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TO EXCLUDE IMMIGRANTS.

The exclusion of foreign immigration from our shores is being discussed with a good deal of earnestness in all sections of the country. The wholesale dumping of Europeans on this country is looked upon with concern, especially so since the late strikes. The country has been flooded with the refuse of all nations, which, as a class, have no respect for our laws or our institutions. They come here as a place of refuge from crime committed in their own land, and as soon as the first opportunity presents itself follow their former instincts. They are the first to make the strike on any labor question, and first to resort to riot.

It is well that the government sees the importance of calling a halt. Senator Chandler has presented a bill to the senate to totally exclude all immigration for one year, which has been in the hands of the senate committee on immigration several days and will be reported favorably on. The immigration problem has been a vexed one for the last thirty-five or forty years. Extremists have urged an amendment to the constitution whereby the naturalization laws should require an actual residence of twenty-one years before citizenship should be bestowed on a foreign subject. This was a plank in the old American party platform, and the same idea prevails with a very large portion of all parties. It is believed by many great statesmen that were this requirement a law, that it, within itself, would prove a check, and virtually stop, to a large degree, the influx of the objectionable class of foreigners. The great clamor for reform has already sounded the alarm and it has been heard at home and abroad. All Europe looks on it with dread and regret. As it is deprived of ridding itself of its paupers, its socialists, its anarchists, and lastly its overpopulation, it is not to be wondered that it trembles at the agitation of the immigration question in America. The United States calls for a halt, and a check must be put on promiscuous foreign immigration. Our shores should not be the dumping ground for all Europe and Asia.

Following is a list of topics upon which resolutions were offered yesterday, in the Philadelphia meeting of the Federation of Labor: On the saloon question; mustache question; standing of the Knights of Labor in the federation; political action, granting charters to central bodies; compulsory arbitration; interference of courts and military; Chinese sailors on the Pacific Mail steamers; assisted immigration; calling out armed bodies during strikes; to amend alien contract labor; an universal label; to establish a sinking fund; for the pardon of the Chicago Haymarket anarchists; for a national eight-hour law; for the inauguration of education by the federation; favoring the abolishment of trusts and speculation in food products; for organization of international bodies of unions of freight-handlers and broom-makers; and a number of others of minor importance. It was agreed to take up the question of the celebration of Homestead day at the afternoon session today.

The Panama canal scandal is becoming a very serious matter in France. Minister of Finance Rouvier has resigned as a result of the letter by Clemenceau in Le Figaro implicating him with Reinach and Herz in the Panama canal scandal. The political situation is very critical, and another government crisis is extremely likely. Le Figaro publishes the story in detail, professing to give the story of the last hours of Baron Reinach. It says that, after his visit with Clemenceau and Rouvier to Herz for the purpose of getting the papers to let up in their publication of the Panama canal details, and finding Herz would do nothing, he realized there was no escaping the results of his acts, so he went home at midnight, wrote a number of letters, destroyed the compromising documents, and at one o'clock took the poison.

Despite the earnest protests of those who favor the preservation of at least a remnant of the noble game of the northwest, the ruthless slaughter still goes on. In northern Idaho, it is said hunters are killing deer, elk and mountain sheep in the most wanton manner, while other parties are hunting deer under contract with meat dealers. Even the little spotted fawn is not exempt from their cruel rapacity. The law is strong enough but somehow it is not enforced.

There is a curious typographical error in Harper's Magazine for December, just issued, by which Charles Dudley Warner is made to say in his Editor's Study, that "the great mass of Christian literature is no longer believed." This, says the Boston Herald, would be a startling assertion, indeed, were it not evident by the context that what Mr. Warner wrote was that "the great mass of Christmas literature is no longer believed."

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