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OLD GLORY WAVES OVER 101,100,000

Within Home Borders Are 91,972,226.

WASHINGTON GROWS FASTEST

Increase of 120.4 Per Cent Exceeds That of Oklahoma.

EVEN EXPERTS SURPRISED

Washington Will Have Five Representatives in Congress—Three Northwestern States Lead All in Development.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—In the United States and all its possessions the Stars and Stripes protect 101,100,000 souls. This is the official estimate of the United States bureau of the census, announced today in connection with the population statistics for the country as enumerated in the 10th census. It includes the Philippines, Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Alaska and the Panama Canal Zone.

Country Gains 15,977,691. In the last ten years the states of the Union had an increase in population of 15,977,691, which amounts to 21 per cent over the 1899 figures.

Since the first census was taken, in 1790, the country has grown 25 times as large, the population then having been 2,328,234, slightly larger than the present population of Texas.

Washington's Gain Highest. The state of Washington carries off the honor for rate of increase in population between 1899 and 1910. Its present population, announced by the Census Bureau today to be 1,145,390, exceeds that of 1899 by 62,867, or gain of 120.4 per cent.

No other state in the Union showed so large an increase. Oklahoma is second with 200.7 per cent gain, and Idaho is third with 161.3 per cent. With this enormous increase of population, Washington will have five representatives in Congress after the new apportionment is made, and would have six but for the fact that the basis of apportionment probably will be increased to 250,000 or 250,000.

Census Director Durand today called attention to the fact that the rate of growth of population during the past 20 years was greater in the Pacific Northwest than in any other part of the country, the average increase for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, taken collectively, being 94.6 per cent.

Coast Develops Rapidly. Taking the three coast states alone, exclusive of Idaho, the rate of increase is 8.6 per cent, and even this rate is far greater than that shown by any other portion of the United States, except the Northwestern trio.

The compilation of state statistics given out today shows Oregon to be the 20th state in size, Washington is 20th and Idaho is 46th. Ten years ago Oregon was 20th, Washington 33d and Idaho 47th. Oregon's apparent drop of one place is due to the combination of Oklahoma and Indian Territories, forming a new state whose population exceeds that of Oregon.

Director Durand expressed some surprise that Oregon's heavy gain in population had not elevated the state on the list, but a careful scrutiny of the figures shows the announcement to be correct.

Washington Counties Given. The table of population of Washington (Continued on Page 4.)

MAN GIVES SALUTE; HURLED TO DEATH

OSCAR QUALLE GREETED BROTHER, BLOCK DISTANT, DIES.

Fall of Over 120 Feet Instantly Kills Gang Foreman on Scaffolding; Balance Lost.

From the top of the new Seiling building Oscar Qualle, foreman of the scaffolding gang, waved a greeting to his brother, Charles, working on the top of the Yeon building, a block distant, and a moment later he was hurled through the air to death on the Sixth-street pavement, over 120 feet below. The accident occurred at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Qualle was superintending the shifting of a scaffold on the ornamental cornice of the new skyscraper. His eye chanced to catch the figure of his brother, looking in his direction. A wave of the hand passed between the two brothers. Then Oscar picked up a plank and stepped backward, reaching out to grasp a hanging chain. He missed it and the momentum of his own weight and that of the plank forced him backward over the edge of the scaffold.

Qualle fell 12 stories in the clear, striking nothing in the passage. Eye-witnesses say that he made no audible sound. His body descended head downward, with many twirlings. When it struck the pavement there was a report as from a pistol. Death was instant.

Many persons saw the falling man, and in an instant the street was jammed. W. E. Perry, watchman on the building, was standing exactly on the spot where the body fell just an instant before, and had moved but a short distance when Qualle fell.

Others had been in the city but a short time. He resided with his brother at the Harrison Hotel, First and Harrison streets. He was unmarried, aged 25 years.

WOMEN FEAR JURY DUTY

Many and Varied Excuses Offered by New Voters at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—By mail and telephone the women who were drawn for jury service in the Justice Court of Milton Giles next Tuesday are making life miserable for him through their protests, while the rejected women are also on his trail, declaring that he had no right to leave them off the jury list when he put them on the list of a physician is exempt for jury duty when his husband is exempt, and if the court so rules.

Mrs. J. W. Mowell will be excused, so that three of the six women drawn may not have to serve. Judge Giles announces, however, that they must all appear in court on Tuesday and report for duty, whether they serve or not.

SOCIETY GIRL TAKES DARE

Eleanora Sears Braves Footlights at Boston Matinee.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Eleanora Sears, the Boston society girl, played a walking part in "The Yankee Girl" at today's matinee. It was the result of dinner-box party and a dare.

The dinner took place on Friday evening. The thoughtless person who dared Miss Sears was Mrs. George Law, of New York. The women had agreed they would go on in their street clothes. Mrs. Law was late, but Miss Sears would not wait for her, walking onto the stage at the opening of the second act. She was on the arm of William P. Carleton, "Captain John Lawrence, American Consul."

