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The Workingmen Bearing the Burden— The Result of Unrestricted Immigration.

In the present hard times which are causing much distress among the working people and when hundreds of thousands are out of employment, while more are working for a mere pittance to keep starvation from their doors, it appears that the real cause of distress is lost sight of in this clamor over the Sherman silver purchasing clause.

The riot in New York a few days ago was instigated and promoted by foreigners, mostly Russians, who have not been very long in this country, hardly long enough to shake off the germs of the detestable tyrannies and paternalistic systems of government in which they were born and bred, or we should say, ill-bred.

These New York rioters are of that element of surplus labor which has been introduced by our over estimated capacity and too liberal system of immigration laws.

Of late years the character of the immigrant has so changed that this nation now needs deliverance by a reconstruction of the present existing laws and the application of a stringent system of inspection and examination.

We have already more of the disorderly element than we can easily take care of, and if the Russians, Poles and various nationalities remaining in their respective countries want more of individual liberty and freedom of thought and action let them take up arms at home, as our forefathers did in this country in the latter part of the last century. The discord in New York is a strong argument in favor of the restriction of immigration to protect our American working people.

At a late demonstration of unem-

ployed in Chicago, one of the resolutions adopted was that the monument in Haymarket to the policemen who quelled the Haymarket riot, should be destroyed, as it was an insult to some of the "best citizens of the city and state."

This resolution shows the character of the people in that demonstration and if another riot occurs in Chicago or the state of Illinois Governor Altgeld, who liberated the human brutes from Joliet to lead their thousands of anarchistic followers, will be largely if not wholly responsible for the result.

Capitalists of this country have benefited by cheap imported labor for years, and are now showing how they control and to what extent they own our law makers in congress by trying to force them to alter our financial laws for the benefit of themselves and their brother money bags of Europe.

If there was a time when the people should demand of congress that immigration be restricted in its fullest sense, that time is now. Yet what will be done?

Some of our statesmen will argue that these matters will right themselves, and that fewer immigrants will come this year when they learn of the distress among those already here and that as less money is being earned by the foreign element here they cannot afford to send for their pauper relatives, and that fewer will be sent for by the hundreds of foreign employment agencies which infest our sea port cities, New York especially, and who flagrantly violate our present existing immigration laws.