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IMMIGRANT PROBLEM IS STUDIED BY CONGRESS

Though No Action Has Been Taken, Members Believe War Weariness Will Cause More Europeans to Come to America—Bill to Restrict All Aliens in House

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Washington, April 8.—The immigrant problem is one that has agitated congress particularly since the passage of the restrictive November 1918. Predictions were made both before and since that rate that there would be an influx of immigrants directly the war was over. Bills have been introduced to limit and to exclude immigrants for periods ranging from two to twenty years after peace was made. But so far no law has been enacted. A bill providing for a suspension of immigration for four years was favorably reported from the house committee in the winter of 1918-19.

Now the house committee on immigration is proposing to deal with the problem again. Hearings of the committee have continued until recently. It has gathered all the information it believes essential.

What actually has been the situation with regard to immigration into this country since the close of hostilities? Figures obtained from the immigration bureau show that from December, 1918, to November, 1919, inclusive, the number of immigrants was 220,193. For the same period the number of emigrant aliens was 248,577, representing an actual decrease in the alien population of the country. The most recent figures show that the number of immigrant aliens in November, 1919, totaled 2,219 and for the same month, the number of emigrant aliens was 2,105. The figures for December, January, February and March are not yet available, but it is estimated that they will approximate those of November. The danger of a horde of aliens surrounding the country through immigration, therefore, does not appear as imminent as it did at the time the committee was signed.

Asking for Aliens.

Nevertheless, many members of congress are still intent upon suspending immigration for a period of years. Delegates after this country entered the war showed clearly that too little has been done in the past to bring about the assimilation of aliens and their Americanization. There have been too many hyphenated Americans. The advocates of suspension of immigration believe that it would be the wisest part during the next few years to attempt to bring about the Americanization and assimilation of those aliens already within the United States, instead of permitting the number of aliens to grow constantly.

When the actual immigration into the United States in the last 100 years is considered, the committee of assimilation may be better equipped to meet the problem. The number of immigrants in the last 100 years reached the huge total of 23,203,194. The high water mark was reached in 1907, when approximately 1,280,000 immigrants entered the country. In the following year, the immigration dropped to about 750,000. But in 1914 it had again increased and in that year amounted to 1,225,000.

It was, therefore, after the signing of the restrictive immigration bill that the number of immigrants did show an increase. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, the number of immigrants was 131,152, as compared to 110,648 for the previous year. But as has been shown the number of aliens leaving the country has more than kept pace with the influx. While the development of industries in this country on an unprecedented scale, the question naturally arises as to where the labor is to come from, if immigration ceases.

Europeans Not Hoped.

Another immigration official, the belief prevails that war weariness among victors and vanquished alike will prove yet a powerful incentive to immigration. The people of Europe generally are tired of war and it is felt that they are not inclined to believe that permanent peace is now assured. Their fathers' and grandfathers have been obliged to bear the burdens of ever recurring conflicts, and they themselves have passed through such an experience. They may look to this country as a land of peace. There cause immigration officials do not regard with concern the recent revival of alien immigration from the United States. Emigration, they believe, is a new thing. For between 1908 and the outbreak of the war, 36 aliens left the country for every 100 that entered it.

At present the passport-visa system, adopted when this country entered the war, is still in operation and in the opinion of many persons, should be continued, if immigration is not entirely suspended. In war time, the system was established to prevent the public enemy from entering the country. Now it is the order, the breaker of revolution and the advocate of anarchy that is kept out through this system.

First Law in 1887.

Prior to 1882, when the federal government first assumed definite control of immigration, the movement was practically unregulated. It was in that year the first general

immigration law was enacted, though in 1875 a law was put through to exclude prostitutes and convicts. Since 1882, various laws have been enacted, excluding more and more classes of immigrants. The present law is that of 1917, which excluded illiterate aliens. There are about 30 more or less distinct classes excluded under the existing law.

Fundamentally, the immigration laws of the United States have been based on the theory of selection rather than restriction. High officials in the immigration bureau believe today that this theory of selection should be the basis of future laws. A bill has been prepared by the bureau and introduced in congress, and will be considered along with the other measures which propose suspension of immigration. One feature of this bill which is of no little interest provides for the rigid restriction of all aliens. By such a system it would be possible for the United States government to know at all times how many aliens there are and where located. It is hoped that through this system efforts at Americanization of the aliens will be more productive of results.

