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CIRCULATING THEIR MONEY

ry in all parts of the country, yet OOO. tion thousands of dollars which other- the world. money. Surely many needy persons countries combined. will profit by the money which the The income of the American peo- richer in every material wealth-createxample: many vacant rooms will be OOO a week. good many people who have had lit- greater than in any other land. which their money will help those in idle.

Some Portland young people re- world. a wicked blow.

can Negroes are proving that, when regard it as a necessity. given the opportunity they can meas-

REALLY REMARKABLE

Professor Elmer C. Bartlett and Rev. per cent had vacuum cleaners. programs of "Spirituels Under the land do so many average families . Stars" at the civic stadium recently. have the means for foreign travel. . .

season each year.

Such an agregation of singers and "In Abraham's Bosom" et al. In industrial communities hard man-Little Theatres in the East - a cho- mand five horsepower, a record not rus such as the subject of this edito- even remotely approached outside rial, furnished the music throughout, our boundaries, The effect was marvellous!

take the leading roles.

At any rate we hope that the Bethel Chorus will find fertile soil in this suggestion.

The following editorial appeared in Collier's for July 9. Its message is of such great importance that, by request, Collier's granted permission to reproduce it with due credit. In these days of exaggerated pessimism it helps give a better perspective of

conditions as they really are.

There's no argument in this education of facts, incontrovertible, eloquent facts that incontrovertible, who profess to see into a state of effortless despair.

Total bank savings today exceed \$29,000,000,000, equal to more than \$1,000 for every family in the land. Savings depositors number 52,-OOO,OOO, nearly two per family,

The number of Americans owning stock has increased almost 40 per

cent since 1929. A group of 102 companies which had 5,539,O36 stockholders at the end of the boom year had 7,675 143 stockholders at the beginning of this year.

One company alone today has over 665,000 stockholders, a gain of more than 195,000 since the boom. This company has assets exceeding \$3,-2000,000,000.

Our total stock of gold is \$4,000. 000,000. No other country ever possessed so much. Britian, for example, has only \$588,000,000. Curren cy in circulation aggregates \$5,464. 000,000, or \$700,000,000 more than in the boom.

of new life insurance was written. While many deplore the fact that Total insurance now carried is est. have we changed from a debtor na-

The Advocate is of the opinion that Such safeguard . . . is enjoyed are richer in experience, richer in the Convention will put into circula- by the people of no other nation in inventive brains, richer in scientific

wise might not be spent at this time. Our national wealth, estimated at er in productive facilities, richer in One of the ways to help relieve the \$329,700,000,000, is greater than managerial skill, richer in discoverfinancial depression is by spending that of a dozen Continental European ed mineral and oil resources, richer

legionnaires are going to spend. For ple comfortably exceeds \$1,000,000- ing product and process, richer in used to house them, thus helping a The per capita income here is far The country is all right. What we

tle or no employment for some time. There are still six or seven persons dence and courage. -COLLIER'S There are numerous other ways in gainfully employed for every person National Weekly.

need as they spend it in Portland No fewer than 25,800,000 auto- Portland, Oregon during their convention here next mobiles are owned by Americans. .

fuse to recognize the depression. They Americans possess far more tele- our Aunt and friend, Jennie Wilson, swim and hike and golf in the day phones (19, 500,000) than all other who died July 28, 1932. We are esand dance and play games at night- countries. . . Radios . . . multiply . . . pecially thank the Reverend D. G. Hill And sleep and eat and go between over 16, 545 .OOO . . . unapproached for his sermon, Mrs. Marcelle Johntimes. Old Man Depression can't find by any other people. A grand total of son for songs, and to the friends who

penditure approaching \$2, 000, 000 butes. In no other part of the globe do The Olympic Games are just ano- half as many homes enjoy such a lux- we are truly grateful. ther medium through which Ameri- ury-Americans are rapidly coming to

A recent survey of 29 typical small towns revealed that 71 per cent of the inhabitants owned bomes, that 88 per |. cent had electric lights, 72 per cent | • had baths, 51 per cent had electric * It is a tribute to the genius of both washers, 55 per cent had radios, 41

Daniel G. Hill, Jr., that they have There are more families in Ameriseen able to organize and keep com- ca than in any other land that can saratively intact, a large group of afford to and do send their children singers such as presented a series of to high school and college. In no other .

It is nething new for Negroes to The movie still attracts a weekly sing successfully but the remarkable average attendance of 75, 000, 000. feat is for them to stay organized. The percentage of our agricultural . It is hoped that the programs like population who despite deflation, are the Bethel Chorus presented, will be acquiring domestic comforts, convenicome an annual occurrence - some ences, labor saving devices, improved . thing to look forward to at a certain machinery, the use of better roads, is

constantly increasing. Today more than 700,000 farms would make a fine back-ground and are electrified, representing an inaccompaniment to such Negro plays crease of 400 per cent in eight years. as, for example: "All God's Chillun" and the total is being swelled rapidly. The latter, particularly, is a fine ual toil is being steadily abolished by preachment for more education for the introduction of machinery. Each the Negro and when it appeared at American worker now has at his com-

The average working day a generation This or a similar play would be a ago was ten to twelve hours. The fine thing for the Chorus to support. standard in this generation is eight Only a few characters are necessary hours. . . The work week used to confor the speaking parts and celebrities sist of six days. Now it is five and might be imported from the East to one half days, with the five day week oming into vogue

