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Race Riots and Present Living Conditions.

Possibly the "race problem" is really a housing problem—at least, so far as the north is concerned.

What has caused the race riots in Chicago and other northern cities lately?

Says an eastern paper: "The influx of colored laborers and their families from the south during the war necessarily gave rise to the question of how to house them; and there being not enough room in the districts inhabited by their own race, they naturally took up residence in the sections where the white people were living. The latter, of course, resented this, and so for months there have been hostile feelings between the two races."

It is well known that white people and black people do not get along well as neighbors. Quite aside from any theoretical question of "equality," it is always better as a practical arrangement to have them living in separate districts. Where the whites and blacks of any community are thus separated, and where neither intrudes on the other except for necessary purposes of work and business, they generally get along amicably.

Where the two races touch, there is nearly always what might be called racial abrasion. They quarrel along the edges. And if for any reason the edges shift and break, and one section crowds into the other, the quarrelling is likely to spread through the whole mass. That means race riots.

The north invited those negroes during the war. The communities into which they moved expected to profit by their labor, and did. Those communities ought, as a simple matter of common sense, to have provided the necessary facilities for the additional negroes alongside of their own race, and thus kept them from encroaching on the white sections. If they had done that, there would probably have been little trouble.

A sensible building policy might yet solve the problem.

More About the "Y" in the War Service.

A detailed report of the war work of the Y. M. C. A. puts that organization in a more favorable light than might have been expected from the widespread criticism which prevailed a few months ago.

The "Y" actually spent in its war service, from the end of April, 1917, to the end of March, 1919, about \$98,000,000, and had \$27,000,000 left to carry on the work until next January.

Only two per cent of that \$98,000,000 was spent for religious purposes. The rest was for personal services and entertainment, necessary expenses and the distribution of supplies.

The impression that soldiers had to pay for everything they got from the Y. M. C. A. is refuted by such facts as these:

They were sent 597,000 baseballs and 20,000 sets of boxing gloves distributed free overseas.

There were 97,000,000 free concerts, vaudeville performances and other entertainments given in American cantonnments, and more than 34,000 concerts and entertainments overseas, costing altogether over \$2,000,000.

For motion picture films there was expended more than \$1,000,000. There was a million spent for literature and education, and two millions for athletic.

A chain of hotels for men on leave was maintained at a cost of half a million. There was about \$11,000,000 spent for the recreation and maintenance of "hot" men in training camps on this side, and nearly as much for the same purpose abroad.

There were 100,000,000 sheets of letter paper and half a million envelopes and 16,000,000 post cards provided for soldiers in France.

About \$16,000,000 went for similar benefits to the allied armies.

Many mistakes, no doubt, were made on the human side, and

lack of tact on the part of some of the men in charge of the "Y" stations. On the whole, however, this great institution seems to have performed a big, creditable work, whose worth is only beginning to find proper appreciation.

Independent Strikers Hurling Labor's Cause.

The strike of many groups of railroad shop workers in anticipation of the strike referendum was unfair to the government, unfair to the public and unfair to the cause of organized labor.

The government had provided the machinery for the settlement of railroad labor disputes, and that machinery, though admittedly slow of action, had not broken down or been repudiated. There was no evidence that the government was acting, or would act, in bad faith.

The strike referendum itself appears to have been rather hasty. But if the men had waited until it was taken, and then struck in obedience to its verdict, they would have acted with regularity. Government and public would have had some warning at least; business men would have had some slight chance to adjust their affairs; and not least important, the discipline and good faith of the labor organization concerned would have been maintained.

By walking out so hastily, the hatbands disobeyed their own officers, broke their own rules, and endangered the very principle of collective bargaining.

Accurate War Histories Now Quickly Compiled.

Already the book shop shelves are piled with histories of the war, and book agents are ringing the door bells of the houses or working their way into offices to sell them.

No doubt there are some among all the multitude of publications which have merit. They may be moderately accurate or comprehensive or interesting. But to pretend that in so short a time after the great conflict there can be any true history of it would be absurd.

