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THE BYSTANDER.

For the first time in many years we cannot offer to our subscribers our usual holiday rate of \$1.00 per year because of the Government order and then because of the high cost of paper and printing material and labor, therefore after the first of January we will not be able to give the \$1.00 rate to ministers and hereafter there will be only one price for the Bystander and will sell the world over at \$1.50 per year. We have been and are trying to keep the old price instead of raising our price as many other weekly papers have. Our subscribers will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

CHRISTMAS.

About 2,000 years ago Christ, our beloved Savior, was born in a manger on the plains of Judea, in Bethlehem. His birth gave hope and inspiration to humanity. It was the beginning of the Christian religion. He selected twelve men to be his disciples to spread this new religion among the people, and thus the Christian religion has grown and spread to almost every corner of the world, lifting, refining, buoying and helping men everywhere with its simple gospel of truth, love and charity. This Christmas we can praise Jehovah that war has ceased and the nations are now at the great International Peace Table working and hoping to arrange an agreement whereby lasting peace may be established, and then the words of the Blessed Master can say, Peace on Earth and Good Will to Mankind.

WOUNDS FAIL TO BLOT OUT NATIVE SENSE OF HUMOR.

Two more stories have come to me to prove that our colored soldiers preserve and radiate their humor even where shells and shrapnel fly thickest. A colored soldier slightly wounded in the Argentine fighting, and let me assure my readers there was "some" fighting there—sat down beside the road to wait for a chance to ride to the field hospital. A comrade hastening forward to his place in the line, and anxious for the latest news of the progressing battle, asked the wounded brother if he had been in the fight, did he know all about it, and how were things going at the front? "I sure does know all about it," the wounded man replied. "Well, what's happened to them?" quickly asked the trooper on his way to the front. "Well, it was this way," replied the wounded fellow; "I was climbin' over some barbed wire tryin' to get to them d—n boches, and they shot me; that's what I know about it."

A company water cart was following the advancing troops when a German shell burst almost beside the cart. The horse on the shell side was killed, and the driver was wounded in the head. While the blood ran freely from his wound down his face, the driver took one look at the wreckage, then started stumbling back along the road. A white lieutenant who had seen it all stopped the driver of the cart and said:

"The dressing station is—"

Before he could finish his sentence, the wounded driver, with the blood flowing in rivulets down his face, said: "Dressing station hell! I'm looking for another horse to hitch to that cart to take the place of the one that shell put out of commission."

That was a bit of nerve, grim humor, and evidence of fidelity to duty. A mere wound in the head could not stop this driver from keeping up with the troops with a needed supply of water.

92ND DIVISION WILL NOT RETURN HOME SOON.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The assignment by General Pershing of the Ninety-second division (national army Negroes) for early convoy home has been cancelled. In making this announcement today the war department gave no explanation, but the assumption here is that the division has been selected a reserve unit and will be held to reinforce the American army of occupation in Germany.

The Ninety-second division was first organized at Camp Dodge under Maj. Gen. C. C. Ballou, who was formerly in command of the first officers' training school for Negroes at Fort Des Moines. The division was on the fighting line on November 10, the day before the armistice was signed, according to letters received here. There were many casualties among this division the last two days of fighting. We learn Lieut. Mallalieu W. Rush, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., was shot on the 11th of November and died Nov. 16th. Also Lieut. G. W. Canady, also of Georgia, was killed. They were both fine young men, who were so well known here while at the Training School and at Camp Dodge. We were expecting and hoping that the 36th might be back at Camp Dodge by New Year's day.



MRS. S. JOE BROWN

The above cut is that of our well known and indefatigable club worker, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, who perhaps has done more in the way of making our soldier boys happy and comfortable than any other one lady. Elsewhere we have mentioned the various organizations

Somewhere in France,
Oct. 26, 1918.

Mrs. Fanny Miller.

My Darling Mother: Today is Saturday, a bright sunny day, something very unusual in France. It is a very damp and rainy country at the present. Mother, I am O. K., feeling fine and enjoying an ideal soldier's life. Haven't had a headache since I left the U. S. I am getting plenty to eat and plenty sleep, so you see I am fairing nicely. I was promoted to sergeant Oct. 1st. Dear mother, I sincerely trust that you and the folks are well and enjoying life as usual. I hope and pray that you are cured of your stomach trouble and free from all pain. Oh, you don't know, mother, how much consolation it would be to me if I could only receive a letter from you or even hear from you in any way. I haven't received a letter from home since I left Camp Funston. I have written several cards and letters, yet I realize that it takes quite a while for a letter to come and go. Sometimes I get real homesick and blue, but won't allow

that she has been active in.

Mrs. Brown is the wife of Atty. S. Joe Brown and is an Honorary President of the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and Associate Grand Matron of the O. E. S. of Iowa.

been in the army. I have gained about ten pounds. I will have some photos taken my first chance. Now please write me at once as I am so anxious to hear from you. Now I must close as it is almost time to assemble, so I will say by. Remember me in your dear prayers. I remain as ever a loving son. A good tight hug and a world of kisses.

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Yours truly,
Virginia Robinson,
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it to last long, for I feel if others can stand it so can I.

Cosco Johnson is in my company. He was also promoted to sergeant. He and I get blue together, then console each other. He has not received any mail since we have been here. France has once been a beautiful country, but is now shot to pieces. I haven't seen many of the big cities yet, but hope to before I return to the U. S. I have passed through the outskirts of London and Paris. England is a very pretty country also. I have seen many wonderful things and had many experiences. Say, mother, I failed to mention to you in the last letter I wrote about the allotment you are to get. I have wondered if you have received any money yet. I have not had any pay yet. There has been some delay in our pay roll, I think, because we have moved continually, but I expect some pay very soon. However, it makes little difference as we have little use for money other than to buy such things as cigarettes and a few toilet articles or candy. You will find enclosed a card which is postage on a Christmas box, so if you send me anything, don't send anything to eat unless some candy. Please send me some cold cream and shaving lotion as those things are very hard to get in our location. Oh, mother dear, you can't imagine how I would love to be with you for Christmas dinner. I know it will be a good one, however. I know you will remember me in your dear Christmas prayers. Tell my dear sisters to not forget they have a little brother far across the sea, to write me a word of consolation. I will write them as soon as possible. Mother, you should see how I have improved since I have



Charles Bertram Johnson, our new Negro poet of Kirksville, Mo., who has published a book of poems entitled "Songs of My People." Prof. Johnson is a teacher in Kirksville and a fine man to meet.

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Mr. George Taylor of 704 S. E. 7th St., who has been quite sick, is greatly improved at this time.

Mr. Gus Nichols, who has been extremely sick with the influenza, is reported some better.

Mr. L. E. Hanger is very sick at his home. Friends seem anxious over his condition.

Mrs. Amanda Patrick of 1148 West 1st St. was called away Dec. 17 to Minneapolis, Minn., following the death of her grandson.

Mrs. J. H. Davis of 4662 So. State St., Chicago, is visiting friends in Des Moines. While here she is stopping

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The Phyllis Wheatley Art Club met at the home of Mrs. Lewis Jackson, 2726 Cleveland Ave., Wednesday, Dec. 18th.

Mrs. J. Smith, who recently underwent an operation at Mercy Hospital for gall stones, is getting along nicely and hopes to be removed to her home soon.

Bethel's Big Rally will be Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. Geo. W. Robinson, D. D., will preach the rally sermon. Rev. H. A. Perry, pastor, expects all of the churches and friends to be present.

The Mary Church Terrell Club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Stella Hyde. A very interesting meeting was held with a good number present. Club adjourned to meet Monday, January 6.

An orchestra composed of eleven musicians has been organized to assist St. Paul A. M. E. choir and will make its first appearance Sunday Morning at the 11 o'clock services. A sacred concert will be given Sunday evening from 7:30 until 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Miss Louisa White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winslow of 1050 W. 14th St., died Sunday evening, December 15, of tuberculosis in Pueblo, Colo. She leaves her parents and three sisters. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her parents. Interment in Glendale.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR SERVICE.

The members of King Solomon Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, will hold their annual Christmas service in the asylum of North Star Masonic Temple, 11th and Center Sts., Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. H. A. Perry of Bethel A. M. E. Church will deliver the Christmas sermon. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend. By order W. C. Rhodes, Emment Commander.

One of the most beautiful programs for Christmas ever rendered at that hour, will be presented at Corinthian Baptist Church, 15th and Linden Sts., Christmas morning at 6:30 o'clock. Let everybody witness this program. It comes at an hour when no other Protestant church holds service. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Robinson, always looks forward to this program as one of the greatest of the year.

Mrs. L. M. Davis and sister, Mrs. Chas. Pequa, entertained a few friends Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Pequa to a 5 o'clock dinner in honor of their mother, Mrs. Wm. Finley, of Boonville, Mo. Covers were laid for six. The evening was spent in social talk of old Missouri times, as Mrs. Finley is a prominent woman of Missouri and has done quite a bit of Red Cross work there during the war. She left Sunday night for her home in Boonville.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Our office was honored last Monday morning by a visit from Atty. Hawkins of Baltimore, Md., and Geo. E. Gordon of Boston, Mass. They spent a day in our city enroute to California. While here they were the guests of Miss Guy, director of Girls Activities in army work. Mr. Hawkins is one of the ablest lawyers in Baltimore and the

man who defeated the infamous segregation law of Baltimore a few years ago. The latter is the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal and Secretary of Supreme Beneficiary Department, Knights of Pythias.

WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Madala Midgett of this city to Mr. Chas. Smith of Oklahoma City, Okla., was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Georgia Midgett, 704 S. E. 7th St., Thursday evening, December 12. The bride is a Des Moines girl and was a student at East Des Moines High. The groom is a graduate of the Ohio State University, from the College of Medicine and Surgery. They will spend the winter, with the bride's parents and are at home to their friends at 704 S. E. 7th St. We wish for them a very happy and prosperous married life.

