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A New York paper discussing the decreasing birth rate in America, has this to say of Germany:—"German statisticians point in alarm to the decreasing birth rate, most plainly observed in Berlin, and a pronouncement against 'race suicide' such as ex-President Roosevelt hurled at the American people is expected from Emperor William. In England the discovery of Germany's danger will come as a great relief, for one of the main

mother, her two sisters, Mrs. George L. Carnegie and the former countess of Yarmouth and his brother, Josiah, sat near him during the proceedings.

Justice Mills will probably announce tomorrow on what day adjournment will be taken to permit the state's attorneys to examine Thaw physically in the White Plains jail, where he is now detained in custody of the sheriff. Just what is Evelyn Thaw's attitude toward her husband is puzzling. It is generally known whether or not she would rather see him a free man or confined. While she has been quoted often as repenting in effect her famous declaration on "I'll stand by

you, Harry." It is reported also that in the event her testimony goes against Thaw, his attorney will call witnesses to show that she had remarked that she was glad to see him in Mattawan.

The former chorus girl has not joined the Thaw family during the hearing, but when she left White Plains today she journeyed to New York alone.

During her testimony yesterday Mrs. Thaw said that her husband was not supporting her properly, but it was brought out on the stand today that he is paying her more than \$500 a month.



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The breechloading cannon were among the earliest used. We find them on English and other ships as early as the last quarter of the fourteenth century, and therefore much before the time of the buccannere. The cannon was a mere tube, bound with heavy iron rings, and was loaded by the insertion of the "gonne chamber," an iron pan containing the charge, which fitted into and closed the breech. These guns were very clumsy affairs in comparison with the modern breechloader, but the principle was the same.

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N. B., on July 12th, 1909, Mary Ann, relict of the late Thomas Bacon, aged 85 years, leaving two sons and one daughter to mourn their loss.