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Negro Soldier Remembered.

The people of Wadesboro and Anson county have exemplified the real relations that exist between the "white folks" of the South and "colored folks," who make themselves worthy, such as a negro soldier who represents Anson in the trenches in France. It is this humble colored soldier of whom the Montauk Journal says:

"Tobe Lowery is a Wadesboro Arkley with the American army in France. The Red Cross, in preparing their Christmas boxes, have not forgotten the darkey, and 'Tobe' will receive a treat from the white folks' back home. This little incident, trivial as it may seem, shows more forcibly than words the real attitude of the South towards the negro. It is true he is denied the ballot, but that is because he is not prepared to enjoy equal suffrage. Massachusetts gives him all sorts of liberty, the vote, and a superfluous social equality, but that box sent by the Wadesboro folks will mean more to 'Tobe' than all the North, which does not understand his sympathetic nature, has done for him. And 'Tobe' will go into the trenches knowing that the white folks have an interest in him despite his color."

The kindly remembrance of 'Tobe' by the folks back in 'ole Anson' is just as it should be. The negro soldier is just as much an American soldier as any other American. The soldier is known by his uniform and not his color, and no people are so quick as the Southern people to recognize the bravery, the merits and the worthiness of the negro soldiers, which the South contributes as part of its quotas of troops to uphold American honor.

Tobe Lowery is not only an American soldier, but a Southern soldier. Moreover, he is a North Carolinian, and every true North Carolinian will be quick to claim for the State the honor that Tobe may bring upon his State by his service and achievements on the battle line facing America's enemies. - Wilmington Star.

Kiln Dried Potatoes Find A Market.

The value of dehydrating plants is made manifest in a Chicago dispatch Saturday stating that kiln-dried sweet potatoes were quoted on the market there at \$2.50 to \$2.75 for a bushel bumper at wholesale. The Illinois State Marketing Board reported that the potatoes sold in Chicago were from the Virginia Eastern Shore Producers Exchange, where products are standardized and properly graded. Average 20-25 you please stock from other points was bringing \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel.

Eastern North Carolina, we understand, will have a standard dehydrating plant by next season. These industries should grow up all over alluvial Carolina if our tremendous potato production is to find its way to the large Northern markets. Northern consumers are now getting on to the unrivaled food value and deliciousness of Southern yams. - Washington Star.

Austro-Germans Extend Acts of Barbarism.

Washington, Nov. 30. - All the oppressive measures which characterized the invasion of Belgium and many of the acts of barbarism which revolted the civilized world semi-official dispatches from Rome say, now are being practiced by the Austro-German invaders of Italy.

Near Zenson, the dispatches say, the invaders placed Italian women and children before the troops as they advanced and the Italian soldiers were compelled to sacrifice their innocent countrymen.

In the Friuli region, war taxes, requisitions and conscription of labor is being practiced as it was in Belgium and northern France. Austro-German prisoners tell of Italian non-combatants massacred by the invading troops and loot from Italian homes and shops has been found on the bodies of dead troops. Soldiers on the Piave declared they hear the screams of women and children from the opposite side of the river.

The invading armies have taken away cattle and other property and burned household furniture for their bivouac fires. Bosnian troops, the dispatches say, have committed unnamable atrocities.

The Silver Lining.

Many persons besides General Sherman have set forth the evils and horrors of war, but few in the midst of the struggle, have been able to appreciate the resultant good—the silver lining of the cloud. It is worth much frightfulness that a whole nation may be aroused to a previously unexperienced feeling of sympathy, to a willingness to place the good of the whole before the interests and comfort of the individual, and that a people hitherto insulated may be made to think in world terms. The present conflict is doing all these things, and more, for Americans.

And the war, in spite of the billions of dollars in munitions and property destroyed, has a distinct economic value, for it will teach to this and following generations ideas and habits of frugality, thrift and economy that will bring about savings much larger than the present war expenditures, stupendous as it is. Already two gigantic liberty loans have been floated, and while it is true the majority of the subscriptions came from great money centers, there were thousands of small investments from individuals who till now had not been savers.