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Mr. Timothy Cline, a well known and highly respected farmer of Jacobs Fork township, was attacked by Ed Whittle late yesterday afternoon and his hat riddled with bird shot and the right side of his face wounded. Mr. Cline and his son, Mr. Pink Cline, were in a wagon when Whittle, who is said to have been giving trouble, appeared suddenly and announced that he was going to kill the older Cline.

He raised his gun and fired, Mr. Timothy Cline ducking and received only one shot that was meant for his head. His hat was riddled. He ran and Whittle pursued him, firing the second time.

The trouble was over a bridge across a stream on Mr. Cline's right of way to his farm. Whittle had pulled up two bridges put down by Mr. Cline and cut up a third. Hailed before a magistrate he was fined \$15 and costs, but the case was not pushed because he had indicated his willingness to make amends. Mr. Cline had been using an old roadway by agreement, but when Whittle got control of the land he announced that the road should no longer be used. Mr. Cline consented and proceeded to use his own right of way and it was a bridge over that that caused Whittle to run amuck.

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GERMANS CAUSED OVERMAN SCORES IN REPUBLICAN PARTY

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By the Associated Press
Frankfort, Wednesday, April 7.—This afternoon's clash in the Schillerplatz between French troops and the population resulting in the killing of six Germans and the wounding of two score others was followed by a strong display of French military force which brought the restoration of order by the time darkness had set in.

It was a rumor that the French had been forced by the pressure of the allies and the United States to withdraw from the city that caused the trouble. The crowd jeered and yelled at the troops, "You've got to get out," the Senegalese who were patrolling the city.

A French officer ordered the crowd to disperse and when it refused, the machine gun opened fire.

The firing attracted a great crowd to the square, circling the troops, the French then began to bring up reinforcements, four tanks between the columns of soldiers rolling in. The reinforcements went up the main street. Troops with fixed bayonets cleared the way and a rearguard of the officers in the center directing the movements.

The German police aided in the action to restore quiet, stationing officers at strategic points.

A French staff officer deplored the happening in conversation with the correspondent tonight. "The French authorities extremely regret this occurrence," he said.

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Ninth District Congressman in Keynote Speech Declares for Votes for Women and Advocates Revaluation Act and Income Tax Amendment—Democrats in Session

Raleigh, N. C., April 8.—Assailing the Republican party of North Carolina and of the nation, Senator Lee S. Overman, addressing the Democratic State Convention today, declared the Republicans, "hoping to win the next election by discrediting the great head of the Democratic party, have entered into a conspiracy of abuse and slander of the vilest and most inhuman kind against the president of the United States." Senator Overman declared he believed the American people would resent at the ballot box "this unjust propaganda of slander."

"The Republicans indict the president for stubbornness and indifference to their feelings, when it was they and not he who made the treaty a partisan issue," continued Senator Overman. They did it willfully and deliberately. They determined more than a year ago that regardless of all the provisions of the treaty they would so charge it and modify it that they could gain a partisan victory over the president. They had no other program and no other purpose. They care nothing for principle, national honor or national good faith and national pride; they dashed all away for partisan advantage. Even while the government was negotiating this treaty—before the contents were known—our Republican friends, desiring to make political capital out of it and injure the president, entered into a conspiracy to fight it to the bitter end. For eight long months this treaty has been held up in the senate, embarrassing us both at home and abroad. We now have to appear before the nations of the world as a people who do not regard treaties as a solemn international obligation, but regard them only as campaign issues. America, in my judgment, will finally ratify the treaty with certain mild reservations, and Woodrow Wilson will be vindicated."

Senator Overman charged that the highway of the Republican party in the nation was strewn with a wreck of broken pledges and unperformed promises.

"In the last election they carried both the house and the senate with the promises that they would reduce taxation and reconstruct the country into peace conditions," he said. "They have reconstructed nothing; not a dollar have they reduced taxes. They have appointed 87 investigating committees, have opened the books during the war, with smelling committees to see if they could find where the Democratic party had expended money cheaply, and they have not discovered a cent of the billions of dollars we spent for war purposes—marvelous to tell—as much as fifteen cents corruptly spent."

The record of the Democratic party for the last seven years, Senator Overman contended was a splendid record of promises kept and promises performed. He reviewed legislation during those years for the benefit of the farmers, labor and general welfare of the country, saying "the Democratic party stands against class legislation, but believes in legislation, of this kind only, when it is for the uplift and the comfort of the great mass of the people." Under the leadership of President Wilson, as commander-in-chief, the nation, he said, had carried on the greatest war in all history and had brought it to a successful end.

