

**SINGING SOLDIERS
IN THE WORLD WAR**

COLORED TROOPS LEADING

Magazine Writer Says Only Songs Originated Among the American Fighters Were Sung by Negroes

The negro soldier was the only singing soldier in the late war, says Lieutenant John J. Niles. Lieutenant Niles, who was with the air service in the A. E. F., is a musician and he has made a contribution to the music of the negro by collecting the songs the black man sang during the war. These are published in the December Scribner's Magazine.

"In collecting a small portion of the characteristic music of the World War," says Lieutenant Niles, "I went to the negro as a source of supply—partly for the sentimental reason that I am a Southerner and, therefore, understand the black man to a degree, and partly because of the naive originality found in nearly all of the artistic expressions of the colored race.

"With a few notable exceptions the songs of the white boys of the A. E. F. came from Broadway. The songs of the Frenchmen, the Italians and the Englishmen came from the same relative sources—their music-halls. Occasionally the negro boys (particularly those recruited from the Northern States) went to Broadway for musical material, but, as a rule, they made up their songs as they went along, adapting the spirituals of their Southland to the situations of the war, inventing new verses to fit old tunes."

Here is one heard from negroes unloading quartermaster trucks: Black man fights with de shovel and de pick—

Lordy, turn your face on me; He never gits no rest 'cause he never gits sick—

Lordy, turn your face on me. Jined de army fur to git free clothes

Lordy, turn your face on me; What we're fightin' 'bout, nobody knows—

Lordy, turn your face on me. "As we look back on the results of the war we are prone to think that this verse was composed by a philosopher indeed," comments the author.

Never goin' to ride dat ocean no more—

Lordy, turn your face on me; Goin' to walk right home to my cabin door—

Lordy, turn your face on me. "We thought how often in the pro-

duction of the drama, theatrical producers and managers had unsuccessfully tried to gain the very effect we behold at that moment," continues Mr. Niles. "The faces of the singers could not be seen. To us they were only black masses moving in the rhythm of a song—a song admirably revealing an indomitable spirit of philosophic humor, which has survived so many generations of suppression."

**EARLY STAGE DAYS
REVIVED IN FILM**

Stove Heated Auditorium One of "Props" For "Exit Smiling"

Memories of olden days of the stage were revived by the quaint, and, today, laughable reproduction of an old "town hall" in "Exit Smiling," the first screen production made by Beatrice Lillie, of English musical comedy fame, coming to the Alcyon theater this Sunday, matinee and evening.

The queer little stage, auditorium heated by a wood stove; strange scenery and the old types of the traveling "rep show" company are all a part of America's dramatic history. Before the motion picture usurped their place, hundreds of these little "ten, twenty and thirty cent" troupes toured American small towns, with repertoires of three or four plays.

From the ranks of these "rep show" players rose many later famous stars. Willard Mack, the playboy, his start in one of these small companies, as did Marjorie Rambeau, Harry Houdini graduate from the "medicine show" to the "rep show," then became famous.

The actors "doubled" as scene shifters, wardrobe workers—and even did their own cooking in the "show car" as they traveled.

The new picture, written by Marc Connelly, famous New York dramatist, and directed by Sam Taylor, former director of Harold Lloyd, is the screen debut of Beatrice Lillie, famous as the star in "Charlot's Re-value" and other musical comedy hits. The cast includes Jack Pickford, De Witt Jennings, Doris Lloyd, Harry Myers, and other notable players.

The American people are thoroughly convinced that they should buy their Christmas gifts early, but that does not make them do so.

The parents are being blamed for bad children, but these children claim the credit of being bad for themselves.

The big problem of Christmas is how to get something for 98 cents that will look as if it cost \$5.

Many of these folks who are trying to keep their hands soft, are able to keep their heads in the same condition without effort.

