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TAFFY, NOTHING BUT TAFFY.

Powderly Wants to Bless the Immigrants with Literature.

With the published views, as contained in a dispatch from Washington, referring to the treatment of immigrants, Commissioner-General Powderly has brought about a laughing farce at Ellis Island. His assertion that we have troubles with immigrants upon their arrival and that they are treated shabbily, has created general opposition and on many sides it is said that the immigrants do not give us any trouble at all and that such troubles exist only in the head of Powderly, who would stop all immigration if he had things all his own way.

His idea of issuing a book with instructions to immigrants, at the conclusion of which he would greet them with a few words of welcome, is regarded as ridiculous at Ellis Island, since the greater part of the immigrants arriving are illiterate and the others readily accustom themselves to the country.

His idea of accepting only such immigrants as we like to behold shows that Mr. Powderly has it in mind to add further restrictions to the immigration laws in case the nativistic immigration pantata has the power to do it later on. "Beware of Powderly if he wants to give the immigrants something for nothing", said an official who is in the immigration service a number of years. Another official used even stronger language on the subject. For weeks, he said, the report on the investigation of the corrupt practices of landing non-citizens has been in Washington, yet Mr. Powderly has not raised a finger to dismiss the accused from the service, although they still strut up and down on Ellis Island like fattened turkeys, in spite of the fact that an official declared various colleagues had divided the money received.

Instead of giving his attention to this matter Mr. Powderly endeavors to throw sand into the eyes of Pres. Roosevelt as to his good intentions toward immigrants, whereas his decisions prove just the contrary.

It is disgraceful that the conscientiously conducted investigation on Ellis Island has produced no result as yet, thereby jeopardizing the little discipline that remains.