O. E. S. INSTALLATION.

At a special meeting of Princess Oziel Chapter No. 9, O. E. S., at Doric Masonic Temple last Monday evening, the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Fannie R. Wilson; Worthy Patron, Rev. H. A. Perry; Conductress, Mrs. Willa Booker; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. M. J. Shelton; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Wells; Warden, Mrs. Lizzie Topson; Sentinel, C. C. Johnson. The following Past Matrons constitute the degree team: Mesdames Anna Cousin, Mary Reynolds, Sue M. Brown, Addie French and Izella Robinson. Atty. S. Joe Brown, Past Grand Patron, acted as installing officer.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Army Y. M. C. A., who will have charge of the program Sunday afternoon, have been fortunate to secure the services of First Sergt. Dean E. Hart, Co. G, 370th Inf., who arrived in Des Moines Thanksgiving from overseas and is now at Ft. Des Moines. Sergeant Hart received several wounds. He will give us some of the thrilling experiences. He has given more light on the actual conditions than any one I have heard. Come out and hear. I believe you will agree with me. Thursday evening the young men's class was well attended and full of enthusiasm. They perfected their plans for the winter. Morrow James, Maurice Kelly, LeRoy Marshall, Knave Marshall, Coaston Crenshaw, Mr. Anderson, Mr. James Anderson from Camp Dodge and Mr. M. E. Cassell were visitors, and we were pleased to see so many young men banded together to get the real foundation of any young man's life.

The first of the week they will have the chest weights ready and a punching bag. All young men are cordially invited to the meeting on Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

Everyone having any one in their family from 12 to 30 are asked to register the names at one of the churches next Sunday. This is very important. Edward Ross.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rivers of 1205 15th St. Place, and sons wish to thank the many kind friends for their kind assistance during the illness and death of their beloved son and brother, Luther

Blaine Rivers, who died Monday evening, Dec. 18, at 6:30 o'clock. Reared in Des Moines, he had traveled a great deal and crossed the Atlantic. He came home, told his parents "he was going to settle down and take care of them," but bad health overtook him in his ef-

forts. One of his dear friends, Mr. Lester Green, shaved him and cut his hair during four years' illness, without charge. May God bestow many blessings upon them all.

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DAVENPORT ITEMS.

Last Week.

Mrs. Sarah Davis passed away last Wednesday morning after an illness of a few days. She leaves to mourn her death four sons and one daughter, William of Muscatine, Charles of Rock Island, John and Fred at home, and Mrs. Mamie Thomas of Omaha, besides a host of friends. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at Bethel A. M. E. Church, of which she was a faithful member, also a member of the stewardess board. In compliance with Mrs. Davis's request Rev. T. W. Lewis, her former pastor, preached the sermon. Rev. S. B. Moore, her present pastor, spoke briefly in well chosen words.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shepard spent Thanksgiving and the week end in Shellburg, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bowles.

Mrs. Thompson passed away following a short illness of influenza. She leaves a husband and relatives. During her short residence in the city she made many friends. Funeral at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Rev. S. B. Moore officiating.

Mrs. Hattie South is seriously ill. Her mother of Missouri is at her bedside.

The reception that was to have been given for Rev. S. B. Moore and family last Thursday night was called off on account of the death of one of the stewardesses, Mrs. Sarah Davis.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Lee Roy in Denver, Colo., where he had gone in search of health. Mr. Lee Roy was a native African and has a large number of friends here, where he had lived for several years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Green.

All wholesale and retail places of business, moving picture houses, theaters, all places of amusement, all libraries and club rooms are closed on account of the influenza epidemic.

Mr. S. S. Stevens, who for the past three years has lived in this city at the home of Mrs. Bettie Calloway, W. 17th St., has gone to Detroit, Mich., with a view of remaining.

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EPH'S HAIR TROUBLES.

When school begins I hear ma say: "Dat chile mus' comb his hair today. He's gone de blessed summe, suh, His head's jus' like a cuckoo buh." An' while she looks an' peers about, I gits my books an' skins right out, An' tho I's stiller than a mouse, Ma calls me back into the house. When Sunday comes I hear pa say: "Please see Eph combs his hair today. The way it looks it is a sin, His head's jus' like a settin' hen." Ma gits the comb an' grabs my head; An' pulls jus' like the roots was dead; An' if I cry, she says, "You hush!" An' cracks me with the comb er brush. When comin' comes I hear sis say: "Brotheh mus' comb his naps today." She gits the comb an' makes fur me, I kinks an' bites till I am free; Then pa steps in an' takes a han', An' straps me till I'm glad to stan'; Sis' rakes it till it's sore 'n' itchin', But neveh teches in the "kitchen." I've had jus' naps since I been born, Plum long enuff to git my scorn; I've had to comb an' part it too, An' "train" it like the grown-ups do; It kinks an' curls an' rolls up hard Back from the kitchen to my for'd; When I grow up a great big man, I'll wear my hair close as I can.

THE WAR HAS NOT LEGALLY ENDED.

(Special to Bystander.)

This is an article printed in the editorial of the Des Moines Capital, dated Nov. 14, 1918.

It reads as follows: When fighting discontinues, wars are not legally over. Some authority must declare a war to be at an end. It took a long time officially to declare when the civil war began and again to declare when it officially ended. It took an official act to declare the Spanish-American war ended. The present war, officially and legally is still going on. This will be interesting information to some who think the time has arrived when they can belch forth treason without fear of punishment. It said the Capital has a letter from a citizen of Iowa who evidently thinks that the war having ended he can say what he pleases. He pretends to be a great friend of the little green island which we call Ireland. He wants President Wilson to interfere and compel a settlement of the Irish question by total liberation of that beautiful country. He expresses himself in a way to indicate that he is such a friend of Ireland that he is an enemy of the United States. He says he has read malicious utterances from others on the Irish question, and he says this man and all others should know and understand that the American people are not going to tolerate any treason in this country, no matter how it may benefit some other country. This is the country in which we are interested. This is the country for which our boys have fought and died. If this country hasn't gained something in patriotic spirit at home then we have not been getting all out of the wars which we should get. The freeing of Ireland is a proper subject for debate. Ireland ought to be free, but no man in the United States ought to be permitted to threaten what he will do in case the Irish question is not settled entirely according to his views.

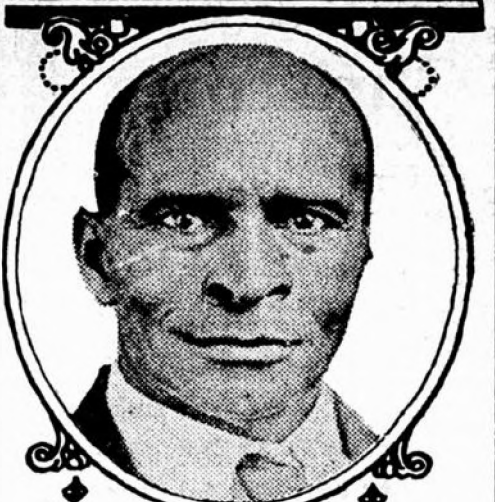
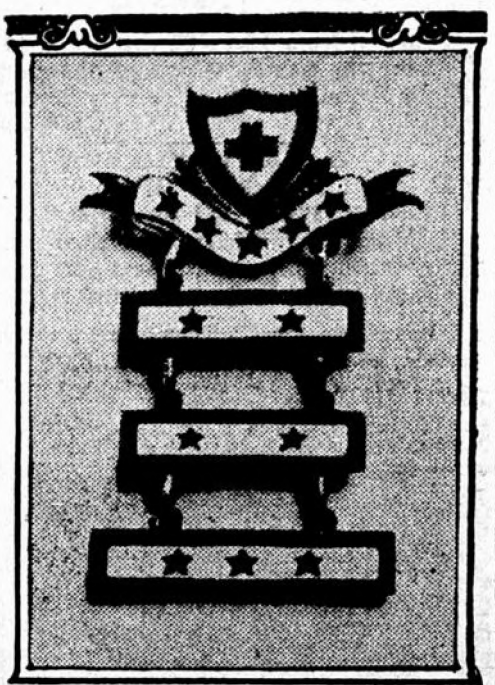
Great Britain has as much right to demand that the Negroes in the south be given the privilege of voting and sitting in church with white people as an American has to tell Great Britain what to do with Ireland.

I do not wish to discuss the entire article nor even any of it, because the time has not arrived when any one in Iowa can belch forth treason without

fear of punishment, and will not come until we, the people of this country have received a full and just reward for all the sacrifices we have made in all these wars, for they were pledged for the freedom of mankind for liberty and justice to all. So he says Great Britain has as much right to demand that the Negroes in the south be given the privilege of voting and sitting in church with white people as an American has to tell Great Britain what to do with Ireland.

I want to say to my friend it is true we have some disgruntled and irresponsible among us who would like to sit in church with white people and do not care whether we vote or not, but the well thinking and intelligent Negroes that know we have churches that cost from one thousand to one hundred thousand dollars that afford him all the comfort necessary, these are willing and satisfied to sit in them with their own people. He knows they are good enough for him.

Again when he knows he fulfils all obligations as any other citizen, he is loyal to the government, pays taxes and is law abiding and qualifies himself and serves his country and helps to make it safe for democracy, he knows he should have the privilege of saying at the ballot box with other citizens who shall legislate laws under which he shall live. And I wish to serve notice on my friend that he ask for it, and will ask again and continue to ask till it is awarded him.

S. A. Spencer,
Colfax, Iowa.American Red Cross Presents
Twelve-Star Service Pin
to Colored Minister.

The Rev. R. H. Windsor of Rayville, La., and the Twelve-Star Service Pin Presented to Him by the American Red Cross.

Having the right to and needing a twelve-star service pin, the Rev. R. H. Windsor of Rayville, La., a zealous Red Cross worker, has been presented with a unique decoration by the American Red Cross. The father of nineteen sons, twelve of whom are with the colors, this genial colored minister of the Baptist church probably holds the record for sons in the military service of the United States. If there are any others with similar or better status, they are yet to be heard from.

In the accompanying illustration of the twelve-star pin, topped with the Red Cross insignia, it will be noted that the first bar bears five stars. These represent five individual sons—Bennie, Robbin, Jeff, Johnnie and Archie. The next bar bears two stars representing twins, George and Lafayette; the next bar is similarly decorated, representing William and James, also twins; and the bottom bar, with its three stars, represents the triplets, Matthew Mark and Luke. Eight of the boys are volunteers, and the other four were called in the draft. Upon hearing of the remarkable record of the Windsor family, President Wilson, who is also president of the American Red Cross, wrote to the Rev. Mr. Windsor as follows:

"I am writing to say with what interest and admiration I have learned of the fact that twelve of your sons are in the service of our country, and the thirteenth impatiently waiting to follow them in. This is a splendid record, and I congratulate you from the bottom of my heart. The colored troops have proved themselves fine soldiers."

BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The best Christmas gift is something useful and valuable. Such a gift is a book. We have a few new books entitled History and Views of Colored Officers Training Camp at Des Moines last year left over. They are a beautifully bound and highly illustrated with the pictures of all our colored officers that were commissioned at Ft. Des Moines and are now the officers over in France. The price, postage paid, is \$1.50. Send in your order at once.

ESTABLISH MODEL
FARMS IN FRANCE

A model farm has been established by the American Red Cross at Courbet, for it has been found that farm work is one of the very best means of hastening the recovery of those men suffering from shell shock. One farm of 500 acres has been laid out in the department of Indre-et-Loire that is planned and is to be managed after the methods pursued in our own great farming regions of the West.

Since these farms will be worked almost entirely by the convalescent soldiers and those made unfit for active service, the expense of maintenance will be very little.

But the saving of human life will be enormous. And every farmer in this country who enrolls in the Christmas Red Cross Roll Call will be helping indirectly to carry on this reconstruction work among the mutilated soldiers in France.

RED CROSS SUPPLIES.

The varied character of the supplies which the American Red Cross provides for American soldiers and sailors is shown in the following list of articles furnished in one recent month to our fighting men in Great Britain: 30,000 sweaters, 30,000 toothbrushes, 50,000 pairs of socks, 32,000 pounds of soap, 300,000 boxes of matches, 800 baseball outfits, 500 mouth organs, 144,000 packages of chewing gum, 5,000,000 cigarettes. For handling these supplies, the Red Cross has seven warehouses in England and six in Ireland. At the Irish stations there are stores of clothing, first aid outfits and other necessities to provide amply for any emergency which may arise through the torpedoing of ships carrying American soldiers or sailors. If necessary, 6,000 shipwrecked Americans could be shipped from head to foot at one time from these emergency depots. Advance arrangements have also been made for billeting, housing and feeding any number of men who might unexpectedly be landed at ports where there are no British military camps.

THE FIRST SQUARE MEAL

How Red Cross Has Fed Italian Prisoners.

Last spring the Red Cross workers at Berne were busy arranging to care for the American soldiers who were taken prisoners by the Germans, and now the new exchange agreement means that Italians from Austria on their way back to Italy are being cared for in hundreds. They are a pathetic lot, these "grand blesses"—the hopelessly wounded men—but they are always delighted with the prospect of going home, even though it may be going home to die. Nearly all of them are tubercular.

The method employed is this: The Italian Government sends a train into Austria through Switzerland to gather up the men released under the exchange agreement. The train crosses the Swiss border and at Buchs is met by delegations from the allied Red Cross organizations, and under the present plan the food is furnished by the American Red Cross. To many of these men this is the first square meal that they have had for years. Clothing is also furnished them. Each man of the 360 which each train carries is given cigarettes and a small American flag, and many who have been in America, some of whom have taken out their first papers, are overjoyed at the bit of red, white and blue and most demonstrative in their delight.

The representatives of the Red Cross remain on the train until it reaches Zurich, then return to Switzerland again.

It is the food which America has sent over which gives to these men their first meal—food which has been saved by eating smaller portions, and by going without.

Children of France.

Some one has said of the children of the devastated regions: "They are too sad, they must laugh or they cannot live." It is not enough to found hospitals and to provide food. They must be given wholesome recreation and their natural joy in life restored. This is what the American Red Cross is doing for the children of France.

THE RED CROSS

By HENRY VAN DYKE.

Sign of the Love Divine
That bends to bear the load
Of all who suffer, all who bleed,
Along life's thorny road.
Sign of the Heart Humane,
That through the darkest night
Would bring to wounded friend and foe
A ministry of light.
Oh dear and holy sign,
Lead onward like a star!
The armies of the just are thine,
And all we have and are.

Mrs. Isley's Letter.

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good."

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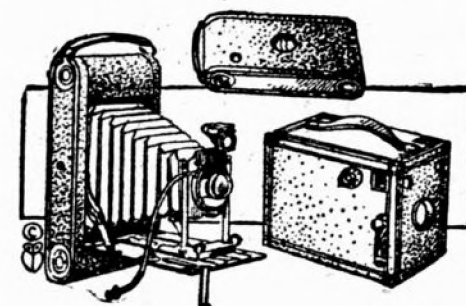
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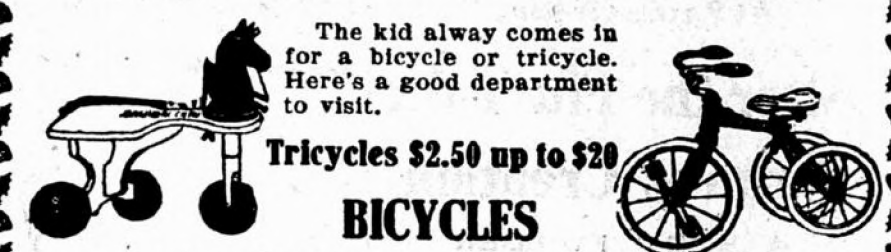
India 45c Patches 90c
Polyanna \$1.00
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WAR ACTIVITIES AMONG THE COLORED CITIZENS OF DES MOINES

Many Worthy Organizations Doing Their Bit To Make Our Boys More Comfortable

Many organizations have been organized in our city within the last two years to make the comfort of our colored soldiers as pleasant as possible while here at the Camp Dodge cantonment and Fort Des Moines base hospital. The activities connected with such work has been, indeed, instructive as well as interesting to the citizens of Des Moines and Iowa, and we feel it our duty at this time to mention a few of the many worthy organizations in this article. It may be possible in mentioning these organizations we may fail to mention some of the clubs and organizations that have aided in making the stay of the soldier boys at Camp Dodge and Fort Des Moines, for in one article it would be almost impossible to mention all the clubs that have so willingly co-operated with the war activities in looking out for the comfort of our boys.

Since war was declared by the United States on Germany, the draft has fallen upon almost every male citizen in the United States, and the government located in our city the first and only officers training school for colored men at Fort Des Moines in 1917, and later on established Camp Dodge with barracks housing about 80,000 soldiers, of which number, for more than a year, there has been from three to fifteen thousand colored soldiers.

It will be of interest to the public to inform them that the Officers Training School was successfully carried on for four months, with the average attendance of about 12,000 of the selected young men of our race, coming from nearly every state and territory in the United States, and representing every college and university in the United States, out of which, at the end of the school, about 700 received commissions from second lieutenants to captains. Thus we have the first group of colored commissioned officers in the United States army ever issued by our government. Indeed, it was a splendid sight to see those 700 or more commissioned men who were sent to about seven different cantonments throughout the United States to train the drafted soldiers who were being sent to the various cantonments, which group later formed a division in the United States army known as the 92nd Division, under command of General C. C. Ballou, which went to France and won for themselves world wide fame and who are now

black soldiers fought; how they dared, bled and died "to make the world safe for democracy." Bordeaux, Brest, St. Nazaire, Montoir, et al., will forever tell a story of the big achievements of the colored stevedores who helped to make possible the victories of the fighting men at the front. The Y. M. C. A. scattered here and there, and in which now labor so splendidly and self-sacrificingly colored Y. M. C. A. workers, will bear testimony, years after they have been deserted, of the part these non-combatants took in helping and buoying up our boys. The story of how Crispus Attucks fell at Lexington in 1776 will be but a juvenile—a "Mother Goose" bedtime story beside the story of how our boys fought, and fell, at Champagne. Fort Pillow and Milliken's Bend of the Civil War will pale beside Chateaufort and Argonne.

But I cannot take the time at present to tell the unwritten history these boys have made.



Mrs. V. L. Jones

Organized Activities.

One of the first organizations for the benefit of our boys was the Y. M. C. A. at Fort Des Moines, under the charge of Mr. Robert De Frantz of Kansas City, company comprised wholly of colored Mo., in a big tent. Mr. De Frantz was assisted by Physical Director Beckett and big souled, big hearted Dr. Geo. C. Cabaniss of Washington, D. C.

During the officers training school an attempt was made to organize the candidates' wives into a club for their social benefit at the Historical building under the auspices of Mrs. S. Joe Brown, whose husband then was a candidate.

The young ladies of the Mary Church Terrell Club, a prominent young ladies club of the city, was very active in making it pleasant during the summer for the students at the Officers Training School.

As soon as the regular drafted boys began coming in by the thousands at Camp Dodge, then the great need of aid and help for these boys was looked for by the citizens of Des Moines and one of the first clubs organized was the "Company Mothers," which was organized by Mrs. S. Joe Brown in conjunction with the white Company Mothers Club. In this way every company of boys at the camp had during the winter of 1917-18 a lady who acted as a mother to them, and each mother has an assistant to go with her and spread cheer among the boys, give advice and help in any way she could, even to mend clothes, sew on buttons and darn socks. This was one of the most worthy of organizations, which spread cheer among our boys in camp.

The Army Club No. 2 was organized under the supervision of the government so that when the boys were allowed to come to town, instead of hanging around the streets, they could go to some clean place and enjoy themselves. To this end the old Lincoln school house at 9th and Mulberry Sts. was turned into a club room for the boys, and as such it is complete in every way. There are billiard rooms, reading and music rooms, reception rooms, cafeteria, soft drink parlors and a large hall for dancing and other entertainments, etc.

Mrs. W. H. Lowry is the Head Hostess at this club and has charge of all the young ladies who attend the entertainments for the boys. She is assisted by the company mothers from time to time, also regularly by Mrs. Emerald Mash, Miss Adah Hyde and Mrs. V. L. Jones, in looking after the young ladies. See their cuts elsewhere on this page.

The government, under the War Activities, has recently sent Miss Ursula Guy to this community to organize and direct the activities of the young women and girls in the proper channel so they may give the best of their services in this connection, and she has been very, very successful with her work. Under her direction a lovely big home-like club room for girls has been opened at the Army Club, where the different patriotic League Clubs meet and do things for the boys. See her write up elsewhere.

Another active club is known as the Chas. Young Auxiliary of the American

Red Cross, which is composed of many of our prominent ladies of the city, was organized by Mrs. S. Joe Brown, who is president of the club and an earnest worker for the cause. There are about 125 members and meet at the Union Congregational Church parlors and have done and are doing great work making articles for our boys. They have done their work so perfectly according to war rules that many of their articles when turned over to the Red Cross headquarters have been sent out to different white organizations as samples to work by and of their efficient work.

