

FEWER COME IN

Immigration Falls Off for Fiscal Year.

BETTER CLASS OF ALIENS

Italy Heads List With Russia a Good Second.

MENACE FROM THE DISEASED

Commissioner Sargent Says Some Steamship Companies Defy Law—Large Number of Afflicted Persons Turned Back.

Table with 3 columns: Country, 1904 Immigration, 1903 Immigration. Includes Italy, Russia, Germany, England, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Greece, Scotland, Japan, China.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Immigration to the United States decreased materially during the last fiscal year, and it is a notable fact that the moral, intellectual and physical qualifications of the immigrants admitted to this country during the past year are higher than ever before.

During the past fiscal year 321,870 aliens arrived in the United States, of whom 245,100 were males and 76,770 females, an increase in females, as compared with last year of 19,870 and a decrease in males of 64,965.

At the various seaports, 894 aliens were excluded during the year, 478 being paupers, 1669 diseased, 35 convicts and 1501 contract laborers.

Attempt to Evade Contract Law.

"It is interesting," says Mr. Sargent, "as bearing on the attempts on the part of the contractors in this country to evade the alien labor law, to note that despite the diminution of immigration there was an increase of 412 in the number rejected as alien contract laborers."

Of the aggregate steamer immigration, 767,023 came from Europe, 56,130 from Asia and 18,751 from all other countries. The greatest number of immigrants, 183,296, came from Italy, a decrease of 37,376 from last year; 146,141 from Russia; 46,380 from Germany, an increase of 822; 27,563 from England, an increase of 12,407; 26,142 from Ireland, an increase of 18,255; 23,296 from Norway, a decrease of 629; 11,326 from Greece, a decrease of 2747, and 11,092 from Scotland, an increase of 490.

Of the Oriental countries, Japan furnished the greatest number of immigrants, 14,384, a decrease of 5795, while China supplied 4309, an increase of 2100.

It is noted in the report that more than half the total immigration of 421,844 was supplied by the Italian, Polish, Slovak and Magyar races.

Commissioner Sargent says that the effective operating cause of violations and attempted violations of the alien contract labor law is the employer's desire to obtain labor in this country. To put an end to such offenses, it is necessary for the law to reach such employers, and by sufficient punishment, more potent than the mere expulsion or deportation of the aliens induced by them to emigrate hither, to deter them from such practices.

Importation of the Diseased.

Concerning the persistence with which some of the steamship companies bring diseased aliens into the country, the Commissioner says this feature of the emigration "has given the bureau more concern than any other, both because of its importance as affecting the health, or even the life, possibly, of citizens of this country, and because of the apparent determination to bring alien suffering with communicable diseases upon the shores of the latter being able to affect an entrance."

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"Paramount in importance to all other legislation in regard to alien immigration the bureau considers some adequate measure for the distribution of aliens who are admitted to this country."

Governor Spoke at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Baker City Lodge No. 226, B. F. O. E., held its annual memorial services at the opera-house in this city this afternoon. The auditorium was handsomely decorated and the stage setting was especially appropriate to the occasion.

Chamberlain, who delivered the memorial address, attracted a large audience. About 2000 men marched from the hall and occupied the front seats in the parquette. The memorial ritualistic service was conducted by F. P. Bodinson, exalted ruler of the lodge, assisted by the officers. Besides Governor Chamberlain, addresses were delivered by Hon. William Smith, who spoke in eulogy of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Mead D. Detweiler, and Senator John L. Rand, who spoke in memory of S. G. Williams, H. H. Hindman and J. V. Coggriff, three members of Baker City Lodge, who died during the past year.

TO PREVENT WAR.

should have younger men in command of our ships in time of peace as well as in time of war. He recommends that officers of the Navy be placed on the same footing as officers of the Army with respect to recognition for conspicuously meritorious conduct, and recommends two classes of medals, one to be given for acts of gallantry performed in time of peace, and the other for acts of special heroism in time of war.

