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- Dec. 2. Bill (H. R. 147), introduced by Rep. A. J. Sabath (Ill.), providing for repeal of section eight of act of June 29, 1906, establishing a Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization.
 - 2. Bill (H. R. 246), introduced by Rep. Hayes (Cal.), to regulate the coming into and residence within the United States of Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Tartars, Malays, Afghans, East Indians, Lascars, Hindoos, and other persons of the Mongolian or Asiatic race, and persons of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tartar, Malayan, Afghan, East Indian, Hindoo, or other Mongolian extraction, and for other purposes.

 Bill (H. R. 482), introduced by Rep. Bonynge (Colo.), with regard to the expatriation of citizens and their protection abroad.

5. Bill (H. R. 4897), introduced by Rep. Amos L. Allen (Me.), to further protect the first day of the week as a day of rest in the District of Columbia.

5. Bill (H. R. 4929), introduced by Rep. J. Thomas Heflin (Ala.), prohibiting labor on buildings, etc., in the District of Columbia on the Sabbath Day.

- 9. Bill (H. R. 6167), introduced by Rep. James E. Watson (Ind.), providing for an educational test for all immigrants.
- 12. Bill (S. 2246), introduced by Sen. Asbury C. Latimer (S. C.), prohibiting more than fifty thousand immigrants of any one nationality entering in any year and containing other restrictionist provisions.

 Bill (H. R. 7694), introduced by Rep. J. H. Moore (Pa.), providing for an immigrant station at Philadelphia, Pa.

12. Bill (H. R. 7628), introduced by Rep. Oscar W. Underwood (Ala.), providing for a fine of two hundred dollars against any transportation company bringing in an immigrant belonging to the excluded classes.

 Bill (H. R. 9177), introduced by Rep. John L. Burnett (Ala.), providing for an educational test for all im-

- migrants, and the inspection of all immigrants by U.S. officials at the port of embarkation.
- Bill (S. 2643), introduced by Sen. C. D. Clark (Wyo.), regulating immigration into the territory of Hawaii.
- 19. Bill (H. R. 10,568), introduced by Rep. W. P. Hepburn (Iowa), regulating immigration into the territory of Hawaii.
- 21. Bill (H. R. 11,326), introduced by Rep. Augustus P. Gardner (Mass.), providing for an educational test for all immigrants.

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- Jan. 8. Resolution (H. Res. 126), introduced by Rep. George E. Waldo (N. Y.), expressing sympathy with the Russian people in their struggle for liberty, with the members of the Duma who have been punished for exercising freedom of speech, and directing the Committee on Foreign Affairs to inquire into the expediency of requesting the President of the United States to intercede with the Russian Government for the liberation of the members of the Duma in prison.
 - Bill (H. R. 13,079), introduced by Rep. W. S. Bennett (N. Y.), providing for the deportation of aliens convicted of a felony at the expiration of their sentence.
 - 11. Bill (H. R. 13,274), introduced by Rep. John A. Keliher (Mass.), providing for the erection of an immigrant station at Boston.
 - 13. Bill (H. R. 13,471), introduced by Rep. Robert Lamar (Mo.), prohibiting work in the District of Columbia on the first day of the week commonly called Sunday.
 - 14. Bill (S. 3940), introduced by Sen. Joseph F. Johnston (Ala.), requiring certain places of business in the District of Columbia to be closed on Sunday.
 - 17. Bill (H. R. 14,271), introduced by Rep. Charles P. Edwards (Ga.), providing for the erection of an immigrant station at Savannah, Ga.
 - Bill (S. 4120), introduced by Sen. B. Penrose (Pa.), providing for the erection of an immigrant station at Philadelphia, Pa.
 - Bill (S. 4121), introduced by Sen. H. C. Lodge (Mass.), providing for the erection of an immigrant station at Boston.
 - 20. Bill (H. R. 14,373), introduced by Rep. Charles G. Edwards (Ga.), providing for the erection of an immigrant station at Savannah, Ga.

- House of Representatives passes bill (H. R. 7694) for the erection of an immigrant station at Philadelphia.
- 27. Bill (H. R. 15,239), introduced by Rep. John W. Langley (Ky.), requiring certain places of business in the District of Columbia to be closed on Sunday.
- 27. Bill (H. R. 15,268), introduced by Rep. Sydney E. Mudd (Md.), providing for the erection of an immigrant station at Baltimore, Md.
- 31. Senate passes bill for the erection of immigrant station at Boston.
- Feb. 3. Resolution (H. Res. 214), introduced by Rep. Arthur L. Bates (Pa.), expressing sympathy for the Poles of Prussia in their efforts to maintain their property rights.
 - 3. Senate passes bill for the erection of an immigrant station at Philadelphia.
 - 4. Senate, on motion of Sen. H. C. Lodge (Mass.), orders statistics of immigration at New York to be printed as a document. (Sen. Doc. 220.)
 - 4. Resolution (H. Res. 223), introduced by Rep. H. M. Goldfogle (N. Y.), as follows:
 - Resolved. That the Secretary of State be, and he hereby is, requested to communicate to this House, if not incompatible with public interests, the correspondence relating to negotiations with the Russian Government concerning American passports since the adoption of the resolution by the House of Representatives relating to that subject on the twenty-first day of April, nineteen hundred and four; and also a copy of the circular letter issued by the Department of State to American citizens advising them that upon the Department receiving satisfactory information that they did not intend to go to Russian territory or that they had permission from the Russian Government to return, their application for a passport would be reconsidered: and also a copy of the notice accompanying such letter issued by the Department of State, dated May twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and seven.
 - President approves bill providing for the erection of an immigrant station at Philadelphia, Pa.
 - Bill (S. 5083), introduced by Sen. H. C. Lodge (Mass.), providing for increased space allotted to steerage passengers.

