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PATIENT AND PATRIOTIC

The following article by John C. Minkins, of Providence, R. I., appeared in a recent issue of the New York World. Mr. Minkins says: The question "Will the Negro fight for the United States?" has been asked. Will the World, the most powerful and consistent friend of the Negro among American journals, permit me to answer it?

The Negro is perhaps the most unselfish and consistently loyal citizen in this "melting pot of all nations." He has never sired an anarchist, an assassin, a hyphenate, a traitor or an ingrate, and he has never refused to fight from 1619 to 1916 for his native land.

The Negro has taken a patriotic part in every American war—Colonial, Revolutionary, 1812, Mexican, Civil, Indian and Spanish. He was with Washington at Valley Forge and Yorktown, with Sullivan at the battle of Long Island, with Perry on Lake Erie and Lawrence on the Chesapeake, with Jackson at New Orleans, Scott in Mexico, Grant at Richmond, Miles on the western plains, Dewey in Manila Bay, Sampson at Santiago, Roosevelt at San Juan Hill and Boyd at Carrizal.

He was the first to shed on Boston common the lifeblood which proved to be the martyr's seed from which flowered the Revolution. He was first with Commodore Peary at the north pole and last to leave Mexico with General Pershing.

You don't have to ask, "Will the Negro fight for the United States?" Ask those who have fought against him. This is our country, and we are among the truest and best tried citizens. We have always refused and we always shall refuse to even think of this as "a white man's country." It is not only the country of those for whom it does the most, but also of those who love it best and do the most for it.

If another war comes—a war we would not provoke—the Negro will be found on the firing line, as he has always been found, doing his utmost that the Stars and Stripes shall never touch the ground in dishonor or be trailed in the dust of defeat.

Crowded out of the militia, land and naval; denied the training necessary to officer from West Point or Annapolis hundreds of thousands of the best fighters time has produced, refused the protection at home of the flag for which so much respect is claimed abroad, barred very largely from the political rights guaranteed him by the constitution of the nation he helped to create and to preserve—rights by which the citizen of a free republic can fully protect his civil and property interests along with liberty and life—the Negro has remained unswervingly loyal, steadfast in patriotism and absolutely reliable in every national crisis.

AN ANNIVERSARY NUMBER

Cayton's Weekly will celebrate its first anniversary this month by issuing an illustrated number containing pictures of many of the business and professional colored folk of Seattle and Tacoma and likewise a brief review of their work as well as their future outlook. It will be neatly gotten up, printed and bound and a magazine you need not be ashamed to send to your friends and acquaintances wherever and whoever they are. In 1909 the editor hereof issued a similar number and it was but a few months ago that a call from Australia for six copies of the Northwest Negro Progress Number came to us. It is our intention to make the coming number just as interesting and even more so than the former.

gladly yield him in war and he will demonstrate the same high type of worth in civil life that he has always shown on the battlefield against the enemies of the nation, domestic or foreign.

WANT VALUE RECEIVED

It's childish to advocate the continuing of the jitney busses because you are not in love with the traction company of Seattle. Sickly sentiment is one thing and hard-headed business is another. What the public wants is adequate service for the money it pays for that purpose and as much protection as it is possible to give while in transit, neither of which is being given by the jitney operators. For five cents the jitney lands you down town in almost a jiffy, but in most instances you have just started on your destination and in order to continue your jiffy locomotion another five cents has to be dug up. From an economical standpoint the street cars lead by at least 60 per cent.

In case of accident the jitney at present has nothing to remunerate those who are injured by them while going to and fro and even though they get a reliable \$2,500 bond, pray how far would that go in case eight or ten persons were injured at the same time. Until the jitneys can give as good service and just as able to remunerate those injured by them as is the Traction Company then everyone of them should be driven from the streets.

Evidently the waters of the Wells of Seattle are neither pure nor patriotic.

If Germans can eat grass and fight on then, why not England? as the grazing must be just as good.

We would need no coaching to buy a liberty bond if we only had the mesuma, with which to make the purchase.

Who laughs last laughs best chuckles E. M. Williams as the anti-bone dry petitions roll in and are filed with the county auditor.

If Kernesky can save Russia from chaos he will possess considerably more of the qualities of a god than a man, which we

Pale-faced patriotism is still embarrassing the government in its hour of distress.

Uncle Sam's pale-faced slackers are making their getaway like rats deserting a sink-ink ship.

France like the United States wants Roosevelt to head the United States army sent to Europe, and he would be if a foreign foe (the Democratic party) were not in control of the government.

Plenty of plans seem to emanate in the mind of Bob Bridges how to knock out the H. C. O. L., but necessities continue to climb higher just the same. Plan less and execute more is the way to get results.

Lynching Negroes by the scores on the part of the dominant whites of this country will hardly prove an incentive for the black brethren to enthuse in the call to arms, but come to think, this is "a white man's war" and black patriotism is not desired.

Doning the duds of a peasant and working a potato patch is one of the recreations of the late Czar Nicholas and his family, all of which shows that he realizes that, after all he is only a mere man. Great is he or she who can meet reverses cheerfully.

The editor of Cayton's Weekly was given a tip by one who ought to know that the waterfront is reorganizing and a strike that will make the one pulled off last year look like thirty cents with a hole in it in the no distant future. They know that colored men cannot be had to break the strike.

There is no use complaining about not being able to understand the words of a French opera for its equally hard to understand the words of the choirster of a church choir though the singer and the hearer both be English speaking. In short the alleged classical singer is more or less a dampfool.

"Tramp, tramp, tramp the boys are marching," is always refreshing and each Decoration Day reminds us that those, who slew the hydra-headed monster of the South, are slowly but surely fading away and soon the last tale of the great Civil War by the actual participants will have been told. May their memories increase in brightness as their faces grow in dimness.

"There will be no mingling of white and colored soldiers in training camps," so declares the Wilson administration. Like the Jews the Negroes should protest in going to war as anything else save American citizens without a suffix or an affix. The Wilson administration has sought to humiliate the colored man in every way possible and this should be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

Not being able to coerce the last legislature into passing a lot of laws for the express purpose of making the rich richer and the poor poorer State Senator E. B. Palmer is unalterably opposed to having the "legislative cattle" of the last session convene in special session—serve my masters or be forever damned. Poor old Ned, for the sake of "thirty pieces of silver," fig-