, the New York World, the Boston Post, the Commercial Journal, besides, the great credit investigating houses of Dun & Bradstreet, and the Bankers' and Brokers' Investment Committee; all the men connected with the above papers have investigated the offering of the H. V. Greene Company and have given it their approval.

Also three large banks established and paying dividends to owners and the 120 offices, 1,520 service staff men and 60,000 clients of the H. V. Greene Company speak for the offering of the H. V. Greene Company. In the final analysis, Mr. Briggs, we suggest that if you want a real magazine that "nearly" every Negro reads, change your policy and tell the truth or you will have a magazine that no Negro reads.

We are offering to our people an investment opportunity in which the dollar has a full earn-

ing power, and the people get their dividends in cash, not Bull, and we believe that we are doing a great racial good. WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BRIGGS, OR WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE RACE?

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. A. Jackson,  
Anderson J. Campbell, Jr.,  
E. C. Martin,  
A. B. Stewart,  
Walter R. Fisher,  
V. H. Greene,  
H. B. Burton,  
C. V. Turpin,  
C. S. REID.

#### COMMENT AND FACTS.

The reader will note that the signatories to this epistle are "financial experts"—for they themselves have said it, and it's greatly to their credit. Yet these "financial experts" tell us that "IF the large white banks would give its Negro depositors a chance to become owners in said banks," etc., etc.—as if this chance or opportunity is denied Negro or any other depositors in any bank whose stocks are on the market! Financial experts, forsooth!

Most delicious is the advice given in paragraph 5, to "read what men of brains say on the subject," followed by the reference to our highly "erudite weaklies." More serious, however, is the allegation that papers like *The World*, *Commercial Journal* (we presume the "financial experts" are referring to *The Journal of Commerce*) and *New York American* have "investigated the offering of the H. V. Greene Company, and have given it their approval." How, then, do our "financial experts" account for the following statement from the *New York American's* Investors' Information Service, which appears in a letter written in answer to the inquiry of a reader of this magazine in re to the offering of the H. V. Greene Company?

"We desire to acknowledge the receipt of your good letter of February 26th and beg to advise that the stock referred to is not an investment. It is highly speculative. There is no need to give reasons. Please take our friendly counsel, as based upon careful judgment, and if you follow it you may be saved from possibly needless worry and eventual loss." (Italics ours.)

And this, to another reader of THE CRUSADER, from the *Journal of Commerce* (the commercial journal of our "financial experts" imagination?):

"Your favor of the 26th ult., has had our careful consideration and while it is against the policy of this paper to advise its readers on the merits of various investment propositions, we might say that the enterprise you speak of is not listed on any of the New York Stock Exchanges and is not known in financial circles here."

These are most peculiar "endorsements," to say the least. The fact that the State of Maine has prohibited the company from selling the stock within its confines may be considered as another such "endorsement!" But read what the *United States Investor*, a recognized authority in the financial field, has to say of the First People's Trust in its issue of December 20, 1919:

#### FIRST PEOPLE'S TRUST.

*A Highly Risky Enterprise That is After the Money of Small Savers.*

Middletown, Conn., Nov. 29, 1919.

27674. We were glad to have your opinion on the H. V. Greene Company of Boston and

its companies, the Commercial Finance Corporation, the First People's Trust, etc.

Waterbury, Conn., Nov. 22, 1919.

27609. The writer desires your opinion on First People's Trust of Boston. I have been solicited by a representative of the H. V. Greene Company, who advises me that I should be "tickled to death" to be given an opportunity to secure some of this stock.

Naugatuck, Conn., December 4, 1919.

27600. H. V. Greene & Co. are promoting and selling stock of the First People's Trust of Boston, and are drawing in a number of our people as subscribers. The plan, as we understand it, is to purchase in six (6) share lots, two (2) each of the first preferred and second preferred, with which they give a bonus of two (2) shares common. They guarantee 9 per cent. dividend on the first preferred, 5 per cent. on the second and a minimum of 4 per cent. on the common. I have put little faith in Greene & Company, and the whole thing sounds impossible. However, I would like to get an opinion from some party on the ground, which I may use in discouraging our good people from losing their money.