Never in the past was America so

Last year \$16,500,000,000 worth | well equipped as it is today to resume an epochal forward march. Not only the American Legion is staging its far short of \$1,000 for every man, tion to the greatest creditor nation big convention this year, -frolicing woman and child in the United Stat- on earth, not only have we vaster naetc, while thousands are going flung- es. Policies in force total 127.800, tional wealth not only have we an unprecedented supply of gold, but we knowledge, richer in machinery, richricher in transportation facilities:

> craftsmanship, richer in everything need is less hysteria and more confi-

Aug 2, 1932

This total is almost three times the We wish to thank our many friends number owned by the rest of the for their kindness and sympathy in our bereavement over the death of them but he surely hits their parents fully 3, 750, 000, at an estimated ex-donated their cars and sent floral tri-

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-Kelly Miller

If the writer mistakes not, the term

ministration of William Mckinley. It meant then a Southern Republican who denied the Negro participation in the management of the party. The Reconstruction governments had ome and gone. The North capitulated to the South in 1876. Rutherford B. Hayes was the great compromiser. He was permitted to assume the presidency on the distinct understanding that the political equality of the Negro was not to be insisted upon. Many of the DON'T BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED cons were left scattered through the South by the defunct Reconstruction regime. They were undeviating devo- dicitis tomorrow would you be able tees of the constitutional rights of to take care of the doctor and the the black man, for which many of cospital bills. If you should happen to them had fought in the Civil War. reak a leg tomorrow would you have Tom Reed, of Maine wes candidate for only physical worry or also have the nomination against William Mc- inancial worry? If you are a member Kinley in 1896. Reed stood by the Con- f the PRUDENTIAL HOSPITAL ASstitution and the Negro. McKinley SOCIATION for would have nothing looked askance. Reed lost, but Mc- o worry about. This association will Kinley won. Southern white republi- take care of any sickness or injury cans became divided. Few of the more that you may suffer from. After you ardent ones adhered to the old foun- have become a member, no sickness dations upon which the party was es- or injury is too small or two large for tablished; others fattening on public hem to administer. This association pap. licked the lily white hand that pays your medical bills, furnishes you fed them. In a little while the dfed-in- octors and medicines. You do not the woold, old line Southern Republi- have to pay out a single cent. The can became extinct. Only the lily cost of joining this organization is white variety survived. The Republi- \$3.00 for an individual or \$4.50 for can party in Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Texas excluded the Negro ing from \$1 on up to \$2.50, according from their organizations without remorse or shame. In the mean time, such border states as Maryland, West-Virginia, Missouri and Kentucky. where the black contingent was comparatively small, admitted him freely to full constitutional privilege. The The thickly black states of Georgia, Garfield 7523 - 520 East 26th St. N. South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi constituted a different political problem. Here the Negroes were the residuary legatees of the left over political organization of the Reconstruction regime. There were scarcely enough white republicans left to fill the federal offices and to hold the commanding positions in the organizations. In these states the Republican party had no hope of functioning except so far as concerns the manipulation of delegates to the National Convention, on the basis of federal patronage. The good natured Warren G. Har ding agreed to turn these states over to Negro manipulation and control wereinsofar as Republican organizations were concerned. Thus the matter stood until the com-

ing of Herbert Hoover who strove to put all the Southern states under the hily white control. In this he had all but completely succeeded. The exigencies of the coming election caused him to modify somewhat his lily white policy. He could not afford too ruthlessly to offend the Negro voters of the North. So Mr. Hoover and his first lieutenant, Mr. Walter Brown, devised a new variety of lily whites for these states. The lily white bosses were instructed no longer to insist on the ab solute exclusion of the Negro from party management after the manner of Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, and Texas, but to admit a Negro or so to each delegation, so as to give color to the combination. This procedure was followed in Georgia, Louisiana, and South Carolina. It was also advised in Mississippi, but the local lily white boss stoutly refused any tinge of color to his delegation. Mr. Brown on behalf of his chief, fought valiantly for the admission of the lily white delegation at the Chicago Convention. He was forced to desist only when Congressman DePriest, Bob Church, Roscoe Simmons, and the rest of the Negro delegates threatened to bring the open issue to the floor which the wily Postmaster General quickly realized would too greatly embarrass Mr. Hoover with the Negro voters of the North upon whom he must largely depend for whatever hopes he may have for reelection. It was thus that Howard and Booze won a victory ove Mr. Hoover's lily white policy. The new lily white policy of Mr

Hoover is identical with that of Theo dore Roosevelt, with certain important differences. In his progressive campaign of 1912 Mr. Roosevelt insis ted that in the management of the progressive organizations in Southern States white men should sit at the head of the table, but only for the reason that they possessed superior experience, power and influence. He rigorously insisted that Negroes should, in every instance, occupy seats around the table in accordance with their ability to command the situation. The Rooseveltian policy, unlike that of Mr. Hoover, was not limited to the few densely Negro states, but applied not only to the South, but to the North and West. Everywhere, the Negro was recognized, not necessarily in proportion to his numbers, but according to his weight and worth in the political eguation. On the contrary Mr. Hoover advocates homeopathic Negro repre-

sentation only in Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi, but permits Virginia, North Carolina and Texas to exclude the black man absolutely without one word of censure or rebuke from the head of the Republican party.

ily white had its origin under the ad-If Mr. Hoover will come out from behind the veil and openly declare his Negro policy, as Mr. Roosevelt did, so that we may know precisely where the head of the Republican party stands, such an open and frank declaration of policy would certainly be worthy of consideration, if not of acceptation.

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