She was dressed as usual in a fetching mannish style, short skirted suit and heavy high topped tan boots. All she did was to walk across, carefully turning her face from the audience. She said nothing. Mr. Carleton spoke a few words, he usually speaks with one of the women of the company on his arm. Miss Sears, when it was all over, said: "Well, I wasn't dared, was I?" Mrs. Law congratulated her.

STRIKE ISSUE UP TO ROADS MONDAY

96 Per Cent of Engineers Vote to Strike.

33,700 MEN ARE EMPLOYED

Clash, if One Comes, Greatest in Railroad History.

TIEUP WILL BE COMPLETE

All Lines Operating West From Chicago Will Be Affected, and Sympathetic Strike in East Is Not Impossible.

WAGES OF LOCAL LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS

O. R. & N. Co., \$4.40 to \$5.20 for run of 100 miles or less, to be completed in 10 hours or less. Southern Pacific, \$3.75 to \$5.17 for run of 100 miles or less, to be completed in 8 hours or less. Overtime, pro rata. General increase requested, 15 per cent. Number of engineers affected, 425.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and four of his assistants spent today canvassing the recent strike vote taken by the men on the Western railroads.

Mr. Stone said the count would not be completed before Monday, and it then will be announced to the railroad managers.

Mr. Stone estimated that 96 per cent of the engineers favored a strike. The next move, according to Mr. Stone, is with the railroads.

The railroads affected in the present controversy are those extending west from Chicago, and if the engineers strike the Eastern roads will not be drawn into the controversy. There is always a chance, however, of a sympathetic strike, and in that event the Eastern engineers would join the strikers. Switching service in the Chicago yards, however, would be brought to a standstill.

Sixty-one railroads will be affected if the engineers vote to strike and their terms are not accepted by the managers. The number of engines employed on these roads is 33,700. The lines represent 136,000 miles of road, or 52 per cent of the total mileage of the country.

This vote is the first that has ever been ordered by the Brotherhood of Engineers on a general scale and it is the first of any kind to be taken since the strike on the Burlington in 1888.

"Our Brotherhood is known throughout the country for its conservatism," said Grand Chief Stone. "And when we take a strike vote it means something. The managers tried to take advantage of us because we have not been inclined to strike in the past. We have done our best to maintain harmony, and have even made concessions that our men would not be willing to accept. If it comes to a strike, which now seems likely, we will tie up every road west of Chicago."

After months of negotiations the demands of the engineers now are some 7 per cent higher than the railroad managers are willing to grant. If the demands are not acceded to a strike that will close the throttle of every railroad locomotive west, south and north of Chicago may be called within five hours, it was intimated.

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IRELAND REGARDS HOME RULE WON

Asquith Promise Is Accepted in Full.

BALFOUR ASKS THIRD CHANCE

King Now Expected to Create Enough New Peers.

TRUCE REFUSED TORIES

Date for Execution of Liberal Programme Now Only Outstanding Issue—End of Long Battle Now Clearly Visible.

BY T. P. O'CONNOR. (Special cable to Chicago Tribune, Copyright, 1910, by Tribune Company.) LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10.—Premier Asquith has pronounced home rule for Ireland the leading issue in the present campaign. This momentous pronouncement was made in a small schoolhouse of a remote village in Scotland, but already it has stirred the whole British Islands, and eclipsed all other issues in the fight.

The pronouncement was made in answer to a "heckler," as the typical disturber of British political meetings is called.

"Is it the truth," asked this heckler, "that if the Liberal government is returned to power in this election, it will give Ireland a measure of home rule?" "My reply," said Asquith, "is, 'It is!'"

Reply Aids Redmond. The precision, firmness and candor of this answer on the part of a man so frigid and cautious and so determined to concentrate this election on the House of Lords comes as a thunderclap to all of the enemies of the Liberal party, and it is a great aid to Redmond's fight.

Though Redmond was well aware that it was Asquith's intention to give Irish home rule an immediate chance, the carpers and factionists in Ireland have been insisting that Asquith was a trickster and that Redmond was his dupe. But now even the Dublin Independent, chief supporter of the Healy faction, confesses that Asquith's declaration leaves no more to be said, and is entirely satisfactory.

Thus home rule at last is undeniably before the eyes of all men and is definitely in sight. For the general election practically is over, and the government will return with unbroken strength to the House of Commons. The second declaration against the Lords ends their existing powers.

The Tories, however, are continuing to use every device possible to evade this final and crushing verdict. A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition, who in vain threw over his protection of the House of Lords, and even the plural voting, which robs the Liberals of innumerable seats, in the effort to escape defeat, now follows another line of retreat.

Balfour practically demands a third election, following closely the lead of Lord Rosebery, who declared that if the Liberals lost even five seats it would preclude them from proceeding with the attack on the Lords.

This ridiculous pretension already is being laughed out of court. I have no doubt that the Liberals will propose an anti-veto bill on the first night of the new Parliament, will proceed with it promptly and when it is rejected by the Lords will call upon the King to create enough new peers to carry the measure through the second chamber.

Veto Power Seems Doomed. The King undoubtedly will not refuse this request. But if he should, Premier Asquith must, by his pledges, immediately resign and leave Balfour face to face with a hostile majority in the House of Commons, which would throw him out of office the next day.