Another Red Cross Auxiliary on the east side is known as the Booker T. Washington Auxiliary and is doing good work under the leadership of Mrs. J. P. Hamilton.

The various church organizations special clubs to direct the spiritual life of these young men. In fact the already organized clubs have changed their work to this particular kind of work and I might say that all church clubs are exerting their religious influence upon the lives of the boys in this cantonment.

The Park Street Branch of the Army Y. M. C. A. is under the supervision of Mr. Edward Ross, a veteran Y. M. C. A. worker who came to us from Kansas City, Mo., in the large basement of the Union Congregational Church, corner 10th and Park Sts. This Branch has been a wonderful help to the soldiers when in town. The rooms are as comfortable and homey as possible with cots to accommodate the boys over night. They hold very interesting meetings every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and once a month they hold very interesting public meetings.

There are two Y. M. C. A.s for our boys at Camp Dodge, one under the direction of Secretary W. L. Luckner, who was formerly secretary at the Y. M. C. A. at Buxton, Iowa, and the other under the direction of Mr. Stewart. A recent addition was the Knights of Columbus Hall, which was thrown open to our boys last fall. This building is under the direction of Dr. Arthur, a very broad minded and intelligent man, who has the deepest sympathy of the boys at heart and who has done much to make his building an attraction to the boys. He is assisted in the work by his son, who is an accomplished violinist of note. Their home is in St. Louis, Mo.

They have recently opened up the Colored Hostess House at Camp Dodge, which is certainly a beautiful, homey place, where the boys can come and visit with their relatives, friends and sweethearts and where they are always sure to find good cheer. This house, whose cut you will see elsewhere, is presided over by Miss Virginia Robinson, assisted by Mrs. Dixon, Miss Brooks and Mrs. Frankie Lizemby.



Mrs. W. H. Lowry

Mrs. W. H. Lowry is one of Des Moines' most enthusiastic workers for the welfare of the soldiers. She has been a company mother ever since its organization; is official hostess at Army Club No. 2, which is the recreational center for colored soldiers; she is one of the instructors in the Chas. Young Auxiliary of the Red Cross; the leader of the Step Lively Circle of Patriotic League; one of the city directors of the Histess House No. 2. Mrs. Lowry was appointed one of the committee of United War Workers, being at the head of colored employed girls division. It was through her that there were 53 Victory Girls pledges amounting to \$145.50.

Mrs. Lowry is also active in club work, being president Intellectual Improvement Club, parliamentarian in the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, recorder of accounts in Rebecca Court of Calanthe, a member of Princess Zorah Chapter of Order of Eastern Star, and of Rebecca Lodge of Household of Ruth. Mrs. Lowry came to Des Moines two years ago from Institute of West Virginia, where she had taught in the West Virginia Collegiate Institute for 12 consecutive years.

In conjunction with the Hostess House at Camp Dodge a group of ladies from the city have been selected to work in co-operation with Miss Robinson and her staff in any way possible. Those ladies are Mrs. W. L. Lowry, Miss U. Guy, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Mrs. C. B. Lewis, Mrs. L. W. Luckner and Mrs. Emerald Mash.

Thus you get a small idea of how our boys are being taken care of while in camp. Aside from these organizations, individual clubs who work as a whole under the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, who have entertained and carried cheer to the sick boys at Fort Des Moines.

DES MOINES BRANCH CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, under the leadership of Elbert R. Hall, has closed the most successful year in its history. Approximately 350 members were enrolled during the year, including the Governor of the State and every member of the Executive Council of Iowa and 19 state officials; three Associate Justices of the Iowa Supreme Court, Judges of the District Court, Mayor of Des Moines and City Councilmen, captains, lieutenants and enlisted men of the army, clergymen, lawyers, doctors, educators, editors, a world famous athlete, and leading business men and women of both the Negro and Caucasian races. Seven big public meetings were held during 1918, each one attended by an audience that taxed the capacity of the auditorium where it was held.

At the recent annual business meeting of the Des Moines Branch the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Elbert R. Hall, re-elected. Vice President, Dr. W. H. Lowry, re-elected. Secretary, Mrs. George C. Young. Asst. Sec., Leslie W. Greene. Treasurer, Rev. H. A. Perry, re-elected.



Miss Adah Hyde

Executive Board members: Hon. Harvey Ingham, Atty. S. Joe Brown, Dr. J. A. Jefferson, one year term; Rufus King, Mrs. J. H. McClain and Mrs. Elbert R. Hall, two year term; and Rev. Geo. W. Robinson, Mrs. S. L. Birt and Mrs. S. Bates, three year term.

Committee assignments: Membership, Rufus King, Chmn.; Finance, the President, the Treasurer and Irving Wilson; Meetings, Dr. J. A. Jefferson, Chmn.; Press, Hon. Harvey Ingham, Chmn.; Legal Redress, Atty. S. Joe Brown, Chmn.; Grievance, the Vice President; Educational, Rev. Geo. W. Robinson, Chmn.

NEGRO BOND SUBSCRIBERS.

William Chambliss, the colored farmer of Macon county, Ala., who bought \$20,000 worth of the third Liberty Loan bonds, is outdistanced by David Haynes, of Vivian, Caddo Parish, La., who bought \$100,000 worth of the Fourth issue, and pledged in addition whatever sum might be needed to put the town "over the top." So much for patriotism plus a farm with oil on it.

But an old colored woman near Birmingham, possessed only of patriotism plus a wash-tub, did her bit as finely when she took a \$50 bond and paid for it with her weekly wash money.

FORT DODGE NEWS.

Last Week.

There was quite a surprise on Mr. James F. Guy. Sunday afternoon while he was at church about 20 friends came and brought a Christmas tree with all the presents on it, it being Mr. Guy's 45th birthday. He received many useful presents, as silk socks, linen handkerchiefs, beautiful ties, box of cigars and many other things. After song and prayer by Rev. Biggs, Mrs. D. Mae Brooks served the guests with fried chicken and ice cream. The guests all departed in time for church services wishing Mr. Guy many more birthdays. The Christmas tree was a branch wrapped with all colors of tissue paper and candles. The arrangements were carried out by Mrs. D. Brooks, Mrs. S. Lewis and Miss Elnora Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Guy wish to thank their many friends.

Mrs. Guy says her birthday is in January, 1919.

Hdq. Co. 370th Inf., Stokes Mortar Pl., Somewhere in France, Nov. 2, 1918.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Friend: I didn't have the heart to write to you on the same big and ugly paper that I used for Mr. Brown, so I am sending this little and dainty sheet, which is more suited to the one addressed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the interest you have taken in the Negro soldier. You will never be able to know just how much good you have done, because you are not a soldier, and really do not have the point of view. But just let me say that the soldiers will never cease to think and talk about you and the corps of workers who tried to hard to take the place of mothers at the camps.

As a soldier, I salute you! Your S. S. Pupil, Rufus B. Jackson. (Lt. Rufus B. Jackson.) Co. B, 812th Pioneer Inf., A. E. F.

Letters From "Over There"

American Red Cross Hosp. No. 109, Somewhere in France, Nov. 13, 1918. Thank God peace is in sight. Dear Mother, Dad, Lady Susan and Boys:

Well, folks, I am all bound round by the Red Cross line. Yes, the beaten boche got me at last. I was wounded in action on Nov. 8, 1918, chasing Hans out of "Beautiful France." Take it from me, folks, we were hot on his trail, when I got mine. Now don't look sad, because I am not wounded severely, I being rather tall, kept the boche from sending me west, or going west, is the term slang used by the British soldier when he is killed in action or dies soon after. The morning of the attack it began raining and in fact it had been raining for about six days. The ground was good and wet. We pulled into a little burg and found the boche had left some rather tough rear guards. Well, there was nothing to do but clean them out, so we Yanks started yanking the Hun out of the little village. We went down through a little valley, then over the crest of a hill and then old Fritz opened up at us. The moment he saw the first Yank he let loose with his nasty machine guns, seemed like 20,000 in all to me. That did not stop us. We kept right on after him. Soon after one of his field guns opened up and began belching out fire and brimstone. Nothing stopped us, on we pressed. I being the senior sergeant with the company, was called to be with the captain in the rear. I should have liked very much to have led a group instead of being with the captain. Well we also had snipers to deal with. They make things miserable at times. Well things got hot and the captain started toward the first wave; on the way we had to take cover underneath, or behind I should say, a little hill like. Here we stopped for I should say twenty or thirty minutes. During this time Fritz stung our son Jimmie three times, once taking effect. Well I gets myself together and starts for first aid treatment. On the way Fritz made me think the whole German army had turned loose at me, but those Yanks soon made him think that all of the Yanks in the U. S. were after him. Why those fellows really burnt their rifles at those boche. Well I made it to the first aid station and got treatment. Here I was tagged and sent to the rear, where an ambulance picked me up and started me farther back. From then on it was a hurry for me until I reached here. Here I found American women, doing wonderful work for the American Red Cross Society, the greatest of all. These nurses, all of them, should be given medals of honor for their work over here. They are excellent. The Red Cross, mother dear, give to it freely and often; it is the society that is doing wonderful work over here.

Well folks, I don't think there is much use of me telling you of the good news. Let us now pray for a signing of a peace for the people and by the people. The world has been taught a lesson. The enemy has been beaten. I am sure Des Moines went wild over the news. Well folks, I must close now. Remember the Red Cross. Be good, brave, cheerful and true. Pray for Jesse and I. "MY PEOPLE." cannot speak in accents bold, But only think in silence gold, For I must do as I am told And carry out directions. ftimes I find it very hard To do the things that's needed, But in the end I must win out As others have succeeded. If I continue to do right My people shall from out the night Stand out uplifted in the light, Stretch forth your hands with all your might, Oh, Ethiopia! Far, far from home and loved ones here, Across the ocea deep and blue, I've come to fight and if I die, My people, it's for you. In the trenches, lying down, With the cold, cold earth around, I may leave this sphere ere long, But from my heart there springs a song. Forward we go as soldiers should, For soon the battle will be done, Laurels gained and victory won, And we shall stand earth's favorite son. I pray for strength to struggle on From morning until night, Through seas of blood if it need be, That you, my people, shall be free. H. Jesse Taylor-McGuire, Des Moines, Iowa, U. S. A.

