

**GREAT BRITAIN HAS  
"NEGRO PROBLEM"**

For the first time in its existence Great Britain is really confronted with a "Negro problem." It is true that the empire for decades back has contained millions of Colored people, but it was comparatively easy to deal with them when they were thousands of miles away.

But this time the "Negro problem" comes close home to the British people, where heretofore it concerned only their ruling class.

Thousands of Kaffir laborers have been drafted to England to do the rough and unskilled work necessary to set the white man free for fighting. Thousands more are coming, and the "problem" is looming up as one for British labor, rather than for British capital.

The General Trades Unionists' Federation of England views the inundation with alarm, and strives to find relief in the usual "resolution," declaring that it "views with grave anxiety the proposal to import and substitute Colored for white labor." It also expresses the fear that the proposal is but a preparatory step on the part of capital toward the exploitation of labor after the war.

The Federation may rest assured that that is exactly what it is—if they permit it to become so. The capitalists, most undoubtedly, are getting the checker board ready to play the game of black versus white. The blacks don't know any better. If the whites do, they will recognize that it is their move first, and that it is up to them to block the game at the start. But they can't do it with fear and "grave anxiety." Nothing short of a plain and blunt refusal to play the game will settle once and forever this "problem."—N. Y. Call.

**DR. HILL DEFENDS  
CONSTITUTION**

Dr. David Jane Hill, former Ambassador to Germany, delivered a very stirring address at the Lawyer's Club, New York, in answer to attacks made upon the Constitution by certain Southern leaders. One of the most striking excerpts is as follows:

"But I have no right to speak in generalities," he went on. "I will, therefore, let the honorary president of the National Popular Government League—an extensive organization, embracing, I believe, several hundred thousand supporting members, formed to promote the initiative, referendum

and recall and the 'Gateway Amendment'—speak for himself. This gentleman, Senator Owen of Oklahoma, having declared in a meeting of the league recently held in Washington, that it is unparalleled impudence for the Supreme Court of the United States to declare unconstitutional any act of Congress, and being reminded that he might be held in contempt for his remark, is reported to have said: 'Let them dare to summon me, and I will start a row that will shake this continent to its very foundation; adding, 'Do we want gatling guns sweeping the streets of our cities?'

"I offer no interpretation of these remarks, and I refrain from comment upon them, further than to say that if this society is contemplating revolution and fortresses a use for gatling guns, it is more dangerous even than I supposed it to be."

**NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR RACE**

"The new year presents the opportunities of a generation for advancing the status of the Colored people. Heretofore the only place where the Negro was sure of a living was in the South, which not only pays twelve or fifteen dollars for a month in the cotton patch, but throws in lynchings, insults and disfranchisement for good measure. Now, however, as a result of the

stoppage of immigration, over half a million laborers have already come North, finding employment chiefly in steel mills and on railroad gangs. In the spring of 1917 will come a greatly accelerated exodus."—The Survey. (Dec.)

**NEGRO LABOR WANTED  
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Dover, N. J.—For the first time in the history of this town the stove works here is employing Negro labor. There is every desire on the part of the white citizens to assist in the establishing of the Negro in the community life, and they are doing all possible to secure the best class for the openings that are being made. There are already some eight or ten Colored men employed by the stove works

The report has been verified that the Wharton Furnace Co. is going to start up here and intends employing from three to four hundred Colored men. For more than a century there has been no industrial opening for the Negro in this community, but the men at the head of the industries are realizing now that there is ample skilled labor to be supplied by members of the race.

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