

to the door even of the poor comforts and conveniences unknown fifty years ago even to the wealthy. Labor has organized her forces, testing her strength in many a hard-fought battle with capital, and revelations made public by the courts have shown what human selfishness, unbridled, is capable of, whether it be corporate or individual.

But not elsewhere in the world could such events have taken place as have made the great body of the everyday public stand aghast, because never before has the world seen such an immeasurable mass of human energy unloosed, moving unguided by law or precedent, no man knew whither. Europe has her millions in different countries but their increase yearly is unnoticed. Here to-day in a single year a million and a quarter of people are found drifted from their anchorages in a dozen countries, a veritable human flotsam and jetsam. When they land on this continent, they come mostly to swell the army of labor, and according as they are received and dealt with by the 86,000,000 already here, will they be absorbed, assimilated, made American or Canadian or remain a foreign mass. Welcomed, they will assimilate and climb upward, as illustrated by Dr. Lyman Abbott in an address in 1906 in New York on the "Immigration Problem," who said:

"Undoubtedly (foreign) labor has come in, and entered into competition with American labor and has crowded out American labor; but what has been the result? Has it raised or has it lowered American labor? I can remember when most of the working women in the factories of Massachusetts were American, not French-Canadian and others as at present. The Americans were crowded out; but in what direction were they crowded, up or down? — that means a difference. Are the American girls wandering around unkempt and ragged in the streets of Boston? No, they are typewriters, clerks and school teachers — they have been pushed up. . . . Upon the whole, the tendency in bringing these people to our shores upon the people of this country has been for their intellectual and moral development."

If held in contempt and if neglected and degraded, they but add to the enormous army of a proletariat which is like a volcano in mid-ocean, unnoticed while inactive, but if waked into motion, raising new islands or sinking existing ones, but in every case creating great tidal waves which may engulf cities and many thousands on far-distant shores.

From the standpoint of politics and social movements in their ethical relations, one has only to follow closely the events of a single year to realize how varied, how intense and how revolutionary many of these are, affecting foreign relations, federal and state relations