This poem was written by Lieutenant Harvey Jesse Taylor-McGuire, Co. F, 370th Regiment U. S. Infantry, formerly the famous 8th Illinois of Chicago, while he, the writer, was in a hospital somewhere in France suffering with rheumatism and trench feet contracted in the trenches.

The lieutenant is the oldest of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. McGuire, 708 West 11th St., Des Moines, Iowa, who have another son, First Sergt. James L. McGuire, of Co. H, same regiment, who is also wounded and in a hospital somewhere in France, as will be seen from his letter which appears on this page.

Stokes Mortar Platoon, Hdq. Co. 370th Infantry, Somewhere in France, Nov. 2, 1918.

Mr. S. Joe Brown.

Dear Sir: I received your short but welcome letter this afternoon, and although it was very rainy outside the letters and papers brought a lot of sunshine into our midst. I had just re-

turned from a sad journey. One of my men went to town this morning to visit the dentist, and a mine placed under a railroad track by the Germans exploded and killed him, along with a mess sergeant of one of our companies. Had these men been in battle we would not have thought much of it, but to be killed through pure treachery is past our method of fighting. It is a favorite method of the Germans to evacuate a city and leave numerous mines in all the important stations and highways. This they do in face of all their peace proposals. These mines are timed to explode from one to fifteen days after the evacuation, or to explode on contact. I went to town to identify the boy's body, but was unable to do so. His brother made the identity by a pass in one of his pockets. The affair this afternoon was the first instance I have seen of the pure treachery of the Germans. The peace proposals are causing a lot of talk over here, but we are all in the air and do not know what the real status is.

At present I am trying my best to rid myself of the pest you have heard so much about. Once I had so many that life seemed unbearable. As one of our men stated, "There was something under my clothes besides myself." The government issued us new underwear and breeches and we all got a bath. Now, whenever I have a ticklish sensation on my breast, and I decide to ignore it, and it persists and increases in volume, and I stealthily slip my finger after what I think is a crotchie, and then when I have grabbed it and brought it forth and it proves to be not a crotchie, but a ball of lint, "Oh, me! what a grand and glorious feeling!" So, Mr. Brown, if ever you see anyone complaining about petty inconveniences of life, refer him to any of the Yanks who have spent some time in a crotchie ridden dug-out. Feed is always plentiful, considering, and it is very seldom that our food is cut off. Our feed now even has an abundance of vegetables. At present I have not a single complaint in life. I am fully contented and await patiently for the end to come, when we can step on good old western soil once more.

I was very sorry to learn of Atty. Rush's death, but feel that his life was full and well-spent, and his long rest was well earned. I hope I can make myself felt just a fraction as much as he was in Des Moines. At the same time one cannot help but feel sad at the great and lasting changes that are taking place among the old friends whom I knew in Des Moines. It seems that each time I hear from home some dear one has passed away and it causes a strange loneliness to come over me that is hard to put away.

The people of Des Moines are certainly living up to the slogan, "Des Moines Does Things." The spirit of old St. Paul's A. M. E. is ever one the increase. Even here in France, the colored officers talk about the fighting qualities of the A. M. E. These men are fighting men, and they admire a church that will fight. One fellow said the reason he liked the church was because in the beginning, when the M. E.s threatened to sue the A. M. E.s if they attempted to withdraw, Bishop Allen got up and told them to "sue and be damned!" They would withdraw. I am sure the church which you have built is a monument to the fighting spirit of the great African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Well, Mr. Brown, I am the officer of the day and must make an inspection, after which I shall return to my hotel; and, because of certain sensations on my body, I shall doff my shirt and undershirt and read my titles clear. I will close, rejoicing in the fact that you are spared such occupations, and hoping to be like you in a short time. Yours sincerely, Rufus B. Jackson.

Camp Merritt, N. J., Nov. 10, 1918.

My Dear Mother, Mrs. Nannie Hunter, 952 14th Street Place,

Mama: Captain Sloan tells me that our transportation is all made out and that we will most likely leave here tonight, so I might be writing my last letter for some time. However, mama, do not worry about me, for I am crazy to get the trip.

Mama, I have made good; I am now first sergeant. I succeeded one of the best men that is in our regiment, who was sent from the Twenty-fourth regiment. By this, mama, you can imagine how hard and anxious I have been soldiering. Am very much pleased with everything, I mean to say that the fact that I am the captain's choice and have the respect of the men. Mama, this means a great deal in the army, more than you can imagine. Mother, I do trust that you have received your allowance and the letters that I have written to you.

Mother, I am closing with lots of love to one and all. As David said, Though I travel the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil for thy rod and thy staff will comfort me. Mama, I am quite confident that I will come out all right, so, mama, do not worry about me. Do not think that I do not appreciate the fact that mother and all love me and are naturally much concerned about my welfare.

However, I am trust in the Lord. If it is His will that I must go now let His will be done.

Give my love again to all. Your dearest boy, First Sergt. Lewis H. Hunter, U. S. A., Camp Merritt, N. J., 812th Pioneer Inf., A. E. F.



Mrs. Emerald Mash

Among the young women who have been interested in the War Camp Community Service and all work pertaining to the recreation of the soldiers, Mrs. Emerald Mash has been quite active. Although her activities have been limited to a certain extent, yet Mrs. Mash has always been found ready and willing to assist in any way she could. She has been one of Mrs. W. H. Lowry's assistant hostesses at the Army Club and is also connected with the City Directors of the Hostess House at Camp Dodge.

Aside from her activities in War Recreational work, Mrs. Mash is and has been the competent bookkeeper and stenographer in the Bystander office for the past six years, and in this capacity has aided the Recreational Center in putting its work before the public. She is a former graduate of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

somewhere between here and France, and when they shall have returned to America, when this war is over, and peace, lasting peace, declared, and the necessary censorship has been lifted so one may mention the names of army units, cities and towns, the colored historian who records the history of the colored soldier in this war will need no imaginative powers to tell of the service, the daring deeds of valor, and the incomparable fighting colored men did over there in France. Verdun, No Man's Land, Belleau Woods, Chateaufort, Soissons, the Vesle, Argonne, Champagne, et al., are vast urns which contain the story of how America's

RACE ECHOES.

GENERAL RACE NEWS.

Booker T. Washington, Jr., has been appointed as claim adjuster at the United States government air nitrate plant in Alabama.

Four colored delegates were present at the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor. The color line seems to have been almost completely abolished in labor's ranks.

Rev. Edward Thomas Demby has been consecrated Suffragan Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas. Bishop Demby is the first colored man to receive this honor.

David H. Raynes, a colored man living near Shreveport, La., has purchased \$100,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds. He says that in case the city falls short of its quota, he will give a check for the amount needed to bring the amount up to the proper amount.

The corner stone of the new Y. M. C. A. building in New York City was laid in October. The new building will cost \$385,000 when completed and furnished. It will be seven stories high and have 200 bedrooms.

Lieut. Binga Dismond, who holds the quarter mile record, is planning to run in the Olympic championship races to be held on the military track at Colombes near Paris, France. It is said that this will be one of the largest races ever held in France.

Miss Jeanette Carter has been appointed director of the Colored Bureau of Industrial Housing and Transportation, in the U. S. Department of Labor, with many workers in her bureau. She is the first colored woman to be appointed Chief of the Bureau.

Colored women are being employed in the construction of one of the largest shipbuilding plants in the country. The site of the plant was a swampy wilderness in Alabama, but these women have worked side by side with the men in an effort to reclaim this land.

The War Department has appropriated \$9,000.00 for the erection of a training school for colored nurses at Camp Sherman, O. Young women will be trained here to serve as nurses among the colored soldiers. Any colored girl with two years' high school education, who is physically and morally fit, is acceptable.

Many press reports, commencing on the American army in France, intimate that the Germans have a wholesome fear of colored troops in action. General Pershing is lavish in his praise of the colored soldiers and has testified officially that they show marvelous coolness under shell fire, and an entire regiment, as well as individual colored soldiers, has been cited for decorations of honor.

The colored man now holding the highest rank in the regular army is Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Davis, a native of Washington, D. C., who is now stationed with the 9th Cavalry in the Philippines. He has seen service in Mexico and a number of points in this country and won distinction as military attaché of the United States in Liberia. He was in the Spanish-American war and has won his way up from the ranks.

The North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co. has purchased \$150,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds. This is said to be one of the largest subscriptions taken by a company composed wholly of colored people.

WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE.

By Miss Ursula A. Guy.

During this present great war year and just after our country was awakened fully to her responsibilities and simultaneously to her dangers by the mighty German drives of last spring, not to mention the deadly submarine warfare that brought the struggle to our own coast—during this crisis, I say, the women of America nobly came to the front and rose to every emergency that confronted them.

But the wave of heroism did not stop there. The girlhood of the country caught the spirit of the times and wanted to contribute in some way, too, toward backing up parents, brothers, friends, and sweethearts "over there." Some of our girls, colored and white, expressed this infectious spirit, often, in ways that provoked severe criticism, since the general tendency was to exhibit too much indiscreet admiration for our boys instead of extending solid friendship and much-needed help.

Thus it came about that the government authorities, realizing and experiencing the many problems caused by this fuselage admiration of the men in khaki, decided to mobilize all uplift organizations and attempt to give direction to this admiration by placing at the disposal of the War Recreation Board "Girl Workers;" and in such manner it happened that Des Moines was among the first cantonment cities to be given these workers by reason of the fact that Des Moines was a pioneer city in having established Army Clubs for soldiers, the presence of which meant great need in the way of chaperones for the girls who would attend the social functions for soldiers.

The colored "Girl Worker" has been engaged therefore in many activities. At first, most of her time was devoted to organizing girls' patriotic service clubs and as a result, there are eight clubs (which, by the way, are just a "starter") that have been organized and bound together by the Patriotic League pledge. In addition, however, they have a big program for physical, mental, social and spiritual development.

