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BOLSHEVISM'S MENACE: TO WHOM AND TO WHAT?

By CYRIL V. BRIGGS.

OF a truth, Bolshevism is a menace. That much is conceded alike by friend, foe and neutral. That is the chief motif of the tune that is constantly dinned into the ears of the Negro and the world in general.

But just whom and what does Bolshevism menace? Is it not vital that we should know exactly against whom and what is directed this alleged threat of Bolshevism? Against the Negro and the rest of the workers, or against those who are exploiting the workers of the world and robbing the Negro group both of its labor and of its fatherland? If against us, should we not fight it, and if against the imperialist thieves of Europe, who are our foes, should we not be glad of its spread?

England and France and the rest of the piratical crew claim that Bolshevism is a menace to "democracy." What "democracy"? The "democracy" in which an autocratic minority living in France and England rule and oppress "subject peoples" against their known wishes and legitimate aspirations and solely for the benefit of home industries and manufactures? The "democracy" which imposes its will upon weaker peoples by force and murders them when this alien superimposed will is questioned, as "democratic" England is doing to-day in Egypt, India, Persia, Mesopotamia, the West Indies and many other unfortunate countries, as "democratic" France is now doing in Morocco, West Africa and Indo-China? The "democracy" which exploits, under the murderous capitalist system, its own people, its weak women and young children? Is this the "democracy" to which the spread of Bolshevism is a menace? Then may God advance the spread of Bolshevism throughout Europe, Asia and Africa, and in every country where oppression stalks!

On the other hand, what is Bolshevism? Regarding it there are myriad lies, tales and rumors, but from what one can deduct from the testimony of impartial witnesses like Col. Robins and Mr. Bullitt it appears to be a system of government of the people, by the people and for the people, and under which the resources of the country, like the mines, the coal fields and water power, are owned and operated, as they ought to be, by the State. Under Bolshevism all persons are producers. There are no classes. All are workers. We are told that Bolshevism's success in forcing the parasites to work lies in the fact that preference in rationing is given, and rightly, to those who produce, after, of course, the wants of the mothers, children and sick have been attended to. But this is the domestic side of Bolshevism and while a study of this side will do much to explain the phenomena now taking place in Russia, it is in the international side in which we are especially interested. What is Russian Bolshevism's attitude toward the people of other countries, especially oppressed people like the Africans, Indians, and Irish?

Bolshevism in its international phase is feared by the capitalist-imperialist powers even more than they fear Bolshevism in its domestic operations.

Bolshevism, from the international standpoint, is totally different from, and wholly opposed to imperialism. In fact, one of the first acts of Soviet Russia was the renunciation of the imperialistic claims of Czarist Russia on the territory and destiny of the people of Persia, thus repudiating the part played by old Russia with Great Britain in the strangling of Persia. Soviet Russia has gladly and promptly recognized the right of self-determination of the peoples of Finland, Poland, the Ukraine and other parts of the former Russian Empire. The right to self-determination of even certain

weak and so-called "backward" peoples in Asiatic Russia has been recognized by the Bolsheviks.

Bolshevism so far, then, is in direct opposition and contradiction of the "principles" of "democracy" as those principles are applied by England in India, Africa, Ireland, and elsewhere, and by France in Africa and Indo-China. And it is to these "principles," to this "democracy," that Bolshevism is a menace. Like Wilson's mistake in talking about the rights of "peoples great and small," Bolshevism is setting a bad example to the enslaved populations under British and French rule. It is putting ideas extremely injurious to the masters in the heads of the African, Indian and Irish peoples. That Bolshevism is a direct menace (and is seen as such) to the lying wickedness of *European eminent domain* under guise of carrying "the white man's burden," is demonstrated by the following statement from a capitalist source:

"... and the triumph of Russian Bolshevism, as now constituted, means the victory of the doctrine of their allies, the I. W. W. in America, and the destruction of Great Britain's power in India, in all other

parts of Asia and in the Dark Continent."

If Bolshevism will free the "subject races," what should be the attitude of these races towards Bolshevism?

The New York Sun, in an editorial comment on the overwhelming defeat of Kolchak, Denikine and other anti-Bolsheviks, also lets the cat out of the bag in these two paragraphs:

"And so now Lenine and his disciples are turning their faces eastward as to the land of promise. Mohammedan hostility against the European rulers that hold so much of Islam in bondage is to be the great means of spreading Bolshevism throughout Asia.

"Already Great Britain becomes anxious. She realizes that the new Russia offers a menace to her power in the East not less than that of the former Czar. But what means she will take to prevent the threatened overflow of radicalism from the north into Persia and India remains to be seen. That she must act at once, however, is becoming evident to all."

And in these confessions and indiscreet comments of the capitalist press, in this anxiety of the chief enslaving powers, we have the answer and the truth as to who and what Bolshevism menaces.

FACTS, FUN AND FANCIES

By the Staff.

Anxious Relative—How is the patient, Doctor, and what seems to be the matter with him?

Hospital Surgeon—I don't know where he got it Madam, but he was so full of alcohol that we had to apply leeches, and when we took them off they were dead drunk.

THE FERTILE SOIL OF AFRICA.

News comes to us from South Africa that a small boy climbed a cornstalk on his father's farm to see how the clouds looked, and the stalk is growing faster than the boy can climb down. In a few hours the boy was out of sight. Men have undertaken to cut the stalk down, but it grows so rapidly that they cannot hit twice in the same place.

The boy is living on green corn alone. When the news first came to us he had already thrown down four bushels of cobs.

CHEATING THE UNDERTAKER.

A man who owes us a little bill said he would call in last week and pay us if he was alive. He still appears on the street, but as he did not call it is naturally supposed that he is dead and is walking around to save funeral expenses. Please omit flowers.

You can't really blame that League of Planets for trying to destroy this old world, you know. With capitalism and imperialism

running wild and the accepted dictums seeming to be that "robbery is the best policy," "enslave thy neighbor," "exploit thy offspring" and so on, we have often wondered why something or other did not destroy it, or at least that part of it occupied by the western half of the continent of Europe.

BREAKING THEM IN.

Mistress—Why, Minnie, do you mean to say that you had the audacity to wear my new shoes that I have only worn once myself?

Colored Maid—But, Madame, if you had worn them again they would have been ever so much too big for me.

PREACHING CONTENTMENT


The toad beneath the harrow knows
Exactly where each tooth-print goes.

The butterfly upon the road
Preaches contentment to the toad.

LAJPAT RAI,
Indian Nationalist Leader.

This is a funny world. So many in jail living up to the Honor System, and so few out of jail that one can trust alone around a telephone.

LIBERIA'S APPEAL

“ O those who are contented to live and educate their children as house lackeys, we would say stay where you are; here we have no masters to employ you. To the indolent, heedless and slothful, we would say, tarry among the flesh pots of Egypt, here we get our bread by the sweat of our brow. To drunkards and to rioters we would say, come not to us, you never can become naturalized in a land where there are no grog-shops and where temperance and order is the motto. To the timorous and suspicious we would say, stay where you have protectors; here we protect ourselves. But the industrious, enterprising and patriotic, of whatever occupation or enterprise—the mechanic, the merchant, the farmer and especially the latter, we would counsel, advise and entreat, to come over and be with us and assist us in this glorious enterprise, and enjoy with us that to which we were ever, and to which the man of color ever must be a stranger in America.

“Moreover, here is a wonder such as Solomon in all his wisdom conceived not of, when he said, ‘there is nothing new under the sun.’ Here on African shores, the wilderness to which our fathers came but as yesterday, in ignorance, penury and want—we have built us towns and villages . . . nay, nor was it thought of by the wise men of Europe and America.”

EDITORIALS

LORD, HOW THEY DO WANT TO HELP!

There are lots of people—nice people, too, they are—who sincerely pity the lot of the poor Negro and want to help him—Lord, how they do want to help him!—but who, nevertheless, become quite indignant at any motion that the Negro may make towards helping himself. You see, they want to help him themselves. They know what cuts of the meat are good for him and they feel sure that he will suffer from indigestion if he tries to absorb any of the nice cuts. For instance, they are really shocked at the lynching of Negroes. They would like to see that stopped. But in their own way and in their own time. The idea seems to be that the Negro can continue to swing until his friends get ready to decide upon the means of stopping lynching. Remember they have not got to the decision point yet. But, after all, their intentions are good, you know. And the Negro should have patience. The cracker has the gun and the rope. The Negro can have patience, dearest virtue of the oppressed. These nice people really are shocked, diminutively of course, with the progress of time, at lynching. They mean to save us—what's left of us—from that barbarous pastime of their Southern brethren. "But what's this talk about race equality, representation in government, and all the new fangled ideas of the belligerent New Negro? Why, the arrogant, impertinent, impudent, ungrateful, blankety-blank race! The upstarts! Race equality, indeed! Huh!" And these really nice people who really want to help the Negro—*Lord, how they do want to help him!*—are sent into a paroxysm of rage by such publications as *The Messenger*, *The Negro World* and *THE CRUSADER*.

