

# Immigrants in the Race?

known. In their fatherland, drubbing is a minor crime, whereas in Great Britain and America it is a major one. And as to patience under conditions favorable to revolt, America is proud of standing first among all the non-Latin people of the temperate zone in her propensity to revolt publicly, by the passive rebellion of the strike, if not by actual violence, the presence of conditions unnecessarily hard, that she is a country in which immigrants must be that they are too patient and submissive for American standards rather than that they are too violent and rebellious.



As to literacy, it is true that the immigrants are below our standard. What of it? They are ignorant of itself, neither conducive to nor antagonistic to morality and happiness. It may be a powerful tool to both. But it is often used as an equally powerful tool against both. Our educated classes are not always the happiest ones. Our worst and biggest crooks are the educators of our race. In short, a man is of value to a country solely according to whether his presence adds to the material or moral, that he consumes. His intellectual property is very little, yet if his wants are less than that little he is still a positive investment to the country. He may be, on the other hand, apparently produce millions; yet if he consumes more than that, or if he undermines our standards of morality, he is found to produce actually much less than he apparently produces, he may be a great source of loss, in spite of his promissory and positive value.

The people understand this well. It is their habitual application of this new economic requirement to men in the public eye who is now making their idealism so uncomfortable.

What is Immigration Worth? To which class, then, belongs the average immigrant? Is he a producer or a dissipator of net wealth and morality? If the former, what is the immigrant worth, net, to the nation? The law that a dead male adult constitutes a loss of \$5,000 to his family. In this it strikes an average and draws no distinction of any sort between individuals. So it is hard to get it in that it is not making any distinction.

The average adult male immigrant (half of our immigrants are of this sort) earns at least \$200 per annum after taxation. Rather than that is what he is paid. My estimates have led me to state, elsewhere, that his actual productivity is from three to four times that amount, the balance going to pay the cost of doing "business" with what he produces and consumes. But the benefit of this doubt will be left, for the present, to the opposition.

The right will be reserved, however, to class all immigrants under this figure for the majority of them who have been here long enough to expand their income beyond \$300. That is to say, most of those who were classed as children at the time of their immigration. Of the women some are charwomen in their unproductivity by the men who care for them. The rest are producing more than that value in the form of children.

By Emerson McMillan.  
Chairman, Conciliatory Committee of the Civic Federation.

Decidedly I favor an intelligent restriction of immigration on both our shores. I do not believe that our country is being over-run by immigrants, but I believe that the problem grows more difficult each year, and must ultimately demand a solution. We should be wiser than to permit ourselves to be assimilated by the masses of immigrants from many different countries, and to let the one question how long at the present rate of increase she can continue to do so. Now it seems to me that when we turn to the question of immigration, we are dealing with a problem that is becoming more and more difficult.

By Robert Watchorn.  
Commissioner of Immigration.

Public opinion is all wrong, or nearly so, upon many phases of the immigration question. With more than a million immigrants a year we cannot afford to be lenient in our selection of immigrants, they are produced in large numbers. We should be wiser than to permit ourselves to be assimilated by the masses of immigrants from many different countries, and to let the one question how long at the present rate of increase she can continue to do so.

Standard of Immigrants.  
Our own conclusions are that the vast majority of immigrants are slightly above our regular standards in industry, sobriety and patient endurance. They are undoubtedly intelligent, and they are coming from countries where there is no right of free labor, and where the quick-rick microbe is virtually unknown.

of our native-born population on about a better record.  
The modern immigrant of today, it seems to me, is greatly misunderstood. We have a great deal of sympathy about the menace of the immigrant from the south of Europe. A few decades ago reports of the immigrants came from Ireland, while Germany ranked second and Great Britain, third. Italy and Russia sent comparatively few. Today the situation is practically reversed. Last year we received 297,000 from Italy, 192,000 from Russia and 24,900 from Ireland and 30,000 from Germany. From Austria and Hungary some 250,000 reached our shores. It is unfair to say that the north of Europe is no longer regarded as the source of immigrants from the southern countries dangerous or undesirable? The statistics of crime do not prove it. The Italian is a hard worker. We should remember that the Latin people were highly civilized when the north of Europe was peopled by the barbarians. Immigrants from the south of Europe are not inferior in intelligence, but the impulse is still there, and with unlimited opportunities of America before them, it is not surprising that they may not conform in the same way as to Pauper Labor.

A great deal of the misunderstanding is due to the use of that term pauper labor. I have estimated that every immigrant that enters into America spends on an average some \$100 for transportation. This includes \$100 from his home to the point of departure, the crossing of the Atlantic and the railroad fare to his destination. In other words, they spend upward of \$100,000,000 a year in search of work. Let us suppose that an argument, that Russia suddenly held out great opportunities for money making so that Americans by the million were attracted there. It would seem that 1,000,000 native born citizens might have some difficulty in raising \$100,000,000 for transportation. And in addition this arm of income occurred with them more than \$20,000,000 in cash.

In this is of course, urgent need of the restriction of immigration, but such restriction is already in force. The laws governing the situation are intelligent men, families and nations, working in sympathy with these people as well as in the best interest of our country. And the laws are being enforced. And the law for further restriction occurs it will receive due attention. Meanwhile the appeal for laborers through our country are adding hundreds of millions of dollars to the wealth of this country, while they help to bring to a broader and more prosperous life.

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119. Lots and a business address, price...  
120. One lot on Regine street, just south of...  
121. Farm of 21 acres in sections 22 and 15, South...

122. Farm formerly belonging to Edward Carter...  
123. Five lots in a new street, just north of...

124. Farm in a new street, just north of...  
125. Farm on Southside, nearly 100 acres...

126. Farm formerly belonging to Edward Carter...  
127. House and lot on Fremont street...

128. House and lot on the Campbell subdivision...  
129. Farm 2 1/2 acres, good building, three...

130. Meets little house for someone of small means...  
131. The celebrated Cooper stock farm, near...

132. Seventy-acre farm just north of the base...

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