

Nordicism

THE MOST recently imported European propaganda is Nordicism. It is an inflated and odious form of egotism and self-consciousness, with a poisonous flavoring of race-conceit, which America would have been much better off without. Its reactions chiefly consist of antagonism and it serves most excellently the purpose of engendering intolerance and snobbishness. Shoots of the old Nordic stock in America a-plenty have taken an overdose of the imported dope and they are busily engaged in making themselves as ridiculous as possible.

The race-pride that is creative of an urge to cultural attainments has nothing in common with the manifestations of that type of Nordicism which infests America at the present time and bears every earmark of the jingo race-appraisalment that breeds conflict. Those who judge men and their inherent qualities for citizenship by the land of their birth, their shape of head, color of hair and shade of skin, are applying civic measurements that are new and unwelcome in the United States.

Nordicism is nothing short of a declaration of war on all other races. It is the last word in international bad manners. It challenges the accomplishments of every non-Nordic citizen in America and repudiates his contributions to American progress, industrial and cultural attainments. Nordicism is responsible for many grievous contentions dividing America at the present time. To eradicate the disease and the effects of Nordic propaganda, every citizen of Nordic strain must take stock of himself and his race and discourage its further spread.

The race pride that lends itself to constructive accomplishments, that radiates the good example in the conduct of every member of the race, conducive to fellowship and good will, needs no defense. The Nordic simplician who boasts of his racial superiority may not know it, but by his conduct he stands repudiated according to the code of conduct which governed the ancestral home of the Nordic race.

The United AMERICAN

A Magazine of Good Citizenship
Issued Monthly in the Interest of
Americanization and Adult Education
H. J. LANGOE, Editor

Associate Editors:

Charles M. Herlihy, State Supervisor Adult Alien Education, Massachusetts
(President Department Adult Education, National Education Ass'n. U. S.)

William Chandler Smith, Chief State Bureau Immigrant Education, New York
(Chairman Editorial Board "Interstate Bulletin")

Robert G. Deming, State Director of Americanization, State of Connecticut
R. E. Dugdale, Director Extension Dept., Board of Education, Toledo, Ohio
Geo. A. Green, Director Citizens' Bureau, Immigrant Aid, Cleveland, Ohio
A. C. Strange, Superintendent of Public Education, City of Astoria, Oregon

Publishers: The Northman Publishing Company (Inc.)

Officers: H. J. Langoe, President; B. G. Skulason, Sec-Treasurer
Offices and Publishing House

Labbe Building, 227½ Washington Street, Portland, Oregon
Phone Broadway 6600

Vol. 4 Continuous Volume 22 Oct., 1925 Number 1

CONTENTS

EDITORIAL SUBJECTS—

The Community Chest as a Dispensary with a Human Soul; Tamanawais; "Narcyl" a new Anaesthetic; Woodrow Wilson Memorial; Restoring the Banished Two Dollar Bill; Finland as a Lumber Manufacturing Competitor; Long-Winded Sermons; Customers as Capital, etc.	10-12
SHAKING THE FAITH OF A NATION THROUGH FOOLISH LEGISLATION	1
By H. J. Langoe	
NORDICISM	3
WHEN TONY THE GREEK BECAME AN AMERICAN TEACHER	4
By Mary Merrill Foster	
THE SILENT STORY OF AN ANCIENT CRATER	4
IN THE FIRE OF THE AMERICAN CRUCIBLE	5-7
By H. J. Langoe	
BECOMING AN AMERICAN	8
By A. C. Strange, State Director of Americanization Schools.	
QUESTION AND ANSWER PAGE FOR FOREIGN-BORN	9
OBSERVING THE WORKINGS OF THE PRESENT NATURALIZATION LAWS	13-15
By Geo. A. Green, Director Citizens' Bureau, Cleveland, Ohio.	
BUILDING A BETTER CITIZENSHIP	16
By D. A. Skeen, in the Lions Club Magazine	
SUCCESS	18
By Prof. Joseph Rollins, Patchogue, N. Y.	
BITS OF HUMOR FOR THE HOME-CIRCLE AND FIRESIDE..	19

Subscriptions, twelve issues, Two Dollars yearly; single copies, twenty cents. Remit by United States Money Order, Express Money Order or Check. In Canada and other foreign countries, belonging to the Postal Union, fifty cents additional should be added.

Back numbers, not over three months old, twenty-five cents; more than three months, One Dollar each.

Instructions for change of address should be sent two weeks in advance of mailing. Always give old address, as well as the new, and always write plainly.

The Editor will be glad to consider contributions; but a stamped and addressed envelope must be inclosed, if the return of unavailable manuscripts is desired.

Entered as Second Class Mail Matter in the Post Office at Portland, Oregon, under the Act of Congress of March Third, 1879.