ONE WHO KNOWS THE NEGRO

Dr. Kessler, "a Southern educator and sociological student for the past thirty-five years in Southern universities," is authority for the self-satisfying statement that the Negro does not desire racial equality with the white race, but is content to continue in the status of inferiority to that race. Dr. Kessler says, "neither the Negro nor

the whites in the South desire race equality."

It is to be admitted, of course, that the whites being what they are intellectually, would naturally desire a continuance of the state of affairs that brand as their inferiors the descendants of the race which gave the light of civilization to the world and which has since strengthened that light in many parts of the world, but what of the Negro in the South? Does it follow that he desires no change in his humiliating and extremely unjust status? Does it follow that he would be satisfied to continue an inferior of the descendants of the race that was living in caves and wandering over Europe with greased naked bodies when his ancestors were at the zenith of their cultural and political power?

"Doc" Kessler (we are afraid we cannot quite believe that he is entitled to the degree of doctor) is surely "some" student of sociology, to judge from his conclusions in re to the Negro. He has studied it for thirty-five years. Perhaps, when he has given another thirty-five years to the subject he will be able to make merry the hearts of crackerdom with the assurance, based upon his sociological "knowledge" that the Negro has no instinct of self-preservation and does not desire to retain the breath of life within his body; that he would be thankful to the kind and Christian soul (only a Christian would do it!) who would cold-bloodedly, by stake or limb, sever his connections with this mundane sphere, and the more torture applied (in real Southern Christian manner) the more the gratitude of the departing Negro. It is only a step from the claim that the Negro does not desire race equality to the no less absurd claim that he does not desire to live.

NOT SUCH STRANGE BEDFELLOWS AFTER ALL

W. J. Hanna, in a letter of date December 25, 1919, to the *New York World*, gives as his belief for the opposition in this country to the League of Nations his opinion that the American people consider Japan and Great Britain as "impossible comrades for Americans," and follows this up with a brief review of the facts: "The

former an open and avowed imperialism, whose hands are even now bloody with suffering Corea and whose pockets are filled with the goods of plundered China; and the latter (if we are to believe your daily pages) oppressing the Irish, massacring the Egyptians and Hindus, plundering the Persians, and all this behind a barrage of parliamentary government and unctuous righteousness in London.

"That these predatory powers were our co-belligerents in the late war was but the accident of circumstances. Our ox was gored. That is why we went to war with Germany. In establishing our rights and maintaining them we incidentally saved a bad crowd. That, however, is no reason why we should associate with it."

All of which is quite true. And credit to Mr. Hanna for his recognition of these wrongs and plain speaking regarding their perpetrators. But we cannot agree with him in his inference that America would thus be in strange company, or that Americans would have any right for considering the cutthroats of Great Britain and Japan as "impossible comrades" for themselves. Americans may act the Pharisee and thank God that they are not like other men, but the lynching record will not down. And as to oppression and massacres, pray, what else are the United States marines doing in Haiti and Santo Domingo but oppressing the natives and massacring all who dare to assert the right of the peoples of Haiti and Santo Domingo to "self-determination"? And has Mr. Hanna forgotten how American forces "pacified" the Philippines?

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM

From its incipency, and in the teeth of the Espionage Law and the petty persecutions with which the bureaucrats and reactionaries were pleased to honor us, THE CRUSADER has insistently called attention to the private war that President Wilson was prosecuting, without official declaration, against the people of Haiti at the same time that he was prattling about the rights of "nations, great and small," and the application to all peoples of the principle of "self-determination."

This month we print in our "Digest of Views" department, an editorial from *The Nation* (N. Y.) dealing with a certain phase of this private war of Wilson's upon the Haitian people. We commend this article to the attention of our readers, who are not likely to be surfeited with articles

of this type in the capitalist press. In fact, to our knowledge, very few members of the white press have called attention to this crime against an independent people. The Negro press has been quite as negligent, too, but then Negroes who are honest enough to admit it can excuse the average Negro editor on the plea of crass ignorance. But for the white editor no such excuse exists. Ignorant men are not employed on the white papers, and white ignoramuses who own papers are still not quite so ignorant as not to recognize that they are not capable of intelligently editing a paper, or if a few of them, like the average Negro editor, imagine that they are so capable, a discriminating white public with higher standards in literature than our own, soon puts them "wise." Therefore, no excuse exists for the white editor who ignores the crime that is being committed against Haiti, and no explanation of his silence but prostitution of his talents and humane instincts to the wishes and interests of his capitalist-imperialist masters.

This silence of the white and colored press—the one through subserviency to the "interests" and the other through ignorance of its racial interests, makes it advisable, in the cause of general knowledge of the Haitian situation, that we give a brief review of what has been done by the Wilson Administration, and the American Navy and marines, acting under its orders, to the people of the Black Republic of the Caribbean. Following our custom of allowing the white man to give the testimony in his own conviction we quote from Charles H. Pepper's recent book, *"American Foreign Trade"*:

"An administration and a congress were set up, backed by the marines. With this executive and legislative creation a treaty was negotiated, under which the United States established a fiscal protectorate over Haiti."

To set up this dummy government the Haitian Constitution was scrapped and Haitian patriots who protested foreign interference in the affairs of their country were hunted down and shot for "rebels." A *New York World* headline of March 11, 1916, told that "Americans killed 500 Suppressing Uprising in Hayti." Of the actions of the murderous marines, the following, printed in the November CRUSADER, and a confession of one of the gang, is a fair example:

"I went into the town and resolved to get as many blacks as I could before they got me. I had decided that a rifle would be too slow,

and took my machine gun. I got eighty-nine of them before a marine officer laid me out with a bump on the head, using his revolver to hand out the bump. There was excitement to a peddle and for a time it looked as there was going to be hell in general. You know we really were at war with those Haitians, they were killing us and we were killing them. I guess I was a bit hasty; but—well it was all in the game."

Then there are the "devil dogs flyers," whom a *New York World* despatch reported as "terrorizing the bandits."

Always remembering that the "bandits" of Haiti are, like those of Morocco, Egypt, Persia, India and other oppressed countries, the native patriots, the reader can gather a fair idea of the crime that the Wilson Administration, with all who silently acquiesce in it, is committing in the Republic of Haiti.

A GOOD INVESTMENT

THE CRUSADER desires to direct the attention of its readers and solicit their hearty support to the mission of Mr. S. C. Kpakpa Quartey, a native merchant of the Gold Coast, West Africa, who comes to America to effect arrangements to relieve the natives of West Africa of the handicaps placed against their commercial progress by the unfair tactics of the officials of the lone steamship line now plying between ports of the West coast and Europe, acting in collusion with the white merchants resident in West Africa.

Several months ago THE CRUSADER told of the tactics of these white merchants, who, with the aid of the steamship officials, have made it difficult and often impossible for native merchants to obtain cargo space to ship their stuff to European ports. Outgoing vessels are always too crowded for native produce when it is to be shipped by the natives themselves, though usually having ample cargo accommodation for any amount of native produce when it is to be shipped by white merchants. The steamship authorities are all white, and evidently of the opinion that the white merchants in West Africa must be protected in their parasitic position. The native merchant, unable to get space to ship his goods to Europe, is forced to sell at local prices to the white merchant—often on the latter's own terms—who then makes the big profit in the European market.

It is this condition that Mr. Quartey in coming to America seeks to remedy. He proposes to launch an international corporation, with headquarters in New York

city, for the purpose of exploiting, by Negro capital and brains, the vast resources of his native country, and thus effect means by which the present grievous discrimination against the native merchant can be remedied. He comes not empty-handed, for he already has extensive interests in West Africa. His intimate knowledge of the needs and opportunities of that section, his experience in business and his ability are proven, and such a corporation as he projects should present one of the safest and surest investments in the world. West Africa has immense resources—most of them fortunately still in the hands of the natives. A plan of co-operation between the two sections of the Negro race, such as Mr. Quartey offers, should be prolific with good results, and has our hearty endorsement.

AFRICA MY FATHERLAND

Africa, my Fatherland,
Blest by the Almighty hand,
Fountains paved with golden sand,
Land of mysteries untold,
History has long unfold,
Mines of diamonds and of gold.

