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Distribution of Immigrants

HOW UNCLE SAM INTENDS TO PROPERLY HANDLE HIS
INCOMING WARDS.The Department of Commerce and Labor's New Division of
Information—Accomplishments of Terence V. Powderly,
Official Head of the National Employment Bureau.
Why Organized Labor Opposes It.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

THE latest phase of the immigration problem seems to be stirring up something of a hornet's nest. In some parts of the country the forces of organized labor are up in arms against the work of the new division of information in the department of commerce and labor. This division is a part of the bureau of immigration. The man in charge of it is Terence V. Powderly, who is the biggest and most powerful organization of workmen ever formed on the globe. With more than a million members the Knights of Labor force for years wielded a remarkable influence upon American commerce and industry.

Why, then, is this? Mr. Powderly, as chief of the division of information, is really the manager of Uncle Sam's big new free employment bureau. He is, in fact, much more than that, but he is that, and for that reason certain labor leaders decried the division of information. Over and beyond the fact that this new division of the bureau of immigration is a free employment bureau of national scope, it is in view of the still more important fact that the primary object of the innovation in government service is to distribute the homes of immigrants who come to the United States to points where they will do the most good for themselves and for the country which has accepted them and must assimilate them.

Highly Important Movement.
Boiled right down to its bare bones, the division of information is an intelligent effort upon the part of this

part of the earth that is coming to them if they find it out.

Thus we have in New York such startling conditions as the Black Hand, with its branches in the other cities. We have great slum districts almost exclusively settled by the pauper outcasts of Europe, who drop even lower in the social scale here than the pits into which they were born at home. They produce large and swarming hives of children, who grow up dirty, ignorant, depraved and utterly unfit for American citizenship. This is speaking, of course, in a general way. Everybody knows that some of these city staying immigrants rise above their surroundings and make good citizens. But the tendency is the other way.

Gasping For Settlers.

And yet far from the madding crowd to these big cities virgin areas are simply gasping for settlers. In the southern states, beginning with Maryland and Virginia and continuing through the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, there is a constant cry for more people, more farmers, more laborers, more mill hands. Labor skilled and unskilled is wanted, and men are wanted to settle on the unimproved lands and make them blossom productively.

A similar condition obtains in the southwestern states, though perhaps not to the like degree of urgency. Southwestern Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory present splendid opportunities for settlers, particularly for those who come from the southern countries of Europe and therefore will be acclimated the moment they step off the train. It is well known that that some of our northwestern states—Minnesota and Wisconsin, for instance—have been settled largely by immigrants from the Scandinavian countries, who fancy a little cold weather now and then be-

eight years ago. He was bred to toil. He was a staid machinist when he reached twenty-one and the head of a local labor union. Then when the Knights of Labor began to flourish this young Pennsylvania workman was asked time and time again to be the head of that vast body. He was elected three times mayor of Scranton, Pa., his home town. During McKinley's administration he was the commissioner of immigration. In that post he had opportunity to study the immigration problem in all its phases, and it appears that the matter of proper distribution appealed most strongly to him. Mr. Powderly is also a lawyer and has practiced before the supreme court of the United States. As to education—well, the present writer not long ago heard him tell this little story:

"When I was commissioner of immigration an important looking person came into my office and made a remark to the effect that a man in my position ought to have a university education. I wheeled around in my chair and replied something like this: 'Yes, sir, he ought, and I have a university education. I matriculated very early in the university of hard knocks, of honest toil, of practical experience. I took all the regular courses and most of the elective combinations. I passed the examinations without cramming. I never flunked. I got my diploma, and then I was elected to several professorships in the same university. How do you like me?'

"Whereupon," concluded Mr. Powderly, with that fine smile of his that won't wear off, "my supercilious visitor folded his tents like the Arabs and as silently stole away."

Mr. Powderly attended a country school for a few months, but had to quit when he was thirteen owing to defective eyesight. He declares that he never saw the stars and never believed in them except as a fairy tale for children until he was eighteen years old. Then he got a strong pair of spectacles and felt like Christopher Columbus discovering a new world, except that Powderly discovered a multiplicity of worlds.

Objects of the Bureau.

The division of immigration is in constant correspondence with the government of states and their immigration officials. The object is to ascertain where labor is wanted and where settlers are desired. Then the information division directs the immigrants to the jobs and the settlements. Intelligent representatives are to mingle with the immigrants on shipboard and inform them as to chances for employment and for acquiring farm land.

Mr. Powderly's division of information has jobs waiting for approximately a quarter of a million men, women and children throughout the country. There is no lack of work, he says, for anybody who wants to work, either American or foreign import. If the foreigners must be imported they must be distributed. It is simply a matter of distribution and assimilation or concentration and stagnation.

This division of information established by Secretary Straus is not to merely aid in distributing immigrants. It will furnish American workmen as well as immigrants not only information where work may be obtained, but it will actually obtain for them a promise of employment before they leave one part of the country for another.

Organized labor in some quarters has severely criticized Secretary Straus for the creation of this so-called free employment agency. These critics hold that Mr. Straus is not a friend to labor. They hold that the ignorant European immigrant will work more cheaply than the intelligent American or foreign import. If the system of distribution will tend to cut down the general scale of wages. As to this point no doubt the divergence of opinion will be wide.

