

**RESTRICTING IMMIGRATION.**

With the prospect that the programme mapped out by the administration will engage the attention of congress at least throughout the winter, there is little hope that the subject of immigration will be even touched upon.

But there could be no more opportune time than the present to consider the problem of an overstocked labor market and to provide a plan of restriction by which the undesirable and unprofitable class that has been flocking here during recent years may be kept away.

No small part of the distress that has been brought upon American laborers during the present depression is the result of the oversupply of non-producers. Common laborers have long found employment exceedingly uncertain and often unprofitable from the competition of those who do not come to our shores for any purpose or in any spirit that entitles them to our consideration.

Thousands come here annually to accumulate sums which shall enable them to return to their own lands in comparative affluence. Their expenses of living, while here, are kept down to the pauper basis to which they have been accustomed at home, and they add little to the demand for the product of American farmers or manufacturers.

Such was not the character of our immigration twenty years ago. It is in no way in keeping with the spirit which prompted the framers of our organic laws to offer an asylum to the poor and oppressed of every land.

The time has come when it is the duty of our lawmakers to provide for the protection of our own people. The labor organizations of the country might profitably devote their efforts to this question in place of harassing the already sorely distressed employer, which is oppressive in view of the over supply of laborers who are clamoring for work to do at any price. It is a subject that demands attention now, and there is every indication that the demand will greatly increase rather than diminish before the winter is over.

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