

# UNCLE SAM WILL NOW CLOSE DOORS ON IMMIGRANTS

Literary Test Soon to be Applied to Newcomers from Europe.

HEAD TAX ALSO  
TO BE INCREASED

Determined Effort to Stamp Out White Slave Traffic to be Made.

Washington, May 17.—Immigration to the United States, which approximates a million souls annually, will be reduced at least 50 per cent. if the Dillingham-Burnett bill, now pending in congress, is enacted into law. This bill embodies the most drastic restrictive immigration legislation ever proposed. It is designed to erect bars against immigrants that can be scaled only by the better class of aliens.

Among the provisions of the bill framed with a view to diminishing the volume of immigration moving annually towards the shores of the United States is one prescribing an illiteracy test, another to increase the head tax. The section of the existing law denying certain classes admission is broadened. The status aimed at the White Slave traffic are made more specific, the same being true of the alien contract labor act. Rules are also laid down that prohibit steamship companies and other carriers from soliciting or encouraging immigration.

**MUST SHOW LEARNING**

A provision of the bill that has been attacked with great bitterness by organizations of naturalized Americans and the steamship interests is that subjecting aliens to the illiteracy test. Senator Root's amendment, which was framed to exclude anarchists, and other enemies of organized government has been assailed on the ground that its terms are so broad and comprehensive that it would be certain to work injustice in the cases of many desirable immigrants.

For many years the advocates of restricted immigration have sought to write an illiteracy test into the laws governing admission of aliens into the United States. This proposition has been invariably fought with great bitterness. In fact, the Senate committee on immigration dropped the provisions requiring an illiteracy test when the Dillingham bill was reported to the Senate. Southern senators insisted upon the adoption of the illiteracy test and as the bill passed the Senate it provides that all persons over 16 years of age, "capable of reading and writing who cannot read and write the English language or some other language, shall be excluded from admission." This, it is believed, would bar thousands of aliens, especially those who come from the countries of southern Europe.

**ANARCHISTS BARRED.**

The Root amendment prohibits the admission of "anarchists or persons, who believe in or advocate the overthrow by force or violence of the government of the United States, or who disbelieve in or are opposed to organized government; or all forms of law, or who advocate the assassination of public officials." It further excludes persons who are affiliated with organizations teaching disbelief in organized government or who advocate the propriety of killing government officers.

The immigrant head tax is increased from \$2 to \$5, a provision which opponents of the pending bill declare to be unjust.