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SHATTERING THE FOOLS' PARADISE AND BUILDING AMERICA INVINCIBLE

THOSE WHO have accustomed themselves to think of America as the sheltering harbor for the oppressed of the world may have given little thought to the gradual development of the foreign nationality units throughout the land, but their thoughtlessness becomes treason when they proceed to ridicule constructive efforts in the interest of American unity while they spend their time in pursuit of idle pleasure and in the accumulation of wealth. By the aid of these compromising Americans, the influential spokesmen of the foreign settlements have obtained concessions and gained recognition of alleged rights which have become so firmly established that unconsciously the large majority of the foreign colony, both naturalized and alien, maintain by far a firmer allegiance to the country of their birth than to the country of their adoption. Their interest in yonder native land has become spiritually affectionate and devotionally tender, while their interest in America has become sadly desultory and centered mainly in material things. With the exception of the foreign born who lately, on account of the new naturalization requirements, have come under the wholesome influence of the better type of Americans, in the elementary evening schools and Americanization centers. the unassimilated standards still prevail.

The blunders of the past, which made possible the naturalization of large contingents of alien people without the knowledge of America's language, history and political institutions, must be rectified. Every American, of sufficient intelligence to be tolerant, must get behind the educational Americanization movement until all America stands committed to this program. In increasing numbers the newly adopted citizen must be sent forth trained for an allegiance of heart and mind, and sufficiently inoculated with the spirit of America to be able to counteract the foreign influences that have taken root in our soil. Transplant the ideals of America in the minds of those who are seeking citizenship with us today, train them to express their thoughts and their hearts' desires in her tongue, and teach them to lisp their prayers in her language, and we shall soon realize the enduring state of unity—America vindicated and INVINCIBLE.

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