

EDITORIALS

OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS.

It will not do to exaggerate the weight and importance of the so-called Ethiopian movement, the keynote of which is expressed by the cry of "Africa for the Africans," and yet underlying it is one of the gravest problems awaiting the solution of the civilized world. That problem has to do with the future relations of the white and black races in Africa. Shall the latter be permanently relegated to a position of servitude and subjection, as the inevitable fate of an inferior race associated with one more highly developed, or shall the attempt be made to treat both on terms of equality before the law? Shall the majority of the inhabitants of the country, bearing a proportion of not less than twelve to one of the whites in Natal, for instance, be deprived of political rights by the white men who have come into the land to till its fields and develop its mineral resources? In a word, shall this great continent, with its teeming millions of black natives, be turned into a "white man's country," regardless of the interests and wishes of the blacks?

That the question is vastly more than an academic one is shown by the unrest among the Zulu and Kaffir populations of South Africa, and by the repeated uprisings of the Mohammedan negroes of the Niger region. So long as the country is governed from above, as in Nigeria and in the undeveloped portions of South Africa, the problem has not risen to vex the white rulers; but where the attempt to introduce democratic self-government is made—as in the Cape Colonies—it is acute. The men upon whom rests the real burden of the problem, the colonists, have small use for the humanitarians and the theorists. They frankly declare that the cherished doctrine of equal rights for all men is not for them, and that the occupation of the country was for motives with which ethics have nothing to do.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A "BLACK LIST" OF FOODS.

ONE of the most interesting things to the student of political history and progress is the way in which federal statutes often stimulate State legislation and encourage the enforcement of State laws. The Lacey act for the protection of game by the national government has done more than any other one thing to secure the passage and enforcement of State game laws; and already the pure food and the meat inspection acts passed at the recent session of Congress have borne fruit in several States.

In Massachusetts and in New Hampshire particularly the State Boards of Health have made public the results of chemical analysis of many articles of food in daily use. These articles were bought in the open market, of local grocers, just as any householder buys them for his own use. When they are found to be adulterated or other than as represented on the labels, the State Boards of Health have published the fact, naming the packer, giving a description of the label, and telling just what and how much adulteration was found.

The State Boards have long been carrying on this work, but what is new is the fact that the newspapers have taken much more interest in it, and now print the reports in full. The Boards of Health in many other States

make similar examinations and prepare similar reports. Even if the reports may not be printed in the newspapers, they can usually be had on application, and the Department of Agriculture works in the same field.

The restraining and reformatory effect of these reports will be of great importance. Even a manufacturer who would like to cheat, if he could do so in safety, will hesitate to deceive when he knows that the reports of the State Board tell the truth about his products, and that the reports are accessible to all. Henceforth the householder can buy in greater confidence than ever before.—Youth's Companion.

TO CURE THE HARRY THAWS.

HARRY THAW'S mother ruined her son when she changed the will of the boy's father. The latter left the spendthrift \$2,500 a year. Mrs. Thaw changed it to \$80,000 a year. It was a case of too much mothering. She put a handicap on the son's life, cheated him out of his chance.

Young Thaw never had the satisfaction nor the experience of earning an honest dollar. He never knew the keen joy of work. The exultation of the youth who turns from a wood box filled or a lawn mowed—a job well completed—never came to him. He was denied the opportunity of labor with his hands or the working out of an ideal with his head. The curse of idleness was upon him. For idleness is a curse. The dictum that man must earn his bread by the sweat of his brow is a blessing. Work is the universal law of nature. It is the normal, sane business of man.

What could be expected of a young man who had more money than he knew how to spend and who made diversion his only purpose? There's a limit to having a good time. When you get so far natural pleasures pall and if the human has no occupation the craving for new emotions begins to pull on the appetite. Self restraint is overborne. Life is warped. Tastes are vitiated. Existence is artificial and false.

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CHICAGO'S FREIGHT TUNNEL.

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A TYRANT IS DEAD.

Gen. Trepoft Was the Most Hated Man in Russia.

Escaping time after time the knives and bullets of those who would have assassinated him, the man most hated by the Russian people, recently died a natural death at the palace of the Czar at Peterhof, near St. Petersburg. He was Gen. Dimitri Feodorovich Trepoft, the most detested and the most cruel tyrant who stood between the people and their hopes for reform. He was one of the most remarkable men in

his life were made in one week. While none of the assassins was ever successful in reaching him, they were really the cause of his death, for the constant worry and terror of his position broke down his health and led to his end.

Trepoft was a typical Russian—very tall, very strong, with cold blue eyes and a hard expression. He had no mercy in his soul and thought nothing of ordering the Cossacks to mow down the people on the slightest provocation. He was vulgar and illbred

rier between the tempestuous sea of mobs and popular passions that raged around the throne on one hand and the equally cruel autocracy on the other hand. He plotted for M. Witte's removal and upset every plan for change in the form of government. As commandant of the imperial palace he constantly had the ear of the Czar and his influence was boundless. His removal by death is a great blow to the autocracy and clears from their path the strongest man in the way of the liberals.

Hundreds of those whom he had caused to be publicly flogged or sent into exile will rejoice that the tyrant is dead.

Nobility Run to Seed.

The death in an almshouse at Kingston-on-Thames of a man who claimed descent from King Edward I. and collaterally from Archbishop Cranmer is only another of the many instances of the slow extinction of noble families, instances well known to those who study genealogy from the eugenic standpoint. The garrulous Burke mentions how one co-heir of our Plantagenet kings became a shoemaker, carrying on his trade in a suburb of London, how another was a butcher at Halesowen, and a third a tollbar keeper near Dudley. And up and down the country may be found many men who are the sole representatives of great and powerful families that once held undisputed sway over lordly acres. Hardy, as every bookman knows, made splendid use of this fact in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Poorly Trained.

A brakeman retired to a farm and started to lead a simple life. Having a piece of new land to break, he hitched up a team of mules, wrapped the lines around his wrist in farmer fashion and started to work. He had gone but a short distance when he saw a stump ahead and immediately began giving the railroad "stop" signal with both hands. The plow struck the stump and the brakeman went head first over the plow. Picking himself up he ran angrily to the mules and roared: "You fop-eared scoundrels, don't you ever look back for a signal!"—Acheson Globe.

Wise Man.

"Why do you refuse to have any business relations with Riggles?" "I always steer clear of a man sharper than myself." "In what way is he sharper?" "He once had a chance to marry my wife and didn't."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A thin woman can fill out certain hollow places and look pretty well, but when a man is very thin he looks like a buggy whip, and nothing can help him.



GEN. DIMITRI TREPOFT.

Russia. His father was a founding and never knew who his parents were, but he rose to be a power in the empire and the son followed in his footsteps, rising even higher. No man stood so firmly for despotism as did Dimitri Trepoft, and his life was constantly in danger. He was shot at over and over again. Three attempts to take

and possessed none of the gentlemanly qualities which attach to the Russian of good breeding. Withal, he was fearless and stood between the Czar and those who would have reduced the power of the imperial ruler. He was the protector and savior of autocracy. He even prevented the Czar carrying out his reform ideas. He was the one bar-

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