

CLIPPINGS FROM
AFRICAN JOURNALS

What They Are Writing and Thinking
Over There.

We have always said that the Colored troops, whether Indian, African, or Afro-American, were brave and loyal, and the Africans in the United States army at present operating in France are establishing their title to bravery as well as proving to the world their loyalty and devotion to the star-spangled banner; mingling their blood with that of the European, Asiatic and other Africans on the gore-soaked fields of France in the interests of freedom and self-deter-

mination for small nationalities in Europe, Asia and Africa.

The stigma which attaches to the mentality of unlettered Africans or Orientals is very much overdue, especially when the fact is overlooked that in such countries as India and Egypt the disparaging remarks of leading journals on Native aim and effort are transplanted into the vernacular journals and are read in the cafes and bazars to the illiterates, who very naturally conclude that the expressions of irresponsible or thoughtless English journalists really represent the considered views of the British people. In this way avoidable antagonism and ill-feeling is created

and a very effective weapon is placed in the hand of the extremist leader. An intelligent and well-informed free press is a great blessing to mankind at large, but an untrammelled press which is ill-informed is an instrument of mischief and a danger to good government. It is therefore to be hoped that the irresponsible section of the English press will not be allowed to influence the government in its determination to mete out an advance installment of bare political justice to the Indian people by way of recompense for the loyal sacrifices they have made in blood and treasure in this world-devastating conflict. These suggested reforms are not as extensive as we were led to expect, but if they are carried forward with statesmanlike sincerity we are convinced that the Indian people, who are not lacking in appreciation, will realize that a serious attempt has at length been made to meet the natural aims and desires of a people who boast a civilization which has outlived such hoary contemporaries as Babylon, Assyria, Greece, Rome, and Carthage, and who are at least as ripe for representative government as any of the Balkan and near Eastern States that are now clamoring for self-determination.

**Our Women
and Children**

Conducted by
Lucille Skaggs Edwards

A QUESTION ANSWERED

WHAT makes a nation truly great? Not strength of arms nor men of state,
Nor vast domains, by conquest won,
That see not rise nor set of sun;
Nor sophists' schools nor learned clan
Nor laws that bind the will of man!
For these have proved in ages past
But futile dreams and could not last.
While they thus boast of such today
Are fallen, vanquished in the fray.
Their fame is mingled with the dust,
Their archives, stained with crime and lust,
And all that breathed of pomp and pride,
Like the untimely fig, has died.

One thing alone restrains, exalts
A nation and corrects its faults;
One thought alone its life can crown
And give its destiny renown:
That nation, then, is truly great
That lives by love and not by hate;
That bows beneath the chastening rod,
That owns the truth and looks to God.
—E. Garnett Riley.

Speaking generally on the subject of Zionist colonization, Dr. Masterman said that the people of Palestine had got the impression that it was the intention to dispossess them of their ancestral belongings. There was no doubt this idea had greatly stiffened the resistance of the Turk to the British army. There were two things the Zionist should remember—first, the intensity of Muslim feeling with regard to Jerusalem. Any sentiment the Zionist might have with regard to the holy city would not, Dr. Masterman thought, compare with that of the Muslim; to whom Jerusalem was second only to Mecca. The next matter to be kept in mind was the necessity of respecting the rights of the fellaheen. These had continuous succession in the country—although, no doubt, their blood was mixed now with Hebrew, Arab, and other strains—from the very earliest times; and they had no other land. In developing the Jewish colonies it would be a wise step to make it illegal for anyone to dispossess the fellaheen of their villages and the lands immediately around them. Their poor hovels—they were little better—their olive and fig trees, and a certain amount of land should be made inalienable; and a man should not be allowed to part with what ought to remain as the inheritance of his children.—African Times and Orient Review.

AFRICA'S RICHES

Sir Harry Johnston and Germany's Plan to Seize French Colonies.

Speaking at Cannon street hotel recently, Sir Harry Johnston said that Western and Southern Europe could not prosper adequately without Africa as a primary field of enterprise.

In the West African coast belt was a banana producing area fifty times larger than British West Indies, while we had learnt from the Germans a process of preserving banana pulp which ought to supply all Western Europe with a basic food. They had there the greatest productive region of vegetable fats in the world. The potentialities of Africa in animal food were almost illimitable, while the fishing grounds of the northwest coast were among the most productive in the world.

"The crime of Germany," he said, "has lain the fact that, not contented with our great concessions to her, she provoked the war in order to seize the French Colonial Empire, and to make herself mistress over Africa, Southwest Asia, and the Far East."

Neither Germany nor Turkey should ever be readmitted into Africa to rule there, having regard to the harm they have done Africa.

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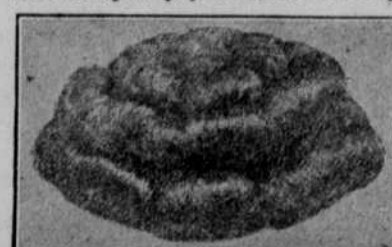
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