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LET THE IMMIGRANT COME

OF all the important questions which confront America today, immigration is the one which seems to concern citizens of the country most vitally. It is a subject which must be discussed on its merits; it is no longer possible to advocate a continuance of America's traditional policy of allowing unlimited immigration on the ground that this country has always been a refuge for oppressed and liberty-seeking people. On the other hand the declamatory and vociferous agitator must not be allowed to wield undue influence through his vivid portrayal of alien deluges.

One reason why there is so much clamor for the exclusion of immigrants is that there are at this time over one million people in this country who are without work. It may seem that the new incomers will compete with these Americans for their jobs, but consideration of the matter will show that this is not true. For six years we have had no immigrants coming in, and this has resulted in a shortage of about four million unskilled laborers. No doubt it would be a fine thing for "cheap labor" here if the arrival of this type of worker was further suspended, but the native-born American workman is seldom unskilled, and he does not need to fear the competition of the common laborer. In fact a large amount of unskilled labor is absolutely necessary for the accomplishment of the rough muscle work upon which the artisan's work is depended. From this it is obvious that cheap labor is not only economically valuable, but absolutely necessary.

Many people who are willing to admit the validity of the above, nevertheless advocate the passage of the exclusion bill now pending in Congress, on the ground that this country's capacity for assimilation is not great enough to take care of the flood of foreigners that is clamoring for an opportunity to leave Europe. That an inundation of fifteen million immigrants in the space of two or three years would be fatal is not open to question, as this is four times what the country actually needs at the present moment. However, this peril is obviated by a practical consideration: available passenger steamships can bring only one million a year, and we have already demonstrated our ability to handle that number. It is true that we may not be able to take in that many immigrants year after year, but the flow will regulate itself automatically if the newcomers send word abroad that work is scarce and that the best of living conditions do not exist here. Further, it is not unreasonable to expect that conditions in Europe will become normal in a very few years, and this will stop the immigration thence before many millions have found their way to our shores.

A very common objection to the newcomers is based on their alleged undesirability. According to the Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island we are today receiving the best type of immigrants that have yet come to this country. Most of them have come here to get away from the unbearable conditions of their native lands. They all indicate a great desire to go to work to support their families. It must be admitted that there are some who come here for the purpose of raising dissension, others who are likely to become public charges, criminals, paupers, illiterates, and the like, but the present law which is presumably in force was enacted specifically for such cases. A new law, no matter how drastic its provisions, will be no more effective if it is not properly enforced.

Another thing that vouched for the desirability of these foreigners is their comparative wealth. Steerage fares are now four times what they were in prewar days, and only the lower middle class and the prosperous peasantry can meet this expense. Their prosperity is further exemplified by the amount of money which they bring with them: in the case of the Hebrews, it is as high as \$300 each.

There still remains one more objection to dispose of. Many persons who understand the economic necessity of welcoming

BAUER MARRIED

Has Been Prominent Figure in Institute Activities

The marriage of M. M. Bauer '22 to Miss Sara Tucker of Kibi, Michigan, took place in Boston on Wednesday, December 22. Miss Tucker has been residing in Boston for several years and was spending the Winter in Palm Beach, Florida from which place she came to Boston for the wedding.

Bauer is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and during his time at the Institute has been very active in student affairs. He was one of the original founders of the Woop Garoo which later developed into the Voo Doo. He was also News Editor of THE TECH.

While at Camp Machias last Summer Bauer was on the student council, grinds editor of Benchmark, and business manager of the show.

MUSICAL CLUBS COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY TOUR

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Philadelphia, December 30.—The Combined Musical Clubs of the Institute reached Washington yesterday morning on their week trip. They played in Washington tonight at Rauscher's, which is well known as one of the finest social centers in the capitol city, and will leave tomorrow on one of the Pennsylvania Railroad's limiteds for New Brunswick, where the train will make a special stop to release the clubs' car. Among the patronesses at the concert last evening were Lady Auckland Geddes, wife of the British Ambassador, Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the Secretary of War and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the Vice-President elect.