Sons of Africa, arise!
Lift your voices to the skies
Circled round about by spies,
See the signs of victory,
Freedom and equality,
We shall gain our liberty.

Onward then, 'tis God's command,
Africa is our Fatherland,
Let us all united stand
Till we conquer every foe,
Till we make the white man know,
He must pack his trunk and go.

Ethiopia, stretch thy hand
While thy sons shall take the stand
To redeem our Fatherland;
Ere the sun of life is set,
We shall fight while we've breath,
Give us Africa or death.

Watch the Negro, see him grow
Though opposed by many a foe,
Lo, his ship goes to and fro;
White men drew the color line,
Look about and see the sign,
Negroes own the "Black Star Line."

WILLIAM F. CLARKE.

Monte Lirio P. O., Canal Zone.

—The Negro World.

LOADED DICE

By C. VALENTINE, of San Francisco

IN a country whose government and resources are completely controlled by the white man, the Negro plays the game of life against a rival whose every cast is with loaded dice.

From his birth the Negro fights, bravely but hopelessly, against this game of loaded dice. As a child he is denied an equal opportunity with the white child of parents of the same class and means as his own parents. His environment is usually of an immoral and degraded nature. His parents are forced to live by the law of segregation (legal, unwritten or economic) in districts apart from the whites, said districts being generally adjacent to red light sections and usually forgotten by God and man. At school, if he is in the North, he is pestered and insulted by other children and his teachers, as well. If he is in the South, he is forced to attend a jim-crow institution of ramshackle appearance, insanitary conditions, and poorly paid, inefficient teachers. And in all parts of the country the schools deny him the racial backbone which comes from instruction in the history and achievements of one's race. History, like most of the other departments, is taught with the needs in view of the white child only. That white children may acquire pride of race and the confidence, ambition, and inspiration which spring from such pride, the history courses are full of the achievements of their own race, plus many achievements of the Black race claimed as of their own. White America goes for inspiration even to the sources of kindred European peoples, but omits mention of the part played by Negroes in the building up of this country and in its several wars. History is compiled and taught solely with the requirements of the white child in view. No thought is wasted upon the needs and psychology of the Negro child. He can take it or leave it.

But not only is the Negro child's special

racial and psychological requirements neglected, but his race is also villified and misrepresented as being inherently inferior to the white race and producing in all its existence no civilization higher than that of the cannibalistic age. Absolutely ignored is the fact, accepted by the leading scientists, that the Black man gave birth to civilization in Meroe, on the Upper Nile, and later gave the impetus to human progress which has resulted in the splendid material achievements of the present day by the discovery of the art of smelting iron, thus giving to mankind the sharp-edged tools without which the railroad, and the steamship, the skyscraper and the aeroplane, would all be impossible!

Of Moshesh, the great warrior-statesman of the Basutos; of Crispus Attucks, the first martyr of the American Revolution; of Toussaint L'Ouverture, whom Wendell Philips, an Anglo-Saxon, designated as higher in all the attributes of greatness than Napoleon, Washington, or any of the other products of the white race, the Negro child is taught absolutely nothing.

In Business

Graduated, and lacking the essential racial background because of his deficient education, the Negro finds on every side the door of opportunity closed to him for no other reason than that of racial identity. Should he apply for a clerical position he is instantly made aware of his alleged inferiority and the resultant impossibility of obtaining work on a basis of equality with white workers. In fact, his mere temerity in applying for such a position is taken as a sign of impudence that necessitates a "calling-down." Nothing is asked of his possible qualifications for the position. That he may be more efficient than the white applicant is not a factor in the case. Or if he is more fortunate than the average of his race, he may find an opportunity for service along the lines of his training with one of the few large business enterprises of his race. Or he may be able to eke out a mere living in a small-scale business of his own among his people. But whether he is in law, real estate, commerce or even in the ministry he is continually at the mercy of the white who plays the game with loaded dice.

In the great majority of cases he must rent his store or office from a white owner or a colored agent acting for that owner. And in every case he is forced to pay a much higher rental than the white tenants in the same or in adjoining buildings. (In several cases of recent investigations colored men were found paying double the rentals paid by white men in adjoining stores. In one instance where a colored man was paying \$75 a month, and his white neighbor only \$35, the agent refused an offer of ten dollars additional on the white man's rent but was quite willing to accept one of five dollars additional on the colored man's rent.)

If he is operating a grocery or a dry goods or other retail business he must buy his stock from the white man. If he is operating a factory he must obtain his raw material from the white man. And in every instance he has to pay more for identical goods than his white retail competitor. And should there happen to be any special or sacrifice sale of certain goods, the opportunity to effect a big reduction on wholesale purchases is first offered the white retailer, and only brought to the attention of the colored retailer if it is found impossible to dispose of the stock among white customers of the firm making the sacrifice. The Negro thus makes a smaller profit on his sales, since he has to pay more for his goods on one hand, and on the other has to sell them at the existing level of prices to retain his customers.

And, now, to cap the climax, there is in several of his own segregated districts, and notoriously in the Harlem district, a concerted effort upon the part of white owners and agents (and even of Negro agents acting for white owners) to keep him out of the stores and thus out of the business life of his own sections. Upon one pretext and another the line is being drawn against the Negro business man who is doing or is desirous of doing business in his own segregated districts.

And should he attempt to operate outside of his own districts, say, to open a store in an Italian or other white district, he will starve for patronage. If he goes into the financial and commercial districts and tries to enter into competition with Big white Business he will find the same toss of loaded dice against him. In fact, the bigger his attempt, the greater his ambition, the fiercer and more crooked is the game against him. Entering the "Charmed Circle of Big Biz," he finds that every white hand is turned against him, either openly or

sneakingly. And that, not in ordinary business competition, but deliberately and with malicious intent. He will find that to maintain his rights, and even make collections of moneys to which he may be justly entitled for services rendered, he must fight—litigate, litigate, litigate! And here, too, he discovers that the big law firms—usually possessed of the best legal talent—will not take a case for a Negro against a white man. And as he must take what talent he can get, he is generally beaten at the outset, since in the realm of American law, Might (of skill and experience) is right. Or if not beaten legally he is sold out by one white skin to another white skin. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred his white lawyer, hired to represent his interest, will give him the double-cross. But why not retain a Negro lawyer, you ask? Well, because for one thing, the average Negro lawyer has not had enough practice in big cases to enable him to handle them efficiently. And, in the second place, (also explaining why the average Negro lawyer lacks such practice) to pit a Negro lawyer against a white would be to insult the sensibilities and challenge the race pride of the judge, who in all cases is white. And to so insult the sensibilities and challenge the pride of race of a white judge, even if only normally prejudiced against the Negro, is to throw one's case away.

Such is a brief and incomplete review of the odds against the Negro in the "Game of Loaded Dice." There are many other phases and numerous other inequalities in the game, as each reader knows from personal experience, whether as an applicant for a "position," the possessor of a job, or as a unit in the advance guard of Negro business and commerce.

A NEW CORPORATION

One of the most promising corporations offering stock to the public is the recently organized Harlem Community Enterprises Corporation, with temporary offices at 2365 Seventh avenue, and having as directors such experienced and successful business men as James H. Tettley, Thomas W. Daly, Simpson J. Freeman, John L. Jackson, James C. Canegata, Clarence E. Kendrick, Edward H. Lee. We commend it to the attention of our readers.

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TALKING POINTS

WHITE writers who should know better are attempting to palliate the crimes committed by the land-grabbing pirates of Europe on the plea that certain lands in East and South Africa were sparsely populated and therefore offered legitimate openings for colonization by other races. This, of course, is sheer nonsense in face of the accepted dictum in regard to European and American countries that the race in occupation has the right to hold and conserve for future generations the vacant lands of a country. For instance, there are in the United States vast vacant lands, especially in the Western and Middle Western sections of the country. Yet we hear nothing of a European power demanding its right to colonize any of these unused lands by force. And are not Canada and Australia two of the most sparsely populated countries in the world? Would the British Government admit the right of any other people to colonize the vast vacant lands of these two countries? Is not the fear that Japan may attempt to colonize the northern territory by force the constant nightmare of the Australian public? Why create a principle for Africa that is not in application or recognition in re to European and American countries? Does it save the conscience to *know* one thing and try to believe the exact opposite?

The French are inviting American Negroes to settle in France. This is a good opportunity for the enjoyment of economic opportunities and genuine democracy—and a step nearer the Fatherland!

The Egyptian Nationalists have refused to meet the Milner Commission on the ground that there is nothing to compromise or discuss. That what the people of Egypt want is independence.

