

One of the latest phases of Chinaphobia in California is an *ex parte* decision by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to the effect that the Constitution of the State excludes the children of Mongolian parents from the public schools. This dictum was brought out by an alleged application from an unknown correspondent of the above named official, who, writing from "Chinese Camp Post Office," wants to know the law on the subject. Superintendent WELKER quotes the fundamental law as intended to discourage Chinese immigration, and draws thence the inference that to admit Chinese children to the public schools would encourage immigration, and, therefore, would be unconstitutional. Whereupon Mr. F. A. BEE, Consul at San Francisco for the Chinese Government, in a vigorous but most un-diplomatic and un-Chinese letter, proceeds to demolish the unhappy Superintendent of Public Instruction, leaving him not so much as a hand's breadth of ground to stand upon. The argument, or statement, of Consul BEE, of course, is that the children of Chinese parents, born in this country, are not subjects of the Emperor of China, but of the Government of the United States. They are entitled to the protection of all laws intended to protect citizens of the United States, without any regard to the nationality of their parents.