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"I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence."—Abraham Lincoln.

HOW TO BE MADE PROFITABLE.

WE CAN profit by the present labor disturbances in our social, religious, financial and political avenues. Socially—by having a better knowledge of the race at home and abroad; by entertaining the highest respect for one another, the utter denouncement of crime, cultivating a taste of admiration for deserving members who are still the champions and believers of race progressiveness which must be universally recognized. Religiously—by putting a stop to our denominational wranglings, respecting one another for being possessed of religion starting from the same source and aiming at the same goal, and leaving the Creator of the universe to decide as to our fitness or unfitness to share his promised rewards. Financially—by combining our interests, however small, and entering the hall of business with our united front, passing through the aisles of competition, acquire that business experience that will make us be favorably considered by the monetary agents that actually appear to dominate our very existence owing to the compulsory methods that they prescribe for us. Politically—by taking an active part in the politics of the country of which we are citizens, realizing that the time has come when we must help ourselves in unmistakably declaring our rights and privileges as Americans, pure and simple, with no other qualification than that provided by the constitution of the United States of America. That among our race must be raised up political students who, unlike the corrupt and selfish politician, will be proud of being members of this democracy, by not yielding to influences that will remove the very foundation stones of the nation, undaunted by evil dissuasion, will spend the last dollar, empty the brain cells, drain the blood vessels in the hall of justice to justify our cause and win for us that respect and attention which only the **FRANCHISE** can command.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

SO MANY things of vital interest have transpired in the past year affecting directly and indirectly the people throughout the world that historians will place 1919 in a category all by itself. The greatest boon to mankind it brought was the close of the titanic war, which stopped the wholesale murder of millions of human beings, the wrecking of whole countries. It brought us a plan, and a willingness by the big powers to adopt it, to bring about universal peace forever. While all the covenants of the League of Nations have not been agreed to, the differences in opinion are being rapidly adjusted and the start has been made at least.

As to our own group, despite the fact that lynching mobs have been more active and dastardly than in previous years; "Jim Crow" laws still in force on southern railroads, with the government in charge; race clashes have occurred in several northern cities; movements put on foot to segregate us in residential sections; that we are denied the ballot and adequate school facilities in sections of the country, and that our dark skins give—so the white American thinks—him license to insult our women and browbeat our men, we have forged steadily ahead.

Much is said of the "new Negro;" we haven't such a critter, just the same old tinted individual roused into self consciousness, awakened to his own possibilities, with stiffened backbone, with new ambitions, new desires, new hopes for the future. An individual that has proven that somewhere on this earth men and women are judged by their worth and not by their complexion. Our soldier boys found these places; it aroused them from their lethargy, and they returned home with a spirit so contagious the other ninety and nine got it. The yesterdays with us are passed; we are looking forward to the tomorrows.

More avenues of employment have been opened to us in the past two years than in the preceding fifty years. We have convinced the North that we are an asset, not a liability, as the South tried to make them believe. We demonstrated our 100 per cent Americanism on the battlefields. We have never given our government cause to believe we were antagonistic. The labor unions have invited us into their camp. We have prospered financially, and now we are entering the new year with the full determination of securing by lawful means every right and privilege the constitution of these United States guarantees other citizens. The thinking white people, for divers reasons, are wont to style us "the new Negro." The word "new" implies that there has been no past, but we have had a past and they have figured largely in it. We may be able to forgive, but not forget. And so "new" is a misnomer; the better word is "awakened." Nineteen hundred and nineteen has given us much for which we are thankful; we are expecting more of 1920.—Chicago Defender.

The regular monthly meeting of the Denver Colored Civic Association will be held Tuesday eve at 8:15 p. m. Jan. 13, 1920, at Odd Fellows hall, 1832 Arapahoe street. We insist that you be present at this meeting, as the final arrangements for the big Lincoln-Douglas celebration and banquet to be held Feb. 12, 1920, will be reported by the chairman of the committee for final action by the association. If you have been named as a chairman of any committee, please notify the secretary of your acceptance or refusal to act. We are being delayed by not hearing from you promptly. Bring along any worthy friend or citizen.

Respectfully,

THOS. CAMPBELL, Pres.
W. R. CHAPMAN, Secy.

Favors a National Budget System; All Sense of Values Has Departed.

By CARTER GLASS, Former Secretary of the Treasury.