The Fight for Freedom develops in Ireland in spite of the Lloyd George compromise for two parliaments and Home Rule.

Thirteen hundred British troops were massacred in Persia when, following Bol-

shevist propaganda and urging, the people of Persia rose in their might to overthrow alien control.

The southern advance of the Bolsheviks has set the British Imperialists trembling in their boots. These latter see a great menace to British robber "rights" in India, Persia, and the rest of southern Asia should the Reds gain the Persian and Afghanistan frontiers and thus establish communications with Northern India and Persia and an active alliance with the Emir of Afghanistan, who is now fighting the British.

The success of "Pax Britannica" is becoming more and more evident every day as the *peace of the graveyard* is extended over India's once populous provinces.

Here's another pointer on the climate (and resources) of Africa, culled from an English magazine:

"... Truly Morocco is the peacock's tail of the world—a country of such natural glory that it is hard to find another equal to it. The climate is perfect. The vast snow-crowned rampart of the Atlas Mountains stops the hot winds from the Sahara desert, and under this shelter the gentle, undulating country stretches toward the warm Atlantic like a green paradise. So calm, mild, and sweet is the air between the mountains and the sea that the Riviera can not compare with Morocco. Three harvests can be grown in the soil in one year, even with the primitive native methods; with modern ways of farming the rolling prairies could be made to feed most of western Europe.

"Besides being incomparably the richest of farming countries, Morocco also promises to become the nurse of European industries. Her wealth in iron, copper, lead, silver, gold, platinum, and other metal is not yet known. Her oil-wells are not used. All that is known is that the Moorish mines contain all the ore required by the foundries of Europe. So vast are the resources that the struggle for them led for years to bitter rivalry among great nations, producing some very grave crises in European affairs. In the end, France came to possess chief control in Morocco, and this marvelous country may yet make France, after all her frightful losses, the wealthiest and strongest nation in Europe."

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DIGEST OF VIEWS

REPUBLICAN INDIFFERENCE CHAFING NEGRO PRESS AND POLITICIANS.

THE present indifference toward the Negro voter of the Republican Party leaders is getting on the nerves of the colored press and even of the usually faithful colored politicians. In another part of this issue we print a communication from the United Civic League of New York showing the state of mind of the Negro politicians of that city. In this department we will try to give the most representative statements from the colored press upon the matter of Republican indifference. The news columns of an exchange reports of the December G. O. P. meeting at Washington that:

The party program was made up with the colored voters scarcely considered. Of the twenty-four appointed to advise with the National Committee, no colored person was named. In order to provide representation for the growing number of women voters, four of that sex were given representation.

A fair sample of editorial comment in the Negro press is culled from the columns of *The Advocate*, (Cleveland, O.) one of the most intelligent and aggressive Negro papers in the country. *The Advocate*, under the caption of "An Appeal to Republicans," says:

The Republican National Committee met in Washington last week and fixed the date and city for holding the next Republican National Convention. There was one thing, however, lacking to make that meeting of the Republican National Committee encouraging to colored voters, and that was the absence of a single colored representative on the committee. A 12,000,000 dependable constitution was without representation.

Perhaps the fact of its dependability is just why the Republican National Committee did not think it important to give it representation or ask its views. Anyway, *The Advocate*, after a resume of the return to the fold of the erstwhile Progressives and the sins against the race of the present Democratic administration, goes boldly to the facts as concerning the present Republican Congress and tells us:

Hardly had our exuberance over the election of a Republican Congress reached its climax than that Congress—which two million Northern colored voters helped to elect—proceeded to defeat the Madden bill to abolish jim-crow cars. The defeat of this bill

by our supposed friends was, to us, like a stab in the back. To say the least, it was a poor recognition of the services the Colored race rendered during the war over here and "over there;" it was a poor recognition of the aid our colored voters gave to secure a Republican Congress, and it was a shabby way to requite a constituency that had remained loyal and true to the party, when others, who since have been restored to party councils, labored to encompass the defeat of the party.

The Advocate then proceeds to read a lesson from the defeat of the Madden bill by a Republican Congress and the Labor and Socialist bid for the Negro's vote:

"Following the defeat of the Madden bill to abolish jim-crow cars two white union labor men, one a union official down in Louisiana, were killed while defending a colored laborer. It seems incredible almost that such an act should take place in the South, but it constitutes a weather-vane—it points a moral and adorns a tale."

The Labor party is to bid for the colored vote; the Socialist party has been bidding for it, making some rosy promises. The fact that white members of white organized labor in lynch-encrusted Louisiana dared to make a supreme sacrifice in defense of a colored member of their organization must necessarily give weight and reason to the Labor party's bid for the colored vote.

In State councils as well as National councils the acts of the Republican party are steadily driving the Negro vote to the Socialist party, as following report sent out by the Advancement Association shows:

The recent action of the Republican party of Texas excluding Negroes from party councils and declaring that "Texas is a white man's country," leaves no course open to the Negro except to join the Socialist party, for, of course, the Democratic party of Texas also insists that Texas is a white man's country.

"OUR OWN IMPERIALISM"

Few American publications have been honest enough to confess the wrong-doing of their government in Haiti. The attitude of *The Nation* towards this "overshadowing crime," as displayed in the following article, is thus all the more gratifying to those interested in "world democracy," "exact justice" and the "rights of peoples, great and small," as enunciated by the Arch Hypocrite. We quote *The Nation's* article in full:

Two unarmed citizens were walking along the road when an officer of the occupying army approached them. Apparently there was something suspicious in their manner; at any rate the officer drew his revolver and fired thirteen times at the civilians. It was

a case of cold-blooded murder on the part of the officer. Yet the court-martial which tried him on charges of drunkenness and manslaughter acquitted him.

Where did this happen and who was the Hun? It happened in Haiti, the victims were innocent Haitians, the officer was an American, First Lieutenant Samuel B. Ryan, of the Marine Corps, and the court was an American court-martial. Fortunately for our American reputation, the commander of the First Provisional Brigade refused to approve this miscarriage of justice. "The contention by the defense," he declared, "that this shooting was necessary to the safety of the accused is not well taken. Keeping silently on the way would seem to have been a much more judicious method than bombarding two unarmed natives and emptying two clips, one

containing seven and the other six cartridges, into them."

Yet this judicial opinion has not landed Lieutenant Ryan in prison, nor can it restore the lives of the men he murdered. But it does explain why some natives of Haiti regard our intervention in that republic as on a moral plane akin to the German invasion of Belgium, and as not lacking in some of the incidents that characterized the German occupation of King Albert's country.

There is no difference in the nature of imperialism when it imposes its will upon alien peoples by force and without their consent. The American people, we feel sure, would not long tolerate such wrongdoing as that in Haiti were they not kept in ignorance of it through the careful censorship of news by the Navy Department.—*The Nation*.

A REVEALED SECRET OF THE HAMITIC RACE

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

(ARTICLE III.)

NOW this is the secret about Africa and its race. It was predicted by the last of the three great prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, that the Ethiopians and Egyptians would go into captivity, that they would be scattered among the nations, and be dispersed through the countries. This means even the different countries of Africa, viz., North, South, East and West Africa. This is how it happened. Africa suffered a series of invasions by the Nebuchadnezzars, the Meado-Persians, the Assyrians, the Greeks, the Turks, and the Romans. All of them murdered the people, plundered, carried away and destroyed the art and literature of the country. The most barbaric of all were the Romans. These people, though in an advanced state of the white man's civilization, were indeed a barbarous and ignorant people who had no love for art or literature. They broke down the Egyptian temples and great statues, destroyed the great Egyptian library and burned its 700,000 books. This shows that the white race was in a previous state of intellectual darkness, knew no use of art or literature, and learned its use only by constant contact with Africa and Asiatic peoples. The burning of 700,000 books lost to the world an invaluable account of the black man's history.

Mathematics, letters, and the art of writing were invented by Hamitic peoples, both Asiatic and Africa, who kept a constant economic relationship through maritime and inter-state commerce, combined with

ethnic similitude. For what reason did these people invent these arts if it were not for some intellectual purpose of keeping record?? It was not because they did not write, but because what they wrote the white race destroyed, and that is why we have no real record of our great people.

