

petition was ruinous, and he was very wisely told that for this sin alone we did not want him and would not have him. Now, where is the justice or the sense of expelling the Chinaman, or prohibiting his coming, if the gates of the nation are thrown open to all the rest of the world, and they are invited to swarm into our labor field and not only drive our laborers to poverty and starvation, but flaunt their bloody emblems in the faces of our people, threatening rapine and chaos.

If it was a good thing to exclude the Chinaman because our labor could not stand his competition, then it must be an equally good thing to cut off other streams of competition, that bring with them not only distress to our laborers but danger to our institutions. Let statesmen who are ever ready to pander to the votes of the laboring masses, and who have been taxing the people of the nation by high duties on imported goods, take up the subject of protecting American labor. Let them either cut off foreign immigration, as they have done in the case of the Chinese, or put such a tariff on it as will exclude the paupers and criminals of all the world from our land, protect our laborers, and purify the sources of our governmental fountain. The laboring man who can't see that this is his only safety must be blind indeed. I look for a party in this nation based on protection of American labor by high protective tariff on foreign immigration, and I expect the laboring men of all parties and nationalities to be the ones who will create and uphold it.

When I speak of American labor, I of course mean to include the laboring men of all nationalities, who, in good faith, have cast their lot with us. I am willing that matters should remain as they are, but I am utterly opposed to allowing the Czar of Russia, Prince