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Editorial

A TRIBUTE TO FORMER C. N. R. WAITERS.

They deserved, they merited better treatment than they received from the officials as a final reward for faithful service. They and their fathers served the road for more than forty years—served it faithfully through all of its vicissitudes; served when the road could neither pay dividends nor pay its employees a fair wage. Through personal sacrifice on their part, together with the sacrifice of other workers, they assisted in placing the road on a paying basis. But when this time came the services of the colored waiters were no longer required. Not only that, but the manner in which they were discharged was most abrupt and even brutal. As they reported for duty, without a word of forewarning or regret, they were told that white crews would replace them. This was a fitting reward for forty years of faithful service.

The better element of the traveling public is bitterly opposed to the policy now being pursued by the railway management with respect to the colored waiter. For they know (the public) that these boys were efficient, courteous, obliging and intelligent. They know how far these boys would go to make their guests comfortable and make them feel at home. They know that boys from our very best families, with more than average intelligence took to table waiting as one of a limited few avenues of earning a living and that on the other hand, white waiters are invariably from the lower strata. They know that colored boys made table waiting not merely a job by which to "get by," but that they made it an art. I we feel that they were discharged because of inefficiency, as is claimed by the officials, we would bow our heads in shame for them. But we know better and the possession of such knowledge makes us proud of the colored waiters.

And now that the harm has been done and is over, at least for the present, we have this advice to offer. As Clarence Darrow said, get out of positions in which men give tips and get into positions in which men give tips! And here is another ray of hope. We visited a district recently in which there were living side by

side colored and white farmers. In every single instance the colored farmer was more prosperous than his white brother. And lastly, remember that David BeBlasco said the future stage must and will recognize the dark children of Africa.

CHINA AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Through her representative, Chu Choa-Hsin, China has spoken some very plain words to the League at Geneva. She has told the powers assembled there that unless a new treaty is made with China, based on reciprocity and equality, anti-foreign feeling there will increase and it will be dangerous to trade there peacefully. In an interview Chu said he had no apologies to offer for bringing the recent British bombardment of Nanshien before the assembly.

Referring to negotiations being carried on between China and Great Britain to settle the bombardment incident, Chu claims that China's price will not be indemnity, but a new treaty with Great Britain, whose object would be the abolishment of both "extra territoriality" and the strangle hold on China's tariff schedule. He also charged that the bombardment was carried out without preliminary warning to the population. He says: "If this had been done in any other part of the world it would cause war. We do not want to start war. If others want war with us let them start it. In the end we will win, for China is weary of being treated as an inferior nation."

Without the least shadow of doubt China has made her intentions clear to all the world. Whether her grievances are real or imaginary, China believes them to be real, and she has pronounced her definite intentions of throwing of the yoke which hinders her from becoming a free and independent sovereignty.

Whether England or any other strong nation has the right, the moral right, to claim "extra territoriality" in the lands of their weaker neighbors has always been a question in our minds. In fact it has always seemed to us to savor of the spirit of the bully. But China has settled this question in a perhaps crude and blunt but definite way, by declaring there will be no more "extra territoriality."

If the bombardment of Wanshien was begun without preliminary warning to the population, as is claimed by Chu, it was a most grievous wrong, and as he claims, if this had happened in any other part of the world, it would cause war. Most certainly England's great strength should render her too strong to commit such an act of injustice upon her weaker neighbor. We can, with information we have before us, only hope that there was a mistake in orders or that there has been a misrepresentation of facts.

"We do not want to start war. If others want war with us let them start it. In the end we will win, for China is weary of being treated as an inferior nation." Evidently China has accepted just enough of the principles of Christianity to have faith in the ultimate triumph of right over might. Or perhaps her own Confusionism teaches such. At any rate, China has awakened, as have Japan, India and Egypt. They are tired of being treated as inferior peoples although

their skin is dark. It only remains now or Africa, the giant of them all, to cast off her slumber. Whether Africa was lulled to sleep by some supernatural monster sleep spirit which inhabits the fertile Nile and was commanded by it to sleep till its return, we know not, and if so, the great sleep spirit is preparing to return for Africa is beginning to sleep uneasily. She is moving and groaning. Perhaps, before the end of time, Africa will be importuning the goddess of justice, asking as other darker races are, or her place in the sun.

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