

sagebrush or stump-land in exchange for a chance to live and work in America and bring their healthy children here, are told that America can not receive them because of their educational handicap.

In our uplands and valleys there are hundreds of thousands of acres of tillable American land, waiting for development. Prosperous Americans are giving up their homes on the farm and are moving to the cities and with no one to work the farm with any fixed purpose and intensely, the farm gradually goes back to its pre-agricultural state. Meanwhile the modern European immigrant flocks to the city. Large contingents of them join the merry non-producing throng, half civilized, half decent, and reckless to the extreme, having little or no respect for law and order, traveling constantly on the borderland of the illicit.

On account of this constant stream of literacy tested city bred immigrants from the old world, our American cities (particularly in the eastern and middle western parts of our country), are gradually becoming overrun with immigrants who prefer the city to the country to live in. These immigrants are mostly of the easy-going wage-earning kind, who never worked independently in their lives. They rather hold down a poorly paid job any day with no responsibility attached, than tackle an independent proposition on a piece of farmland.

And right here lies the main reason for the enormous increase in alien population in our larger cities that has taken place during the last two decades. Outwardly these cities are becoming foreignized instead of the immigrant dwellers becoming Americanized.

Whole districts in our cities are now exclusively populated with one nationality or another where only a foreign language is spoken and where things that are essentially American are carefully excluded while a veil of secrecy has been thrown over these separate and almost unassimilable parts of the city population.

This situation presents an unprecedented problem in today's America. That American protective measures must be taken to assimilate these elements, or weed them out, is undisputable, but how to do it is the grave and all absorbing question.

Take for example the case of Chicago where the American population has been cut down to twenty-eight per cent with the population of foreign birth and parentage increased to seventy-two per cent, according to statistics made public a few days ago, by the Chicago Association of Commerce. This city, located in the heart of the middle west, is now the dwelling place of 1,947,376 persons of foreign birth or parentage, embracing practically every nationality on earth.

The statistics reveal that only 752,329 residents of Chicago were born in the United States and of American born parents. Of this number of Americans in that city, 109,458 are said to be negroes, leaving a total white American population of but 642,871, or less than twenty-five per cent of the entire population, which is placed at 2,701,705.

The federal census classes all persons born in this

country as Americans, regardless of their parentage, but the Association of Commerce has seen fit to make this finer distinction—and sometimes there is more than ample justification for pursuing that course.

Next to the Americans come the Poles, then the Germans, the Russians, the Swedish, the Norwegians, the Irish, the Italians, the Czecho-Slovakians, the negroes, the Austrians and the English in the order named.

There are 62,000 Canadians, 11,379 French and but 3,078 Indians and Chinese, who are grouped together. These, of course, are East Indians, as the American Indian comes under the head of Americans.

That there are 230,668 Russians in Chicago may prove a surprise to many people, but it may explain, in part, recent warnings that Chicago has become the center of soviet activities in the United States.

Meanwhile Chicago has given more thought to feudal politics, the "wet" and "dry" contentions and the constitutionality of the prohibition act, than to the needs of a practical and intelligent method of Americanization whereby the city at least could claim to have a workable majority of Americans. This is not an indictment of the citizens of foreign birth in Chicago who are loyal citizens and bona fide Americans. With the sectionalization of Chicago's population, not alone of nationalities, but of race and religion, there is small chance for a united front among those who are anxious that the city of Chicago shall retain its American identity. This is not an assumption, but it is a conclusion based on facts recorded on the pages of American history, which tells the story of a

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