

## THE VIEWS OF A DIPLOMAT.

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While the attention of the political and commercial world is centered upon the far east and the titanic struggle raging in those regions, the serious and extended outbreak of the black races in Southwest Africa against Germany and Portugal passes almost unobserved. And yet the events, spreading over an immense area, are by no means devoid of great importance; first, because of the great solidarity which is developing between the widely scattered, heretofore disconnected black tribes of Africa; second, on the ground of Germany's meeting for the first time a ubiquitous, uncivilized foe in guerrilla warfare, a foe against whom the warlike rules of solid battalions are of no avail. American troops have, for over a century, trained themselves in the Indian wars for just such emergencies, a fact which accounts in a large measure for the rapid success attained by American arms in the Philippines. British troops, in spite of constant experience of guerrilla warfare against savage tribes in their distant colonies, failed in the beginning to apply those rules in the protracted Boer war, which accounts for their initial failures and defeats.

Germany, too, has to pay dearly in the present Southwest African outbreak before her commanders learn the new lesson. The principal difficulty lies in the proper distribution of the insignificant German forces available to separate the roaming black tribes, and in the imperfect knowledge of the vast territories which Germany holds under an incomplete sway, unrecognized by the tribes not directly under their guns. The spirit of revolt has now reached from the warlike Hereros in the north far southward to the Ovambos and the Witbois, who seemed definitely subdued since 1890. Gen. von Treloa is occupied with the chief German forces, in reducing the Hereros to subjection in the north, while Col. Leutwein, governor of the southwest, struggled for a long time with doubtful success to pacify the Bundelevants. Now all the other Hottentot tribes have joined the revolted Witbois, under their old leader, Henrik, so that the entire native population, reaching even beyond the borders of German territory, is in revolt. This facilitates the war in so far as it forces the German government to no regard or discrimination in favor of any tribe that may have remained loyal. When the insurrection, after great sacrifices, shall have been suppressed, as is inevitable, the total disarmament of the black tribes will undoubtedly be carried out.

Worst of all for Germany, the news of the general disaffection in the south has spread to the German Cameroons, evidently through the black pupils of the missions. Col. Muller, the commander of the insignificant colonial army in Cameroon, is unable even now to suppress entirely the lingering insurrection on the Cross river. Fortunately, an attempt at a revolt of the Gaunde tribes last March was discovered in time by the chief of the Gaunde station, Domik, and suppressed in its inception. Had this revolt succeeded, while the few companies were engaged on the Cross river, there is no doubt that the German settlements, planted at so much expense, would have been speedily wiped out. After the German conquest of the northern land to the Tshad lake the troops were withdrawn and returned to Germany, with an ill-considered view to economy, so that a country of almost the size of Germany, inhabited by numerous and warlike tribes, is protected by a force of the ridiculous figure of 1,600 men, while the British in neighboring Nigeria have an army at least five times the above number.

It can thus be stated that all German South and West Africa is in revolt. Only Southeast Africa, under Count Goetzen as governor, who was formerly German military attaché in Washington, seems to be quiet, although the recall of Count Goetzen to Berlin for consultation is undoubtedly connected with the general unrest in German Africa. The reasons for the outbreak may be especially in the rigid and severe German military discipline exercised among uncivilized blacks, who in their former independence were accustomed to absolute freedom and license. Former scandals committed by high German officials, Karl Peters, Leist, Schoder, Prince Ardenberg, all of whom were tried and convicted by German home courts, may furnish some explanation for the recent outbreaks. The imposition of war service against the cognate Hereros and the long military service may have also prompted the heretofore friendly tribes in desertion, which seems proven by the desertion of more than one-third of the German native soldiers. The slight success of the Germans and their loss of cattle was another incentive to a general insurrection. The Bethanians, the Hereros, the Gochas and the Hereros, the Hereros, who destroyed the detachment of Lieut. von Steupel and obtained plenty of ammunition, are notoriously hostile and active against Germany. The worst feature of the extended war is the complaint on the part of Germany that the blacks can obtain any amount of arms and ammunition from beyond the British frontier, and the British official unwillingness to assist the Germans in their war against the burning and plundering Hereros, who, when hard pressed, find shelter on British territory. There is no doubt that the war will be long, bloody and difficult, since the courage and the climate, too, are dangerous foes to the Germans. Even if the latter had large forces they would have no sufficient number of oxen, horses and reliable black carriers to move them. Besides, it is impossible to carry sufficient provisions, and especially water, for the troops. The only way to reach a satisfactory termination of the war is to equip small mounted detachments of acclimated troops, under officers able to pursue the Hottentots to their dens and mountain fastnesses. While, at the same time, keeping in touch with one another for cases of emergency. New, unacclimated troops hastily dispatched to Africa would, for the most part, be lost by the malignant African diseases.

There is hardly any doubt that the revolt of the Ovambos in Portuguese Angola stands in close relation with that against the Germans. A great defeat suffered by the Portuguese on the Queneo river will make a strong expedition for the disarmament of the Ovambos inevitable. The heavy loss of arms and ammunition by the Portuguese will make the war very much more dangerous, and the latter will be quick to join hands with the Germans, whose colonists have been frequently harassed and assassinated by their families by the neighboring Ovambos, and was of the repeated attacks on German stations during the Herero rebellion. Unimportant as these events may seem from the point of view of world politics, they are most characteristic in furnishing evidence that the black races of the dark continent are awakening to a strong sense of solidarity, and that a movement is afoot among them

which has become known throughout Europe under the name of "Ethiopianism." It appears that the rivalries of

the European colonial powers in Africa have fostered this movement, which was fanned into flames by the spectacle of the English and the Boers destroying themselves mutually in a ruthless struggle. It is by no means impossible that in the case of further defeats suffered by the white races in Africa this movement may spread from the Cape to Cairo, and a new doctrine of "Africa for the Africans" may be evolved. The only thing which maintains the supremacy of the handful of white races among the teeming millions of blacks is the conviction of their invincibility and

their superior arms; advantages that would gradually dwindle against the climatic conditions, and even more if the blacks learned "to count themselves," and to use firearms more generally. Already the official German press acknowledges that the insurgent blacks display strategic qualities of a high order, their swift movements making necessary the use of helicopters and balloons. The ferocity of the Hereros and their women who participate in the war explains why no quarter is given. "What should indeed be done with the prisoners?" A DIPLOMAT.

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