The Romans made Africa a source from which they drew their food supply. Now from the reign of the Emperor Severus to the Emperor Deoclitian of Rome, we are told that Africa was a scene of constant revolution, the most brutal and violent of any was that in the reign of Deoclitian, which lasted for nine years. These series of the white man's oppression in Egypt and Ethiopia caused a chaotic state of affairs. The industries of the country were destroyed by these barbarous white European troops, famine and disorder went in, crimes upon crimes increased, and the minds of the people retrograded from a state of civilization to one of barbarism. In the reign of the Emperor Comodeus another revolution took place in Alexandria, Egypt. At this last time of white Roman oppression in Africa the Roman army drove the Africans from their cities. What would become of a people whose government had been broken up and their property confiscated to alien thieves and murderers? That people would surely be capitulated. What would become of a people who were driven from their cities, the very centre of civilization, the place where useful articles of economic life must be manufactured? This is what became

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A Horoscope of the Months

The Nature of the Destiny and Some of the Idiosyncracies Which Have to Do With Persons Born Under the Sign of "Aquarius," Representing the Period Between January 20 and February 19.

AQUARIUS: THE WATER-BEARER

January 20th to February 19th
CUSP: Runs January 20th to 26th.

THE constellation Aquarius—the eleventh sign of the zodiac—is an aerial, sanguine, masculine, western, speaking, fixed sign, and the last one of the Air Triplicity, governing the legs. It is also the sign of the Divine Sophia, the higher attributes being soul, memory, and diffusive knowledge.

A person born under the cusp, when the sun is on the edge of the sign, will partake of the characteristics of both Capricorn and Aquarius.

These persons are broad judges of human nature, especially in business matters. They form, at first sight, very accurate conceptions of the dispositions of those with whom they come into contact. They are eminently fitted, both by inclination and ability, to deal with the public, either in trade or in politics. They have strong mediumistic qualities, and are eloquent, persuasive, and convincing.

They follow public opinion closely in all things. They have a deep-seated regard for an approved opinion. Their regard of what others will think of them will show itself in one form or another throughout their lives.

Those born under this sign are gener-

ally noble, honest and kindhearted. They are faithful in the performance of their duties, and have a keen sense of honor and pleasing manners. They know an opportunity when they see it, and they always take advantage of it.

Aquarius people are said to be the strongest and the weakest people in the world. They are endowed with great possibilities, but they are so idle, and so deficient in ability to concentrate, that their gifts are scattered, and very frequently entirely lost.

Yet they are practical, and rarely waste time over things not thoroughly useful. A few are very industrious, especially women, who make devoted wives.

Aquarius men and women can succeed in almost any work they may undertake. They are rarely passionate or quick-tempered, but know how to resent an insult when one is offered. They seem to absorb information from every available source, and are apt pupils at anything. They are well adapted to mechanical trades, but their inclination toward public life usually leads them into more active pursuits.

Generally, Aquarius people are tall, dignified, healthy and robust, with clear complexions. The women of this sign are stout, and have full, round foreheads.

Their best friends will be found among those born under Aries, Aquarius, and Sagittarius.

The faults of these people are fear, the habit of procrastination, and indolence. Vacillation and caprice spoil the genius of this sign. They care too much for personal appearance, and sometimes they take

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The Zodiacal Signs.

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

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

too great risks to procure for themselves the things they desire.

The children of an Aquarius and Aries marriage will be physically strong and robust, and the domestic relations harmonious. These little ones are finely organized, and should be treated with the utmost kindness.

The governing planets are Saturn and Uranus. The gems are sapphire, opal and turquoise. The astral colors are blue, pink and Nile-green, and the flower is the tulip.

April and August are the favorable months, and Saturday is the fortunate day for an Aquarius subject. The ancient Hebrew tribe over which this sign rules is Dan. The ruling angel of the sign is Gabriel.

THE NEW YORK ACADEMY
RECEPTION

The reception, December 26, of the New York Academy, W. R. Justice, director, proved one of the greatest social successes of the work of the academy. Fully 500 persons were present, most of them students and alumni. The features of the evening included a Christmas tree with gifts for all, a dictaphone demonstration, showing the workings of one of the up-to-date equipments of the school, and the an-

nouncement by Mr. Justice of the students' record for excellency, and the awarding of prizes, as follows:

In Shorthand—First prize to Miss Edith Wilson for excelling in shorthand.

In Spelling—First prize to Miss Edith Wilson. Second prize to Miss Rosalie Moore.

Second Spelling Contest—Award to Miss Laura Rahming.

In Bookkeeping—First prize to Miss Gladys B. Renwick; honorable mention also made to T. H. Francis.

Business English—First prize to Miss Rosalie De Forest Moore; second prize to Mr. John Stevens.

Typewriting—First prize to Miss Inez Thomas; second prize to Miss Mamie Smith; honorable mention to Mr. Howard Shorter.

Excellence of record of graduates—First prize to Miss Dorcas Robinson, the highest paid "beginner" graduate of the school.

Attendance—Record to Miss Edith Wilson.

Honorable mention was also made of Miss Carrie Bradley, Miss Maymie O'Kelly, Miss Wallena Brown, Miss Ruth Gibson, Miss Marion Waters, Mr. T. H. Francis, Mr. Louis B. Garrison.

The New York Academy is wholly a race concern, supported and controlled exclusively by Negroes.



"ONCE AGAIN A CHILD"

"For of Such Is Kingdom of Heaven"

By ROBERT W. JUSTICE.



I want to be a child again,
And play down on the sands,
To let them run through my hands
Upon the ground again.

I want to lie upon the sands
And look into the sky above—
Cloudless and blue, and like a dove
Green soft melodies to a heart of love.

I want to be once again a child,
And make mudpies and houses of sand;
I want to think how grand they'd be
If I were a great big man.

I want to be a child again
To sleep away these man-made cares
That fret the soul and ache the brain:
My house is washed away by rain.

I want to be a child again,

To look out from magic eyes
That see the fields, trees and skies,
And think they're all my own.

I want to be a child again,
Where dearth of nothing is:
I want to sit, a barefoot child,
And watch the brook go babbling by.

I want to be a child again
And look out into the world
With gypsy eyes and thoughtless care,
Where brave souls do and dare.

I want to be a child again,
I want to sit by the roaring sea
To work out God's puzzling plan
For all the world and mine and me.

Who would not be a child again?
Such freedom it has in store.
We roam the world and find no more
Than children find in sand.

The Ray of Fear

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

By C. VALENTINE

"WHAT have they decided? Please tell me quickly, Paul. Is it war?" Mazima feverishly questioned as she breathlessly collided with Paul at the gate of the Executive Mansion of the Black Republic, after having raced down the cobbled walk to meet him and get the news, upon desecrating the approach of his car.

Mazima was the daughter of the President of the Republic. Her father had been too ill to attend the important conference that night of the members of the Congress, and the officials of his Cabinet, and several Negro inventors whose revolutionary inventions promised final relief from the oppression of the alien white. Mazima was very beautiful, and even more sweet than beautiful. Her beauty had won her the cognomen of "*Rose of Africa*." Her sweet ways had captured the affections of the population of the Republic. Mazima was the idol of the people and the desired of many a young man high in the public and official life of the Republic. Of these worshippers at her shrine, Paul alone had found favor in Mazima's eyes. "*The Rose of Africa*" was intensely patriotic. Of West Indian and American parentage—her mother was from Washington, D. C., and her father from the island of Barbadoes, B. W. I.—and of African birth, she represented in her person the fatherland group and two of the most important of the scattered groups of her race. And add to this the fact that she had relations, on her father's side, in the Republic of Brazil and Mazima's broad and international outlook is partly explained. Her intense patriotism and the position of her father as Chief Executive of the Black Republic supply the rest of the explanation, if any explanation is needed to account for the deep love of race and broad racial outlook of an intelligent Negro lass in the progressive Black Republic.

"Come Paul," Mazima urged as they walked quickly towards the Executive Mansion, "tell me quickly. I am just dying to know. And father is anxious, too. Is it war, Paul?"

"Were it not better, "*Rose of Africa*," that we hasten to the sick bed of your father and there divulge the news?"

"But one word, Paul. Is it war—or continued shame? Just one word, Paul?" Mazima pleaded.

It is not to be a continuation of our shameful status, O "*Rose of Africa*." The conference has acted favorably on the recommendations of the President to strike a daring blow for the glory of the Republic, the redemption of the Fatherland and the liberation of our oppressed and scattered kinsmen. *It is to be war, Nazima*. And, Nazima—de-ar—may I not

have your promise now? You know how dearly I love—"

"I think that you're forgetting father, Mr. Kilmanjaro, and all your recent anxiety to tell him of the conference's decision. Come, sir, and be quiet while I go to see if he is awake." Nazima gave brusque utterance to this speech, which shows that the "*Rose of Africa*" was, like all other women, not too sweet or divine to be above the infliction of torture upon the poor lovers who worship at their shrines.