The First People's Trust is another of the H. V. Greene promotions, and seems to us quite as undesirable an investment as the earlier Greene undertakings, except for those who can afford to take very long chances. The shares are being sold largely among poor people, and are being represented as more desirable than money in the savings bank. Not only is this an utterly ridiculous suggestion, but it deserves severe condemnation. Whether this trust will prove profitable, or end in disaster, is entirely unproven. Our own belief is that the chances are slim that it will succeed.

#### NOT LIKE A BANK.

The enterprise has some astonishing features, and one is not surprised to find that the spread-eagle advertising with which this proposition was announced in daily papers, is not disposed to emphasize them. In the first place, this is not a corporation at all, and so its conduct and affairs will never be subject to examination or any form of supervision by the bank commissioner, the insurance commissioner or any other State official chosen to protect the public, except the district attorney, and then only if there shall be actual criminal actions. It is fairly safe to assume that the Greene organization will always be astute enough to avoid actual criminality. So are bankers and insurance men, but every State in the Union, and the United States as well, has decreed that banks and insurance companies shall be subject to frequent examination. Those who buy shares in this First People's Trust are quite without any of the protection which depositors in savings banks and other banks and trust companies receive in this way. They are putting themselves wholly at the mercy of H. V. Greene and his associates. One should investigate very carefully whether Greene and his associates have proven capable and worthy of confidence in the past in the handling of so much money before putting one's self so completely in their hands.

#### NO VOTING RIGHT.

For the most surprising feature of all about the First People's Trust is that you do put yourself utterly into the hands of the trustees. Unlike most investments, the shares carry no voting power whatever. Whether you like the management or not, you cannot vote to change



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a single officer or trustee. One of the biggest safeguards about most investments is that when directors or trustees prove dishonest or incapable, some strong leader can rally the stockholders by a majority vote and can discharge the culprits. In the case of the First People's Trust the shareholders have no such power. Once you have paid in your money you have surrendered the control over it forever, unless the trustees shall arrange a change or the courts shall interfere.

#### SHREWD LAWYERS' WORK.

The lawyers employed by Greene have arranged things very shrewdly and wholly in his interest. In the advertisement that was published in the Boston papers on Wednesday, November 12, the names of eleven people are given as trustees. Six, therefore, would constitute a majority. The eleven names given include six who have been very accommodating to Greene in his previous enterprise, and it is highly likely that these six will dominate the situation at all times, for the declaration of trust which governs the enterprise gives the full power of the trustees, at all times, to a majority, except in the matter of amending the declaration of trust. Our own expectation would be that this throws full control of the trust, and therefore full control over these millions of dollars of money, belonging to you and other shareholders, into the hands of Henry V. Greene.

Now note what the declaration of trust authorizes a majority of the trustees to do. They can fix their own powers. They can fill any vacancy in their number caused by death, resignation or other cause. If J. Henry Neal, whose name is being used so generally to induce people to buy this stock, becomes sick of the conduct of his fellow trustees, or is offered a better business chance with people more nearly of his own kind, and resigns, then the majority can fill his place with one to their liking, even though this one should be utterly unsatisfactory to far more than a majority of the actual shareholders. As fast as resignations or deaths occur, there is nothing to prevent the majority from filling the vacancies with clerks of the Greene establishment. It is even possible, if a trustee is absent, for the remaining trustees to suspend him, during his absence, and the majority can fill his place temporarily. We even have a suspicion that it would not be difficult for Greene to get rid of any trustee who proved disobliging to him, for the declaration of trust says that a trustee may be removed permanently, with or without cause, by all of the remaining trustees. An inconspicuous sentence provides, however, that H. V. Greene shall not be removable. He is the one man who is so distinguished. But it is worth noting that if the number of trustees shall be reduced to two, those two, Greene and one other, would still have every power that all the trustees had.