**SPLASHING WATER ON
PEDESTRIANS SCORED**

Bulletin Urges Car Drivers to Be Careful to Avoid This Bad Practice

Motorists are urged to be careful that their cars do not splash mud and water on pedestrians in a statement issued recently by Chas. M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

"Motorists should so regulate their driving while streets are wet and roads muddy during the winter season that those whom they pass will not be bedaubed with the splash from car wheels," said Mr. Hayes.

"Many complaints have been made against drivers of automobiles unnecessarily speeding through puddles and muddy spots leaving a whirling wake of mud and water to bespatter pedestrians.

"Carelessness and thoughtlessness are often responsible for this practice. The average driver, giving a little thought to the rights of others, will avoid a puddle when persons are standing or passing nearby, or if it is necessary to drive through, will slow down.

"There are definite obligations on the driver of a motor vehicle to respect the rights of pedestrians in this regard and the major obligation is the moral one to do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

**AMERICA TRANSFORMS
ANCIENT GREECE NOW**

Flood of American Ideas Making Modern Civilization in Historic Land

The phrase "Made in America" is so frequently encountered in Greece today that it might almost be applied to the whole country, declared the official Greek government representative at the ceremonies in connection with the graduation of a large class of students at the Near East Relief industrial school at Syra, Greece.

The speaker, in elucidating his text, pointed out that he referred not merely to imports of manufactured goods in which the United States is heavily supreme, but also to such intangible imports as political doctrines and educational ideas.

"A flood of American ideas, leadership and service has been poured into Greece in helping us in the stupendous task of keeping alive and providing for more than a million refugees," declared the speaker. "This munificence has made the United States a kind of mother country to these bewildered and helpless victims of international politics. The result will be profound. They are fermenting everywhere, shaping the new

Greece which is rising on the very spot where western civilization was born.

Greece is generally regarded as the most important Balkan country from the point of view of American trade interests. A demand exists in Greece for American wheat, flour, also oil, sugar products and more than 75 per cent of the automobiles in operation in that country are of American manufacture. A significant factor, also, in creating diversified demand in Greece for American products is to be found in the Greek emigrants who return from the United States.

The influx of refugees from Asia Minor after the Smyrna disaster has given new impetus to Greek industry and has, in fact, caused unprecedented expansion in all branches of Greek economic life. At first the refugees presented an apparently insoluble problem. Today, however, they are largely self-supporting and represent a potential asset to the country which can hardly be overstated.

**"NANSEN PASSPORT"
IS NEW WRINKLE**

Means Whereby "Man Without a Country" May Travel in Other Lands

The problem of 200,000 refugees without a nationality—most of them from various parts of Turkey and Armenia—will be solved, at least in part, by the adoption of a suggestion made two years ago by the Near East Relief that an international passport be issued to them by the League of Nations.

The new document will be called a "Nansen passport," and it will serve for identification purposes and for use in traveling between countries. A charge of \$2 will be made for each passport, to meet the expense of issuance and registration. The passports must be renewed annually.

ADJUDICATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscriber Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Richard E. Winter, deceased, will attend the Probate Court of Lake county, at a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said county, on the first Monday of February next, 1927, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

MARY WINTER, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Richard E. Winter, deceased.
Waukegan, Ill., December 2, 1926.
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Every country in Europe has a certain number of these people, who are diplomatic anomalies in being actually "men without a country."

There is a movement to stop the practice of handshaking because it spreads disease, but it is doubtful if the politicians can be persuaded to make this custom illegal.

Some folks so disgusted by the way things go, that they want to give the country back to the Indians, but the Indians might decline to take it if horns of plenty, but the horns of the they had to pay the taxes.

They used to say much about the jazz orchestras are more noticeable nowadays.

Books are said to be within reach of all now, but the more informative ones are suspiciously dusty.

The old timers who used to pride themselves on being smart at work, have children who pride themselves on their smart clothes.

Let us be thankful all the girls chewing gum are not chewing tobacco.

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