Paul was not left long without the light of his soul. Nazima returned in a very short time, smiling even more sweetly than usual; which smile Paul took for himself and as compensation for Nazima's recent brusqueness of speech. Perhaps Paul was right or perhaps the fact that Nazima had whispered in her father's ear one tremulous and tragic word had something to do with Nazima's smile. Any way, Paul's joy at Nazima's smile was not marred by any unpleasant knowledge or suspicion of Nazima's tattling. And it was in high spirits and treading on air that he followed her into the sick chamber of the President. And so much engrossed was he with his love that he forgot his manners as he entered the presence of the Chief Executive, and paid no attention to that high official of the republic nor to the blue-garbed trained nurse at the head of the bed, and not until the President had spoken did Paul return to earth and the problems of his country and race.

"Well, my boy, what is it?" asked the President in a weak, but pleasant, voice.

"Er—eh? Oh, sir, how are you? How do you feel?"

"It is war, I hope, Paul?" the President inquired. And Paul, now fully awake, replied in a stirred and triumphant voice:

"It is war, sir! The war of the races. The war for the liberation of the Negro race and its holy Fatherland. The war against the white oppressors and murderers and their vicious and immoral principle of "European eminent domain." The conference decided on war, sir."

"Thank God for that. Thank God.. But go on boy. Tell me the other decisions. Give me the full particulars."

"It was decided that we should strike at once, sir!"

"At once! Ah, you won your point. Good for you, Paul. But are you sure that you are ready?"

"Yes, sir! I strike this very night!"

"But—God, Paul, was about a declaration of war?"

"The conference decided, sir, that we follow the precedent set by the United States in the case of the Dominican and Haitian Republics, and by France and England in the many instances of their unholy and totally unprovoked aggression against various African and Asiatic States. I think that there is ample justification

for such a course, sir."

"Ample justification! I should say so," exploded Nazima, "why look at the story of the partition of our fatherland by force, fraud and hypocrisy. Why nothing's too bad for the murderers."

"But child, we must set the good example," the President chided his fiery daughter. "Remember Ethiopia of old, 'the most just of nations.' We must establish an international conscience where now there is none. We must prove that black men cannot descend to the slimy depths of murder and hypocrisy in which the white governments have reveled these many years. But I agree with Paul and the conference that there is ample justification for striking without a declaration of war. But my justification comes not from what the white man has done—we cannot compete in crime with him—but from the hope that a sudden blow may avert all necessity for bloodshed. Such is your hope, too, is it not, Paul?"

"Such is my deduction, sir. I would have no scruples to the shedding of as many rivers and lakes of caucasian blood as caucasians have shed of Negro blood from the time of the slave-trade unto the present day. But my instructions, both from the conference and yourself, sir, is to cause as little bloodshed as possible. My instructions will be followed, sir."

"That is good, Paul," replied the President, "for you can never avenge the race by bloodshed and murder on those who have in reality committed the crimes of which you speak, seeing that the white masses are not directly to blame, save in their toleration of irresponsible governments and the murderous capitalist system. Those who are to blame are few in number and not possessed of red blood—the blood of the peoples of all races. The criminals, my children, are the capitalists and their tools and servants, a prostituted ministry and a bought press. But tell me, Paul, what other decisions were made by the conference?"

"It decided to accept your recommendations, sir, that commissions be sent to negotiate with Soviet Russia, Japan, Siam, Turkey, China and the oppressed people of India, Persia and Ireland to apprise them of our aims and, if possible, to secure their co-operation. Also, a manifesto was drawn up for presentation to the Socialists and Liberals of Europe and America. The Conference advised that I use the Ray of Fear chiefly against Central, Western and Southern Europe, but gave me full discretionary powers in case of necessity. The outlines of the strategy agreed upon are: The Raying of the European forces—white and native—in Africa, and the landing of detachments of our troops by means of the super-airships, to effect the capture of forts and strategic positions and railway lines, and the round-up of the demoralized forces of the European overlords. In South Africa I am to direct the Ray upon all white towns and settlements and along the railways. I have placed Lieutenant Colcross in charge of the work of transporting the troops by air to the various points. Fifty thousand of our four hundred thousand troops will be used to garrison South Africa. So much for our immediate program in Africa in so far as it concerns my department. The job of consolidating the different territories and utilizing the anti-European sentiment to raise troops to reinforce our

present forces will be in the hands of the State Department, which is instructed by the conference to establish civil governments as soon as possible, and to respect the customs of the peoples and the authority of the chiefs, thereby, it is hoped, gaining their confidence and co-operation. My next step will be to Ray the various advanced strategic posts of the Imperialist nations, such as Gibraltar, Malta, Ceuta, Suez Canal and the Sinai Peninsula and Cyprus in the Mediterranean, the islands of

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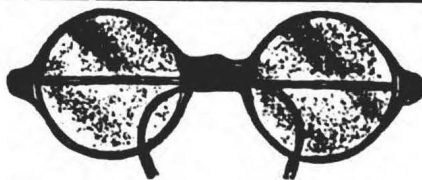


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Well, my boy, I hope your calculations are correct. I did not hesitate to recommend war upon your advice and the demonstration of your marvellous inventions. I do not fear the issue now that the step is taken. But I would remind you of the many failures in history due to rash, precipitate action. As you know, the Negro, least of all the races, can afford to indulge in mistakes. Were we to fail—"

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"Goodbye, my boy, and may the Supreme Deity be with you in your fight for race and the Fatherland," and the President stretched out a thin, emaciated hand, whose wasted appearance showed the ravages of disease. Paul shook it, warmly but tenderly, and, with a look towards Nazima, left the room. Nazima followed in answer to the plea in his eyes and to the yearnings of her own heart, for dearly she loved this clever young inventor and intrepid soldier of the race. Outside the sick chamber Paul turned and met the impassioned gaze of the lovely "Rose of Africa," and, noting her heaving bosom, felt sure for the first time of her love for him, and throwing fear and discretion to the winds, seized her and crushed her to him—to the delight and joy of the "Rose of Africa." And for one long, sweet moment they stood enclasp'd in each other's arms, until the sound of a bugle afar forced Paul to relax his bear hug and leave the presence of his love in silent answer to the Call of Duty. But he left serene and contented, and, in his own estimation, the happiest man in the world. For did he not leave assured of the love of her whom he worshipped, and to fight for the land and race he loved, with victory to his mind assured?

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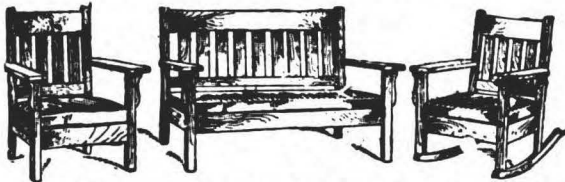
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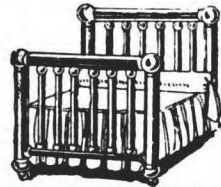
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A REVEALED SECRET OF THE HAMITIC RACE.

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of them: The cities being occupied by an army of foreign cowards who kept the people in a constant state of turmoil and confusion, and endeavored to keep them from the cities by murders and cruelties, the people were forced to take refuge in the interior of the land away from the cruelties awaiting them in the cities. The dress-maker was driven from her needle, the weaver from his mill, and the different artists from their working apparatus. Such become naked. Clothes torn from their bodies; they were unable to make new ones, and perhaps unable to buy, and consequently they were compelled to stay naked and were bound to accept nakedness as the best dress of the human body. And through the reactions of oppressive and repressive agencies, scientifically, pacifically, and passively applied to the people, their minds abandoned themselves to the suggestions of fancy and the associations of imagination foreign to organization and proper protection.

What the Greeks and Romans failed to reach in the line of horrors the Anglo-Saxons, French, Italians, Spaniards, Portuguese and Dutch did when, in the sixteenth century, they cast our people into captivity and sold them into slavery to make London, Paris, The Hague and New York rich. And the nations which call themselves Christians have devised the most iniquitous scheme to keep the African race from enjoying and swimming in the water of life. But Africa shall be redeemed. Ten thousand times ten thousand battleships, and a million times a million armies cannot keep us down. For here is the secret of Mother Africa which the Lord God has unsealed and revealed to me through research and request for knowledge. The eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth chapters of Isaiah the Prophet show that the people would go into captivity among the different nations and would be oppressed by them. Much of this prophecy is yet in execution. The twentieth verse of the nineteenth chapter of Isaiah shows that God will send us a great Saviour to deliver us. This personage was sent in August, 1914 to 1918, and the way is already cut. The twenty-ninth chapter of Ezekiel, verses 12, 13 and 14, show that the people would be scattered among the nations and in the different countries and that they shall return to Africa.

