

### ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY SEPTEMBER 19



On September 19, 1907, a meeting called by Governor William Dawson to discuss immigration to West Virginia was quickly adjourned amidst speculation that its termination was due to the presence of UMWA president John Mitchell.

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**Investigate the Document:** (*Abstracts of Reports of the Immigration Commission, 61st Congress, 3rd Session, Senate Document No. 747. GPO, 1911. "Statistical Review of Immigration to the United States, 1820 to 1910," page 109*)

1. Based on the "Destination of immigrants admitted to the United States, fiscal years 1899 to 1910, inclusive, by race or people table," this group led the way in immigration.
2. The ethnicities that constitute the top three in the table, are from what region?

**Think Critically:** Which major industry was heavily impacted by the influx of Italians in the early twentieth century, particularly in Monongalia and Marion County?

**Recruitment of Immigrants**

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**"Statistical Review of Immigration to the United States, 1820 to 1910," page 109**

**Table 17. - Destination of immigrants admitted to the United States, fiscal years 1899 to 1910, inclusive, by race or people.**

**(Compiled from reports of the United States Commissioner-General of Immigration)**

**[Extract of numbers for West Virginia]**

African (black)	3
Armenian	4
Bohemian and Moravian	552
Bulgarian, Servian, and Montenegrin	1,275
Chinese	-
Croatian and Slovenian	6,068
Cuban	4
Dalmatian, Bosnian, and Herzegovinian	933
Dutch and Flemish	97
East Indian	1
English	1,617
Finnish	118
French	310
German	1,865
Greek	1,962
Hebrew	496
Irish	288
Italian, North	2,593

Italian, South	23,865
Japanese	3
Korean	-
Lithuanian	1,488
Magyar	5,078
Mexican	2
Pacific Islander	-
Polish	6,005
Portuguese	2
Roumanian	2,058
Russian	741
Ruthenian	757
Scandinavian	217
Scotch	715
Slovak	4,032
Spanish	545
Spanish-American	4
Syrian	833
Turkish	145
Welsh	181
West Indian (except Cuban)	-
Other peoples	81
Not specified	-
Total	64,938