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Abyssinia and the European Conflict

This Little Nation With Her Fighting Black Troops May Yet Decide Issue of War.

STRATEGIC SUEZ CANAL PRIZE

Its Retention by England or Capture by Germany Rests Entirely With Abyssinia.

London, Eng., Jan. 14.—Abyssinia may win the European war for the Allies. This little nation with its army of 200,000 well-trained and well-armed fighting men, can stop the German advance on the Suez canal and turn the tide for the British Empire. Belgium saved the entente powers in the West, but Abyssinia may do more. She is now being relied upon to stem the tide of the Turco-Teutonic advance and save the Suez canal. The Caucasian, the black and the yellow man will mix their blood in one of the greatest battles the world has ever known should this nation enter, as is hourly expected, and the battle would prove the titanic and probably the decisive struggle for the supremacy of the great war. Germany now wants Egypt and is now marching her forces on to it. Her designs have swelled to such a proportion that the Allies are making preparations to defend the Suez canal.

Follow Children of Israel.

From the East will move thousands of Persians, as they have sworn their allegiance with the Germans. Meeting the thousands of Germans, they will seek to cross the Sini peninsula, and should they succeed they will be following the footsteps of the children of Israel. Just as Persia's aid must be had by the Teutons. Abyssinia's aid is absolutely essential for the British and their allies to win. The fate of Egypt, the supremacy of the entente or the central powers, hangs in the balance. Persia or Abyssinia will tip the scales that will make the most exciting chapter in the war's history. The Suez canal is the new cockpit of the fighting kings of Europe.

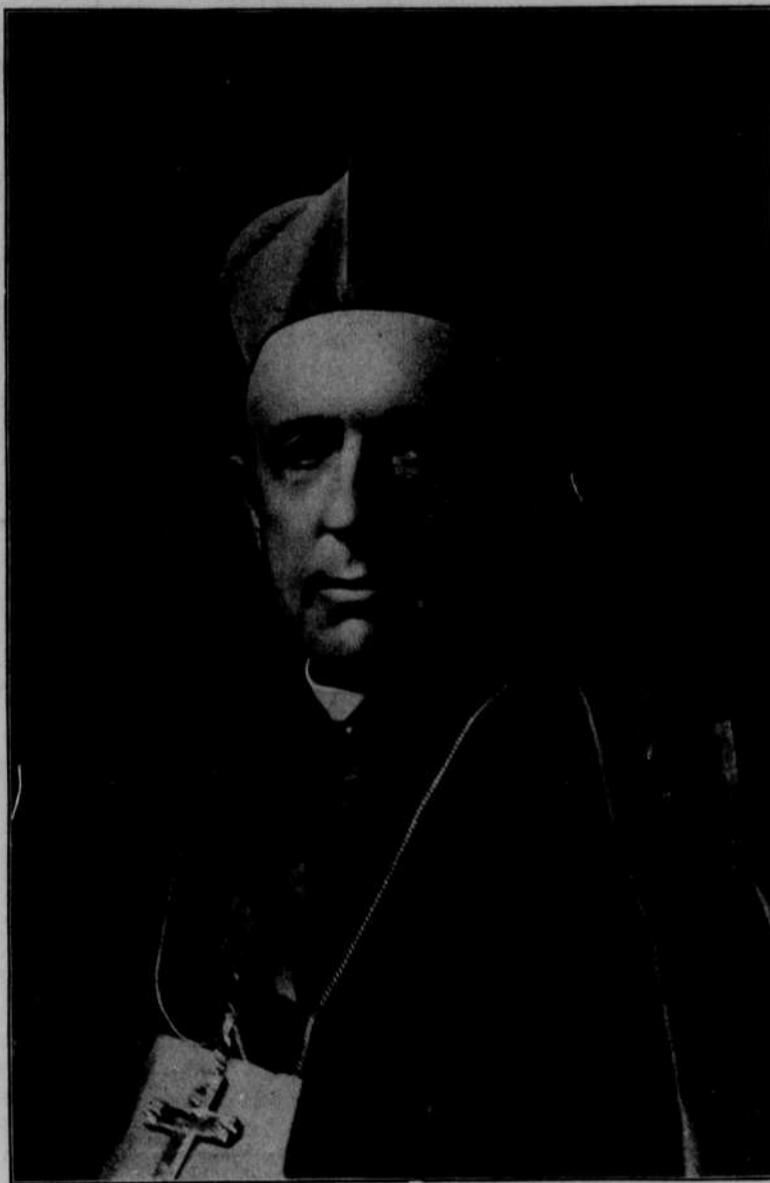
Black, White and Yellow to Fight.

