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**GROWTH OF THE BRITISH RACE.**

One of the most noticeable features of a comparison of the population of the United States in 1790 with that of 1900 is the evidence which it gives of the extreme fecundity of the British race. Such a comparison has been made by officials of the government of our sister country and the facts which it reveals are extremely interesting. During the intervening period of 110 years the white population increased from 3,172,444 to 68,809,196 and the negro population from 757,375 to 8,832,294. The increase in the whites amounted to over 200 per cent. and in the negroes to 1067 per cent. During this period the percentage of negroes to the whole population shrunk from 19.3 to 11.6. The total population, however, increased nineteenfold in the 110 years.

To show how unusual such an increase is a comparison is made with Europe exclusive of Russia and Turkey, for which figures are not available. From 1800 to 1900 the American population increased about fifteen fold while the population of Europe showed an increase of less than one hundred per cent. In large part of the additional population in the United States was caused by immigration, but it does not account for it all. The census taken in 1900 shows that 35,000,000 people were the descendants of those who were enumerated in 1790. This is an increase of 636 per cent., or more than six times the increase in Europe. Some slight deduction might be made from these figures however, to allow for the errors which would creep in through the intense ambition which many Americans have to claim descent from the oldest families. It is the opinion of the statisticians though that thirty-five millions of their white population are descendants of those who inhabited the country in 1790, and the balance of thirty-one millions is made up of those who have immigrated since then and their descendants.

The population at the time of the first census was practically all of English descent. And this leads to some facts regarding the rate at which the British race has increased. In 1790 the population of Great Britain was about six millions. During the next century her home population grew to sixteen millions, while at the same time she peopled the American colonies and sent settlers to many other parts of the world. From 1800 to 1900 many more millions left her shores for America and nearly as many were scattered over the rest of the world, and with her population at home grew to forty-one millions. Taking into account the increase of those of British descent in America it is figured that the original six millions have increased in two centuries to over eighty millions. Such an enormous increase has no parallel in recorded history.

The census returns indicate that this advance will not be continued, in fact that it has already lessened. In 1790 the average family was 5.8 persons and in 1900 it had decreased to 4.8. As the families of the foreign element are the larger this means that the average family of British descent is now less than 4.6 persons. While it is hardly to be said that there is any great danger of the British race dying out, at least it indicates that it is not likely in the future to make such rapid strides as it has in the past, unless there is a marked change in social conditions and social ideals.

**THE CRITICISMS AND COMPLAINTS OF ALDERMAN BAXTER.**

Alderman Baxter has decided upon an innovation in connection with his appeal to the electors of his ward. He proposes to hold a series of public meetings in which he will discuss alone or with his opponents, the affairs of the municipality. In spite of the fact that the worthy Alderman could find nothing to commend in the newspapers of St. John, the Star, presumably one of the abused newspapers, frankly admits that there is much to be said in favor of the Alderman's method of appeal to the people.

The men who aspire to positions in the Common Council are prone to require it from their friends as a personal favor. They demand election as a respectable dead-beat demands a loan, and pursue the same familiar method of button-hole appeal. This personal canvass usually obviates the embarrassing necessity of expounding a policy or defending a practice. As a busy citizen gives his vote without question, demanding no account from a be-friended pauper, so he tosses his vote in thoughtless good-fellowship to the friends that needs it. Alderman Baxter certainly deserves credit for his partial abandonment of this method. Whatever he does in the busy hours of the day, at night he mounts the rostrum prepared to defend his public career before friend and foe.

**GIRL OF 15 MASTER OF HUNT CLUB HOUNDS**

"Polly" Page, Horsewoman, First of Her Sex to Fill Position.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—Miss Mary Crozer Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rodman Page, of 2002 Spruce street, is entitled to write "M. F. H." after the name when she has any correspondence to do in reference to the Upland Hunt Club, for this 15-year-old follower of the hounds has been appointed master of fox hounds of the club, which hunts the fields and barrens in the neighborhood of Chester.

Miss Page is the first of her sex in this section of the country to be appointed to this trying position, which carries with it the responsibility of providing for the sport of the other members of the hunt.

For several years Miss Page has been a familiar figure at horse shows and hunts in this neighborhood, and has carried off several prizes at the shows on jumpers. The Upland Hunt Show, sponsored by her uncle, Edward Crozer, saw more of her performance than the other two in this section. Miss Page first appeared more than two years ago, and her performance of taking a horse over the jumps always met with the approval of the most critical.

She rides in breeches and long coat, as popular by her horse friends, and is much admired by the hunters and huntresses of the club. She is a member of the Chester Valley Hunt Club, and to her natural love for horses and ability to handle them was added the benefit of the experience which Mr. Smith had gained.

Miss Page is slightly more than the usual height of girls of her age, and has brown hair and fair skin. In her riding costume of gray and hatless, for she never wears a hat, she makes a pretty picture when she is "up."