Building of War Vessels.

Secretary Morton reports satisfactory progress of work on vessels being built at navy-yards, but says the Government is of the opinion of the Chief Constructor that ships built by the Government at navy-yards will cost more money than if built at private yards by contract. He concurs, however, with the Chief Constructor in the view that the repairing and overhauling of naval vessels must remain the important work of the navy-yards, and that there should be no change in the policy of building public ships, as a general rule, by contract at private establishments.

Making of Armament.

"At more than one navy-yard it is possible to build warships, and the Government is actually building them at some of the yards, but this is the exception. Most of the new ships are under construction at private establishments, and all armor is furnished by private concerns. It would seem wise to follow the same general policy with respect to armament. The Government should not unnecessarily enter the industrial field. The development of time of peace of private establishments, with extensive plants and a force of skilled artisans capable of building ships of the first class, making armor of the best quality in all weights and constructing guns of every kind and supplying fixed ammunition therefor is desirable, inasmuch as the existence of such establishments may be of important service in time of war."

As to the use of oil fuel, Secretary Morton says that the difficulties in the using of a liquid fuel plant upon vessels of war, particularly battleships and cruisers, are many and obvious, but adds: "My own view with respect to the matter is that the use of oil as a fuel on board naval vessels is a question that cannot by any means be regarded as settled adversely."

Two Inches of Snow in Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 4.—Snow fell over Central and Eastern Kansas today and the ground tonight is covered with more than two inches in many places.

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Or discomfort, no irritation of the intestines—but gentle, prompt, thorough healthful cleansing, when you take Hood's Pills.

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Sold by all druggists. 25 cents

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Cure All Liver Ills. A CLEAR HEAD; good digestion; sound sleep; a fine appetite and a ripe old age, are some of the results of the use of Tutt's Liver Pills.

A single dose will convince you of their wonderful effects and virtue.

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An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, malaria, sour stomach, dizziness, constipation bilious fever, piles, torpid liver and all kindred diseases.

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Advertisement for 'The Different Store' Christmas Headquarters. Features '3c yard Domestic Aisle, First Floor' and illustrations of cats. Text: 'The excitement begins when the bolts fly back and the doors swing inward at 8 A. M. today, upon the greatest December Sale ever held by any store west of the Great Lakes.'

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Store Manager's Sale That Opens Today and Lasts Until Christmas

The above amount represents a surplus of stocks over and above the normal that must be sold before the New Year's books are opened. The delays in getting into the new annex building caused surplus stocks to pile up in the warehouses until they bulged to the bursting point.

Give \$100.00 in Gold as a New Year's Present

\$50 to first, \$30 to second and \$20 to third. To the three managers showing the biggest percentage of increase of sales over the corresponding period of last year (which was the largest in our history), and now, for three weeks, the managers are absolute monarchs over their departments.

In Royal Worcester Corset and Undermuslin Annex—Second Floor

ART GOODS AND CHILDREN'S DRESSES. Mr. Hansen offers values sure to crowd his departments. More of them than are printed here. Several styles of discontinued Royal Worcester Corsets, in short and long effect, colors drab, black and white, sizes 12, 15, 23, 25 to 42, special at \$1.50, regular price \$2.00.



A Most Extraordinary Sale of Chinaware, Silver and Cut Glass, Lamps, Kitchen Furnishings and Stoves Third Floor

MR. J. C. OLDS was so busy in arranging for this sale that he didn't even take the time to sit for his photo, so we were reluctantly compelled to omit it from the gallery of talent printed in yesterday's announcement.

HAVLAND DECORATED CHINA. Sugars and Creams, value \$1.40, special at, pair, 75c. Salads, value \$1.00, special at, each, 50c. Fruit Compots, value 50c, special at, each, 45c.

OLD BLUE CHINA. Plates, 9-in., value \$1.50 dozen, special at, dozen, 90c. Cups and Saucers, value \$1.50 dozen, special at, doz., \$1.10.

