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Will White Dominion Last in East Africa

Dark Continent May Yet Play Important Part In Determining Issue of European War.

AFRICAN TRIBES BEING ARMED

May Be Fraught With Danger To White Supremacy—A Former Boer Leader In Command.

A writer signing himself "Ex-Attache" contributes the following interesting and suggestive article to the Chicago Tribune of March 12:

What with the controversies in connection with submarine warfare and armed merchantmen, the holocaust of slaughter around Verdun, the victories of Grand Duke Nicholas and of his Russian armies in Asia Minor, the fighting between the British and the Turks along the banks of the Tigris and the Euphrates, in Mesopotamia, and the crisis in the Balkans, people here have had but little time to accord any attention to the war now in progress in East Africa.

It started eighteen months or more ago, on a relatively small scale, but has by degrees developed into a big war, the fortunes of which are likely to effect the whole dark continent for at least a century to come.

This is due to the arming of the blacks. What I mean by the "blacks" are not those oft admirably disciplined native troops commanded by white officers, but various Negro and Negroid tribes, who, entirely barbarous and with no instruction whatsoever, are left free to use arms and ammunition wholly without control.

Long Regarded as Peril.

The blacks outnumber the whites in all parts of Africa in such overwhelming fashion that the danger of their rising against the Europeans has always been regarded as a growing peril, full of menace to the cause of civilization. To avert it all sorts of treaties have been made, prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition into Africa for sale to the natives, and careful watch has been maintained by all those powers possessed of colonies in the dark continent. In the South African fighting of sixteen years ago, as in all previous campaigns in that part of the world between the Afrikanders and the British, the Boers, as well as the English, invariably rejected the offers of the Basutos, of the Zulus, of the Matabeles, and of other warlike tribes to give them armed assistance, no matter how badly it was sometimes needed. They appreciated full well the danger of any such policy to the white man's cause in the dark continent, for ages to come.

Believe in German Success.

Unfortunately for the allies, and also for the white man's supremacy, the blacks have seen that German raids

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MAJOR CHARLES H. YOUNG, U. S. A.

Graduate West Point Military Academy, Class of 1889, Who Was Recently Awarded The Spingarn Medal.

A Sketch of His Career Appeared in The Monitor of March 4.

Something to Make You Think

IS "PREPAREDNESS" POSSIBLE?

Editorial Pittsburg Courier.

The agitation of the question of "preparedness" naturally makes one who is and yet isn't "on the inside" stop and attempt at least to solve the merits of the question from the various angles of its presentation. And when you really stop and give the matter serious consideration you become aware of the existence of conditions of which the average citizen is wholly, yet unfortunately, unaware.

From a rough guess there are in America, meaning the United States, at least four million of people from overseas who have never foresworn their allegiance and who, naturally, could not be counted upon to render effective service in behalf of the United States in the event of war with what is to them the Mother Country. These people are among us yet not of us. They come to our shores bent only on escape from intolerable conditions abroad, and yet with that filial tendency which every man has for home. They earn and hoard our money and resources, and at some appointed time return hither to enjoy the declining years of life amidst the scenes of their early childhood, their birth. In the event of war what surety would the United States have that these people would take up arms in her behalf?

On the other hand the army and navy of the United States is composed to an alarming extent of young men who have leanings toward the various

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From Nebraska to Tennessee

Incidents of the Trip and Impressions Received by Editor on First Visit to the Southland.

ABOUT HOLDING A MISSION.

An Explanation of What Such Services Mean and the Small Leisure Allowed for Sight-Seeing.

In our last article we closed with our arrival in Memphis and our most hospitable welcome to Emmanuel rectory, where we were made to feel absolutely at home during our sojourn in the city, where we saw and learned many things, met and made many warm friends, were the recipient of many appreciated and memory-retained kindnesses and were privileged to minister in things spiritual to a warm-hearted and responsive congregation, for whom we held a ten-day mission.

What "Holding" or "Preaching a Mission" Means.

Several have asked "What is meant by preaching or holding a mission? What is it like?"

So many have asked me this, that I think I had better explain it here at the very outset. Don't you?

And I'm going to let you into a secret, if you will promise me, honor bright, that you won't tell. Well, the secret is this, a good many who have asked me this question are "even Episcopalians," who really ought to know, but didn't; and so they did the very wise and proper thing, that we all should do when we are not quite sure of a thing, and that is ask about it. And do you know that that is just what lots of us fail to do? We want to be considered wise or learned, and pretend to know things of which we are ignorant. If we don't know a thing we ought never be ashamed to confess it and ask questions about it.

"Even Episcopalians!"

Speaking of "even Episcopalians," which you will notice has been put in quotation marks, recalls what Booker T. Washington said in the last speech which he delivered in Omaha. That was in the Auditorium a few years ago. He was speaking about the versatility of our people in adopting the customs, social, political, religious and other, of the people among whom we dwell. He said:

"Look at the religious life of our people. Once it was rare to find a Negro who was anything else but a Baptist or Methodist. But how is it now? Why, we have Methodists and Baptists and Congregationalists and Quakers and Presbyterians, and Roman Catholics," and then with an impressive pause to lend emphasis to his words, and a mischievous twinkle in his eye, he added, "and EVEN EPISCOPALIANS."

The Bishop of Nebraska who with

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