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#### SITUATION IN AFRICA.

The rapidly shifting scenes in the great play of international politics now center public interest in Africa, and for the time being Asia and Cuba are left to work out their own salvation. When the news came of Kitchener's great victory at Omdurman English-speaking people the world over rejoiced, for that victory was taken to mean the first step forward in the movement of civilization through the heart of Africa and the beginning of British domination over a broad strip of territory from the Mediterranean to Cape Town. While the Soudan quieted and the dervishes extinguished or driven from the desert, the dream of trade promoters of a railroad from Cairo to the cape seemed about to be realized.

Now comes the startling news that a white force which has evidently moved from the south, is occupying Fashoda on the White Nile, about 400 miles south of Khartoum. There is every reason to believe that the force is French. Its presence there shows clearly that France proposes to resist British advance in Africa and to claim a large slice of territory herself. Occupying Fashoda she holds a strong strategic position. Trade and commerce in that portion of Africa may not be developed without her permission, if she insists on her claim to the region. The trans-African railway will remain a dream for many years to come if she holds on for Great Britain will certainly not back down. Time and again has France been warned that Great Britain will consider interference in the Nile valley, a cause for war. If France does not withdraw, and there seems no probability that such is to be her policy, it will be difficult to avoid prolonged hostilities.

Should such an unfortunate war come to pass American public sentiment on the subject will prove an interesting study. Many an unthinking person and many an ill-informed newspaper will doubtless set up the old cry of British hoggishness in territorial acquisition, and, because France is a so-called republic, will think American sympathy should be given to the nation that has a form of government somewhat similar to our own. On the other hand, there are many and strong reasons why American sympathy should go out to Great Britain. Great Britain in colonizing such portions of Africa as she has been enabled to gain a foothold in has advanced civilization, has built up commerce, has opened arteries of trade and has provided the manufacturers and producers of the world with new markets. She has pursued a liberal policy to other nations in allowing them to reap equal benefits with her in these markets and the United States and this section in particular have benefited largely thereby. British development in South Africa has caused the shipment of millions of feet of Western lumber and thousands of bushels of Western wheat and Western flour to the Anglo-African provinces. American manufacturers have found in those colonies a profitable demand for their goods. But what has the civilized world benefited by French holdings in Africa? There is not one instance where France can be said to have advanced civilization or to have promoted commerce in her African possessions. Her whole colonial policy is one that is not favorable to the trade of other countries. Thus, looking at the matter from a commercial as well as an ethical standpoint, it will be seen that British domination in Africa is greatly to be preferred to that of France. There are those, of course, who will de-

clare Africa should be left to its native rulers, but such a policy would mean putting a padlock on one of the treasuries provided by nature to furnish humanity with wealth. Rich in natural resources it is a crime against mankind not to bring about the development of Africa. Since some civilized nation must undertake the work, Great Britain should be the one, as her past experience in colonial government proves her to be the best equipped of all for such a labor.—Spokesman Review.

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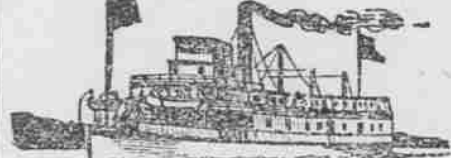
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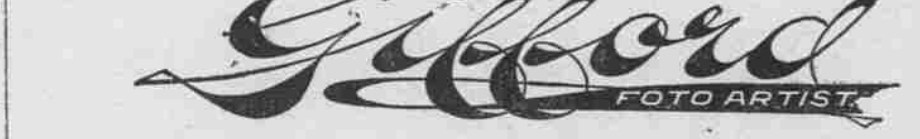
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