





Statue of Liberty: "Mr. Windom, if you're going to make this island a garbage heap, I'm going back to France."

In 1890, Secretary of the Treasury William Windom wanted to turn the island at the base of the Statue of Liberty into a processing point for immigrants. Compare the caption on the political cartoon above to the poem that is inscribed on the base of the statue, which tells the world to "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."



Parting the waters for Europe's refugees





"You're a Cheap Bunch of Soreheads and You Can't Land Here."



*Every Dog (no distinction of color) has his day. Red Gentleman to Yellow Gentleman:
"Pale face 'fraid you crowd him out, as he did me."*



The figure in the upper left of the cartoon is President William McKinley. In September 1901, Leon Czolgosz assassinated McKinley. Czolgosz was an anarchist, or someone who rejects the need for a government.