Saying the Democratic party stands for freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of the press, but does not stand for license of speech, and license of the press Senator Overman declared he would stop the hampering of undesirable foreigners "who refuse to learn our language, hate our form of government, organize under the red flag for its overthrow, publish newspapers in foreign languages advocating the overthrow of our government, and yet come to share our privileges and our liberties."

After summing up the achievements of the Democratic party, Senator Overman said:

"We hear no more of the empty dinner pail; we hear no more of the incompetency of the Democratic party to run the government; we have made a great record; we have kept the faith; we have fulfilled our promises and brought happiness and prosperity to a hundred million people. The Democratic party is worthy of enthusiastic confidence and support. Let us have in November the greatest victory in our history."

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Raleigh, N. C., April 8.—In the keynote speech on state issues before the North Carolina Democratic state convention here today, Representative Clyde B. Hoey, of the ninth congressional district, temporary chairman of the convention of the party in the administration of the state's affairs, advocated passage at the special session of the assembly of the constitutional amendment granting full suffrage to women, and declared the Democrats boldly accepted the challenge of the Republicans, predicting that in the November election, "the Republicans will be buried under an avalanche of ballots from which there will be no political resurrection in North Carolina."

Four outstanding measures for the state, Mr. Hoey said, must be completed. They were the revaluation act, to give a fair and just system of taxation; the income tax amendment, to relieve all real and personal property from any tax whatever for State purposes; a State system of highways, to facilitate marketing and general transportation, and full suffrage for women.

"The Democracy of North Carolina," declared Mr. Hoey, "welcome the splendid husband of the state to share fully the duties and responsibilities of government, and to see our general assembly, at a special session ratify the suffrage amendment. Such action will serve the two-fold purpose of giving simple and delayed justice to our women, and exercising for ourselves the privilege of conferring the right of full suffrage upon our women. Everybody can support that proposition. Those of us who believe in suffrage for women can vote for it upon that ground, and those who are opposed to it can support it because they are going to have it any way and it would be much more gracious for it to come by the vote of the mass of our own state."

"The state is to be congratulated upon the amicable relations existing between the races and the real progress the negro race is making along right lines. The negro gets absolute justice in our courts, is accumulating property and is being educated along the lines which his own race will be better off with. If the Republican race would leave him alone, with the supremacy of Democracy there is absolute assurance of continued Anglo-Saxon government unimpaired and unimpaired with Africanism."

"The North Carolina Republican is affiliated with a party which has forfeited the confidence of the people, which fosters hatred on the South and feeds upon sectional bitterness. I mistake the temper and fail to interpret the spirit of the descendants of the gallant followers of the immortal Lee and Jackson if they are ready to kiss the hand that has been slapping their fathers for the last half century, and continues vindictively to assault the South and her social fabric, jealous of her power and accumulating wealth, and ready to destroy her industries and undermine her very civilization, and they are hailed only by her mighty bulwark of defense—the Democratic party."

The Democratic party, he said, enjoys the distinction of being able to run upon its record rather than away from it; that it has much to be proud of and nothing of which to be ashamed, and that it has not only kept pace with the progress of the state, but has courageously led in every laudable undertaking.

"The history of the Democratic party is the history of the state in its onward march of progress and development," Mr. Hoey said, "and the state's growth reads like a romance. Every department of governmental activity has shared the general prosperity. North Carolina has leaped within the past few years from 22nd to 4th place in the total value of all crops. Only one state grows more tobacco, only two more sorghum, only four more sweet potatoes and peanuts, and only five more cotton. A North Carolina farmer grew more cotton per acre, and a North Carolina boy grew more corn per acre than the farmers anywhere, and the state has the largest crop of pigs in all history."

"The Democratic party has always fostered all legitimate industries and has maintained conditions favorable to the growth and expansion of business. It has been fair and considerate to labor, and it has likewise been just to capital. As a general result, North Carolina is in the forefront in manufacturing and general industrial development, and today leads all the South in the manufacture of cotton, furniture and tobacco, and in the manufacture of tobacco she leads the entire nation. Winston-Salem alone manufactures more tobacco than any city in the world, while Durham has the largest loomery mill in existence, and High Point makes more chairs than any city in the United States, outside of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in the number of yarn spindles."

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