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EFFECT MAY BE GOOD

The exodus of negro farm labor from southern plantations to northern and western manufacturing centers will receive a check in consequence of the East St. Louis race riots that probably will be for the best interests of the whole country.

The negroes are needed in the south as agricultural workers. Their lives are comparatively easy and they face none of the handicaps of a severe winter climate. Living is cheap and there are always white men, sometimes too exacting, it is true, to see that they receive provisions through the winter. If the average colored farm worker was a little more responsible, he could make more money cropping in the south than he could working in any of the factories in the east and west.

News of the killing of many negroes in East St. Louis will penetrate every nook and corner of the south and negroes will be careful before they pick up and leave. If they behave themselves in the south, as the overwhelming majority do, they have nothing to fear. In the north, on the other hand, they come in direct contact with organized workers, and the minute they reduce the earning capacity of northern white men, that minute trouble begins for them. This has been proved many times.

Southern employers of labor awake to the seriousness of the situation, will make conditions better for their help, and we expect to see before long a return of the moral of the colored families who have left the south. A few such occurrences as East St. Louis produced will make this proposition sure.

THE LAST STRAW

Frankly, we had inclined an ear to the cause of woman suffrage before this white house picketing began, and even that, as reprehensible as it is in the sight of man, had not caused us to believe that the Cause was without merit. Men have been wont to do foolish things; the Sinn Feiners, for example, have acted in a manner to make most people indifferent as to whether Ireland secures home rule or not.

But Paul P. Lee, of Four Oaks, Johnston county, writing in the "Young People's Department" of the Winston-Salem Republican, has mangled the arguments against us in a way that has made us pause. We must consider the thing some more.

In the first place we are told, woman suffrage is unconstitutional. The lawyer part of Paul is speaking. "Home duties are as much as a woman can attend to, and besides she is not capable of managing our government." Another point Paul makes is that there would be division in the home if women were allowed to vote; we would witness the airing of family linen in police court, because there would be some mighty fights over electing the township constable.

These, however, are not the principal arguments against the Cause. "Did not Jezebel kill the prophets?" "Was not a woman responsible for John the Baptist's death?" "In the annals of cruelty woman's name is written large." And then the woman ate the forbidden fruit and handed the man a bite.

That clinches it. How can one, with these reasons before him favor w. s.? Girls, you will have to overcome some of these fundamental tendencies before you can hope to vote.

Mr. Fred Archer, for several years superintendent of the Selma graded schools, has been elected superintendent of the Greensboro schools to succeed Mr. W. C. A. Hammel. Judging from the News, the people of that city are somewhat exercised about school matters, but we can say this much for Mr. Archer: he is an unusually well qualified young man and is one of the most enthusiastic school men in the state. If any man could give satisfaction, he ought to do it.

Vermont contributed 38 cents per capita for the Red Cross, but then 82 of the Green Mountain Boys have enlisted in the army or navy!

DOUBLE STRENGTH

Too much credit cannot be given the Russians for the manner in which they have pulled themselves together since the revolution in the spring. The leaders were compelled to dismiss thousands of officers and to conduct a campaign of education among the masses to inform them that this is their war. The Russian people inherited the war and when the czar's government was overthrown they believed the world was ready for peace. It required time for them to realize that there could be no peace as long as there was a "divine" monarch making war on the democracies of the west, but nobody can find any fault with their fighting recently.

Russia may not be able to deliver a sustained offensive, as Brusiloff made last year but the fact that it is in position to attack will cause Hindenburg to watch their front closely enough. They will afford relief to the allies in the west.

Recent developments in Austria indicate that even regiments formed of Slavs have deserted to the Russians, this fact proving that Russian power is exerted in more than one direction. If the Russians continue to fight well, they may count on less and less resistance from the men composing the armies of Russia and the democracy in the long run, aside from being the best thing that could have happened to Russia, really might be the best thing for the world.

The Christian Endeavor societies have decreed against making room in knapsacks of the soldiers for cigarette cases and playing cards. And yet, we fancy, one or two soldiers will be able to save space somewhere about their persons for the tacks and pates.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST OPERATORS DISMISSED

New York, July 7.—Indictments against twenty-five more of the Virginia and West Virginia semi-bituminous coal companies and seven of the individuals charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law by restraining trade and fixing prices, were dismissed by Judge Grubb.

Sixty-five corporations and forty-three operators still are under indictment and the taking of testimony in their defense will be resumed Monday. The government has completed the presentation of its case. It was announced by Judge Grubb that the indictments against nine of these companies and one individual also will be dismissed until additional evidence is offered against them.

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