A special phase of the girls' work is its recreation work and among our colored girls, classes in military drill, swimming and folk dancing have been organized. For the first two we plan an exhibition to come off some time soon. As for the folk dancing, two groups of girls have put on stunts in the "Y" and K. of C. huts at Camp



COLLINS—IOWA—HALFBACK—COE



KREMER—IOWA—CENTER—COE



SCOTT—IOWA—HALFBACK—COE



REED—IOWA—END—COE



KELLEY—IOWA—QUARTERBACK—COE



SLATER—IOWA—TACKLE—COE



SYNHORST—IOWA—TACKLE—COE

Register's All-State Teams

FIRST ELEVEN.

Reed, Capt. (Iowa) End
Belding (Iowa) End
Slater (Iowa) Tackle
Synhorst (Iowa) Tackle
Breedon (Ames) Guard
Hunzelman (Iowa) Guard
Kremer (Coe) Center
Kelly (Iowa) Q. B.
Scott (Iowa) Halfback
Collins (Coe) Halfback
Lohman (Iowa) Fullback

SECOND ELEVEN.

End Holliday (Drake)
End Northrup, C. (Morningside)
Tackle Sanderson (Cornell)
Tackle Schalk (Ames)
Guard Mockmore (Iowa)
Guard Osgood (Grinnell)
Center Hook (Dubuque Sem.)
Q. B. Butler (Dubuque Sem.)
Halfback Haas (Grinnell)
Halfback Donnelly (Iowa)
Fullback Crane (Grinnell)

HUNZELMAN—IOWA—GUARD

Negro Students Win Football Honors In Iowa.

TWO NEGROES EARN PLACES.
Men also are named in the honor roll who probably would not deserve mention under normal conditions.

The outstanding feature of this year's all-state selections is the fact that two

Negroes, Slater of Iowa, and Collins of Coe, are named on the first selection and that Butler of Dubuque college and Seminary, another Negro, is placed on the second eleven. This is the first time in several years that a Negro has gained the honor.

The conference and state teams are selected after consultation with the leading coaches and officials of Iowa.

The first team is made up largely of State University players. Many critics believe Iowa had its strongest team in

years and that its eleven would have made considerable trouble in the Western conference even had its opponents been up to the standard of two or three years ago. Be that as it may, the Hawkeyes were the only state team to play a full schedule.

Dodge. After the holidays, classes in gym work will be pushed rapidly.

Perhaps, one thing that the girls have enjoyed most is a club room—a real live club room, all their own that has been nicely furnished throughout and has over its entrance a big beautiful sign, "Girls Club Room," with the girls' insignia on either side. We have been fortunate in having a number of friends to make contributions in the following order: Mrs. Wright, a rug; M. P. Lowry, portieres; Mrs. Jones, a pedestal and fern; Altar Guild, pedestal; Mr. White, two flags; Mr. Alexander, the loan of a piano; Mrs. Jo Fletcher, sofa pillow and doily; the Chas. E. Young Auxiliary, four pillows; Mrs. Martha White, two hand crocheted doilies, and Mrs. Humbert, a year's subscription to "The Designer." We do trust that these quarters will be used and enjoyed eventually by any group of girls in Des Moines who band together for the purpose of self development.

We cannot fail to mention in connection with our work the ladies who are assisting in the capacity of club leaders, viz.: Mesdames Lowry, Jones, Goggins, Davis, Graves, White, Mash and Burroughs, and Misses Bowmer and Hyde. These ladies have willingly volunteered to assist in some way the girls' work.

Some have thought that when the fighting ceased, our girls' work would immediately close down. But to the contrary, the reconstruction period is before us with its problems of demobilization which undoubtedly will affect to an unknown degree the industrial and social life of the country. This means that the work begun for our girls must be conserved and increased and this latter statement in turn means that all those who love and believe in our girls must be ready and willing to do efficient work so that when our boys return home they can take pride in the fact that we, though small in number, have tried and are still trying to make permanent those worth-while things on which the progress of the world depends and which must be preserved now more than ever.

Yours for service,
Ursula A. Guy.

Mrs. V. L. Jones

Mrs. Coleen Alexander-Jones has been one of the very active young ladies in the War Recreation Work and War Camp Community Service. She is one of the assistant Hostesses at Army Club No. 2, also leader of Service Club No. 1 of the Patriotic League, composed of the High School Girls.

Mrs. Jones is a product of Des Moines, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Price Alexander, very prominent citizens of this city and widely known throughout the state. She has a wonderful contralto voice and has sung her way into the hearts of our boys, both at Camp Dodge and Fort Des Moines. She has always been found ready and willing to cheer the hearts of the boys far away from home.

Mrs. Jones is the wife of Lieutenant Vivion L. Jones, our former popular undertaker, and while he is at the front, Mrs. Jones remains here where she can help in the great cause for which her husband is fighting. Recently word has reached her from the front of the illness of Lieut. Jones.

See her cut on page 5.

Miss Adah Hyde

Miss Adah Hyde is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hyde, old and highly respected citizen of Des Moines. She is a graduate of West Des Moines High and the first colored girl

Chas. Young Auxiliary, American Red Cross, Des Moines, Iowa.



RED CROSS BAZAAR.

Don't fail to visit the bazaar being held in the tea room of the Model Drug Store tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 21st.

to graduate from the State University of Iowa with the degree of B. A. With her several years' experience as teacher in this state, Indiana and West Virginia and two consecutive years as director of play grounds for the city of Des Moines, Miss Hyde has been of great service in assisting with the War Camp Community Service and Patriotic League, being a leader of the Young Girls Aid Circle Patriotic League, which is composed of the girls in their early teens.

Miss Hyde has been quite interested in the Red Cross work, being director of the Junior Red Cross. Has been one of the efficient assistant Hostesses at the Army Club No. 2, also an active member of the Mary Church Terrell Club, an organization that has been foremost in cheering the sick boys at Fort Des Moines.

Just recently Miss Hyde has been appointed as one of the Indoor Playground Directors for the city of Des Moines at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church. She is, indeed, a very progressive and pleasant young lady.

See her cut on page 5.

UNCLE SAM'S MAIL POUCH

Somewhere in France,
Nov. 4, 1918.

My Dear Miss Watson:

I cannot tell how glad I was to receive your letter. I was very sorry though to hear of the illness of your grandfather.

This leaves me well, and as lonesome as usual. Oh yes, as to where I am stationed. When I wrote you last I had just come "out," and was helping at

afternoon and evening. All kinds of ready to wear night robes, bed linen, etc. Home cooked luncheonettes, etc. Under the auspices of the Charles Young Auxiliary. Proceeds for carrying Christmas cheer to the sick and wounded soldiers at Camp Dodge and Fort Des Moines. An opportunity will also be

in the course of our work, many hardships we have grown used to. I firmly believe that I could sleep on a barbed wire fence without discomfort.

I know I will have forgotten the ways of civilization by the time I return. I will be as apt to curl up on a dining table to sleep as anywhere else.

I am still walking around over the country. I won't know how to use a street car.

Well I guess you are getting tired of this. Your patriotism will make you read it. Its lonesomeness will make you remember it. Your kindness will make you answer it.

By the way, Lt. Murphy, for whom you played at his wedding, and Lt. Jackson both send regards.

Give mine to your mother and the rest.

I am trusting the Almighty and with the same faith, victory will come.

Hoping that I may see you "après la guerre," and that friendship may not have tarnished by long absence, I beg to remain, your long to be remembered friend,

Frank Perry.

CLARINDA, IOWA.
(Special to Bystander.)

The A. M. E. Church held her first quarterly meeting in this conference year, Dec. 8. It was not held as per scheduled time owing to city ordinances in effect to close all public meeting places for thirty days. Presiding Elder Farabee came as per scheduled, but found he could not serve the church because of prevailing conditions. However, the meeting was a success. Rev. M. M. Cable preached the sacramental sermon. Dr. Kanandall, district superintendent, took charge of the communion services. Both of these clergy-

men are members of the A. M. E. Church, Rev. M. M. Cable pastor of a local church.

The Sunday School is preparing for a most pleasant occasion Christmas eve. Mrs. Joe Beard and her daughter Doris of Chicago have the program in hand. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Manley, is asking parents and friends to invite Santa Claus to bring his gifts that they may be in evidence on the tree, as he used to do in other days.

Mrs. Brad Beard is expected to return home this week from Chicago where her husband has been confined in Providence hospital with pneumonia.

Bertha May Dickerson was elected treasurer of the Sunday school. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts, recently from Sioux City, Iowa.

Rev. J. H. Reynolds of Des Moines filled his pulpit Sunday.

Father Baker was able to attend church services twice during the day.

Mrs. Della Coulter and her two daughters, April and Julia, are sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Wilbur Gibson died Monday morning, Dec. 16, from a gunshot wound inflicted Sunday, Dec. 15.

The Baptist Sunday school is planning for a Christmas tree and program Christmas eve.

The following are on the sick list at this writing: Mr. George Able, Rev. W. A. Mitchell and Mrs. George Johnson.

The Thompson Hotel at 9th and Park Streets, a modern hotel. Rooms by the day or week. Call up Market 1389.

Mrs. Broyles, Proprietor.

KEOKUK, IOWA.

Mr. and Mrs. Coker are the proud parents of twin boys, Louis and Luttie. Friends of Warrent Toomes will be glad to know he is getting along nicely. Mrs. Ruth Johnson died at her home Saturday morning from influenza. Mrs. Coloman Williams and little son Gilbert are down with the influenza. Blind Boone, the famous pianist, was in the city last week. The "Race Review" given at the B. Y. P. U. is a great benefit to the Negro. Mr. French Bland was home on furlough last week. He is attending college at Iowa City. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller are mourning the death of their little daughter Jeanette. Mrs. Holten and family are down with the influenza. The friends of Private Edwin Miller are glad to see him home after being mustered out of the service. Rev. Joplin, one of the pioneer min-

isters of Bethel A. M. E. Church, long known for his pietist life, departed this life last Tuesday. We can truthfully say his was a beautiful life. Miss Stella Weldon and little niece, Katherine Kenney, are improving after a recent illness. Mrs. Galbert's family is better. The district board meeting of the Iowa Baptists was held at the First African Baptist Church last week. Many prominent ministers were in attendance. The Phyllis Wheatley Reserve Club are busy getting ready for the Christmas baskets for the deserving poor of our race. Mrs. Shely Johnson has returned home after attending the opening of the Poro College. All Keokuk congratulates St. Louis on having such a great and grand institution as the Poro College, wishing them much success in future years.

CENTERTVILLE NEWS.