- Concurrent Resolution (H. Con. Res. 28), introduced by Rep. W. S. Bennett (N. Y.), deploring massacres and acts of torture and inhumanity, planned and effected by Russian police and military authorities:
 - Resolved, That the Congress of the United States deplores such acts of violence and inhumanity which shock the civilized world and retard universal progress.
- 10. Letter from the Secretary of State respecting Rep. Goldfogle's resolution of Feb. 4, presented to the House of Representatives as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, February 8, 1908.

The Hon. Adin B. Capron, Chairman of the Subcommittee, Committee on Foreign Affairs. House of Representatives.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 5, bringing to the Department's attention a resolution introduced in the House of Representatives, February 4, by Mr. Goldfogle, of New York, asking that the Secretary of State be requested to communicate, if not incompatible with the public interests, copies of correspondence with the Russian Government concerning the validity of American passports, since the adoption by the House of Representatives of the resolution of April 21, 1904, on that subject; also a copy of the circular letter and notice issued by the Department to American citizens who desire to proceed to Russia.

In the volume of Foreign Relations of the United States for 1904, page 790, may be found the beginning of the correspondence between this Government and the Russian Government when the resolution of April 21, 1904, was submitted to that Government.

It is not deemed compatible with the best public interests to communicate the subsequent correspondence.

I enclose a copy of the printed circular or notice now in use and which, before the introduction of the resolution, had been substituted for the former circular, to which some objections were made.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,
ELIHU ROOT.

(Enclosure)

RUSSIA

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS, FORMERLY SUBJECTS OF RUSSIA, WHO CONTEMPLATE RETURNING TO THAT COUNTRY

Under Russian law, a Russian subject who becomes a citizen of another country without the consent of the Russian Government is deemed to have committed an offense for which he is liable to arrest and punishment if he returns without previously obtaining the permission of the Russian Government.

This Government dissents from this provision of Russian law, but an American citizen, formerly a subject of Russia, who returns to that country places himself within the jurisdiction of Russian law, and can not expect immunity from its operations.

No one is admitted to Russia unless his passport has been viséed, or indorsed, by a Russian diplomatic or consular representative.

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- 11. Consideration by the House of Representatives of Rep. Goldfogle's resolution. Speeches by Reps. F. B. Harrison (N. Y.), for, and Frank O. Lowden (Ill.), for, and Adin B. Capron (R. I.), against, the resolution. Laid on the table by a vote of 120 to 101.
- 18. Concurrent Resolution (S. Con. Res. 38), introduced in Senate by Sen. Albert J. Hopkins (Ill.), same as resolution introduced into House, Feb. 7, 1908.
- 18. Action taken on Sen. H. C. Lodge's bill of Feb. 6.
- 29. Bill (H. R. 18,442), introduced by Rep. Sydney E. Mudd (Md.), providing for the erection of an immigrant station at Baltimore, Md.
- Mar. 2. Bill (H. R. 13,079), for deportation of felons (see Jan. 10) defeated.
 - Resolution of Virginia Legislature printed in the Congressional Record on motion of Sen. Thomas S. Martin (Va.), as follows:
 - Resolved, By the senate of Virginia (the House of Delegates concurring), That our Representatives in both Houses of Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to oppose in every possible manner the influx into Virginia of immigrants from Southern Europe, with their Mafia and Black Hand and murder societies, and with no characteristics to make them with us a homogeneous people, believing as we do,

that upon Anglo-Saxon supremacy depend the future welfare and prosperity of this Commonwealth; and we view with alarm any effort that may tend to corrupt its citizenship.

Agreed to by the General Assembly of Virginia,

February 14, 1908.

John W. Williams, Clerk, House of Delegates, and Keeper of the Records of Virginia.

- 27. Bill (H. R. 19,965), introduced by Rep. James Hay (Va.), for the proper observance of Sunday as a day of rest.
- April 7. Bill (S. 6535), introduced by Sen. Joseph F. Johnston (Ala.), for the proper observance of Sunday as a day of rest.
 - 14. President in message refers to requests to State Department to intervene in behalf of Jews and others.
 - 15. Hearing before Senate Sub-Committee on the District of Columbia on Sunday legislation for the District of Columbia.
- May 1. Bill (S. 3940, see above Jan. 14), reported to Senate.
 - 11. Senate passes bill (H. R. 13,851), providing for the erection of an immigrant station at Boston, Mass.
 - Senate passes bill (S. 3940), for the proper observance of Sunday as a day of rest in the District of Columbia.
 - 16. Bill (S. 3940), for the proper observance of Sunday as a day of rest in the District of Columbia reported to the House and referred to Committee on District of Columbia.
 - House passes bill (S. 5083), providing for increased air space for steerage passengers.
 - 29. House passes bill for immigrant station at Boston.