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A GIANT DEFORMED.

Figures Showing the Unnatural Growth of the U. S.

Making a Strong Argument in Favor of Closing Our Ports Against Europe's Pauper, Criminal and Contract Labor Immigration.

Population of the United States in 1830	12,866,020
Population of the United States in 1890	62,622,250
Aggregate immigration 1820-30	143,439
Aggregate immigration 1880-90	5,246,613
Increase population 1830-90	5-fold
Increase in immigration 1830-90	36-fold

For the benefit of the people of the earth in general, the wiseacres of the fifty-third congress, there in the black faced type is the hackneyed, muddled, misquoted immigration question presented for dinner.

Apply the same principles of growth to the stature of a youth and you have deformity. You have one member, say the trunk, the head, the limbs, the feet—any part by which you may chose to typify the foreign portion of the body politic—increasing in seventy years seven times as fast as the rest of the organism.

We are fond of calling our republic a young giant. In this light it looks rather like a young ogre, a deformed giant at best Who can wonder at the outbreak of its diseases? Who can doubt that with the growth of its disproportion the increase of its ailings will be such that the outbreaks of the Chicago Haymarket and the New Orleans parish prison will be deemed mere premonitory symptoms of a disease which in the course of years, and not so many years, will leave the young republic, not a deformed living giant, but a dead, distorted giant, cumbering the earth and polluting the air of the continent, which was its priceless heritage, and drawing all the foul birds of the nations to a carrion feast.

But may the sentimentalists, headed by that president of an eastern institution of learning, whose methods of historical and ethnological study may be gauged by his comparison of the Mormon elders to the Puritan fathers, "It is the will of God. It is the law of nature. We are all of immigrant stock ourselves. We are estopped by the bare fact of our descent from seeking to control this startling, but really only natural phenomenon, which in course of time will regulate itself."

It is not the will of God. It is the will of 4,081 British, 1,300 Dutch, 4,000 Italian and probably 10,000 steamship sub-agents who have received in the last ten years commissions of from $2 to $5 per head on nearly every one of the over 5,000,000 passage tickets to this country sold by the European transportation companies. It is not the law of nature. It is the law of the British government, which has in the same length of time by the operation of its sixty-nine subsidized prisoners' aid societies decreased its criminal population from 25,000 to 12,000 by deporting it to our shores, which has decreased poor rates in some parishes 500 per cent. by the same process which has stripped the waste brgs of Ireland of the population they were too poor to support in the same fashion, which has in short manifested in the forcing upon us of its subjects every sign of arrogant selfishness and insolent contempt, which, in the forcing from us of our citizens, it manifested in and prior to the year 1812, and which to the courteous demand of a commissioner from the secretary of the treasury for information returns through one of the salaried officers of its subsidized societies this answer:

"You are from the United States; we do not print any reports; we do not give any information; we do not let any prisoners go from our doors without assistance, and if one of them becomes president of the United States you will never be the wiser."

No, neither God nor nature is responsible for the increase of the normal annual influx of a quarter of a million aliens in the 50's, the 60's and the 70's, to the half a million (or in exact numbers, 524,661) annual average of the 80's. It is the corporate greed of reckless alien transportation companies in the first place, and next the devilish enmity or reckless contempt of the British government toward American institutions which has given to "our kin beyond the sea" the infamous eminence of being the only people on earth who systematically drain the corruption of their own system into the system of a neighbor, and do it with that magnificently organized hypocrasy of John Bull in the name of christianity.

But this brand of Christian charity must stop, so far as this country is concerned, or in time our free institutions will totter and fall before the ignorant assaults of those who do not and cannot realize their value, and seem equally ignorant of the blessings they assure all who become truly American.

In order to realize the immigration question it is necessary to approach it from the hither end. The point which most immediately concerns us and the comprehension of which is necessary for the comprehension of all points is where the immigrants stay when they do come, and who and what they are. The statistical bureau of the treasury department gives us ample information on the first of these vital questions in the following table showing the number of immigrants destined to each state, territory and the district of Columbia during the year ending June 30, 1892:

States and Territories.	No.	States and Territories.	No.
Alaska	[illegible]	Montana	847
Alabama	[illegible]	Massachusetts	[illegible]
Arizona	[illegible]	N. Hampshire	[illegible]
Arkansas	[illegible]	N. Carolina	[illegible]
Connecticut	[illegible]	Nebraska	[illegible]
Colorado	[illegible]	Nevada	[illegible]
California	[illegible]	New Jersey	[illegible]
Delaware	[illegible]	New Mexico	[illegible]
Dist of Columbia	[illegible]	New York	[illegible]
Dakota	[illegible]	Ohio	[illegible]
Florida	[illegible]	Oregon	[illegible]
Georgia	[illegible]	Pennsylvania	[illegible]
Indiana	[illegible]	Rhode Island	[illegible]
Ind. Territory	[illegible]	S. Carolina	[illegible]
Illinois	[illegible]	Tennessee	[illegible]
Iowa	[illegible]	Texas	[illegible]
Idaho	[illegible]	Utah	[illegible]
Kentucky	[illegible]	Vermont	[illegible]
Kansas	[illegible]	Virginia	[illegible]
Louisiana	[illegible]	West Virginia	[illegible]
Maine	[illegible]	Wisconsin	[illegible]
Maryland	[illegible]	Washington	[illegible]
Michigan	[illegible]	Wyoming	[illegible]
Missouri	[illegible]	Tourists	[illegible]
Minnesota	[illegible]	Not Reported	[illegible]
Mississippi	[illegible]		

