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THE DEMAND FOR COLORED LABOR

From the immense southern correspondence flooding The Monitor office it appears that the members of our race in the south believe that the northern demand for their labor is merely momentary and that the conditions which cause it will soon pass out of existence. The real truth of the matter is that the demand upon the south will continue for many years to come. Of course, the war conditions intensify the situation at present, but after the war the situation will probably remain the same, if not become more serious. This question hinges altogether upon the duration of the present conflict.

After the war Europe will have no emigrants to send to this country. She will need all she has and millions more. Russia is now a republic and the chances are that she will offer to her millions of citizens opportunities more golden than they could ever have here. The recent immigration bill passed by the last congress reduces immigration to the minimum. And with all of these considerations comes another and more powerful than all: the whole world is preparing to hail emigrants to every land excepting our own. South America, Canada, Africa and Australia, are offering glittering dreams to all who will strike for their shores and what is more, their promises can be fulfilled. A recent writer in the New York Sun declares that the United States will no longer be the land of opportunity after the war as compared with the other bidders. If war-wrecked Europe does spare any emigrants, the chances are they will not come this way. The opportunities for Colored labor are enlarging every day and there is no reason to believe that they will disappear for many years to come.

NEGROES NOT MEN

Every loaf of bread sold by Florida bakers will contain on the wrappers an appeal for men to enlist.—News Item.

And yet, when Colored men offered their services they were told Negroes were not being accepted for the army or navy. We beg the South's pardon, they are appealing for MEN to enlist. The average American, especially of the South, does not consider Negroes men, but only "niggahs." And the South's in the saddle at Washington, sah.

TEXAS GOES TO WAR

In another part of this issue it is told how a mob clothed with the uniform of the Texas militia and the authority of the United States service killed unarmed Colored men and insulted Colored women in the streets of the thriving city of Galveston. No, they were not Germans in Mexican uniform, nor Mexicans in German uniform, from over the line.

The murderers were soldiers called to the colors to defend the country from invasion; their way of doing it was to kill their unoffending fellow citizens of darker hue.

The responsibility for this unprovoked killing was put squarely up to the city authorities of Galveston on the ground of the lack of proper police protection. But there exists a larger responsibility on the part of the State and National authorities, for the flagrant violation of all rules of civilized warfare, in this slaughter of helpless civilians by the very soldiers whose duty it should have been to protect them.

We shall see what action the State of Texas and the War Department take to punish this crime against civilization. The American nation cannot afford to enter upon a War for Humanity, with its first engagement to be known as the Galveston Massacre.—New York Age.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Colored American Patriotism.

When it comes to Colored American patriotism, O my Son, I don't believe there is any sich animul. There was sich an animul once upon a time, but "ruthless slaughter" has resulted in extinction of the species. Colored Americans want to have patriotism, but every time they start to work up their thrill engines somebody cripples the piston. The machinery is so bent and twisted now that it is a question whether it can be straightened out. When the bugle sounded for enlistments we butted into the army headquarters and were gently and quickly told that the nearest way out was thru the door unless we wanted to jump thru the glass window. When we pussyfooted to the naval headquarters and the orderly caught a glimpse of our chocolate-hued phiz, he threw a scare into us that made our dogs feel like they were in 100 degrees below zero water. Then we went home, bathed with some arnica and tried to boost hope on the mantelpiece again. Now comes along the registration card which specifically states that if you are a Jigg, mutilate the left hand corner of the card so that you can get into the Jim-Crow files. Hope fell off the mantelpiece again and smashed herself all over the floor. We felt sort of sick like and went to Doc and asked him to slip the mercury bulb under our tongue and tell us the thermometric measurement of our patriotism.

"212 Below Zero, Centigrade," said Doc.

"And what kind of dope do we need, Doc?"

"Damphino," quoth Doc, as he made a grab for the pharmacopaeia.

And now, O my Son, we're waiting for Doc to speak up.

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Obvious Observations

"If you are of African descent tear off the lower left hand corner," is the way the conscription registration cards read. In other words there will be Jim-Crow cards. Let's get our breath before we explode.

The New York Times recently came out in an editorial upon the "essential analogy between the spirit of the Hohenzollerns and that of the slave power with which the nation came to grips in 1861." Maybe you think the south hasn't landed on the Times with both feet, hammer and tongs?

One of our southern correspondents tells us that the albino mill owners are going around to Colored churches trying to find out how the Colored people are getting news of northern opportunities for work and how they are getting away. Something mysterious, Mabel; something mysterious.

Is congressional attack on old H. C. L. a vaudeville stunt or real sure enough get ready?

Say, Polly, bless my weary peepers, is the sun honestly shining or am I having a pipe dream?

Bring in that subscription change.

friend. Call Webster 4243 or leave it at 1:30 South 14th street. We need it mostly.

The Appeal to Reason moves that United States take over the railroads. We second the motion.

Thanking you for your dry-eyed attention, we will now proceed to shake a leg and ask the printer to hold fire until we collect some more cash.

CANINES AND NEGROES

The dog population of the United States is estimated to be 25,000,000. A suggestion has been made that a war tax of \$1 per capita be levied on them.—News Item.

Then there are about 12,000,000 Negroes or Americans "of African descent,"—see annotation in left hand corner of official conscription census registration card. A per capita tax levied upon this portion of the animal kingdom, whose habitat is the United States of America, would increase the war tax to the extent of a mere bagatelle of \$12,000,000. It is passing strange that some brilliant Southern statesman (?) has not before this called the attention of Congress to this important matter.

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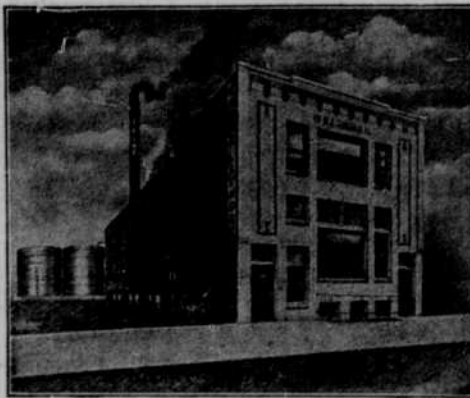
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