

The Ideal: America!

AMERICANS who are ready today to ask the government for ships to send out of America all alien residents who have never learned to read or write the American language, are, without a single exception, Americans who never have taken any interest in helping these aliens to learn the language of their new homeland, become assimilated and naturalized, or sufficiently Americanized to be classed as Americans.

These Americans are never found in the Americanization movement. They are very pronounced for 100 per cent Americanism, but very silent on the ways and means to attain it.

To these Americans, America means the geographical boundaries of the United States. They have never seen the great ideal: America, the inheritance of a liberty loving people, created and fashioned out of the very souls of men who, on this continent, had dedicated a new Paradise on earth, a Paradise of Freedom and Liberty, and set the image of that divine concept at the gate, like a guardian angel, not with a sword in hand, but with a torch to light the way from the shores of bondage into Liberty's Paradise.

The men and women who have felt the heartbeats of thanksgiving, when they have passed the great figure, torch in hand, guarding the harbor to Liberty's Paradise, should remember their first thrill of American Liberty and Freedom, when they swear allegiance, and at all times bear in mind that theirs is also the responsibility to deliver this Paradise of Liberty to the children of America and the down-trodden of the earth, who come, with humble hearts, seeking the Land of Promise.

The Americanization movement is America's answer to bigotry, class formation, group alignments and preferentiality creeds. It is the soul of America, calling for unity of her people, a people of a common ideal and a common language.

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