But the purchase of liberty bonds even of the smallest denomination was not within the means of multitudes of wage earners. Therefore, for the double purpose of encouraging the saving habit and obtaining money in small sums not available through the sale of liberty bonds, the government beginning Monday will put on sale in virtually every bank, post office, railroad station, school and store throughout the country war savings stamps and war savings certificates. Amounts as small as twenty-five cents at a time may be thus invested. Government experts expect to realize from these investments two billion dollars a year, a large revenue from a source before untouched, and a savings otherwise improbable if not impossible. - Durham Herald.

Prisoners Taken by British.

London, Dec. 3. - According to figures given out by the war office tonight, the British captured on all fronts in the month of November 26,000 prisoners and 221 guns. Among the captives were 11,551 men and 148 guns taken on the western front, 10,154 men and 87 guns in Palestine and 4,466 men and three guns in East Africa.

Speaking Out in Methodism.

Rev. G. F. Smith, a Methodist preacher stationed at Rockingham this year, wrote a piece a time ago that it was said had been recalled, but we notice it was printed without comment in the Raleigh Christian Advocate of week before last. The Raleigh Advocate is the organ of the Methodist conference which meets in Greenville this week and whether Brother Smith is to suffer for the bold words he has written remains to be seen.

In this piece Mr. Smith advocates the election of bishops for a term of four years, instead of for life. Methodist preachers are given appointments for one year at a time, and they may not serve one charge longer than four years. The same thing applies to presiding elders, and Mr. Smith points out that no conference would think of allowing presiding elders to be appointed for life. He is not opposed to the episcopacy. He thinks the episcopal form of government is the best for Methodists. But he seriously questions the wisdom of continuing the practice of electing bishops for life. Great power for life has its influence on the best of men. It has a tendency to make some other arbitrary and unjust, and in the Methodist connection a bishop for life is out of harmony with the part of the government of the church that relates to the appointments of other preachers.

Mr. Smith is right about it, of course, and it may be that in time others may rally to his support but preachers who may think the same way may decide that the thing is too dangerously loaded to monkey with it. The bishop has the power to send a Methodist preacher wherever he wants to send him, and a bishop may not be disposed to fall with joy and affection upon the neck of the brother who suggests that he should be elected for four years instead of to a life term. Hence the silence that can be felt that has greeted Brother Smith's bold suggestion.

Some of the lay brethren, too, are getting restless under the absolute power that rests with the bishop and his cabinet. They want greater representation in the conferences, a more democratic form of government. Why should it not be considered eminently proper, for instance, for representatives of a Methodist church to attend a conference and be consulted about who should be sent to them? They are the ones who have to provide support for, and sit under the ministry of, any one the bishop and presiding elder may decide to send to them, and if a mistake is going to be made in making an appointment, as mistakes sometimes are made, we fail to see why it is any worse for a few laymen to make a mistake than it is for a bishop and a presiding elder to make one.

It is all well enough to be told to pray for the right man to be sent to you, but it is good Methodist practice to work while you pray. If the bishop and the presiding elder are working while they pray, why should not the laymen do a little work while they are praying? - Lumberton Robesonian.

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Washington, Dec. 2. - In a communication which he sent today to A. W. McAllister of Greensboro for administrator for the state of North Carolina Federal Fuel Administrator, Harry A. Garfield points out that there must be fuel saving through the conservation of electric power used by electric railways in North Carolina. The communication, which was addressed to all the state administrators calls attention to the fact that after careful investigation on the part of the government it has been expended in the heating of cars and that there has been a great waste of coal through the system of power stations at present maintained by many of the electric railway companies.

How's your boy Josh getting along with his studies? "Pleasantly." replied Farmer Cornsaw. "He don't bother 'em none." - Washington Star.

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