PLAIN WHITE WARE. Plates, 9-in., value \$1.00 dozen, special at, dozen, 60c. Cups and Saucers, with handles, value \$1.25 dozen, special at, dozen, 70c.

WALLACE BROS. SILVERWARE. Guaranteed for Two Years. Tea Spoons, set of 6, extra special at, 25c.

KITCHEN FURNISHINGS GRANITE IRON KETTLES.

2-quart Covered Kettles, value 25c, special at, 20c. 3-quart Covered Kettles, value 35c, special at, 30c. 4-quart Covered Kettles, value 40c, special at, 35c.

RANGES—QUICK BAKER STEEL RANGES, WITH HIGH CLOSET. Value \$22.00, special at, each, \$20.00. Value \$25.00, special at, each, \$23.00.

KING QUALITY STEEL RANGES—A SUPERB RANGE. Value \$48.00, special at, each, \$45.00. Value \$52.50, special at, each, \$49.00.

STEEL COOK STOVES. Stoves with 16-in. oven, value \$24.00, special at, \$22.50. Stoves with 18-in. oven, value \$28.50, special at, \$27.00.

UMBRELLAS \$1.35 FOR UMBRELLAS WORTH \$2.25.

Taffeta-covered Umbrellas, steel rods, paragon frames, natural wood or fancy handles, horn, silver and pearl trimmed; our \$2.25 value for, each, \$1.35.

\$2.95 FOR UMBRELLAS WORTH \$4.50 AND \$5.00. Fine, all-silk covered Umbrellas, suitable for either ladies or men, some with natural wood handles, some with gun-metal handles, others with gold, silver or pearl handles.

48c FOR COLLARS AND STOCKS WORTH \$1.50. Ladies' fine white embroidered collars, some stocks, with in turnover effects, embroidered on fine white lawn; also some venise lace stocks with front tabs—many different styles—every one a beauty; our 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, special at, each, 48c.

Bargains Absolutely Startling in Women's Furnishings

The chief of the Woman's "Toggery Shop" is certainly in line for first money if he keeps up such a pace as he sets for today and the week. They are worthy of extra special mention and will receive attention at length in all today's papers.

KID GLOVES. 50c for Kid Gloves worth \$1.50—A great gathering of Kid Gloves of odd sizes and styles. All are good makes, the "Jouvin," "Vassar," "Plympton," "Mentone," "Melba," "Hectors," etc. in black, white and colors, sizes 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, 7 3/4, 8. Our \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 values, all at, pair, 50c.

RIBBONS. 15c for Ribbons worth 30c—All Silk Taffetas and Milanese Ribbons, soft finish, 3/4 and 4 inches wide, soft, silken ribbons, the kind that tie so easily and gracefully and have a luster that's perfect.

EMBROIDERIES AND INSERTIONS. An immense collection of handsome new wide embroideries and insertions, some in Swiss, some in nainsook—all are great values, even at their regular prices.

LADIES' FINE NECKWEAR. Turnovers and Stocks worth 25c and 35c for, 10c.

LACES AND INSERTIONS. A fine new lot of handsome net top Ornaments at 1/4 inches to 1 1/2 inches wide, in white, cream and ecru, some venise edge, some with St. Gaudens and the much wanted kinds used for bertha, on evening dresses for sleeves and skirt ruffles.

CHIFFON APPLIQUE TRIMMINGS. A lot of new embroidered Chiffon Applique Galoons and Bands, in black, white and colors, very handsome. Our \$1.00 value for 1/2 yard, 50c and 75c values for 3/4 yard. Our \$1.00 value for 4/8 yard, 50c and 75c values for 3/4 yard. Our \$1.50 and \$2.00 values for 1 1/2 yard.

LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS. 15c for Handkerchiefs worth 20c and 25c—Richardson's best linen Handkerchiefs, some sheer, some cambric, with one-quarter and one-eighth-inch hems, 250 dozen in the lot. Our 20c and 25c values for 12 1/2 each.