Brooklyn Concert Big Success

The first concert was given Monday evening at the Brooklyn, N. Y., Academy of Music and proved an overwhelming success. The hall was crowded and at the dance which followed Cardes' Society Orchestra furnished the music. The dance was run in conjunction with the Sophomore class of Delphi College and took the place of the annual Sophomore dance of that Institution. The concert was prefaced by a brief business meeting of the clubs. More than 1,100 people were present.

Cranford Enthusiastic

The Cranford concert Tuesday evening was voted, by all who attended it, to be one of the best ever. The men were royally entertained by the townspeople at their homes and given an opportunity to see the surrounding country in automobiles.

The Philadelphia concert, Wednesday evening was held at the Philomusical Club in West Philadelphia. Among the members of the alumni here who helped to make the affair a success was H. L. Moody '07, writer of "The Cardinal and Gray." The men left on the sleeper for Washington.

Met in Automobiles

The men were met upon their arrival in Washington this morning by members of the Alumni in automobiles who took the men for a tour of the city.

Thomas Short of New Brunswick is in charge of this concert which will be given at the Montalvas Temple of Music. Inspiration for dancing will be furnished by Ed Thimme's jazz band.

Close at Montclair

The men will stay in New Brunswick over night and will proceed the next morning to Newark. The baggage will then be forwarded at once to Montclair, where the last concert will be given, while the men will spend several hours looking over the town of Newark and will then follow the baggage, at about 4.30 o'clock to Montclair. This concert will be held in the Montclair High School and will be in charge of Peter Merry.

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the immigrant nevertheless cannot advocate unrestricted immigration because they are haunted by the fear that the United States will become a polyglot nation. Assuming for the moment that such an apprehension is justified, it can be seen that the attitude of this country towards the immigrants is far more conducive to their segregation than any action of the immigrants themselves. In fact the immigrant is the force which fosters assimilation, while the American community, perhaps unconsciously, opposes this force. We should take a more active part in the Americanization of the foreigners, we should invade their communities with Americanizing influences, and we should think of them as a valuable asset, and not look upon them as a group which is merely being tolerated.

There is one race, it must be admitted, which will not assimilate, and this is the Hebrew. Only one-half of one per cent of them intermarry, but what American is apprehensive simply because the Jews insist on retaining their identity as a nation? There is certainly nothing more desirable in this country than a race that is always identified with intellectuality, moral character, scientific progress, and business ability, all of which, in the last analysis, is for the good of the whole American people.

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daced. Under the present high operating costs and relatively low market value of mineral products and profits on certain operations are entirely swept away, so that during the last two years there has been no great incentive to this form of mineral in Alaska, and but few mining ventures have been undertaken.

The long interdict on the use of the mineral fuels of Alaska has greatly retarded all forms of mining in the territory. It not only enhanced the cost of all mining by prohibiting the use of local fuels, but it made the industry lose the advantage of the improvement in industrial conditions that would certainly have followed the development of coal and oil.

The situation was relieved somewhat by the coal-land leasing act of 1913, but unfortunately this relief came at about the time when unstable conditions were brought about by the war and by the readjustments that followed peace. 1920 further help was given by the passage of an oil-land leasing act, but it has been passed too recently to affect the Alaska mining industry.

As about 96 per cent of the value of the mineral output of Alaska has been taken from her gold and copper mines, the world-wide depression in the mining of these two metals, which continued through 1920, has been a staggering blow to the prosperity of the Territory. About 60 per cent of the population of Alaska has heretofore been directly or indirectly supported by gold mining. With the relative decrease in the value of gold the miner and prospector has been forced to leave the Territory and the population has declined. This decline, however, must not be regarded as an indication of the early exhaustion of the gold resources, for Alaska contains enormous potential reserves of gold and other minerals. The depression of the mining industry is only temporary; a change for the better will come when general economic conditions become more normal and water and land transportation at cheaper and better. A lowering of freight rates, the completion of the Government railroad, and the building of a large mileage of wagon roads are needed to quicken the now stagnant mining industry. Such changes will

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