

MUSIC AND CHEER GREET IMMIGRANTS AT ELLIS ISLAND

Two Thousand Aliens Instructed in First Principles of Americanization.

By Harry H. Schlacht.

Ellis Island, known for many years as the "Isle of Tears," to-day has been transformed into the "Isle of Sunshine and Good Cheer." Besides, it has become a training school in Americanism for aliens.

Yesterday afternoon 2,000 immigrants—men, women and children—were instructed in the first principles of Americanization. The teachers were United States Senator William M. Calder, Acting Secretary of Labor Raymond B. Mahoney, Commissioner Frederick A. Wallis of Immigration and Dr. William I. Slovich, who presided over the exercises.

The object of the demonstration was to make the newcomers' introduction to America a happy one and at the same time instill in them the root of patriotism and love of their adopted land.

The exercises opened with the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the National Symphony Orchestra, composed of 125 artists under the direction of Artur Bodansky, noted composer. The immigrants watched

with childish curiosity as the visitors sang the national anthem and the police reserves and soldiers stood at attention. Many of them tried to sing. When Commissioner Wallis explained the significance of the anthem, which was immediately interpreted in many tongues, a chorus of "God Bless America" came from every corner amid a wall of thunderous applause that swept through the gathering.

"We have thrown the gateway of opportunity wide open to the immigrants of the world," said Mr. Wallis. "We are receiving them in a spirit of cordial hospitality, but the same gates swing eternally and everlastingly outward to those who come here to destroy our institutions. We have no place, no room in this country for any person who refuses to recognize American ideals and traditions. For our hospitality we expect in return the highest loyalty and citizenship."

Dr. William Irving Slovich, who presided, characterized the meeting as a "kin'ergation for Americanization." The immigrants applauded every patriotic allusion to the flag and country and gave three rousing cheers to Commissioner Wallis.

Mrs. Namara of the Metropolitan Opera Company sang the Jewel Song from Faust, for which an encore was demanded. Senator Calder spoke at length on the opportunities in America for immigrants, and said that seventy-five years ago his mother had landed at Castle Garden.

He said our country had been created through immigration from Europe, and that most of the immigrants had been denied participation in their home government, education, and in many countries the worship of God as they desired.

"The opportunities of this country," the Senator said, "have been understood by all comers. Some, however, have failed to recognize their obligations

obedience to the law and respect for the rights of others. These believe all government was instituted for their oppression. It is idle to deny, because of this attitude on the part of many, though indeed a small proportion, of those who have benefited by the opportunities of America, that throughout the country to-day a deep-rooted determination to scrutinize more carefully in the future the men and women who come here from other countries.

"The people of America intend to see to it that the laws shall be obeyed, that liberty under the law shall be maintained, and that those who would destroy this splendid government shall be dealt with as the dictates of justice demand."

Folk songs and folk dances followed, and lollypops, apples, oranges and cigars were distributed among the happy immigrants. Among others at the celebration were Rear Admiral H. R. Gibson and staff.

Harry R. Brown, Miss J. Lowden, a sister of Gov. Lowden of Illinois, Guy Edwards, Julian Goldman, Hugo Gutfreund and several Congressmen.

CONY GUNMEN HELD.

Police and Porto Said to Have Confessed Shooting Carnival-Gopps.

Vincenzo de Paolo of No. 18 President Street and Dominic Porto of No. 17 Woodhull Street, Brooklyn, who, according to Coney Island police, have confessed to firing the shots which killed one and injured two Mardi Gras celebrators in a truck near Coney Island Creek on Saturday night, were held yesterday in the Coney Island Court without bail for examination next Friday on homicide and felonious assault charges.

The shooting followed a quarrel over the right of way when the automobile in which Vincenzo and Porto were riding lost a track which had been aimed by the "Lion's Club" of No. 61 East 17th Street to take its members to the carnival.

Charles Geller, President of the club to dead and Lou Vassallo of No. 32 East 17th Street and Richard Macdonald, of No. 27 East 17th Street are in a serious condition in Coney Island Hospital from wounds inflicted, the police declare, by Paolo.

Louis A. Carr is Recovering. Louis A. Carr, General Agent of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, whose skull was fractured in a fall near Hudson Terminal several weeks ago, was reported from Broad Street Hospital to-day as "going well" and likely to recover.

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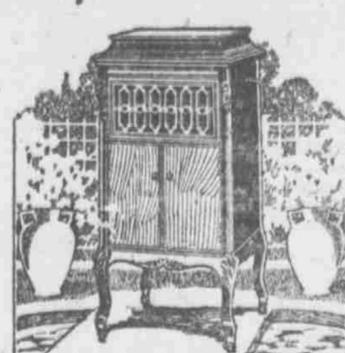


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