From the Orient has sailed the powerful Japanese fleet, which will cooperate with Abyssinia by transporting its troops to Egypt. Thousands of Jap marines will be sent to this theater of war. Already the Jap fleet has arrived at the canal. It is also possible for the French railroad to transport Abyssinian troops in four days to the Suez or in five days to Basora or Mesopotamia. The black troops are well armed, and Germany is the country that has furnished them with their arms. Since 1911 Abyssinia has purchased from 800,000 to 1,000,000 modern rifles, most of which have been manufactured in Germany. She has 200,000 well-trained men which she has pledged to Britain. The

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Think On These Things

"No one could look upon that life, or on that face, and not be absolutely certain that here before him was one who had gained firm and serious hold on spiritual things, one who could draw on some deep wells of piety and thankfulness and peace."



THE RT. REV. RICHARD SCANNELL
Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Omaha, Who Died Saturday Morning.

Something To Make You Think

"Nature and Some Sociologists"

"The New Republic" recently published a letter by John Jay Lindley favoring racial segregation, applicable, of course, only to the colored American. The letter contains this rather remarkable passage which we commend to our readers as a choice specimen of illogical reasoning which, nevertheless, influences the minds of the impressionable:

"In the eyes of God all men are equal, but students of sociology know that there is a barrier which must forever exist between the whites and the blacks, and which no time can remove. Certain laws in nature are as immutable as the seeds of time, and they cannot be changed. Silver is not gold, and while both metals can be made into beautiful creations, they must forever remain dissimilar. So it is with the white and the black races."

Please notice how James W. Johnson, the brilliant and versatile contributing editor of The New York Age, answers John Jay Lindley in a recent issue of that leading race weekly. This is the answer:

"Here is a man virtually stating that God thinks all men are equal, but students of sociology know better. There is a class of sociological students who pretend to know more about the human race than God does, but we should like to know where any of them got the knowledge that 'there is a barrier which must forever exist between the whites and the blacks, and which no time can remove?' Mr. Lindley goes on to say that certain laws in nature are as immutable as the seeds of time, and they cannot be changed. What

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National Association Holds Annual Meeting

Organization Shows Decided Increase in Membership and Work Accomplished.

HAS TEN THOUSAND MEMBERS

A Large Amount of Legal Work. Wins Oklahoma Case. Agents Watch Hostile Legislation.

New York, Jan. 14.—The annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was held at the assembly room of the Society of Ethical Culture, New York City, on January 3. The report showed that the work of the association was in excellent condition. The association now numbers nearly ten thousand members with sixty-three branches and locals throughout the United States.

The work of the association is carried on by the executive officers and the Department of Publicity and Research. There are employed altogether twelve persons in the main offices. In the work of publicity there have been 345 meetings during the year in various parts of the United States, from Boston to Los Angeles. Especially large meetings were held in Tremont Temple, Boston, Ethical Culture Hall, New York, and Washington, D. C. Special tours and series of meetings were arranged by Dr. Spingarn during the winter and the secretary during the spring.

A large amount of legal work has been done. First and foremost comes the winning of the celebrated Oklahoma grandfather clause case. The association filed a brief in this case through Moorfield Storey, president. Segregation cases have been brought into court in Louisville and Baltimore. The Louisville case has just reached the Supreme Court and will be pushed vigorously. The third Baltimore case has reached the Court of Appeals. A number of other court cases have been pressed involving civil rights of various sorts. A paid attorney must be hired during the coming year.

One work of the association is that of keeping track of hostile legislation in Congress. The Washington branch, headed by A. H. Grimke, acts as a vigilance committee, and two paid agents watch proposed legislation in Congress continually.

During the year the association has received over \$13,000 and ends the year with a surplus of \$2,000 in the treasury. This does not include the funds of The Crisis. The income of The Crisis has been \$24,000 during the year. Beginning with the month of January, 1916, The Crisis becomes self-supporting, paying all its expenses, including the salary of the Director of Publications and Research.

Some changes will be made in the personnel of the officers during the coming year, but for the most part

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