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Editorial

Wonderful Ethiopians

We have just finished reading "Wonderful Ethiopians," by Miss Drusilla Dunjee Houston. In her book, Miss Houston tells in a most interesting way the story of people of the ancient Cushite Empire. Through years of toil and research she has presented to the world some most interesting and startling facts about the ancient Ethiopians. We quote in part from Miss Houston's introduction: "We are sending forth this information because few men today understand the primitive forces that are not of modern culture. So superficial and prejudiced has been most modern research that many important and accepted theories of universal history have no basis in actual fact. The average modern historical book contradicts what the ancients said about the nations preceding them. But to go down with me as archaeology, ethnology, geology and philology disclose; not in a dry and tedious way, but through the unfolding of this, the most intensely interesting and startling drama of the ages."

Miss Houston has kept her promise and has given to the world one of the most interesting books upon the ancient Ethiopian races which has ever been written. As she states in her introduction, the book was not written to glorify the Negro or any other race but it is merely a result of the quest for truth.

In "Wonderful Ethiopians" Miss Houston has done the world a valuable service.

China

If the Chinese people are not welcomed as citizens in other countries then by all that is sacred they should have the right to live and move and have their being in their own country. They should have the right to rule China at any rate and to say on what conditions their lands should be parcelled out. More than that, they should have the right to control the revenues of China. Any infringement upon any of these rights is detrimental to her national aspirations and the countries guilty of mistreating China in this respect will be held to strict ac-

countability. Four hundred million souls cannot be trodden over roughshod with impunity. China warned the world of this fact through the League of Nations last fall. Today she is busily engaged in demonstrating to the world that she meant what she said.

Whether sending a few Indian troops to China will assist in maintaining white supremacy in Asia is a grave question. At any rate, we see the irony of the situation when a brown race which is murmuring for home rule is sent against a yellow race which seeks to maintain, or, more correctly, perhaps, to gain national integrity. These two races number more than a billion. Should they ever realize that there was a common cause, a national bond of unity between them, I fear—I fear for certain other peoples.

China has decided that, since she is not welcomed in certain other portions of the globe, China must and shall be for the Chinese. Who can blame China?

Easter

Easter comes at a glad season of the year. The festival itself, is both commemorative of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and as a memorial to the atonement wrought by the death of the Master upon the cross.

It is hailed with great acclaim in all the Christian churches of the world. In Greek and Latin and in the languages derived from them, Easter was known as *Paichka, Pascha, Pasqua, Pasqua, Pasqua*, etc., from the Chaldee word, *Pascha*, the equivalent of the Hebrew *Pisach*. The "Destroying Angel's" act is recalled by the last name in "passing over" the households of the Hebrews when he smote the Egyptians, as disclosed in the twelfth chapter of Exodus.

This year Easter will fall on April 17. The way by which Easter is determined is that of the first Sunday after the paschal full moon—the fourteenth day of the calendar moon, or the full moon which happens upon or next after March 21; and if the full moon happens on a Sunday, then Easter day is the first Sunday following.

As usual our churches will observe Easter with elaborate programs. It is an event that the children and the grown-ups have learned to look forward to with much pleasurable anticipation; it is an event all should remember with some beautiful thought for the day.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of George Chandler who passed away March 16, 1924.

No one knows how much we miss him.

No one knows the bitter pain we have suffered since we lost him.

Life has never been the same? In our hearts your memory lingers.

Sweetly, tender, fond and true; There is not a day, dear Daddy,

That we do not think of you.

—Sadly missed by wife and family.

Some men who stand on their dignity give evidence of not having much else to stand on.

Many a man falls into debt, but the process of getting out is usually one of crawling.

Urban League Reports On Industry for Feb'y

Chicago Has Bread-line. Bricklayers Work on J. D. Rockefeller's Apartment for Negroes. Union Labor Appeals to Colored Workers.

Bulletin No. 12 of the Industrial Relations Department of the National Urban League Summarizes Employment Conditions Throughout the Country as Follows:

General Conditions Unfavorable

There is little deviation in the reports for February from the general widespread unemployment which all large cities are facing. The seniority rule in industrial plants usually forces Negroes out of work first and causes more suffering among them than among other groups. In Buffalo, where appeals from Negroes for help are largely in excess of the normal number, this condition obtains. Chicago was still running a bread-line and is reported to be in a "serious state." Here the situation is aggravated by the incoming of workers from neighboring cities and from the South. In Pine Bluff conditions were generally dull and laborers worked part-time in the mills. Charlotte, North Carolina, had similar experiences. The larger cities in Missouri felt the effects of the industrial slump, and in Harrisburg a general depression in the iron and steel plants was observed. Newark reported losses in personal service situations because of the substitution of white servants for colored.

Favorable Conditions

There were occasional bright spots even in some cities which were hard hit by unemployment. For instance, the construction of the new traffic bridge over the Mississippi River gave employment to 14 unskilled Negro laborers, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and in Austin, Texas, the erection of large office buildings gave employment to a goodly number of Negroes. In Fort Wayne, Indiana, the construction of three large buildings provided occupation for 40 laborers and the Fort Wayne Rolling Mills increased its working week from three to five days. In New York City a bank has hired a colored messenger and junior clerk with assurances of promotion. In this city also fifteen colored bricklayers, helpers and laborers were among the 100 employees working on the apartment building in process of construction by John D. Rockefeller Jr. for Negroes on Seventh Avenue and 149th street. In New York also work for women was more plentiful than for men who have felt the effect of the curtailment in subway construction. A leather goods factory in St. Louis which hired its first colored worker in January, called for 40 additional workers in February to handle a night shift. However, difficulty was experienced by the Urban League of that city in finding women to accept night employment.

Labor Union

Reported instances indicate that sentiment favoring Negro membership in Labor Unions is still on the increase. This is evident from an

article in the *Labor Age*, one of the foremost labor journals of the country, by Thomas L. Dabney, entitled "Negro Labor at the Crossroads." This article has awakened a keen interest in the potential strength of Negro workers and the magazine has made plans to continue this discussion in a way to attract the attention of the devotees of labor. In Charlotte, North Carolina, differences in the pay between colored and white bricklayers were adjusted and the Negro plasterers have gone back to work. A committee of the Women's Trade Union League is vigorously pushing an organization of laundry workers in New York City to include colored employees who are said to be in excess of ten thousand. An organizer has been put on salary to arouse their interest and secure membership.



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