

## Ratio of Naturalization Among Some Immigrant Nationalities

FIGURES ARE not generally very interesting, but some of the figures compiled on a basis of accurate statistics, reveal at times subjects calling for careful consideration and study.

By consulting the United States census for 1920 we find the immigrant listings, by nationalities, and also the number of each nationality having taken out citizenship in America.

An Eastern contemporary presents a table showing the ratio of naturalization among thirteen nationalities of immigrated people. While incomplete, as many nationalities are not included, the table, which follows, is exceedingly interesting and furnishes some concrete facts which ought to be considered when nationalities as a whole are the subject of discussion:

	No. over 21	No. Naturalized	Per Cent
Czecho-Slovakians	335,330	158,335	44.2
Danes	180,798	127,539	70.5
Finlanders	140,015	58,875	42.0
Frenchmen	140,896	82,730	58.9
Germans	1,648,884	1,213,451	73.5
Hungarians	353,792	106,183	30.0
Italians	1,408,933	419,713	29.0
Jugoslavs	155,596	38,816	24.8
Lithuanians	127,642	33,233	26.0
Norwegians	348,885	238,032	68.2
Poles	1,048,050	302,635	28.8
Russians	1,211,337	509,561	42.0
Swedes	605,549	423,692	69.9

The Germans, on the basis of these figures, have acquitted themselves admirably in the decade of 1910 to 1920. They evidently held an allegiance to Uncle Sam of greater significance than their old allegiance to the former kaiser. This record, no matter how it is interpreted, should have some bearing in the face of the wholesale indictment of all foreign born Germans, which thoughtless native Americans indulge in, even now, long after the war and long since the peace treaty with Germany was signed by America. The spirit of peace is generally understood to carry with it a generous measure of good will. Whether we, beyond a figure of speech, are capable of delivering good will or not, may be justly questioned, in view of our speech and actions at large, which our fellow citizens of German birth can not fail to take notice of. There were many misguided and unAmerican Germans to deal with during the war, but their number was insignificant compared with the number whose loyalty to the land of their adoption was at all times unquestioned in the face of suspicion and oftentimes openly expressed hostility.

Next after the Germans, whose naturalization ratio heads the list with 73.5 per cent of their immigrant number over twenty-one years of age, or a total of 1,213,451 naturalized, out of 1,648,884 listed as foreign born Germans, comes the Danes with a ratio of 70.5 per cent or 127,539 naturalized out of 180,798 listed as foreign born. The Swedes come in a close third with a ratio of 69.9 per cent or 423,692 naturalized out of 605,549 listed as foreign born. Fourth in this procession are the Norwegians with a ratio of 68.2 per cent, or 238,032 naturalized out of a total of

348,885 listed as foreign born. The barometer then falls considerably. The French come in with 58.9 per cent. The Czecho-Slovakians come in with 44.2 per cent; the Finns and the Russians each with 42.0 per cent and the figures continue to fall until the Jugoslavs ratio of 24.8 per cent has been reached.

### HONORING ANOTHER FOREIGN BORN CITIZEN

THE BOSTON Society of Natural History recently awarded the \$1000 Walker prize to Dr. Leonard Stejneger, director of the biological section of the National Museum at Washington, for long and faithful service covering a span of forty-two years. He has taken part in many scientific expeditions, and is the author of a number of treatises on subjects within his field of activity.

Dr. Stejneger was born in Bergen, Norway, in 1851. He studied law at the University of Christiania, but after graduation he followed his natural bent and took up the pursuit of the sciences, never having had any great love for the legal profession. Upon arriving in the United States he soon found an opportunity to show his ability. In the field of science he has proven a valuable contribution to the new homeland.

When King George Leaves Buckingham palace he is joined by a small squad of Scotland Yard officials, who remain with him until his return. Probably it pays to play safe.



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