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Editorial

A POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

Judging from events which have recently transpired in South Africa the waning of the white man's strength of control over the natives is causing great concern in that part of the world. A few months ago a bill was introduced in the House which was aimed directly at checking the ascendancy of native labor over white labor. It was known as the Color Bar Bill, and it was meant to prohibit the natives from competing with the whites in certain skilled labor.

In an address at Smithfield, Orange Free State, during the early part of the present month, Prime Minister Hertzog announced the Government's intention to deprive (totally) the natives of the Cape Province of their existing parliamentary franchise. He stated further that it would be impossible to extend a similar franchise to the other provinces of the Union since it would mean the ruin of European civilization. And the reason for this, stated Hertzog, that experts estimate that within the next 50 years the native voters would outnumber the white voters by far.

However, the premier still has a touch of human sympathy left within his breast, for, after robbing the natives of their franchise, he would give the right to natives throughout the Union to elect seven Europeans to represent them in the Legislative Assembly. He would also recommend a native council of 50 members to act in an advisory capacity to the Government. But, mind you, a part of this council is to be chosen by the Government.

This were great statesmanship. This were fine strategy. The majority is to be robbed for the minority. The premier has not even questioned the natives' fitness to vote today, nor does he presage what their intelligence shall be in 50 years from today. His proposals are void of even so much as a suggestion to assist the natives in any way whatever. His every move is for white supremacy and for the preservation of Africa, the black man's rightful home, for the "Nordics". It is such men as Premier Hertzog and the methods which he advocates that would bring our much cherished and much respected British fair play into ill repute.

Dr. T. C. Loram, a member of the Native Affairs Commission, in referring to the present situation in South Africa, says: "Now, any thinking man who is puzzled by the question of

industrial competition should ask himself whether the proposed Color Bar Bill is necessary, in view of the fact that the Government has established a wage bill with the expressed intention of preventing the exploitation of labor. What should be the effect of a color bar, particularly, if on the statute book there is a definite restriction of the employment of four-fifths of the population in certain industries.

We might ask ourselves whether it is fair to restrict the employment of native labor in our European areas—natives whom we have been so largely responsible for bringing in, before we have made any provision for employment in other areas.

"We dislike very much that the natives in the Cape Province have the franchise on equal terms with the Europeans; we are timid about native development, because we fear that if we develop them they may one day swamp us and we are determined that political power enjoyed by the natives in the Cape shall be extended to the Transvaal, Free State or Natal? How should we look at this aspect of the native question? . . . I think it would be interesting if we could know exactly whether the black man in this country desires that the white man shall remain here or whether he desires him to go. After a great many years' experience, in which I have met most responsible natives in South Africa, I don't remember hearing one of them wish that the white man would leave."

Dr. Loram herein affirms the assertion which we have just made, i. e., that in planning the life and activities of South Africa Premier Hertzog and others have overlooked, have ignored, have trampled under foot the interest of four-fifths of the population in order to uphold "Nordic" supremacy. While we lay no claims to prophecy, still we shall dare to predict that it will take more than robbing the natives of their franchise to uphold white supremacy within the next 50 years. There is a better way, a way which has not yet appealed to Premier Hertzog.

Gladys—Heavens! Here's father coming!

Cecil—Well, it's all right. He can't eat me.

Gladys—He may when he sees what you're like—he's a vegetarian.—Detroit Times.

Lothario—When I proposed to Flossie she asked me for time to make up her mind.

Hated Rival—Oh! So she makes that up, too.—Columbia Jester.

Mrs. Smith (after the amateur theatrical performance)—Oh, Mrs. Jones, your husband played the part of the gentleman to perfection.

Mrs. Jones (absently)—Yes, I considered it a very clever impersonation.—Rice Owl.

"What's Mabel scratching her head for?"

"Probably trying to dig up an idea."—Red Cat.

Ole Oleson—Aye want to talk to my wife.

Central—Number, please?

Ole (quite willing to oblige)—Oh, she ban my third.—Iowa Frivol.

Co-ed—Stop that man; he wanted to kiss me.

Cop—That's all right, miss, there'll be another along in a minute.—Sun Dial.

"Liza, you is powerful like brown sugar."

"Howzat, niggah?"

"Sweet, but awful unrefined."

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