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IMMIGRATION

New Quotas

On July 1 the Immigration Division of the Department of Labor turned over a new leaf—the quotas of 1923 were past, the quotas of 1924 were open. The new influx began. New York was the great port of entry—eleven passenger vessels came in on the first day carrying 11,482 passengers, most of them immigrants. Boston received two or three ships and Montreal several more. Ellis Island and the immigration stations on the Canadian border were crowded.

The gross quota allowance of immigration for the new year is the same as for the last, 357,803, of which 20% or 71,000 is the maximum which may arrive in any one month. There was every prospect that the monthly immigration quotas of several nations, notably Italy and Greece, would be exhausted in a day or two, and several others within a week.

Final reports for the past fiscal year are not yet in, but preliminary reports indicate that about 330,000 immigrants arrived, and all nations apparently filled their quotas except Danzig, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Esthonia—and all of these except Esthonia filled over two-thirds of their quotas. The great difference between the possible 357,000 arrivals and the actual 330,000 arrivals was caused by the unfilled German quota. Germany sent only 43,000 immigrants, although her quota was 67,000.