THE FIRST CAUSE OF THE EXODUS FROM THE SOUTH

Because of the large demand for able bodied men in Europe, the increase in population in the United States as the result of emigration last year was only one fourth of what it was fifteen years ago. Then four hundred thousand emigrants, chiefly from the southern and eastern portions of the European mainland, arrived here. In the five years from 1900 to 1905 the number of aliens coming to our shores arose by leaps and bounds until the million mark was passed. In 1913 and 1914 the high point was reached and the total of incoming foreigners reached 1,200, 000.

Last year, 1915, in spite of the demand for soldiers and workers, 300,-000 sought refuge from war ridden Europe in this country, but 200,000 others migrated back across the Atlantic, so that the actual increase in population as the result of foreign immigration is only 100,00.

Here is the first cause of the labor shortage in the Northern and Western manufacturing cities. Where they have been able to count on the yearly increase of 1,200,000 in the ranks of labor, one twelfth of that number, a measly 100,000 filtered in, and were gobbled up in the cities of the Eastern Seaboard, while the more inland sec-

tions waited in vain for their annual PULLMAN PORTER HEIRS GET apportionment of laborers.

How much the West has depended on foreign labor to handle its industry can be seen in the fact that 70 per cent of its population is foreign born, or the immediate descendants of foreigners-the hyphenates of whom the political candidates are having so much to

With this deficit of more than a million in industrial ranks, the North and West turned to the poorly paid colored laborer in the South, and in spite of Southern objection has succeeded in importing 500,000 in the past six months. Continuing at this rate, and there is every likelihood that the movement will continue for a vhile at least, the South would be darined of every working man at the end of four years. After that the Northern and Western capitalist may be forced to do business with the South American half-breed, the capable African or the humble Asiatic, but meantime as the Milwaukee Leader observes:

"Looks like hard times for the people down South. They may have to go to work, or give up their favorite amusement of lynching Negroes."-The Baltimore Afro-American.

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Delegates to the annual meeting of the association, comprising seven zones, which will be held in Chicago at a time to be settled upon later, were chosen. From the North-eastern zone Walter Jacobus, A. Austin and Waverly Williams were elected. From the Eastern zone H. L. Curtis, John M. Brown and William Easley are the representatives.

Following the business meeting the representatives present at the meeting dined at the Lybia, at which time varous phases of the work of the body were discussed by the members. In addition, Gen. H. Forret gave with considerable fervor Marc Anthony's oration from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

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