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Editorial

THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN BROWN AT HARPER'S FERRY

This year marks the 70th anniversary of John Brown's attack on Harper's Ferry, Va., and his subsequent death on the scaffold at Charleston, Va. on December 2nd, of 1859. There are few more controversial figures in American history, and there are few biographies of more striking interest than that of old "Ossawatimie".

In the seventy years that have passed since his day there have been a host of attempts to tell his life and appraise his character. He is still more of less of an enigma and yet in some manner he has become a sort of world figure of interest and the song that bears his name is known the world over. Though seventy years have passed, the soul of John Brown "goes marching on" because the soul of John Brown is the human love of freedom.

THE RECENT UPRISING

IN AFRICA

Certainly those of us who have followed the trend of events in Africa for the past decade and more are not surprised at the recent native uprising. For a long period of time the government has confiscated the natives' lands and has pushed them further into the jungles. By a method of forced labor the natives have been compelled to work the mines, build roads, clear forests and do other public work for a wage which is more than ridiculous. The most laborious work was assigned to the natives. But in spite of all these handicaps they proved that they had both the ambition and the ability to do skilled labor. Such an aptitude did they show that the white European mechanics were in danger of being replaced by the natives. This was checked by the "Color Bar Bill," one of the most reprehensible, despicable and dangerous pieces of legislation ever enacted in any country. Each one of these grievances is within itself sufficient to cause resentment and unrest; but the last general election brought about the climax. It is recalled here that the sole political issue on which the election was fought and won was the question of the natives' rights. Whether the natives should be treated as men and as citizens with the franchise further extended among them or whether their present franchise should be restricted and their present status be reduced even more nearly to that of abject slavery. Gen. Hertzog won with the latter issue as the basis of his platform.

The Dawn of Tomorrow has opposed, most bitterly, each of the aforementioned methods of dealing with the African native people. We op-

posed it on the grounds of common sense as well as on the grounds of common humanity and brotherhood. We have warned that it is foolish to assume that a very small minority can ever rule an overwhelming majority through unjust laws, and by bullying and cajoling, and that such methods would breed mistrust, suspicion, dissatisfaction and contempt in the minds of the natives. Our warning went unheeded. We expected it to be so.

We have noticed with great interest statements of the astute Minister of Justice upon the recent uprising. He would now have made more stringent laws to deal with future uprisings in order to avert "reprisals and lynchings." "Truly a Daniel has come to judgment!" Any person anywhere within the Empire, holding the portfolio of Minister of Justice, who is so indiscreet as to even suggest a possible lynching, should be impeached. There are hundreds of millions of black and other dark people within the Empire. The minister's suggestion of the institution of lynching is being freely discussed among them at this very hour. His remarks have not allayed the ill feelings of these darker people but rather his statement has made the situation more tense and more fraught with danger.

We notice that the native chieftains the native union heads, the native leaders and native college bred men come in for their share of the blame in the recent uprising. And why should it be otherwise? These men have been and are being taught to think in terms of good for their own people. Africa is no longer an isolated country nor does the native live to himself. Their boys are sent to the best colleges which the world affords. They invariably return to their native country to teach and to lead their people. It is more than plain that the recent uprising in Africa (and especially so since it seems a general one) is but the inevitable march of civilization which neither the Minister of Justice nor all of S. Africa can permanently impede.

China, in the midst of her internal troubles, is ruling against extra-territorial rights. Japan is determined that her race shall not be saddled with the "inferior complex," India is clamouring for self government, the native African is fighting hard to retain a small portion of his native land and to escape the status of a slave in the parts which have been taken from him. One writer has suggested that should the Europeans leave Africa it would only be a short time thereafter when the natives would exterminate themselves thru' inter-tribal wars. We have serious doubts of this assertion. It would take thousands of years of inter-tribal wars to blot out as many lives as the story told by the mute testimony of the myriads of skeletons which lay along the route of the slave traders. But the fact is that the European has no intention of leaving Africa. Africa yields too abundantly to the coffers of the mother country. Africa is needed as a dumping ground for her countless indolent, shiftless sons. So the problem is therefore to devise laws under which both races shall live together in peace and in harmony. Such laws must neither be retaliatory nor vindictive but they must apply with justice alike to both races.

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