

social, educational and economic well-being of these people after they have found their way into our country.

Regardless of the suffering abroad in the world our first duty is to our own country and to our own people by birth and adoption. Wholesale adoption is undesirable and dangerous, a menace to America's national life.

So long as we place American homeless and improperly cared for boys and girls in a reformatory, who should be in a pure homelike state institution free from contact with the contaminated and wayward dreg of society, so long will our generosity in the world at large be a hollow mockery of our boasted institutions and our self sacrifice in the service of humanity and the downtrodden of the earth.

Private institutions may cope with the situation in a way, reaching the extreme cases. We may appropriate public funds for these institutions in proportion to the number they shelter, but we have nevertheless failed to do our whole duty by these future citizens in the way of furnishing them an unadulterated environment from which all foreign influences have been carefully removed.

The Americanizing influence should be extended through public support to every alien home in America. Reasonable compensation for toil in American industries is not sufficient to promote loyalty and love of America among our alien neighbors and not enough to insure good citizenship.

A greater concern in the health, happiness and intellectual growth and development of every individual in America will not interfere much with our relief and educational work in foreign countries but it will reveal a greater and more acceptable American.

FORCES OPPOSED TO A RESTRICTED IMMIGRATION POLICY

FEW OF THE American daily papers are equipped to penetrate the language veil of the foreign language press in America for that reason this source of opinion is quite secure behind its language wall and feels free to express in a foreign tongue that which its editors would be loathe to express in the American tongue or to have translated into the all American language.

It is not the foreign language press as such that is objectionable to our national unity course, but it is that which they contain in news and editorials that smacks of severe and irritating abuse of things that are distinctly American and the derisive way in which they deal with things in general in America by which they, through this method of writing, manage to keep themselves and their groups of readers aloof from the all American activities and current thought.

The following editorial which appeared recently in The Portland Telegram, touches upon the subject in a way that shows that this particular daily paper is not afraid to tell the truth though by doing so it may lose its prestige with the foreign language papers of this community:

Foreign Press on Immigration

In the United States there are approximately 14,000,000 people of foreign birth, approximately one-half of whom are

not able to speak, read or write the language of America in any helpful degree. This is a population equal in number to that of all the Scandinavian countries of Europe—Norway, Denmark, Sweden and the Scandinavian people of Finland. It is more than the combined populations of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It is more than the combined population of Canada and Australia; more than that of Egypt, and nearly twice that of Belgium.

Among these people has grown up a foreign language press, that while serving some good purpose temporarily, has had, though in many cases unintentionally, the effect to block the progress these people might have made in fitting themselves to their new environment. In the World War we felt keenly the hindering power of many of these foreign tongue publications, holding back America from aid to the Allies.

These publications are now found very largely on the side of freer immigration. They are uniting with the large manufacturers in calling for a more liberal policy toward the importation of cheap labor. We find the Jewish, Italian and Balkan language press the chief advocates of the admission of more unskilled people. They denounce the shutting out of immigrants as "the fanatical acts of bigoted nativists," and class the law as oppressive and as unreasonable as the prohibition amendment. The greater part of this propaganda comes from publications in New York city, a city that is only American-managed, and largely filled with unassimilated foreigners.

When the assault shall be made on our present immigration law we must reckon with this foreign language press as being almost solidly in the assaulting party.

Every time we think of Congress or of the legislature, we feel for our money.

If, as they claim, jazz is in its infancy, the good old fashioned across the knee ought to do a world of good.

Why is it that there is such a tendency to go to sleep in political berths?

Money seems to go further when you are after it.

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