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Editorial

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

We quote the following from an article by G. F. Andrews in "Young India."

"Kenya and Kilimanjaro are the two highest mountains in the whole of Africa. The name of Kenya, as is well known, has been given to the colony which surrounds that mountain. The white settlers have reserved to themselves the Kenya Highlands. They are now coveting the Kilimanjaro Highlands as well.

"It has been said by an ancient Indian writer that greed is limitless. The story which I am going to tell, is an almost incredible illustration of the truth of that saying. For not content with possessing exclusively the Kenya Highlands, the white settlers have been looking across the border into Tanganyika. Tanganyika is a mandate of the League of Nations. The Kilimanjaro Highlands are in Tanganyika. Therefore, the attempt is to be made to transfer the Kilimanjaro Highlands from Tanganyika, and place the mandate itself under the control of the white settlers of Kenya, so as to round off the whole area and make it a completely white possession.

As this new Highland area is 44,000 square miles and the area in the "white" highlands is only 12,000 sq. miles, it will be seen at once what an object of desire this larger area has become.

"The iniquity goes much deeper. For it is not merely land that is coveted, but also a fresh supply of African labour, which may be entirely under the white settlers' control.

"During the ten years from 1911 to 1921, a terrible thing happened in Kenya. The native population declined from \$,000,000 to 2,483,00, that is to say, it decreased by 21 per cent. Partly on this account, the white settlers have been continually faced with a shortage of African labour for their plantations. They have, it is true, all kinds of methods for making these African natives come out and serve on their estates. At one time they had even legislation compelling them to do so. But, with a rapidly declining population, it has been found more and more difficult to keep the rate of wages low, and yet at the same time to get sufficient labour for their excessively large plantations in Kenya itself.

"Over 1,000,000 Africans live in Tanganyika, on this new Kilimanjaro area. Behind the whole of the white settlers' deeply laid plot, there is always present the eager desire to reinforce their estate labour from these fresh supplies to keep down the rates of wages to the lowest possible point."

And writing editorially in the February Crisis, Dr. Du Bois says of the Egyptian situation: "Egypt rebels. She must rebel. She has pleaded and begged. She has negotiated. She has reasoned and appealed. She has resorted to mobs and red murder. There is not a free nation on earth that has not done the same thing to gain its freedom. It is to the shame of modern culture that to-day in the 1925th year of the Prince of Peace the only ath of human freedom lies through the nasty rivers of blood. Is this the fault of Africa or of Europe? Of Egyptians or of Englishmen? Measure the blood that this imperial island has drawn from the gaping wounds of the world's enslaved and despised and distressed, with the blood that in desperation the writhing worms have turned to let from white men, and the red overplus shudders the world to dum silence."

Having goaded Egypt to assassination, England now turns and steals the Sudan with its water and cotton and brawn and then blandly assures the eague of Nations that this is none of its business, just as she told Woodrow Wilson that she would not even discuss the freedom of the seas.

"And yet Imperial England, the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. Africa lived before England was born and the Pyramids of Egypt will yet look on a land free of British task-masters."

Was Tizhakah, the Cushite invader of Judah, a Negro?

Cushite was a general term applied by the Jewish writers to black races and especially to Ethiopians. Tizhakah was probably the same person as Tearchon, the Ethiopian conqueror mentioned by Strabo and the same as Tarakos, the Ethiopian king of Egypt whose name appears in the list of Manetho.

Was Caracalla, emperor of Rome, a full-blooded Negro?

No. His father, Septimus Severus, was a native of Africa and his mother, a Syrian woman, wife of Severus. Severus, as emperor proved a great and firm leader, but his son, Caracalla, was something of a tyrant and despot. He built the Caracallian baths which were one of the wonders of Rome.

Middleton, Conn., January 21st—Thomas E. Smith, an aged man, born a slave in Virginia, who escaped to the Union lines and joined the Federal forces in the Civil War, died here Monday, the owner of a courtyard brick block on Main Street. His estate will total around about \$50,000.

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