The social given by the Sunday school Saturday proved to be quite a success. Bro. Joe Saunders was moved to the home of his daughter and is improving slowly. Mrs. Lizzie Taylor and son Harry and Mrs. Lillie Mayfield left Sunday morning for Des Moines to attend the funeral of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ida Houston. Mr. Estell Woodley arrived in the city Saturday to spend a few days with his aunt, Mrs. B. B. Baker. Mrs. Lizzie D. Price entertained several friends at her home to dinner in honor of Mrs. C. Ward of Topeka, Kans. Miss Grace Hicks entertained Mr. Estell Woodley to dinner Sunday afternoon. Miss Viola Noah entertained several girls and boys at her home Sunday afternoon and a general good time was reported. Mrs. Lizzie Jeter has purchased a new graphophone. Mrs. G. Johnson returned to Camp Dodge after a five days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson. Those on the sick list at this writing are Mr. Willie Clark, Mr. G. Johnson, Miss Lillian Mills and Mrs. Sarah Williams. The Mission Circle will be entertained at the home of Mrs. S. H. Jones Tuesday night on East Wilson street. Mrs. Clara G. Jones, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden and Mrs. S. H. Jones.

FORT DODGE, IOWA.

At a regular meeting of Jephtha Chapter No. 21, O. E. S., Dec. 2, the following officers were elected: Sister Levena Wilson, W. M.; Sister Mary Franklin, A. M.; Brother Rev. Biggs, W. P.; Sister Nancy Jane Raglin, Sec.; Sister Sarah Biggs, Treas.; Sister Myrtle Stepp, C.; Sister Willie Hudson, A. C. W. L. Perkins died Dec. 5 at Cherokee and was brought here for burial, having a sister and brother residing here, Mrs. Fred Coleman and Mr. Frank Perkins. On account of the quarantine the funeral could not be held at the church, but from Young's undertaking parlor. Only the choir, pall bearers, minister and family were allowed to be present. Many beautiful flowers were sent.

Miss Bessie Coleman of St. Louis, Mo., was here last week to attend the funeral of W. L. Perkins.

The box social given by Fort Dodge Improvement Club Nov. 30, was a success. One box went at \$1.70, Mr. Chambers being the highest bidder.

Mrs. Marshall entertained eleven guests Monday at 6 o'clock dinner, the Perkins family, Mr. and Mrs. Coffman and Miss Coleman of St. Louis.

Mrs. Stepp entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Wednesday, Miss Coleman, Mr. R. Perkins, Sergt. G. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perkins.

Mrs. Franklin entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Thursday Mrs. A. Perkins, Mrs. Hall Short, Mrs. Fred Coleman and guest of honor, Miss Bessie Coleman.

Baby Turner was much surprised Wednesday night with a baby shower. She received many useful presents.

The Fort Dodge Band have made another start now that the war is over. We hope they will all get together again.

OBITUARY.

Ft. Dodge, Ia., Dec. 9, 1918.

William Lewis Perkins was born in Fluvanna county, Virginia, on May 5, 1877, and entered into rest on Dec. 5, 1918, at the age of 41 years and 7 months.

The parents, Mr. Wm. Anderson Perkins and wife, came to the state of Iowa in October, 1880, bringing the little boy Lewis, who was then 3 years old. Consequently all of the latter's schooling was obtained in the Iowa schools.

These early years were spent in Muchakinoek during the days when that section was on the boom. The father made a deal of money as the most up-to-date hotel keeper in the town.

When Lewis was 16 years of age the father invested a part of his money in a private coal mine, which was known as Perkins & Son, the deceased being the son. This venture was a success, as were all the father's undertakings. He never knew the word "fail."

When Buxton opened up in 1900, Perkins & Son built the first hotel and added materially to their possessions already acquired through former investments. Eleven years later the hotel mysteriously burned to the ground. Other hotels having sprung up in Buxton, and the father having died two years previously, Lewis made no attempt to rebuild. The next year, 1912, Lewis went to California to take charge of a homestead which his father had secured there in the year 1909. While there his health failed. He was brought back to Iowa and sent to Rochester, Minn., for treatment, but to no avail. He has since been in the hospital at Cherokee for two years, where he quietly passed beyond the shadow on Dec. 5.

He was converted while yet in his early teens and joined the Union Baptist Church in Muchakinoek. On his removal to Buxton he placed his letter in Mt. Zion Baptist Church, which church bears unquestionable record of his faithfulness unto the end.

Those left to mourn his demise are his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Perkins; three sisters, Mesdames J. W. Starks of Minneapolis, F. E. Coleman of Ft. Dodge, and Hal Short of Iowa City; and four brothers, Thomas H. of Omaha, Robert A. of Topeka, Frank S. of Ft. Dodge, and Sergt. George E. of Iowa City, all of whom were present.

Of him a host of friends would write this silent tribute: Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me; Oh, may there be no moaning of bar-

The World Moves On

Printers thought the typesetting machine was not practical—

The horse breeder said the automobile would never be in general use—

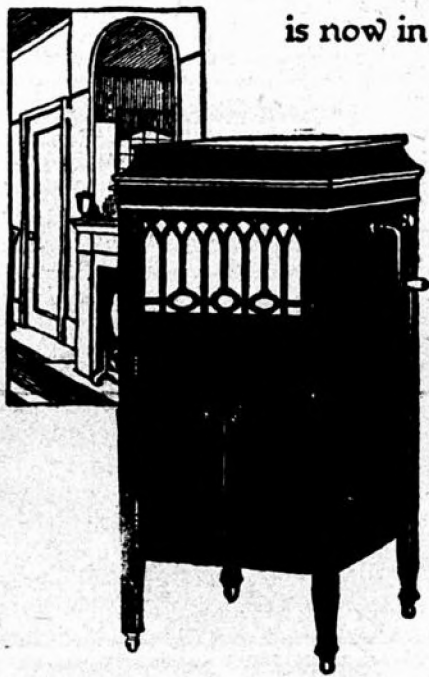
The wire manufacturer said "wireless" was a dream—

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Turns again home.
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And after that the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.
For though from out our bosom of time
And place,
The tide may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

HOCKING, IOWA.
(Special to Bystander.)

The Second Union Baptist Church, that was built by the Willing Workers Club, was opened Sunday, Dec. 8. The pastor, Rev. Brooks, of Buxton, preached an excellent sermon. He was assisted by Rev. Garriett.

Miss Bernice Jones of Albia was a Sunday visitor at the home of Miss Albintha Robinson.

Hours of services at the Second Union Baptist Church are as follows: Sunday school, 9 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; evening service, 5:30 p. m.

The Willing Workers Club wish to thank each and every one who contributed to help make the Second Union Baptist Church a success.

Those who attended service from Albia Sunday were Rev. Dowden, Mr. and Mrs. Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Moss Johnson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hattie Williams, Mrs. Davis, Misses Bernice Jones, Elzada and Juanita Johnson, Mrs. Bert Allen and daughter Viola, and Mr. Harris.

Mr. J. L. Robinson, who has been on the sick list for some time, is much better at this writing.

The Willing Workers Club met at the home of Mrs. Thos. Lowrey and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Mable Robinson; vice president, Miss Ruth Singleton; secretary, Miss Anna Edmonds; treasurer, Miss Albintha Robinson. The club meets every other week on Monday evenings at the church.

Mr. Oscar Roper was a Des Moines visitor last Saturday.

Those on the sick list are Miss Ruth Singleton and Mr. John Wright. Mr. Thos. Lowrey is able to be out and around again.

Mrs. Mable Robinson entertained Rev. Garriett and Mrs. Virginia Burns and Mrs. Emma March to dinner Sunday.

All the clubs of the I. F. C. W. C. failing to receive their health outlines please notify Mrs. Mable Robinson, Hocking, Iowa.

The Willing Workers Club is planning to have a Christmas entertainment at the Second Union Baptist Church Christmas eve. Everyone is invited to attend for there will be a present for you.

CHILLICOTHE, MO.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston of Des Moines, Iowa, visited at the home of her mother and brother, Mrs. Emily and Mr. W. W. Rowland and wife.

Mr. Clyde Banks of St. Louis is home visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Gertrude Smith of Brookfield, Mo., visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Maggie Botts.

Messrs. George Parker, Lawrence Lewis, Robert Greene and Matthew Kiles are home from the training school at Western University.

Sergt. Francis Greene has received his discharge and is at home from Camp Funston. His many friends are glad to welcome him home.

Mr. Myrtle Beach is on the sick list. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Little Marjorie and Dorothy Parker are able to be at school again after having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Curry received word late Sunday evening of the death of their daughter Essie in Council Bluffs, Iowa. We extend sympathy to the family.

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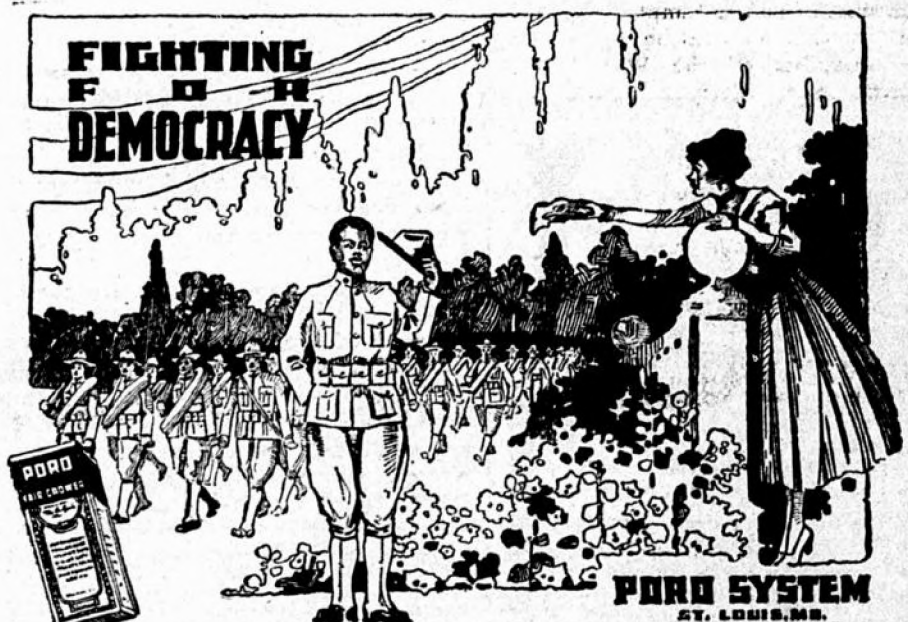


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ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.