#### "A BLIND POOL."

As if this were not enough to make an investor fearful for his money, the declaration of trust contains some other astonishing provisions. We cannot do better than to quote a sentence from the declaration itself. It declares the purposes of the trust to be "to undertake and carry on anywhere any business, transaction or operation which an individual could legally undertake and carry on conformably to the laws of the land where the business, transaction or operation is undertaken or carried on." Some years ago popular indignation was greatly aroused over certain undertakings in Wall Street

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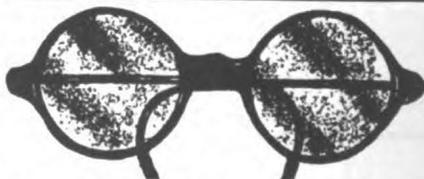
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Some of those facts that are paramount for the investor to know may be summed up as follows:

FIRST—The proved honest and moral character of the men with whom that investment must be placed.

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known as blind pools. The term was applied to cases where a lot of people were persuaded to put their money in the hands of one or two people and let them speculate in the stock market with this money, just as they pleased, and without responsibility to anyone. It is difficult to see much difference between this First People's Trust and those blind pools.

We discover nothing to prevent the trustees from using all this money in wild speculations. They can be bulls and bears in the stock market, they can lend money on the wildest kind of securities, they can make the most foolish investments, even to buying part interest in sea water gold schemes, or undeveloped mines or oil wells, and they are not even responsible for the exercise of poor judgment, as trustees usually are, and always ought to be. They must be guilty of downright wilful misconduct before they can be held accountable anywhere. They do not even have to pay any dividend on the shares, except as they please, the only penalty being that if 9 per cent. is not paid in any year upon the first preferred shares, and 5 per cent. on the second preferred, these unpaid dividends will accrue. Then if there is any money to pay them, in some future year, this unpaid part shall be made up. But it is not made up out of any trustee's own money. It is payable only out of such money as the trust may have, if the trust makes money. In brief, those who buy this stock are asked to have blind faith in Greene and all his associates, trust to luck that they will do well with his money, and take such returns upon it as they choose to give him. We discover nothing in the declaration of trust which forbids the trustees from voting themselves, or the Greene organization, unconscionable sums, by way of salaries or commissions, without power in anyone's hands to forbid them, except the occurrence be so utterly wrong as to attract the attention of the district attorney or the courts.

#### A DIFFICULT UNDERTAKING.

The statement is made that Greene's purpose is that \$10,000,000 raised by this trust shall be used to create an automobile finance company and another \$10,000,000 to create a chain of banks. If this is a correct statement, then we do not hesitate to predict that those who invest in the First People's Trust are certain to experience bitter disappointment over the outcome. As we pointed out in the article entitled "Murky Automobile Finance," published on the front page of the United States Investor of December 13, new automobile finance companies have a distinctly uphill task. The signs all indicate that the successful manufacturers of the more popular lines of automobiles intend to have their own automobile finance companies, instead of allowing outsiders to handle this phase of the automobile business. As twelve big manufacturers control the production of 90 per cent. of the cars used in this country, and these twelve already have finance companies of their own, or are almost certain to have them in the near future, all other finance companies must scramble with each other for the financing of the other 10 per cent.

In addition, even if a company shall get a precarious share of this 10 per cent., it cannot make money in any satisfactory way unless it is able to borrow money at the banks by re-discounting the notes which it gets from automobile dealers. It will need more money than its own if it is to make automobile financing

pay. The two previous automobile finance companies that H. V. Greene has organized, the Commercial and the Mutual, have been utterly unsuccessful in their efforts to borrow money from national banks in this way. We question that they have had much success, if any, among the trust companies. It seems to us rather significant that the national banks should be quite unwilling to lend on Greene paper; and this fact alone ought to serve to restrain any investor from putting his money under Greene management.

