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Editorial

AFRICA IN FOREFRONT AGAIN.

It will be recalled that the great free for all scramble by the great powers over the division of Africa, the dark continent did as much or more than anything else to precipitate the World War. The powers fought themselves out of men and money. Then came a cessation, during which time each power is watching the rest with jealous and covetous eyes, waiting an opportunity to pick a fuss. The world knows that their differences have been only partly patched-up. Evidence of a re-appearance of the old trouble is apparent as time goes on. And now, to make matters worse, white Africa herself is beginning to bare its fangs at itself and the native is the bone of contention.

Ex-Premier Smuts, now leader of the opposition in the S. African parliament is willing to offer the natives a policy which savours of some sort of half-hearted justice. Although a Boer himself and perhaps having inherited from his race much of its impetuosity, still Mr. Smuts is Statesman enough to look far enough into the future to see that the natives are not fooling when they demand their rights as citizens and that as time goes by the natives will become even more insistent in these demands. He therefore, for the preservation of the white race in Africa, advocates certain concessions to the natives.

The present premier, Mr. Hertzog would even take from the natives the few privileges and certain lands which they now possess. Displaying all the hot-headedness of his clan he has made the native question a political issue—whether the control of S. Africa shall remain in the hands of the whites or pass to the natives.

The methods which he advocates are unstatesmanlike and inhuman and they show not the slightest regard for the people whom he and his ancestors have murdered and robbed for more than two hundred years. But Premier Hertzog seems to have overlooked the fact that the natives are growing in intelligence and wisdom and to some extent, in wealth. He looks at the whole of native Africa as still a sleeping giant, to be used for the comfort and ease and convenience of the white race. It is true that native Africa is still asleep. But it is also true, judging from her groans, that she is on the verge of awaking.

Her loud protests against the recent color bar bill shows she is not now sleeping soundly. The fact that recently a business corporation was formed that was capitalized at approximately one million dollars of native money under native control tells a story, the significance of which is not hard to understand. The powers that rule Africa have made it next to impossible for colored missionaries to enter that country. There is a reason for this and this reason is not unknown to colored folk in America nor to the native African, and so—since we cannot go to them, the natives are coming to us, going to other enlightened countries for a short sojourn and then returning home again. Marcus Garvey, it is stated, is the best known man in the world to the native Africans. Why? Because they have heard that Garvey would free Africa from her traducers. Garvey, of course, might not ever be able to do this, but the fact that Africa is ready to receive her saviour shows she is beginning to awake.

We say without offering a threat, but as good advice that Premier Hertzog is foolish to deceive himself and the whites of Africa into believing that the natives who form such an overwhelming majority of the population of S. Africa will forever lie asleep and allow a puny minority of whites to mistreat, rob and cheat them and to make laws which are meant to abridge their progress. If something is not done to allay the situation within a few years from today truly there will be hell in Africa and the natives will not be the only people to experience its horrors.

LONDON NEWS.

Mrs. Eliza Groat of Trafalgar St. who has been very ill is much improved.

Mrs. A. Hill is in the Victoria Hospital for the purpose of undergoing an operation.

Distinguished Visitors.

Mrs. Chas. Smith and her two children Jeraldine and Charles Jr. spent a very pleasant two weeks with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berrp of Front Street.

During her stay here she was entertained at dinner by Reverend and Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Pearl Brown and Mrs. Maud Cabrera. On leaving the city Mrs. Smith went to Toronto where she visited her father, Mr. Geo. Hollingsworth and other relatives before returning to her home at Buffalo.

On March 14th a reception and birthday party was held in honour of Mrs. Chas. Baldwin at the home of Mrs. Alice Groat, Horton Street. Many of Mrs. Baldwin's friends were there to wish her many happy returns and to make the evening a pleasant one. She received several useful presents.

On March 14th, through the efforts of Miss Jessie Harrison, music teacher and Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, a most delightful concert was held at St. Andrews' Hall. Their joint efforts brought together some of the city's best musical talent of both races. While the audience was small it showed every indication of appreciating

the splendid numbers offered. The proceeds from the concert went to assist the mortgage fund of the B.M.E. Church.

Mrs. Mabel Harris of Adelaide St. gave birth to a fine baby boy last Monday evening. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Rev. E. A. Richardson was invited to Brantford last Sunday to assist in the communion service. During his absence Mr. Lillicott spoke at our local church in the evening. He preached one of his usual splendid sermons.

Friends of Mrs. Mary Coursey of Grey Street will be glad to learn that she is much improved after her recent illness.

Mrs. Ann Barnes of Hamilton was a recent visitor in the city.

Mr. Albert Smith, who has been ill is now able to resume his usual duties.

Mrs. Maggie Coursey of Central Ave is now much improved after a lengthy illness.

The chicken supper last Monday evening in the B.M.E. School Room under the auspices of the Church Aid was a success.

On March 10th, Miss Florence Lightburn entertained in honor of her friend, Miss Hilda Carter of Dresden. Many of the young people were present to greet Miss Carter on this occasion. Out of town guests were the Messrs Scott and Harrison of Detroit. The affair was held at Miss Lightburn's residence, 11 Maitland St. Following this on Saturday evening Miss Lightburn entertained for Miss Carter at cards and dance at the residence of Mrs. Alice Groat, Horton St. The young people enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Thompson and Mr. Billie Thompson, all of Kitchener, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Poindexter.

OWEN SOUND.

The B.M.E. Church is progressing nicely under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson during the present time in which we are without a pastor. Mrs. Harrison, our superintendent of Sunday School, maintains great interest in her work. Our local white friends lend us timely assistance.

The Greenlaw entertainment in Knox United Church was a great success, there being around 400 persons present to hear a most delightful program. Mr. Greenlaw was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wm. Harrison, Mr. W. Johnston and Miss Edna Johnston. The proceeds of the concert amounted to \$175, which was applied on the parsonage mortgage.

Officers of the Sunday School gave the pupils a delightful "Joy ride over the city on February 20th. After a pleasant whirl they retired to the home of one of the officers for refreshments.

The Mothers' Club of the B.M.E. Church recently held a valentine social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Scott. There was a good attendance and everybody enjoyed himself. Mrs. Harrison was convenor, assisted by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Harris.

On Sunday, March 10th, Rev. T. H. Jackson, of Toronto was with us. His trip was of a business nature which had to do with the church's finance. He also took up the matter of Church Union, which subject had been most freely discussed among the members. We trust Rev. Jackson's explanation will set the matter in a clearer light. While he was with us, Mrs. Harrison was appointed to collect money to pay off the mortgage on the parsonage. This was necessary because of the fact that the Ministerial Association has severed their connection with us.

On the 15th of March the Missionary Society of our church held a corn beef and cabbage supper at the home of Mrs. Ida Patterson. There were many people present and the affair was a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Talbert held a social evening for the young people on March 12th. All report a splendid time.

Mrs. D. Green of Toronto was a recent visitor in our city.

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