I am heartily in favor of a budget system. Without effective control over governmental expenditures and limitation of them to the government's income we shall bring down upon our heads the splendid structure which our fathers have built and which we have preserved.

The very success (which you will pardon me if I call brilliant) with which the treasury has financed the stupendous requirements imposed upon America by the great war may become a menace. All sense of values seems to have departed from among us. The departments, bureaus and boards, all inspired by a laudable enthusiasm for their work, but some by a less laudable instinct to magnify its importance and incidentally their own, bombard the committees of congress with projects, some more or less meritorious, some of no merit whatever, but all conceived in sublime indifference to the fact that the great business of government is being run at a loss and that each one of these projects increases the deficit of the government, and consequently the burden to be thrown upon the great body of people, whether the deficit be met by increasing taxes or by floating additional loans.

The congress votes with a lavish hand stupendous sums conceived in a magnificent spirit of generosity with a view to the enhancement of the prestige of the nation, or for the benefit of this or that element in the community. This it does upon the advice of the committee of congress charged with the business of caring for such special interests. Then, speaking through the great committee on appropriations, it pursues a policy of restriction with relation to the expenditures of some of the departments of the government which makes it impossible for those departments to conduct the vast affairs imposed upon them with efficiency and economy.

Lesson of Air Race: "Flying Pastor Fore-runner of Flying Disaster."

By BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM MITCHELL, Army Air Service

The recent transcontinental air derby plainly demonstrates that the isolation of the United States with respect to Asia and Europe is completely broken down.

The airline distance covered is 5,402 miles, in less than 50 hours of actual flying time. It is as far as from Constantinople to New York; from Berlin to Denver; from Tokyo to San Francisco, and twice the distance from Europe to America.

From a military aspect there is no longer any doubt that a complete control of the air by any nation means military control of the world.

From the standpoint of distances, Asia is only divided from America by 21 miles of water across the Bering strait, while the greatest distance that has to be covered over water between the American continent and Europe is scarcely over 300 miles, if the route through Canada, Greenland, Iceland, the islands north of Great Britain, to Great Britain, itself, is followed.

The rapidity with which the airdromes were established in this test shows that they can be established with equal rapidity for long stretches by any other nation. A rigid dirigible airship can carry ten tons of cargo, besides its crew, fuel for a long trip, and armament for its defense—ten tons of material will keep a thousand airplanes working for one day.

If an Asiatic or European country desires to attack America, a system of airdromes could be established, successively, a defense organized against land or sea elements, and the airplanes concentrated on them successfully, while their supply could be insured by the great rigid dirigibles working with their own countries.

This is not only possible, but almost a sure accompaniment of the next war and will be resorted to by the nation gaining control of the air. This manner of procedure will practically negate navies, so far as their ability to deal the first blow is concerned.

All the great nations of the world are now applying themselves strenuously to the development of an air service. America, which has the best natural advantages in the world, is probably the last of the great nations at the present time in her actual development of air power—military or commercial.

Forecast of Supremacy of Chicago as Financial Metropolis of Nation

By J. C. WOODHULL, Formerly of War Trade Board

Chicago has tributary to it the domain of an empire. The area drained by the Mississippi river and its tributaries, with its navigable lakes and rivers, unlimited water power, fertile soil, inexhaustible mineral deposits and forest growth, coupled with the enterprise and energy of its people, has developed this region into the largest productive area of raw materials in the world.

A summary shows that more than half of the population of the United States lives in this great valley. It contains 70 per cent of the farm acreage of the nation, 75 per cent of its manufacturing industries, and the combined railroad systems in mileage and value represent 70 per cent of all its similar property. It produces 75 per cent of the wheat, 80 per cent of the hogs, 75 per cent of the cattle, 50 per cent of the sheep, 50 per cent of the wool, 70 per cent of the cotton, 70 per cent of the oil, 90 per cent of the iron ore, 50 per cent of the lumber, and 60 per cent of the bituminous coal.

The commanding position of Chicago, the financial center of this aggregation of potential wealth and boundless possibilities, determines its destiny as the future headquarters of the export business of the United States. As a result of the war a famine of raw materials and manufactured products prevails the world over, and the supply available for export in any considerable quantity is to be found only in the main producing territory of the United States, the basin of the Mississippi valley.

There exists no other equal area whose production exceeds this, and with such a constant inflow of wealth, can there be any question as to the supremacy of Chicago as the future financial metropolis of the United States?

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