#### A CHAIN OF BANKS.

We have no more faith in the possibilities of the chain of banks. It is coming to be more generally known that either H. V. Greene or his associates, acting in his behalf, went to the Comptroller of the Currency some time since and tried to get from him a charter for a national bank. The Comptroller is by no means eager to turn down applications for new banks, brought to him from New England, but he turned down this request in a matter calculated to leave no doubt that he has no patience with promoters' schemes of this type. It would seem like a safe guess that any attempt by the First People's Trust to establish chains of national banks will result in disappointment. How the State bank commissioners will act if they are asked to grant trust company charters we do not undertake to predict, but we should hesitate a long time before we gambled upon their favorable action, to the extent of putting our money into the shares of the First People's Trust.

We were not surprised when we called Harry I. Thayer on the telephone recently and asked him whether he is a trustee of the First People's Trust, to have him answer that the advertisement which the H. V. Greene Company had inserted in the papers, about the First People's Trust, had been published, and his name had been used before he had accepted, or had been given a chance to make a final decision as to acceptance. He furthermore stated that he had not accepted, and was in no way connected with the concern. Whether one can accept this reckless use of the name of a successful Boston manufacturer as an indication that other statements of the H. V. Greene Company and its salesmen must be taken with caution, we do not undertake to say. We do know that shares of the First People's Trust are utterly inappropriate investments for small savers, and that the savings banks of New England were created for the very purpose of safeguarding people of small means from risking their money in highly speculative ventures like the First People's Trust.

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By C. V. B.

### INTERVIEWING CLEO DESMOND IS SOME JOB

**O**ur first intimation to Miss Desmond that we would like to have an interview with her for publication, she absolutely refused to be interviewed. She had nothing to say, she told us. She did her best on the stage. She tried all she knew how to please and entertain the public and that was all there was to it.

But with an actress as capable and versatile and popular as Miss Desmond, that, in our opinion, was not all there was to it. We felt confident that the playgoers of Harlem, Chicago, Washington and other communities served by the Quality Amusement Corporation would be glad to know more about Miss Desmond than is humanly possible by merely seeing her on the stage.

Therefore we answered Miss Desmond's ultimatum with the counter ultimatum that we would interview her anyway, and that if she would not speak for publication we would speak for her. Well, that loosened her up a bit—but not much. Anyhow, we were able to extract from her the information that she was born in Philadelphia. (Being a Quaker accounts for her rock-bound reticence, we suppose.) We remembered in time not to spoil our interview that all women object

to questions about their age.

In spite of being born a Quaker, Miss Desmond early went on the stage, and has been on it for some eighteen years, beginning, of course, in vaudeville. She appeared in drama almost simultaneously with the appearance of the drama in Harlem. She has been on the "legitimate" for some three years now, and has appeared in more plays than any other one of the Players. (This we learned not from the modest Cleo, but from another source.)

Miss Desmond has no "favorite play." She really "loves them all." She also likes all the roles in which she has appeared, though she was induced to confess that she had a sneaking preference for the character role of "Corconte," which she handled in "Monte Cristo."

Miss Desmond, as Harlem players at least should know, gained her first dramatic laurels in comedy roles. Of late, however, she has entered the "charmed circle of the leading ladies" and has most emphatically made good.

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of this year to elect His Supreme Highness the Potentate, His Highness the Supreme Deputy and other high officials, etc., etc.," and last, but not least, the announcement in the latter paper that the King of Ethiopia (African Potentate) will visit America in the near future, are quite a problem to me, and I must confess that I find myself *between three stools*.

What does it all mean or amount to? Are you ambitious enough or crazy enough to aspire or expect to be elected a Potentate?

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For the love of Mike, Mr. Editor, go to Panama with the bally thing. Please don't import it here. Don't mix nonsense with serious matters.

One God—one aim—one. (Can you beat that?)  
Right here I am reminded of Southey's lines:  
"And with a piece of Scripture tells us that God  
bid us do good for evil  
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### ACTIVE DEMAND IN NIGERIA.