We are having beautiful weather up here at present. Some days are just like spring.

Invitation are out for the wedding of Miss Cornelia Gordon and Mr. Walter B. Smith of Cleveland, Ohio, the happy event to take place Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at Pilgrim Baptist Church, followed by a reception at the home of the bride.

Mrs. Lottie Shannon passed away last week, having been a victim of the flu. She was buried from the undertaker's. She leaves a husband and two small children.

Mrs. Zora Johnson, who has been a long and patient sufferer if a complication of diseases, died at her home Monday morning and was buried Wednesday.

Mrs. John Lewis entertained a few friends Saturday evening in honor of Mr. Lewis' birthday. The affair was a surprise and enjoyed by all. Progressive whist was the main feature of the evening's entertainment.

Mr. Geo. Duckett is home and confined to his bed by severe illness. He is some better at this writing.

A very largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the ex-board of the State Federation of Women's Clubs was held at the residence of Mrs. Mattie Wade Hicks, 953 Rondo St., Friday afternoon. The ladies arranged to hold their midwinter meeting in February as usual. Other important matters were taken up at this meeting.

Several of our people had the flu in a mild form.

Rev. J. C. Anderson, the new pastor at St. James A. M. E. Church, and former pastor of Quinn Chapel, Chicago, after arriving in our city to take up his work, immediately launched a \$3,000.00 rally and in one month's time has raised cash of that amount over \$2,200.00, with the other \$800.00 on the way. In fact, he expects to go over the top. Rev. Anderson has paid off all the indebtedness of St. James, and she is now free from

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REST OF WORLD IS TOO BUSY

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The American Red Cross is perhaps like nothing so much as a staunch and loyal ship in a storm. It goes its way with senses tuned to catch any cry for help. And when that cry comes, it drives instantly and without fear straight to the place of distress, in flood and fire and disaster, just as the ship braves the perils of tumbling seas and hazardous rescue work. And, again, like the ship, it STANDS BY till those endangered are helped to safety.

Meanwhile the rest of the world, busy with its own problems, hurries home during these times of storm and stress, and draws down the blinds.

At least that is the way it has been in the past. But now comes the Christmas Roll Call. And it is a privilege, not a pest. It has no preferences. It plays no favorites. It makes no exceptions. It summons every man, woman and child in the country. It holds out to each one the blessed opportunity to ride on every Red Cross ship of mercy, to speed with every Red Cross train of relief that encircles the earth on their errands of mercy.

The only way for anyone to escape the possibility of some time having to accept CHARITY from the Red Cross is to become ONE with the Red Cross. For terrible calamity may come to us all. The money wealth of the Belgians was as nothing when they were stripped of clothing and food. And that feeling of oneness with the organization that our men on the other side have had during the war was not merely a great, but was the GREATEST, factor in enabling the Red Cross to give the efficient aid that it did.

Let us remember what Mrs. Margaret Laing, canteen worker in France told about our boys who came out of the hospitals without money:

"Sometimes they would be able to make up a few cents between them," she said, "and sometimes they did not have anything. They would hang behind those who could pay. And they would look at the food so wistfully that it made one fight back the tears. The only way we could get them to take what they needed and craved was by saying: 'You know, boys, this was all paid for by your own people at home.' Then immediately their attitude would change and they would say: 'Why, yes, my mother' or 'my sister gives to the Red Cross.' And then how they would pitch in."

We are proud, we Americans. We do not want something for nothing. And here is our glorious opportunity to take the rest of our nation by the hand, and with all pride and dignity insure ourselves of our own help in time of adversity.

This Christmas Roll Call gives every one a chance to be a "Dollar Man." And most of us can be one right at home. For by joining the Red Cross now and paying the dollar we become as actively engaged in the great work as if we were giving all of our time to it. We are merely making our dollar substitute for those of us who are too busy to give all of our time to the Red Cross.

Some of the great achievements of the Red Cross have been told over and over, until the facts may seem old to you. But on this occasion they are worth telling again. We should not forget, for instance, how the women of this nation, like our first Colonial mothers, turned suddenly into great manufacturers and made garments and supplies worth \$50,000,000 last year. Nor let us forget how \$111,000,000 was sent into the devastated countries during the time while men and women giving their time for nothing, went with those dollars to see that they were used in the way they were most needed. And the American Red Cross sent medicines and anesthetics to the hospitals of France when they were almost unobtainable, so that our boys and their allies might have some relief from the torment of their wounds and a chance at ultimate recovery.

There are so many things to tell that it is impossible to spread the whole story in this limited space. But each worker will know. For the letters that have come from the boys in the camps "over here" and from the fields "over there" have been full of the reasons. Ask the mother of any boy who was imprisoned behind the cruel lines where food was scarce even for the enemy army, but who got his 20 pounds of biscuits, pork and beans, cocoa and other good, wholesome things, every week.

The roofs are at hand everywhere. The reasons are manifest. Everyone should become a member of the widest, best and holiest crusade the world has ever known. Membership in the Red Cross should be more universal than taxes; as universal as the public school, public opinion, or our own public government.

HUNTSVILLE, MO.

(Special to Bystander.)

Amidst the pleasant things of this life also comes death and sorrow. The funeral of Mary Ray Taylor, the wife of Jesse Taylor, was largely attended Thursday at the A. M. E. Church. The life of no one was more beautifully portrayed than hers, as a young Christian woman, wife, and mother, by her pastor, Rev. Harris, assisted by Rev. G. D. Saunders.

The flu epidemic is bad in our town. No fatal cases among our people as yet.

Miss Annie Henderson has returned home after a four months' stay at the Barnard Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., very much improved. We are glad to have Miss Annie home and well once more.

Miss Lydia Tatum of Dalton, Mo., accompanied Mrs. S. T. Pettigrew home as her week end guest.

Miss Oletha Davis is making her home with her aunt, Mrs. G. D. Saunders. She is a charming little miss and we welcome her in our young girls society.

Some of our soldier boys have returned home from camp, they say to stay, which is another sign of a little more peace on earth.

Rev. G. D. Saunders took advantage of the "ban" being off last Sunday and asked his church to rally. They had been barred from having any services for nearly two months. Rev. Downey of Moberly, Mo., preached, as usual, a soul stirring sermon for Rev. Saunders at 2 p. m. The pastor continued his services and rally. The total church collections were \$370.00. All sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Few Escape.

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given of the organization of a corporation for pecuniary profit under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title IX, of the Code of Iowa, and acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, as follows:

The name of this corporation is the BANKERS RESERVE FINANCE CORPORATION, and its principal place of business is at Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa; its Articles of Incorporation are of record in the office of the recorder of deeds of Polk County, Iowa, and also in the office of Secretary of the State of Iowa, and a certificate of incorporation has been duly issued pursuant to law.

The object and purpose of this corporation shall be the handling of securities of every kind and description, and especially securities in which banks, trust companies and insurance companies may lawfully invest; it shall have the right to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, handle, sell and otherwise dispose of all forms of negotiable paper or other securities of every class or character; to deal in warehouse receipts, bills of lading, patents, trade marks, and copyrights; to borrow, or raise money, by the issuing and selling of bonds, bills of exchange, notes, certificates and other commercial paper or corporate obligations, and to secure the payment thereof by mortgages, deeds of trust or otherwise; to act as bailee of money, securities or other things of value, and to provide safety deposit boxes for its customers; to act as fiscal or financial agents, and as holding company for others; to purchase, or otherwise acquire, hold, develop, deal in, manage, operate, develop, sell and otherwise dispose of real estate and real estate interest; to guarantee and defend the title to real estate; to act as real estate or insurance agents; to promote

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The amount of Capital Stock of this corporation is One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars, divided into nineteen hundred (1900) shares of Common stock of the part value of Fifty (\$50) Dollars each, and one hundred (100) shares of Founder's stock of the part value of Fifty (\$50) Dollars each. No stock shall be sold for less than 100% of its par value, and no certificate shall be issued for such stock until the corporation has received payment thereof in cash, or property; and before any such stock is issued for anything other than cash, authority for such exchange must be secured from the Executive Council of the State of Iowa, as by law provided.

This corporation commenced business on the 24th day of October, 1918, and shall continue for a period of twenty years thereafter unless sooner dissolved by a majority of the holders of the Founder's stock issued and outstanding; provided, however, that the corporate period of this corporation may be extended for the time and in the manner, as provided by law.

The affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members, elected by and from the stockholders, which shall be held on the third Tuesday of October, 1919, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of the company in Des Moines, Iowa. The Common shareholders are entitled to elect four directors, and the holders of the Founder's stock shall be entitled to elect five members, or one more member than the number elected by the holders of the Common shares.

An Executive Committee, consisting of three members, elected by and from the directors, shall be vested with all the powers of the Board of Directors, and enjoy all of the rights and privileges of the Board when the same is not in session, and when a meeting of Founder's stockholders is not being held.

An Advisory Board, consisting of not less than fifteen nor more than twenty-five members, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from the stockholders, and shall meet with the Board of Directors or Executive Committee in an advisory capacity.

The Board of Directors shall elect from their own number the three members of the Executive Committee, a chairman, a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer; and also from the stockholders, the members of the Advisory Board; and also such other officers, representatives and employees as the Board may deem necessary.

Until formal action is taken by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall consist of J. G. Tharp, R. T. Rhine, and H. L. Johnson; and J. G. Tharp shall be president and treasurer, and R. T. Rhine shall be vice president and secretary.

The highest amount of indebtedness to which this corporation may at any time subject itself shall not exceed two-thirds of its paid-up and outstanding Capital Stock.

The private property of stockholders is exempt from corporate debts and liabilities, except for the unpaid Capital Stock.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 1918, at Des Moines, Iowa.

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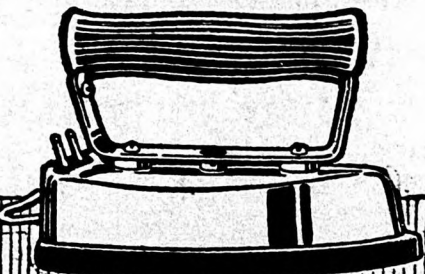
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