

## IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS.

**In This State They Will Perhaps Be Less Serious  
Than We Imagine.**

**S**O LONG as there is no important influx of Orientals, there is no reason to fear any such rush of immigrants to this State as many imagined.

With best wishes and real friendliness toward all Oriental nations, and with respect for their racial virtues, we do not wish to exchange our civilization for theirs or have the orderly processes of our own evolution obstructed by the presence of a large Oriental population. Upon this the people of the entire Coast are substantially in unison and public opinion will not change.

There was never any reason for anticipating the flood of immigration which was expected by many to follow the opening of the canal, but which has been prevented by the war. Doubtless, direct communication with Mediterranean countries will in due time bring here a good many who would not otherwise come. The steamship companies will, of course, promote that movement as much as possible. But there will be no rush.

Most immigration from Mediterranean countries is that of unskilled labor, and such labor will flow toward the great industrial centers, where it will compete for work with those already here.

Moreover, much of our immigration is turbulent. It has no conception of American ideals, and would not like them if it had. Some of the immigrants are violent anarchists. Nearly all fall easy prey to the wiles of unscrupulous agitators.

We desire immigrants familiar with agriculture to come here and buy farms. The trouble is, there are not enough of them. But they create no serious problem.

But even those can come too fast. It will not be good for us to get them faster than we can assimilate them.

We object to "Italian colonies," or "German colonies," or "Polish colonies," or "Jewish colonies," only in a less degree than we object to Asiatic colonies.

We do not desire foreign "colonies" of any kind domiciled in our midst, but living apart from us and maintaining their own national or racial habits, customs and ideals.

We have too many colonies in this State already. The immigration problem which we already have with us is that of imparting to our foreign-born the best ideals of our own citizenship while not failing to ourselves profit by what they can teach us.

The new people whom we desire are Americans, whether born on this continent or elsewhere — not "German-Americans" or "British-Americans." We wish for those who speak our language, read our literature, and have common aspirations with ourselves.

With the most friendly feeling toward those conducting what is known as the "foreign press," printed in other languages than our own, the State and Nation would be better off if not one of them could live because all could read English.

Our problem of immigration is the problem of assimilation, and begins with better assimilation of those already here.