

The Passing of the Great Race

A New Book That is Creating Much Discussion, and Should be Read by Our Readers.

Madison Grant, a well known American scientist, has just had a book published by Scribner's, entitled "The Passing of the Great Race," which is causing a ferment among the thinking people of America. Mr. Grant's thesis is that the blonde races of the world are doomed and that the brunette, or darker races, are gradually assuming the ascendancy.

After giving an extensive review of the rise of the Nodic races, as he denominates the blondes, he deals at length with their amalgamation with other races, their inability to flourish in warmer climates, and their great decimation by reason of the European war. Particularly interesting is the following excerpt:

The Decline of the South.

"The same thing happened in our South before the civil war. There the white man did not work in the fields or in the factory. The heavy work under the blazing sun was performed by Negro slaves and the planter was spared exposure to an unfavorable environment. Under these conditions he was able to retain much of his vigor. When slavery was abolished and the white man had to plow his own fields or work in the factory deterioration began.

The change in the type of men who are now sent by the Southern States to represent them in the Federal Government from their predecessors in ante-bellum times is partly due to these causes, but in a greater degree it is to be attributed to the fact that a very large portion of the best ra-

cial strains in the South were killed off during the civil war. In addition the war shattered the aristocratic traditions which formerly secured the selection of the best men as rulers. The new democratic ideals with universal suffrage in free operation among the whites result in the choice of representatives who lack the distinction and ability of the leaders of the Old South."

Mr. Grant gives an interesting account of the competition between blonde and brunette. Along the Spanish main, he asserts, the white race is being rapidly overcome by Negroes and Indians. The lower Mississippi Valley, the Indies, Cuba, Mexico, and the northern parts of South America, he maintains, must eventually succumb to the darker races.

It is a most interesting work and should be carefully read by our readers. It presages a future for the sable races which, until now, was in doubt. It seems that their ultimate rise is ordained and is being rapidly brought about through the certain agencies of time and circumstance.

NEW YORK TIMES ON LABOR SHORTAGE

"In many lines of industry the shortage of labor is pronounced, so much so, in fact, that orders have had to be refused and deliveries under such as have been taken have been delayed. The worst of this condition is that there seems no probability of relief in the near future. In certain textile lines attempts have been made to secure Colored help from the South, and more of them will be made.

Already a number of Southern communities are taking measures to prevent too large an exodus of their help. The truth is that a large part of the country is just becoming aware

of how much immigration has been needed to provide workers in different vocations. Since the war began, too, many of the recent immigrants have become emigrants and have thus helped to deplete the labor market. When the war is over it is beginning to be doubted whether immigration will set in on any large scale. Unless it does the shortage of labor is apt to continue thereafter. No fear is expressed that, when peace again comes, there will be any less demand for workers than at present, although the kind of work that many of them will have to do will be changed from the directions in which it now is. It is even reckoned among the probabilities that some mechanics from this country will receive such tempting offers from abroad as they will not be able to resist."

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With best wishes and sincere regards for yourself and family, in which I am joined by Mrs. Lynch, I remain,

Your friend,
John R. Lynch.

(Major Lynch is an ex-member of Congress, a retired army officer and a distinguished author. His latest book, "Facts of Reconstruction," has had a wide sale and should be found in every library. Words of commendation from Major Lynch are highly appreciated.—Editor Monitor.)

The nation-wide cry of the Democrats that the Negro exodus from the South was a game of stuff the ballot boxes has proven false. Not a single alleged case has been supported by evidence.

It is reported that an effort is on foot to establish segregation in Kansas City, Kansas.

Reports from all over the United States say that for the first time in many years Negro voters have absolutely refused to scratch tickets. A straight republican ballot was the watchword of all.

Florida voted Tuesday to disfranchise the Negro. A report of the result has not yet reached us.

The Omaha Daily News charge that Colored voters doubled in both Lincoln and Omaha is a lie. The paper refuses to give the name of a single voter charged with this crime.

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