These figures simply ring with an eloquent arraignment of the present utter lack of intelligent distribution of immigration. Save by the United Hebrew charities in their scientific efforts for the betterment of their exiled brethren of Russia no adequate attempt has been made by any competent agency to ascertain what part of the country really needs immigration and what part of the country immigration really needs.

Under this system, our utter lack of system, the swarming tenements of the East Side have been overswarmed by the majority of the 180,766 aliens who have made this state their refuge. The hovels about the collieries and coal ovens of Pennsylvania have been peopled by 71,607 additional individualities which by the courtesy of immigration statistics, are called "souls." The teeming slums of Chicago team with 34,539 more opportunities for anarchist propaganda than they did in the previous fiscal year, and to the great, magnificent, unpeopled, resourceful "empire," as it has been fitly called, of Montana, where every form of industry, from sheep raising to gold mining, offers an incentive to human activity, has gone the pitiful equip of 847 people.

It is a hand to mouth immigration. It is no longer the outgoer from the old world who brings his household goods and hopes to set them up at new and abiding shrines, the kind pictured in the once famous emigrant song, "Cheer, boys cheer, no more of idle sorrow." It is the outgoer who seeks to snatch the first pittance of ready money that may come his way, no matter whence he may snatch it. He has no mind to build up a home, to found a family. He is simply after a larger day's pay than he has received before. This is the secret of the congestion of immigration in coal fields and large cities. The researches of the latest senatorial investigation committee proves this too amply and too extensively to be more than mentioned here.

But the fact is that after the statisticians have classified to the best of their ability and have put 2,079,135 in "miscellaneous" classes which include laborers and 116,157 as "not stated," and 27,006 as "professional," there remains an appalling total of 2,483,904 who cannot be included even in the unskilled labor class. It is true that 1,767,284 are women and 537,007 children and therefore presumably dependent upon others in the skilled, miscellaneous or professional classes. But when we have cut all this away we come down to the fact, only commensurately less appalling, that in that decade 253,062 men landed in this country who had not even the skill and knowledge necessary for the merest hewing of wood and drawing of water, who could not even break stone on a road or dig earth from a trench.

Yet optimistic Colonel Weber came back from his tour of Europe as commissioner convinced of the fact that this country was "no longer the dumping ground of Europe," and that to the alien steamship corporations, guided by their fear of the efficient inspection at Ellis Island, the future of this country may be left.

That the same bureau of immigration statistics which tells us where these people go; tells us who and what they are. It tells a story of a portentous increase unassimilating immigration in the last two decades in a table of arrivals, by nationalities and by decades, of alien passengers from October 1, 1820, to December 31, 1867, and of immigrants from January 1, 1868, to June 30, 1890.

This increase is unassimilating of its own volition. It is in the countries of Italy and Hungaria that the percentage of increase is, save for the tyranny stimulated increase of the Russian Hebrew, by far the largest. That this increase is unassimilating there are many evidences. Most unquestioned, if not most conclusive, is this evidence in the report of this same bureau.

"From Hungary 94,243, or 73.8 per cent. were males, and 33,438, or 26.2 per cent. were females."

"In arrivals from Italy during the last ten years there is the largest disparity of sexes, 248,438, or 79.4 per cent. being males, and 63,886, or 20.6 per cent. females.

"From Ireland and Germany, the once principal and still staple sources of immigration, the percentage of females is respectively 49 and 42.4 per cent.

"These huge percentages of male Italians and Hungarians tell the story of the unassimilating character of the immigration which is increasing most rapidly. The immigration which leaves its womankind behind leaves its expenses behind to be met from this side, and is actuated by precisely the same motive of stripping the land of as much of its wealth as can be carried away, which inspired the plundering Spanish adventurers who discovered the hemisphere.

Another evidence of the unassimilating character of this most rapidly increasing immigration is the fact that it furnishes the largest proportion of aliens past the prime of life. Thus 1.55 per cent. of the Italian immigration is of this class, and 11.6 of the Austrian, which includes the Hungarian. The average per cent. of this immigration of all countries is 10.5.

It would be a bootless task, although the figures are at hand, to go into an analysis of the capacity for self-support evidenced by the 5,246,613 alien arrivals of the last decade. The many believers in the maintenance of an artificial labor market would doubtless consider it an argument in favor of this immigration that only 540,411, or a little more than 10 per cent. of it was skilled labor.

Following is a table of alien passenger and immigrant arrivals:

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