

and must continue to develop. But, in its structure and essence it is the best the world has ever seen." We who belong to the British Empire demur to the statement that it is the best constitution the world has ever seen. That, however, should not be laid to the charge of those who formulated it; they did the best they could at the time. The British constitution is the result of development for a period of a thousand years or so, and ought to be, as it is, the best. One difficulty our neighbours to the South of us had to contend with was the tremendous importation of foreigners, owing to their desire to increase the population. It is an evil which we have copied in this country of later years, as we know now to our sorrow. The writer adds these words: "Many methods have been suggested by which we may proceed to make this more of a nation and less of a polyglot boarding house."

The "Americanization" of these too numerous foreigners is the remedy suggested. The description above given of a nation's difficulty shews that the writer is fully alive to the situation, and the desirability of Americanizing, or preferably Anglo-Saxonizing, these polyglot boarders.

WAR CRIMINALS.

The draft Treaty of Peace had a section stating the terms agreed upon by the Allies as to the trial and punishment of war criminals. These terms as then set forth were as follows:—

"The Allies publicly arraign the ex-Emperor William II. for a supreme offence against international morality and the sanctity of treaties.

"The ex-Emperor's surrender is to be asked for from the Dutch Government, and a special tribunal is to be set up, consisting of one judge from each of the five Great Powers. The tribunal is to be guided by the highest principles of international policy, and is to have the duty of fixing whatever punishment it thinks should be imposed.