It will take time, the advantage of further perspective, much gathering and comparing of data, to put upon the market anything which even faintly approaches a finished history.

Not until many a long year has passed will all the evidence be in. There were countless happenings, reasons for movements, political intrigues, which are only now beginning to see the light of day.

It took half a century for historians to understand and do justice to the French Revolution. Certain histories of this war may be useful—but only as temporary makeshifts.

DEATH OF JONES WAS ACCIDENTAL

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in attendance at the funeral services and the pall bearers will be six Union youths who served in the unit with him. Four are Cameron Callihan, Adolph Lewis, Gus Lewin and Arthur DeVore. The names of the other two have not been known.

Members of the hospital unit going from La Grande to attend the funeral are arranging to meet at 12:30 o'clock at the Elks' club, from which place they will start.

ENSHAKEN TESTIMONY.
Time in the test of truth. And Don's Kidney Pills have stood the test in La Grande. No La Grande resident who suffers backache, or annoying urinary ills can remain unconvicted by this twice-told testimony.

Ed. L. Bussey, La Grande, says: "I had been subject to kidney trouble at times, especially when a cold settled in the small of my back. Daily pills relieved me and my kidneys got badly out of order. About three years ago I began using Don's Kidney Pills and from that time on, I have had something on which I could rely. Whenever bothered by my kidneys, I has taken Don's Kidney Pills only a short time to get my rights."
(Statement given Nov. 29, 1912.)

On May 25 1916, Mr. Bussey said: "I am ready to back up every word of my former statement regarding my experience with Don's Kidney Pills, for I know they have no equal. When my kidneys got out of fix, I take Don's and they never fail to do good work."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don's story ask for a kidney remedy—get Don's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Bussey had. Foster-McMurray Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

BAKER SOLDIER, UNJUSTLY JAILED, GETS RELEASE

BAKER, Aug. 12.—John Grant, son of Thomas Grant, of this city, who was imprisoned without cause and held for several months in an army prison camp in France, has been released, and all his former rights restored to him, as far as it was possible to do.

Grant was suffering from swollen tonsils, being unable to swallow without great difficulty and asked his lieutenant for permission to go to the first aid station, which was granted. After examining his condition the doctor at the first aid station told him to remain.

He later returned to his company, but was arrested after a time for being absent and sentenced by court martial to prison, being unable to put up any defense on account of having no witnesses present at the time.

Affidavit of Walter Bolthe who was with him at the time his leave of absence was granted, and also went to the first aid station with him was sent to army headquarters in France along with many others, showing that Grant was entirely innocent of any wrong doing or disobedience of orders.

Postmaster George H. Foster and Attorney A. A. Smith, of Baker, were active in securing the young man's release.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My wife, Hazel Devore, having left my bed and board, I hereby severly protest on all concerned that I will not be responsible hereafter for any debts, bills or obligations contracted by her.

MARION DEVORE
August 12, 1919. 8-13, 11p.

The Observer furnishes and prints Butter Wrappers.

CIRCUS EXCITES THE SMALL BOY

HIS SHOW IS BILLED HERE FOR AUGUST 26TH.

Advance Men for the Hagenbeck-Wallace Company Appear and Get Kids All Worked Up.

The elephants are coming! A big yellow car rolled into the O. W. B. & N. yards last night attached to the rear of a passenger train. Aboard were 30 billposters, banners and advertising agents of the Carl Hagenbeck and Great Wallace shows, combined, which will exhibit in La Grande, on Tuesday, Aug. 26, for two performances.

The mere announcement that the big show is coming will cause small boys to become active, performing all sorts of jobs with an alacrity that will stand in vivid contrast to their demeanor before the first signs of the circus appeared. And, likewise, quite a large number of uncles and aunts are looking about, raking up acquaintances among their nephews and nieces. They are saying that they will probably "have to go and carry the children to see the animals." But deep down in their hearts they know they would not miss the circus if there was not a child within a thousand miles of here on circus day.

The enthusiastic young men ahead of the Hagenbeck-Wallace shows confessed that he was at his wit's end today. He stated that the big show has gone on increasing year after year until now he finds words inadequate to express the immensity of the circus this year. It is described as "bigger and better" than ever before. This year three long trains are used to transport the big amusement organization.