The Upland Hunt Club was started several years ago by Mr. Crozer, but during the last year or two had fallen into decline. Last fall, however, the members of the club took renewed interest in its affairs, and "Polly" Page, as she is known to all her friends in society, was among the leaders at every "death."

The Upland pack, over which Miss Page has assumed charge, consists of ten pairs of American hounds. She smiled yesterday when she was asked what she would do with the pack. "I will hunt for sport and don't pay much attention to the fancy side," she said. "I am preparing for the opening of the Upland season next winter, and I am confident that the members of the club will not think their confidence misplaced."

But to turn the tables on the complaining Alderman, we may venture to discover a serious defect in this servant of the city. No one can have failed to note that Alderman Baxter for purposes of defence always identifies himself and the Common Council. It may be only a curious mental characteristic, or it may have a deeper meaning, but so it is. Alderman Baxter stands for the defence of old customs, old forms of organization, old laws, old councils, old everything. He would be a very useful man if he could once free himself from the tyranny of these ghosts of yesterday. He would then demand that which was in the best interests of the city of today rather than that which was consistent with the needs of a dead and unrepentant past. Alderman Baxter's intense and inveterate conservatism seriously affects his usefulness as a member of the Common Council and very evidently seriously burdens the work of those members who are not so fatally devoted to the past.

**FOUR NEW THEATRES FOR BOSTON PLAY-GOERS**

BOSTON, Mass., April 14.—Four new theatres in Boston and in Cambridge are to be built in the near future. The Schubert Brothers of New York have acquired the property on the most street on which the late W. C. Bond had begun the erection of the Lyric Theatre. The brothers have incorporated will add another vaudeville house, the location of which has not yet been given out. The Boston Grand Opera House is rapidly nearing completion on Huntington Avenue and tonight Chas. H. Waldron, for ten years manager of the Palace Theatre, announced his retirement to begin the erection of a new theatre at the corner of Tremont and Hanover street to be devoted to burlesque and vaudeville.

**MARION CRAWFORD'S WILL**

NEW YORK, April 15.—The will of P. Marion Crawford, the novelist, who died in Italy, was filed with the surrogate here today on behalf of Arthur Terry, the brother of the testator who is appointed his executor. The value of the estate was not indicated. Mr. Crawford leaves \$10,000 to his wife, saying that she has been amply provided for by the will of her father, General Hiram Borden. The residue of the estate is left in trust to his brother, to pay the income to his two sons and his two daughters, who reside at Sorrento with their mother, until they reach the age of 25, when the principal is to be equally divided between them.

**HOLMER'S MOVEMENTS**

The Montreal Herald says: A race between Hans Holmer and the Emerald Snowshoe Club is in complete mastery. He controls the army and has ordered the troops, which were recently withdrawn from the Yvonne Kiosk, to return to their barracks outside the palace. He has re-appointed Shevket as commander of the imperial guard and has ordered all the troops, which were banished to the provinces by the committee of union and progress, to return to the capital. The situation is serious and uncertain.

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**BECOMES GRANDMOTHER AND MOTHER IN THE SAME DAY**

Mrs. Alexander Pluso, of Worcester, is 34 Years Old, Her Daughter is 18.

WORCESTER, Mass., April 15.—At St. Vincent's Hospital it was admitted that Mrs. Alexander Pluso, of Flahertyville, though only 34 years old, had become a mother and a grandmother on the same day at that institution one day last week.

The hospital attaches were disinclined to give out information concerning the event that made Mrs. Pluso a grandmother at so youthful an age. Mrs. Pluso and her daughter, Mrs. Nicholas La Garde, of Flahertyville, had been in the hospital for several days. The daughter is but 18. Her mother who is 34, was married when she was 15 years old.

**ALLEGED INHUMAN TREATMENT OF LABORERS**

Port Arthur Labor Council Asks for Royal Commission to Investigate Conditions.

TORONTO, April 15.—The grievances of the men working on railway construction have been taken up by the Port Arthur Labor Council. The labor department at Ottawa wrote that it had no power to investigate on its own initiative. A resolution was passed by the council, urging the government to appoint a Royal Commission to be held at Port Arthur or Fort William to investigate and clear up cases of alleged inhuman treatment and robbery of workmen, "which are a blot on our civilization."

**RESCUED JEALOUS LOVER FROM JAIL TO MARRY HIM**

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 15.—Miss Christina Palmer, an Italian girl of 20 years, was married today to Camillo Desiato, a young man 8 year her senior, who had been in jail for several months on a charge of jealousy. The wedding was held at the home of the bride's father, and the bride was escorted to the altar by her father. The bridegroom was released from jail on the day of the wedding.

**FIFTEEN YEAR OLD BOY CONFESSES TO MURDER**

LOCKPORT, N. Y., April 15.—Romana Sankowski, 15 years old, confessed to the murder of her mother, Tonya Sankowski, who was killed by a bullet wound in the head. The boy then hung his head and confessed. His alleged accomplice, Johnny Pettner, is a prisoner in the Erie County penitentiary.