HERE is a steady demand in Nigeria for middle priced agricultural implements and tools; hardware, especially kitchen and household utensils; sewing machines and cheap cutlery, according to a recent report. The country is very prosperous as a result of its heavy exports during the past few years, and offers many opportunities for the introduction of merchandise and the investment of capital. When it is realized that its population is in the neighborhood of 35,000,000 some idea of the chance of developing a future market will be obtained.

One of the results of the booze-inspired American migration to Cuba may be spread of race prejudice in that island paradise. Says a writer in the magazine section of the New York Tribune for Sunday, March 7:

Americans are unfailingly astonished at the absence of race prejudice in Havana. At the jai-alai games (as at theaters, restaurants and schools) the blacks sit among the whites, and I saw a white woman turn from her husband and make a bet with a black man she had never seen before. Mixtures of every proportion exist in the island, and the only prejudice that one sees is from Americans who were born below the Mason and Dixon line.

Another chance for enrichment has been discovered by the despoilers of Africa in the discovery of a new diamond field in re to which the New York Tribune headlines that "Days of '49 Being Outdone by African Diamond Rush." The article so captioned informs us that "The colorful scenes of the old Kimberley days are being re-enacted in South Africa. Over the trails men, and even women, with prospector's kits on their backs, are passing toward what they believe to be a new Golconda, and soon, it is predicted, there is to be a "rush" such as has never been witnessed before. The discovery of a new diamond field, not far from the great Kimberley pits themselves, is the cause of the excitement. In New York the reports of the richness of the field have been received with caution, experts waiting to "be shown" before passing judgment, but on the Dark Continent, it would appear, there is no question.

While whites, in ever increasing numbers, are utilizing Cairo and Algiers and other North African towns as health resorts, and other whites are flocking by thousands to exploit the riches of healthy South and East Africa, the American Negro, still living in the false atmosphere of his school geography, is asking, "but how about the climate"? "Isn't Africa awfully unhealthy"? and other questions of the same type.

Wm. H. Dammond, a Negro, is designing a sugar factory comprising a block of five steel buildings 200 x 260 feet, the tallest structure to be a 105 feet high. This factory, which will have a capacity of 1,800 short tons of sugar, will be built in the eastern part of the Island of

Cuba. Mr. Dammond has designed structures in Eastern Pennsylvania and the New England States. He designed steel towers recently erected in Claremont, N. H., and also designed wholly or partly the columns, girders and roof trusses of the new Opera House of Bangor, Me., the Christian Science Benevolent Building in Brooklyn, as well as other structures.

Algiers is a busy capital. "Fortunes are being made in Algeria now; the American Consul will vouch for it. But to make a fortune here capital is needed to begin with, for the buying of land on which to raise vineyard and other crops. The land is expensive but fertile; that is, in the strip along the coast, and it pays for itself by its harvests in two or three years.

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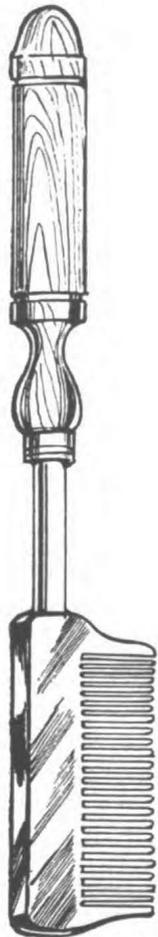
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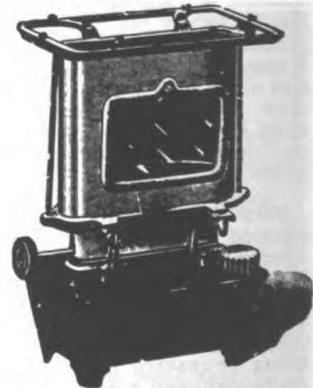
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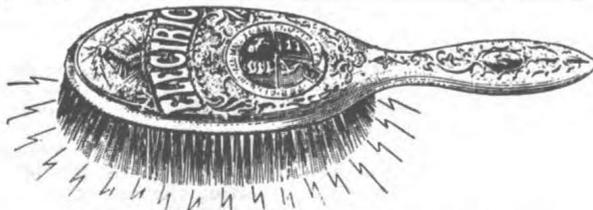
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### Johannesburg, South Africa.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 natives are on strike in the Witwatstrand gold mine fields, causing Lieut. Genl. Christian Smuts and other officials of the Union Government a lot of sleepless nights. The natives have organized picketing and are taking effective steps to enforce their demands. A feeling that they are at least entitled to the benefits of their native land is running high among them, so much so that General Smuts remarked in a speech at Pretoria that "a tremendous change was coming over South Africa."

