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The Negro Problem In the United States....



THE United States is again in the throes of the Negro Problem. Emancipation was considered to have settled that most vexatious question. Unhappily, the enormous expansion of the colored people, adhering as much as ever to the alleged immoral and anti-social propensities of the race, has quickened the latent hostility of the white neighbors into fear and bitter hate. Something like undeclared war is proceeding in places. Lynching, man-hunting, and disenfranchisement grow in favor and frequency, regardless of American ideals that bear on the welfare of the world and of the Negro in particular.

From the time Vasco de Gama rounded Cape Good Hope down to the year 1804, Africa was the slavers' stalking ground. Not a civilized country but took part in the horrible traffic. Annually, whole fleets cleared from Europe for the Dark Continent. Usually the traders, landing in some bay near a village, descended with dusk upon the unsuspecting natives, and setting fire to their huts, easily seized the panic-stricken inmates and hurried them off to the ships. Many were butchered on the spot for the purpose of