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EDITORIAL**OUR FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY**

With the publication of this edition we are celebrating the 15th anniversary of "The Dawn of Tomorrow", the oldest and largest circulated paper of its kind in Canada.

During the year 1921, a vision of the late editor, and publisher, J. F. Jenkins, was put into being. He believed his people needed a medium through which they could express their views and ideas on the whole—a voice through which they would feel able to express their sentiments.

The Dawn has always stood for the rights and advancement of colored people. In reading the columns, not only news of its people of today appears, but also articles of an historical character from the pens of such scholars as Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell, of the Supreme Court of Ontario; Rev. E. A. Richardson, of Brantford; Rev. T. H. Jackson, London, and Professor Fred Landon, Librarian of the University of Western Ontario.

It has not been an easy task to carry on the publication of this paper and considerable sacrifices were made by the late J. F. Jenkins, its former editor, in order that it might properly serve the purpose for which it was founded. But since he has passed on to the great beyond, I want to thank my many friends who through advertisements and subscriptions have made it possible for me to carry on the last five years. I sincerely trust my meagre attempts to serve the public, as well as my people, has not been in vain, and we may live to see the day when the Dawn of Tomorrow will have outgrown its infancy.

MRS. C. E. JENKINS

WHO WILL BE THE REAL LOSER?

From the Boston Chronicle

The blatant braying of a puffed up jackdaw resounds throughout the world. "Ethiopia is ours!" shouts the Italian dictator as his Fascist hordes swarm over Ethiopia. His puppet king is made puppet emperor and Ethiopia becomes "Italiopia." The name matters not—it was Greek, now it is Italian and tomorrow it may be English.

While the present situation seems hopeless for Ethiopia we feel all is not yet over. We believe that the Big Powers have allowed something to take place that they will bitterly regret. They have established a dangerous precedent which may have far-reaching effects. Italy is mad with

power and flushed with victory. She is like a roaring lion looking for other prey. Hitler is eager to get going with his "act" and Stalin's Red Army is anxious to try its strength.

There is no longer even the semblance of an international arbiter to hold them back—Mussolini has pricked that bubble.

We also sympathise with Emperor Haile Selassie and can understand his fight. We no longer applaud the captain who stands on the bridge and sinks with his ship—his services are needed to command another. Haile Selassie may again sit on the throne of Ethiopia. Death at the hands of rebellious followers or capture by the Italians would have been fruitless.

Ethiopia appears to be the loser today but will she be the real loser in the end? To millions of black and yellow people the myth of the white man's word and bond has been shattered as the ugly nakedness of its falsity and deception is laid bare.

France is the arch culprit. She welched on the Italo-Ethiopian question and in the matter of the Locarno pact and now that the boot is on the other foot she wants the whole world to attack Germany. It would have been less dishonorable if she had sent her poilus into Ethiopia alongside of Mussolini's fascists. Now she has succeeded in seducing England who seemingly was ready to sell out Ethiopia to Italy to stop Hitler.

As far as Hitler is concerned, we have to admit (even though we condemn his unfair prejudices) that he has some justification for his Rhineland coup. He knows that the other powers are a collection of marauding opportunists like himself and so he made his jump at the psychological moment. Personally we do not care what he should do to France, the same France for whom tens of thousands of black men shed their blood in the World War. That France will need black men again to keep German bayonets out of Verdun and incidentally out of Paris. We hope in that day she will remember how she failed the black man in 1935-36.

Our one aim in this whole affair should be to keep America out of all this European mess and so obviate the necessity of our boys ever having to go across to aid that bunch of international bandits. Let them make and tear up treaties and cover Europe with the scraps, but let not one single black man from this part of the world so much as lift a finger to aid them. There is no honor among them to deserve it.

It is to be regretted that such sentiment is growing.

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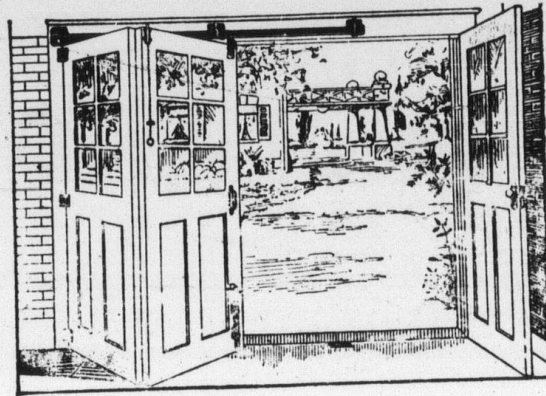
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