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"In the early days many of them went there because they had no option, because they were criminal and paupers; they were transported by the government, as in later days English criminals were sent to Botany Bay."

He further said: "Some immigrants to Virginia were, to some extent, a shiftless and degraded set of creatures from the slums and jails of English seaport towns."

He further said: "The men who have made some parts of the South a dark and bloody ground, where to this day the only law known is the law of the rifle and the knife, where dense ignorance prevails, and superstition held sway, are the legacy of this colonial era and its social system."

Again another British writer says: "Quite a few men in America are effeminate looking. Many of the young men have nice waists, and then are not developed quite so strudily as one

who has the welfare of the Nation at heart might wish; in fact not to put too fine a point on it, their development beneath the waistline is distinctly feminine' He then goes on to say:

"It simply means, of course, that from the boy who shines your boots to the Senator, they are a Nation of 'boodlers.'"

Commenting on this paragraph the speaker exclaimed: "Boodlers, bootblacks and Senators! I see one of them standing before me now."

Senator Reed: I will sit down after that.

Senator Watson: I read further: "Yankee! Yankee! Yankee! Have you anything in your land that is not hollow?"

A little further on he said:

"The population of America to a large extent consists of offcasts from every land on the face of the earth."

Now listen to this:

"By the time I had been in the states a month I began to ask myself was any woman in the land to be trusted."

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Perhaps the most impartial history of the colonists in days of the American Revolution, is by a Canadian. You can't get the truth without coloring from either American or English history, but this Canadian historian in the chapter relating to the colonies, refers to adherents to the Crown as "Loyalists," and after the Continental Congress had passed the confiscation act and the work of driving out the loyalists began, this Canadian historian writes:

"This migration is one of the most interesting and striking facts of history. It was not the exodus of some great horde of people unable to earn their living in some European country, ignorant, uncultured, unprepared for the responsibilities of political life and action; it was the most influential judges, the most distinguished lawyers, the most highly educated of the Clergy, the members of council in the various colonies, the Crown officials, the people of culture and social position."

The inference gained from this is that those remaining in the colonies were all roughnecks. Compare this with the foregoing paragraphs quoted by Senator Watson and you have the true British estimate of American citizenship and their progeny from their descendents, otherwise the four-power treaty could never have been ratified.

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