**15,000 GREAT LAKE SAILORS ON STRIKE**

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 15.—The strike of 15,000 sailors on the Great Lakes is now in effect. Fully 15,000 men, from engineers to deckhands, are affected by the decision of the union organizations not to operate boats belonging to members of the Lake Carriers' Association, until its avowed purpose to force an open shop on the lake boats is abandoned.

**FRANKIE CARPENTER**

Miss Carpenter and her excellent company, playing a two-weeks' engagement at the Opera House, has won an enviable reputation in New England States, where she has played the same roles each year for eight years in succession, and holds the record in many of those cities for the largest number of paid admissions of any company playing at popular prices, and in many cases has had record seasons after seasons. She comes here a stranger on the end of the season in the States and has already captured the hearts of every lady who has been fortunate enough to visit the Opera House this week. Miss Carpenter will remain here all next week, with a change of play daily. Tonight her newest play, "Spaniards and the Princes," from the pen of Edwin Currier, will be produced with special scenery painted for this play, and the third act, which is a winter scene, showing the village church, illuminated, with church services going on, is a beautiful stage setting.

**WILL CELEBRATE ST. ANDREW'S ANNIVERSARY**

An elaborate programme is being arranged in celebration of the 125th anniversary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on May 16, and during the week following Rev. A. B. Dickie, of Sackville, moderator of the Presbytery, and Rev. Dr. Johnson, of the American Presbyterian church, Montreal, will be among the chief speakers. Music will be furnished by a special choir. A history of the church will be published in connection with the celebration.

**MAY POSTPONE THE TRIAL**

Owing to the condition of the roads in Burton, the district town of Sunbury County, it is possible that a postponement of the trial of John Endine may be necessary. The trial of the man charged with the murder of John MacKay at Minto on November 1 last, in all probability an order-in-council will be issued for the holding of a special trial.

**NEW YORK, April 15.**

James Woodman, manager for Sam Langford, the negro pugilist, issued a statement tonight protesting against the action of Jack Johnson in making a match with Ketchel in violation of his agreement not to make a match until he met Langford and his representatives at a meeting scheduled for today.

**VILLAGES ARE ISOLATED BY GREAT FLOOD**

Streams Overflow in New England GREAT DAMAGE Industrial Plants Closed Down—Railway Traffic is Delayed

BOSTON, April 15.—Swollen by the heavy rain of yesterday and today, and by the melting of the lingering remnants of the winter's snow on the hillsides, all the streams of New England assumed freshest proportions and some of them caused much damage. Railroad tracks were flooded, roads washed out, culverts carried away, trains held up, and factories forced by high water to shut down in various parts of northern New England. The worst conditions were reported in Vermont and New Hampshire, around the headwaters of the Connecticut, Merrimack and Androscoggin rivers. Some apprehension as to the rapid rise of the water was felt also at points along the lower reaches of the reservoirs where great industrial plants are located, but tonight the freshest wholled, but to the fact that it was the first big freshet since the completion of the power dam across the Connecticut six miles below Brattleboro. Tonight the water was running 11 feet over the dam and the pond had backed up so that 300 feet of the West River, a branch of the Central Vermont railroad, was washed away, and some farm buildings were flooded. The Brattleboro Electric Light Company had to abandon temporarily its main power plant on account of the rise of water power from an auxiliary plant in West Dummerston. Train service between Brattleboro and Bennington was delayed by the washout on the West River branch and passengers were transferred around the break in the roadbed.

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**MR. BURDITT GIVES A SPLENDID LECTURE**

"An Evening in Tennyson Land" at the German St. Church

In the German street Baptist church last evening, W. F. Burditt gave his lecture, "An Evening in Tennyson's Time," under the auspices of the Men's League of the church. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views. Mr. Burditt's chief aim was to throw as much light as possible upon the early years of the poet's life and to show the influence that his early surroundings had upon his productions in after years.

**DIVORCE FOR MRS. DELAFIELD**

Wife of Martin L. Delafield, Jr., Says She Was Deserted in Paris.

RRINO, April 15.—Lettice Lee Delafield, formerly Lettice Lee Sands, of New York, got a divorce from Martin L. Delafield, Jr., here this afternoon. Mrs. Delafield told the story of her troubles in the presence of an interested audience. She said that her husband deserted her in Paris in 1907. At that time they were living abroad on account of Delafield's health. He left Paris and went to Switzerland, corresponding with her for some time, then suddenly ceased to write. Mrs. Delafield put detectives to work and learned that he had applied for a residence in Switzerland, where he planned to get a divorce from her. Her attorneys stopped the proceedings. Mrs. Delafield said that she and her husband had never quarrelled and that her husband's desertion came as the greatest surprise of her life. She did not know that he did not intend to live with her again until she received a letter from him in which he said that he offered to come and live with him at any place that he should choose was evidently a joke.

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