A fierce fight against the new movement is being waged in the forthcoming congress. Lined up alongside the administration will be many state governors and local immigration officials who are trying to get settlers to take their unoccupied lands. The railroads also will have a hand in the matter. They want to sell tickets and haul produce. Also in line with the administration will be the various charitable organizations in the great cities. On the other hand will be those earnest persons who hold that America is for Americans and the devil take the rank outsider.

The problem has several distinct phases. It is ethical, social and industrial. Are we our brothers' keepers or are we merely our brothers' supporters? Something must be done with the immigrants. They are here, and they are coming by the million. From present indications the proposition will be fought to some kind of finish on the floor of congress to the exclusion of the free labor problem and the tariff.

Lobster Monstrously.
Charles A. Chase of Bath, Me., captain of the fishing boat, the *John*, after a long while fishing ten miles east of Seguin, Me., says the Kennebec Journal. He hauled in a lobster which measured thirty-two inches and weighed thirteen pounds. The shell was covered with barnacles and was judged by old fishermen to be at least ten years old. It was the largest lobster caught in that vicinity for many years.

Swimming Match For Cripples.
The Paris Union of Cripples is arranging a swimming match, open to cripples only, to be held in the Seine.

Prospects of Sir Thomas.
When Lipton comes to lift the cup. Though he's a pretty far. Instead of getting that same cup. He'll get another one.
—F. F. Fitts in New York Sun.

BIG AERIAL CARNIVAL

Many Experts to Compete in the
International Cup Race.

CONTEST HELD AT ST. LOUIS.

Double Row of Open Wire Fences Will
Prevent Interference With Starting
of Balloons—YOUTH of Fourteen From
Ohio Will Compete.

Arrangements for the aerial carnival at St. Louis, the principal feature of which will be the contest for the international cup during the week beginning Monday, Oct. 21, are nearly complete, and the men in charge predict that the event will be the greatest and most successful in the history of the International Aeronautic federation, says a St. Louis special dispatch to the New York Herald. Experts in aerial navigation from many parts of the world are entered in the international race for the cup, and there will be numerous special attractions. The board of directors of the Aero Club of America, the organization which represents the international federation in the United States, has made extensive plans for the care of the visitors, and the reception committee includes representative men of the United States.

The roster in part is: Courtland Field Bishop, chairman; Patrick Y. Alexander, Colonel John Jacob Astor, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, O. H. P. Belmont, John E. Borne, James L. Breeze, Alfred N. Chandler, Captain C. De E. Chandler, Octave Canute, Charles G. Gatos, Charles J. Gildred, Peter Cooper Hewitt and Frank S. Lahm.

Many members of the Aero Club of America will attend. A full delegation already has made preparations to leave New York on Thursday, Oct. 17, and has engaged headquarters for the club at the Hotel Jefferson. Locally the Aero club of St. Louis and the Business Men's league are pushing preparations for the international race and the other aerial events. Permission has been obtained to inclose the grounds from which the balloons will be started at Forest park, the site of the world's fair of 1904.

There will be a double row of fences, one ten feet inside the other. Both will be of open wire, so as not to obstruct the view of the public. The ten foot space between the two rows will be thoroughly policed. The two rows were deemed advisable so that if by chance the crowd should break through the outer fence it could be checked before getting by the inner one.

The people of St. Louis have had to guarantee to the contestants that the inclosures shall be kept clear and that there shall be no interference with the starting of the balloons. A balloon must have plenty of space to rise, and it is impossible to keep the crowds away without erecting fences. Not only would a crowd around the balloons make an ascension impossible, but it would endanger lives, as many persons are apt to move and even light matches near the immense bags of gas. The gaslight company also has been granted permits for the laying of necessary gas mains. The company is experimenting, and it expects to supply a quality of coal gas with remarkable ascensional power.

The Business Men's league has obtained a permit and let a contract for an immense grand stand. L. D. Doster, president of the Aero club of St. Louis, who spent several days in New York recently in conference with members of the Aero Club of America, has returned. He will give his immediate attention to pushing all necessary preparations. The final meeting is expected to last a week. There are really five separate events—the international balloon race, the airship and dirigible balloon contest, gasless flying machines and attempts by various aeronauts to win the cup by covering a greater distance than 492 miles in a balloon.

S. P. Ferguson is coming on to make experiments with small balloons for Professor A. Lawrence Roth, director of the Blue Hill Meteorological observatory and professor of meteorology at Harvard university. Mr. Ferguson conducted the experiments made at St. Louis during the world's fair under the direction of Professor Roth. The balloons are sent up with self-registering instruments in them to ascertain conditions that would be of interest and service to those who are to take part in the aerial contests.

One of the entrants in the dirigible balloon contests is Cromwell Dixon, fourteen years old, of Columbus, O. Young Dixon guides his airship with a bicycle arrangement, and he calls it a sky bicycle. He has made several difficult flights. Carl Meckle of Elberfeld, Germany, will be one of the three German contestants in the international race, taking the place of Baron von Hirsch. Meckle won the big Dusseldorf balloon race on June 8 and Oscar Erbschold, another German, won the race at Brussels a few days ago in conjunction with the international aeronautic congress session. He traveled 620 miles. Captain Abernethy, the third German, also has won some big races.

Typewriters With Words.
A new typewriter will soon be put on the market which will write a complete word at one stroke, says the New York Press. This does not mean that every word in the language will be printed so easily. Only twenty-two short words, most commonly used in correspondence, have been chosen, and they will be indicated on the keyboard like individual letters.

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