The natives are in hearty accord with this latter statement of the case. They evince a mighty determination that a tremendous change must come over South Africa, a change in which the right to walk every street, own land anywhere and everywhere in their ancestral home shall not be denied them by the government of South Africa, or any other government for that matter.

This new determination upon the part of the natives has given cause for deep concern to union officials and others interested in the perpetuation of "white prestige" and British-Boer tyranny, and General "Smutty" Smuts in his speech at Pretoria referred to the native situation as dangerous.

"Between 30,000 and 40,000 blacks are strik-

ing," he said, "and by organized pickering are doing things which he would have considered them incapable of doing.

"The nonsense which the whites have been talking of republics of blood and tears will be put into practise by the natives," Smuts said, "and too late it will be found that this idle talk has put mischievous ideas into the heads of the natives."

### Gold Coast.

With the return of Peace and the control of the Colonial Office by Lord "Damn the Consequences," the fiat has now gone forth that the protective duty is to be imposed as from October 20. The Black man in West Africa must now pay £2 a ton on all the kernels shipped from West Africa, and if he can prove that these are received and crushed by British manufacturers only, then the kindly customs officials in Freetown, Accra, Lagos and Calabar will give him back the £2 paid on the export of his oil kernels.—The Star.

### Delhi, India.

Bolsheviki and Mohammedans are conducting a determined propoganda campaign in India. The Ameer of Afghanistan has sent an envoy to Moscow and is accused of aiding the Lenine movement for freeing the "subject

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peoples" of the "Bruitish" Empire. In Turkey a great propaganda center has been set up and boasts have been made of stirring up India. There is great disaffection among all ranks and in all religious bodies in this country because of the repression which culminated in the Amritsar massacre. In Bombay and other cities great strikes have been troubling the "Brutish" authorities

#### Amritsar, India.

More than 8,000 delegates from different provinces of India assembled here during the 34th session of the Indian National Congress, and for full six days deliberated on the momentous problems that confronted the nation during its period of transcendent transition. Beside its emphatic demand for the recall of the Viceroy for the English atrocities in the Punjab, its proposal for the formation of labor unions, and educational associations for the spread of education which the British Government so criminally avoids, the Congress adopted a resolution condemning the so-called reform act, as "inadequate, unsatisfactory and disappointing, as India was fit for full responsible government." It also condemned the Peace Treaty that sanctioned the present humiliating position of both Asia and Africa.—India News Service.

#### Calcutta, India.

Indian revolutionists have secretly removed arms, ammunition and money from the British Gun and Shell Factory at Cossipore.

#### London, England.

It is reported here that British and Italian forces operating with tanks and aircrafts against the "Mad Mullah" have routed the latter in Abyssinia.

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It is the capitalist who today asks for the removal of the color bar in the workshops. He sees native workers, even when not knowing how to read and write, able to do highly skilled industrial work. He wants that work cheaply done, and, therefore, he would like to employ the native.

In large sections of the country the African peoples came under British rule, not by conquest, but willingly, because they were told that they would have absolute justice within the Empire. They did not understand the methods of capitalist diplomacy. In the Boer war the natives of Cape Colony helped the British, and though in the Transvaal and Orange Free States the natives were neutral and cared for the farms of the Boers whilst they were fighting, they finally took sides with the British and welcomed their victory.

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