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A CHILD OF LIGHT

By *MARIE A. DORSEY*

PART THREE

NIGHT

EARLY in the year of 1914, when the world was startled by the great European war, many would have given a fortune to have lifted the veil of time and looked into the future. Everywhere the unrest was growing, and the Americans raised their hands in horror over the brutal lawlessness of the German army, never pausing to consider the dark crimes committed by their own people in the United States under the shadow of the Stars and Stripes.

The Americans wept bitterly when told of the Belgian horrors, but they have no tears to shed when the American Negro is ruthlessly murdered and driven from his Southern home. Only a few pointed the finger of scorn to the American citizens who burned a Negro at the stake not 300 miles from the national capital.

Joan Newton in far-off Wallington wept and mourned for her beloved race.

One morning late in spring, worn and weary from a sleepless night of watching beside the bed of her mother, who had been ill for many days, she seated herself close to the open window to read one of her favorite poems from Dunbar's poetic pen. But reading is not easy when the eyes are heavy. Soon she found her gaze wandering to the horizon and the distant tree tops and, finally, to the sun, which seemed dim and hazy. Looking closer she observed a heavy circle surrounding the sun, with a rainbow on one side. Many of her neighbors were interested in the strange phenomenon: smoked glass was procured to obtain a better view. No one in Wallington had ever seen such a thing before. The timid were frightened, thinking the end was near. Others said it was an ill omen for the country. But Joan, who considered her mother the wisest person on earth, asked her the meaning, and received the reply that the circle meant war, famine, pestilence, and the rainbow indicated the fall of a great nation and the rise of an oppressed people. And the Negro has been the most oppressed of all nations. It is written in the great book as a promise that if the sons of Ethiopia would serve God He would make their enemies lick the dust. And as God's promises are not void, the rise of our nation is

not far off. These were the last words Lucy Newton ever spoke. When the circle had disappeared and the rainbow faded she had gone to receive her reward and dwell eternally in the garden of light.

Death and sorrow are regarded by all as one of the greatest earthly afflictions, but it very often opens the way to greater achievements. Now that her mother had passed out of life Joan was free to fight the battle alone, and for many months we may follow her—Joan the graduate, Joan the intellectual—from place to place seeking employment, only to be told that the position she desired was reserved for whites alone.

There was but one course left open for her to pursue, and that was to become a professional nurse, so the end of the summer found her settled in one of the largest colored hospitals in Philadelphia, training to be a nurse. As the months passed she became more and more interested in her work, ministering to the sick and infirm, making numerous friends. No one was more beloved than Miss Newton. Wallington folk who were envious of her position called her proud and haughty, but those who saw her leaning over the ward patients told a different story.

When her period of training was over war was proclaimed between Germany and the United States, and Joan Newton's name was one of the first on the list to go over seas, as her desire to aid her race on the battlefield was her only ambition. A letter from Wallington informed her that Walter Beal had enlisted, and also Amos Bell, a young colored man, who measured just four feet eight, a tender-hearted lad, who wept for other people's sorrow and was looked upon with contempt because of his shortness of stature. "The little coward" he was called, but his name stood out boldly as the second colored man in Wallington to enlist. One of Bell's neighbors said "the government would have to make him a pair of stilts, as he was too small to be a soldier." To the surprise of many he passed examination and was assigned to a New York regiment.

Joan was proud of the home boys, and the day they left for camp she marched to the station amid many carrying a Red Cross flag.

Disappointments still pursued her, and as

the days drifted into months she labored constantly in the Red Cross headquarters making bandages and preparing many other useful articles for the soldiers. Every bandage she rolled she thought of the men of her own race, and wondered if they were receiving good attention in far-off France. The old longing to be off across the sea came back to her like a desert traveler's longing for water at noonday. Finally the notice came that no Negro nurses were to be sent across, and Joan was offered a high-salaried position in a large munition factory. This was the last drop in her overflowing cup of sorrow. In disgust she turned her back upon her Red Cross duties, because she had often noticed that it was with reluctance that the white women worked with the colored ones in the same rooms, and even here prejudice and segregation followed the Negro; for the white women were unwilling to rub shoulders with their colored sisters even for democracy's sake.

A letter now and then from Walter Beal told stories of camp life. Then came the overseas letters, telling little or nothing of life in France. One letter came from Amos

Bell, saying he had been promoted, much to his surprise, for he did not expect to rise above a private.

Weeks elapsed into months. The war raged in all its fury. Troops were being sent from Southern camps oversea, most of them Negroes, a vast collection of untrained men, to face death in the trenches, leaving great gaps in the ranks of the laboring classes. Then the Northern munition factories called for aid, and the Negroes came flocking from the South to take advantage of the large salaries offered. Here again difficulty faced their exodus from the South. The whites became so furious because the blacks were leaving them to plant their own tobacco and pick their own cotton that hostilities immediately began. The Negroes were driven from their homes, deprived of their household goods, many of the men were refused railroad tickets, rioting at the stations was an everyday occurrence, while their wives and children were subjected to all kinds of insults. This is the type of democracy that ruled the Southern States while our brave black heroes went over the top in France.

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OUR STAGE FAVORITES

By C. V. B.

UPON reaching the dressing room of Clarence E. Muse we found that sterling actor in a humorous frame of mind and inclined to inject a lot of fun into the answers given to our questions as to where he was born, how he was born and why he was born, etc.

"I was born," he said, "in Baltimore some years ago—for what purpose no one could find out until I had finished my schooling twelve years ago. My parents expected me to be a lawyer. In fact, I was trained for one, but the Call of the Stage magically hid old "Black Stone" until I was thoroughly drenched with dramatic possibilities, from singing in cabarets to vaudeville and then the legitimate stage."

"Right off the jump?" we asked.

"No, not all in a minute, but after years of hardship and ardent work. Then my real work began. A new play every week is some task if half done, but the audiences we are acquainted with will not tolerate anything but the best. From farce comedy to tragedy, from a youth to an aged gentleman, from African to a Chinaman are some of the changes one must make within the short space of a week. Yet I have done it and my hair is still black—not a gray hair. Seems like a game now. You have to do it, so you just do it."

"My pick of plays, you say?" to our question as to his favorite play and role. "I don't recall any part I liked better than the 'Master Mind,' to my mind. I felt easy in 'Svengali,' the musician in the play 'Trilby.' Well, in fact, to make a long story short, I like them all or I could not play them. They are delightful playthings, 'characters.'"

He had apparently forgotten for the time one of the greatest plays in which he was starred, Louis Stevenson's "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Nor did we remind him of his omission. He proceeded in answer to our next question:

"Oh, yes, I have a sister and brother, both living in that 'Western' town of Baltimore, Md. They refused to recognize me under my makeup, saying mother had no white children, and smiled with relief when I returned from the dressing room with clean hands and face, and, to their delight, my color still ebony hued. Some life, the stage. A busy one, a delightful one, and, I might say, at present a profitable one. I must leave you now, good friend, to 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' (which shows that he had not completely forgotten), myself. My wife informs me that my time is up. Oh, yes, I am married—my wife, Ophelia B., and two boys—Clarence and Dion E.—that's all—(on the stairs on his way to the stage) good-bye; there's my cue."

One of the brightest musical comedies that

we have ever witnessed at the Lafayette, and which played to capacity crowds for two weeks, is the new musical comedy, "Baby Blues," books and lyrics by Alex Rogers and music by C. Lackye Roberts, and carrying such stars as Estelle Cash, Ida Brown, Lena Sanford Roberts and others. The musical numbers were brilliant, costumes beautiful, dance figures sensational and the chorus beautiful.

"Pollyanna," by the Evelyn Ellis Company, was a treat which many Harlemites missed on account of its production during the Christmas week, when everybody was more or less busy shopping on every front to beat the H. C. of L. The play was well acted. Miss Ellis made a delightful "Pollyanna." Muse, Simmons, Charlie Olden and Mrs. Freeman were all good in their respective parts and each played an important role. From both the standpoint of the play's merit and the really fine acting it was a play that everyone would have enjoyed.

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"HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL IN THE HUMAN BREAST"

New York, Dec. 22, 1919.

To the Editors of The Crusader, S. E. Cor
135th Street and Seventh Avenue, New
York, N. Y.

Gentlemen: Owing to the fact that the National Republican Committee found it necessary to convene this month, we deem it wise as well as urgent to lay before you certain matters concerning the colored vote in the nation, which we trust you will consider.