Twenty-two separate tents are necessary to accommodate the Hagenbeck-Wallace shows, and they are so large that they cover a small size farm. The big arena tent is 540 feet in length and among the largest ever constructed. It is supported chiefly by six enormous center poles greater than those used on the biggest sailing vessels. The performance is given in three rings and on two stages. The Carl Hagenbeck trained wild animals perform in a massive steel-girded arena. More than 300 performers take part in the program.—Adv.

San Pedro Youth of 16, Promising Ball Player, Signed By Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13.—Jimmy Reese, 16-year-old mascot of the Submarine baseball team, of San Pedro, Cal., has just been signed to play with the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league when he becomes 17 years old. He is said to be the youngest player to be signed with a Class AA contract.

Reese has been working out at Washington Park, the home of the Angels. Fans who have seen him are enthusiastic over his fielding, while he is said to have a remarkably fine arm for his age.

He has been tutored by such players as Howard Ehmke, Harry Heilmann, Herb Hunter, Dutch Tyler, Don Rader and Lefty O'Doul.

"Over the Top" Race Is New One for Ladies at Picnic Saturday

There is one mysterious feature of the program which the program committee on the O. W. employees picnic to be held Saturday is not saying much about beyond that it will be one of the best things of the day. It was tried out in Portland recently and went over with a scream. All ladies are eligible, however, and the committee expects to see a big line of them ready with their eyes on the line when the time for the start arrives Saturday.

The railroad people are preparing for one of the big times of their lives Saturday and the committees are feeling overworked already from the efforts they have been putting forth to make it a big success. Programs are being printed and will be ready for distribution Saturday. Other features of the day will be announced tomorrow.

STRIKING COAL MINERS IN YORKSHIRE BACK TO WORK

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Over two hundred thousand coal miners of Yorkshire, who have been striking since July 21, have decided to return to work at once.

New Line of Auto Trucks Will Soon Be Shown in This City

J. P. Welch, of the Bide Auto Co. of La Grande, leaves this evening for Portland to obtain a two-ton Garford automobile truck which he will drive back to La Grande as the first of the new line. The Bide Auto Company will handle the Garford truck in this part of the state. They are agents for the Prender and Lexington cars as well.

Ask Appropriation of a Large Sum to Help Bring Living Cost Down

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Appropriations aggregating nearly a million dollars, with which to carry out the President's suggestions for reducing the cost of living, have been asked of congress by the commerce and labor departments.

American Government Rushing Aid to Army of Kolchak in Asia

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The American government is rushing material to Vladivostok to aid Kolchak's retreating army. Rifles and ammunition are being sent from San Francisco and other equipment is being forwarded.

NEW TODAY

FOR SALE OR TRADE—On hand six. Will trade for Ford or similar car. Call Black 3272. 8-13-19

Strong Boy fifteen years of age, wants any kind of work Apply Observer office. . . . 8-13-19

FOR SALE—Flemish Giant Rabbit, Bucks, 6 and 7 months old, at 1800 Cove Ave. 8-13-19

LOST—A black leather purse containing some small change. Return to Observer. 8-13-19

FOR TRADE in real estate, What have you? Phone Black 1612. 8-13-19

Chickens for frying for sale. Phone Black 2961, or call at 1941 First N Avenue. 8-13-19

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THE QUALITY STORE

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EXPEND TIME FOR TRADE AGREEMENT ACCEPTANCE.

The United States Grain Corporation announces an extension of time on the acceptance of trade Agreements from July 31st until August 29th. Grain dealers, millers, flour jobbers, bakers and terminal elevator operators who have not yet signed their respective Form of Agreement may still secure blank forms of Agreement and have them accepted, provided they are signed and returned to this office on or before August 29th.

COUNCIL FIXES NAME OF REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The supreme council of the peace conference has advised the Austrian delegation that the allied and associated powers have decided that the new Austrian government must be called the "republic of Austria." This decision was referred to their government as taken as a result of notes from the main Austria.

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