We view with alarm the attitude and indifference on the part of the Republican National Committee towards the most loyal and consistent voters in the republic.

The world war and its consequences have brought before the American nation new and strange political problems, which are pressing themselves to the front for consideration and solution.

The year of 1920, which is now at hand will present the people of this country the arduous and difficult task, not only of electing the executive of the nation, but a congress of new representatives.

If the Republican Party is to control, a clean sweep is absolutely necessary—and in order to accomplish these results, all available forces must be marshaled in due form.

The United Civic League begs to inform that a great unrest is existing among the colored voters in all of the States where colored people exercise the franchise, and there is great danger of this vote being divorced from the party of its first love through inducements which are now being offered by the Labor Party, the Socialists, and which may be offered by other parties likely to be formed. We suggest that declarations in the party's platform in reference to the colored voter will not suffice as they have lost their conjure through neglect or failure to be carried out.

(a) The clamor to have the railroad bill so amended as to eliminate Jim Crowism in Interstate Passenger Traffic has become so general that a defeat of it at this time may create an adverse, gripping campaign issue in 1920, for it is generally known that the Senate is now Republican.

(b) The colored people are also intensely interested in the appropriation of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) which Howard University seeks to repair and improve the property.

(c) Another general demand which is insisted upon is the abolition of segregation in Federal departments.

(d) To have representation in the National Committee and delegates to the National Convention from Northern and Western States.

(e) A strong and appropriate representation on the National Campaign Committee from the Northern, Eastern, Western and Middle Western States, as well as from Southern States.

(f) The sympathy and support of the Re-

publican Party in reclaiming the lost, strayed or stolen franchise for the colored people in Southern States.

(g) To encourage and assist the election of qualified members of the colored citizens to party positions, city councils, State legislatures and to the United States Congress, when and wherever the voting strength of their unit will warrant same.

(h) In the reorganization of the army, the colored citizens desire an increase in the number of colored regiments.

(i) A larger share of Federal patronage whenever the Republican ticket is successful.

We also call attention to the propaganda of reducing representation in Southern States. A very large number of the intelligent colored men and women are of the opinion that such a course would permanently disfranchise colored voters in the States where representation would be so reduced. We share this opinion and urge untrammelled right of the ballot in every State in the Union.

The colored voters desire the doors of West Point and Annapolis to be opened to colored youths; and that the policies of the colored citizens as it relates to the Republican Party be shaped and directed by the voters from the States in which they have the franchise.

This appeal arises out of the alarm with which we view the tremendous consideration now being given the newly franchise element of the nation (the women voters) by the National Republican Committee, while little or no attention is being paid to the most loyal vote of the republic—the colored American.

After you shall have weighed this matter carefully, we will be very pleased to hear from you as to the manner in which you think relief may be had.

Respectfully submitted by

THE UNITED CIVIC LEAGUE, INC.,

21 West 134th Street, New York City.

Geo. M. Royall, President.

P. S.—If your great organ will help the cause of justice and the brotherhood of man, please hear our appeal and give such space as you will find convenient in next issue of the Crusader.

Yours for Human Rights, Political Justice and the Industrial Freedom of all the elements within the nation.

Geo. M. Royall, President, for the United Civic League, Inc.

January 7, 1920.

To the Editor and The Crusader Staff in
General:

I have been reading your publication since its first appearance in Philadelphia, and I can say up to the present time I have always found your magazine to be up to date, and far ahead of the average Negro publication. To express my candid opin-

ion The Messenger and The Crusader surpass all their rivals. May the new year bring the greatest success and victory to your efforts. Long live The Crusader and The Messenger. Enclosed find one dollar (\$1.00) for one year's subscription.

Yours truly,
(Signed) A. MARTIN,
1031 So. Chadwick St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

P. S.—A Negro that believes in the New Crowd Negro.

OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENCE

Santo Domingo, Jan. 1.

Dr. Francisco Henriquez y Carvajal, President of Santo Domingo, when American troops were illegally landed in the republic without even a declaration of war, has formally asked the U. S. State Department to withdraw them. Although Dr. Henriquez is the elected representative of the Dominican people, the U. S. State Department has answered that he has no official standing at the present, and no change in the alien administration of the republic is contemplated in Washington. The people here are wondering what has become of the principle of "self-determination" and the other fine doctrines enunciated by the American President during the war.

Trinidad, B. W. I.

A strike for living wages by workmen in this island and nearby Tobago was ruthlessly suppressed by British sailors from a British warship rushed here following the capture by the Negro workmen of the government buildings at Port au Spain which were stormed for three days with subsequent success. Many returned Negro soldiers participated in the rioting.

CAPE TOWN, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The Executive Committee of the Federation of Trades recently made effective its decision to call on all affiliated unions to refuse to handle foodstuffs for exportation from South Africa. The Federation not only is protesting against the exportation

of food, but is asking an increase in wages for native Negro workers.

FRANCE WANTS AMERICAN NEGROES.

PARIS, France.—*The Petit Parisien*, the foremost journal published in France, recently said editorially:

"With 3,000,000 men lost in the war, France is poor in man power. We need 2,000,000 men to help in the reconstruction of France. The only country that can supply that man power is the American colored people. The colored Americans are very much dissatisfied, and there is much unrest among them on account of the way they are treated by white Americans. In some parts of America black men are lynched every day. In France they are treated the same as any other Frenchman. In our hotels and other places there is no discrimination. Let the French appeal for 2,000,000 colored Americans to help build up France."

France also needs man-power in her adjacent colonies of Algeria and Morocco, both of which have room for more millions than there are Negroes in the United States.

AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD.

San Pedro de Macoris,
Dominican Republic.

Mr Cyril V. Briggs:

Dear Sir: Please enlist me for membership in the African Blood Brotherhood which you are now organizing for the redemption of our Fatherland, Africa. I am willing to go even beyond the limit. I am a builder by trade, both of wood, reinforced concrete, iron construction and also bridge building.

Yours ever to be a member,
(Signature deleted.)

Basseterre, St. Kitts.

December 23, 1919.

Cyril V. Briggs, Esq.:

My Dear Sir: Your writing in the illustrious magazine, THE CRUSADER, will inspire even those who have only an atom of race consciousness. I had an ounce formerly, but thanks to THE CRUSADER, I have now a ton, and I am sure it will be increased at every issue of THE CRUSADER.

If I can be of any use over here in such a righteous cause—as the liberation of our Fatherland—please enroll me as a member of the African Blood Brotherhood.

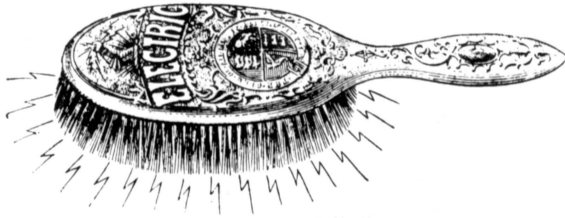
I am at Africa's service. Sir, command me.

Awaiting your instructions,

Yours Sincerely,

(Signature deleted.)

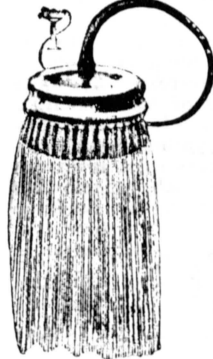
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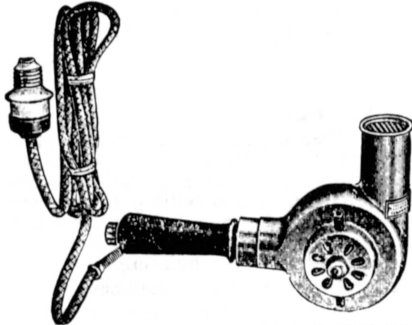


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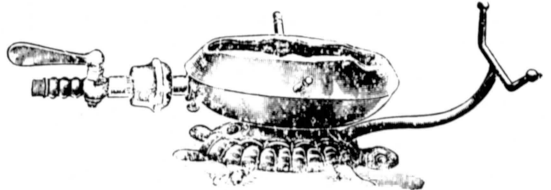
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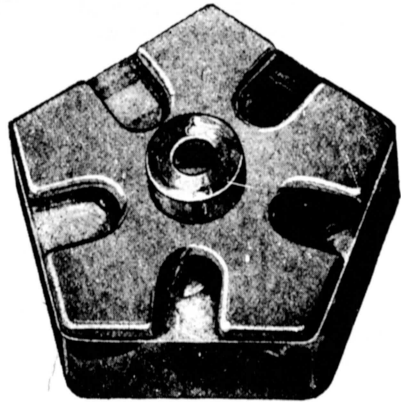


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