Already the Tories are sending up a (Continued on Page 2.)

DIVORCONS REVEL IN BALL IN SECRET

DISPLAYS OF GOWNS AND FIGURES ARE GORGEOUS.

Select Colony at Reno Said to Have Shown Costumes and Jewels Worth \$75,000.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—What was intended to be a determinedly secret ball, at which only a select aggregation of the women of the divorce colony were to participate, excluding all such as were not acceptable, was given last night in a small obscure hall over a store some distance from the center of the city, when 80 of the prominent women of the colony from New York, with their male companions of Reno, made merry widows and other fantastic and spectacular dances until an early morning hour.

Newspaper men were not admitted, and when asked if certain women of the colony were present, naming such, one of the favored ones replied: "They were not there."

The invitations were handed out personally, with admonitions of profound secrecy. They even took their own lunch, rather than make known their plans to a public caterer, and from a convenient table mixed their own cocktails from the whisky and Shasta water provided in abundance.

Mrs. J. S. Woodruff, of New York, who toured with Sousa on his famous European engagement as his solo violinist, when the festivities were at their height, took the violin from one of the orchestra and rendered a selection, the orchestra stopping and all the gay dancing ceasing. Then she grasped her partner and the festivities continued.

Each afternoon vied with her fellow colony members in gorgeous display of gown and figure, and the importations in costumes and jewels are said to have represented at least \$75,000. Profusion of greenery and cut-flowers adorned the hall. The brilliant red ball dress of Mrs. Jessie Bellnap Weiss, of New York, Paris and San Antonio, and the elaborate blue and gold costume of Mrs. Gertrude Nichols, of Brooklyn, dazzled everyone.

Those of Mrs. Harold Hackett, Mrs. Harriet Johnston, Mrs. Silva, all of New York, and Mrs. Edith Taylor, Philadelphia, were gorgeous.

FAIR SWIMMER'S DEFI OUT

Woman Challenges California Champion for Open-Sea Race.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Beach visitors soon will be treated to an interesting aquatic contest, the champion long-distance swimmer of Southern California, accepts the challenge, Mrs. Louise Scott, winter tourist from Helena, Mont., issued today. Mrs. Scott offers to engage in a water contest with any local woman swimmer for any distance, preferring to race with Miss Newkirk in the open sea.

Mrs. Scott has a wonderful record for endurance and among other feats has accomplished a six-hour swim without resting, something that none of the expert swimmers of Santa Monica Bay can boast. Mrs. Scott is modest and unassuming and enters into all phases of the sport for the love of competition. She also holds running records for track athletics.

She is determined to race with some of the swimmers here and if the girls refuse her she will broaden the offer to include men.

MRS. ELIZA R. ROYLE DIES

Grief Over Husband's Death Shortens Life of Honored Woman.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Eliza R. Royle, one of the three honorary vice-presidents of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, died here this afternoon, aged 75 years. She was the widow of Jonathan C. Royle, who passed away in June. They had been married more than 34 years at the time of Mr. Royle's death and grief shortened the widow's life, although she was tenderly cared for by her children, Martha Royle Palmer, Edward Milton Royle, the playwright; J. C. Royle, of the Denver Associated Press office, and Dr. Sinclair K. Royle, of New York. Two sisters, Mrs. Joseph A. Batcher and Mrs. Mary S. Turner, both of Denver, survive her.

Mrs. Royle was instrumental in organizing the Ladies' Literary Club, of Salt Lake City, the first woman's club west of the Missouri River. (Continued on Page 5.)

200 MILES OF GAS PIPE TO BE LAID

Portland Suburbs to Be Served in 1911.

\$750,000 GRANTED FOR MAINS

Pacific Power & Light Company to Spend \$1,500,000.

VAST IRRIGATION PLANNED

Guy W. Talbot, President of Local Corporation and Larger Concern, Announces Big Improvements for Next Year.

Expenditures aggregating \$2,500,000 will be made by the Portland Gas & Coke Company and the Pacific Power & Light Company during the coming year, according to announcement made yesterday by Guy W. Talbot, president of both concerns.

Of this sum \$750,000 will be spent in extending the mains and improving the plant of the Portland Gas & Coke Company. The remaining \$1,500,000 will be used in the further development of the light and power company's service along the Columbia and Yakima rivers in Eastern Washington, making possible the irrigation of a large area.

Work on the local improvements will be started early in 1911. About 200 miles of gas mains will be laid. Additions will be made to the local generating plant to accommodate the increased service. The new mains, so far as possible, will cover those districts in which the city is planning hard-surface improvements, but many of the suburban streets will also be served.

Tons of Pipe Ordered.

"It will be our aim to serve all of the outlying sections," said Mr. Talbot. "We already have planned to serve Montavilla, Rose City Park, the Ladd tract, Fulton, Brooklyn, Buchs, the territory south of Powell Road, Woodlawn, the district north of Hawthorne avenue, the Simon district, the streets north of Clinton street and south of Thibault. Orders have been placed for 12,000 or 13,000 tons of steel pipe with the United States Cast Iron Company. Much of this will be delivered within the first few months of the year."

Included in the territory in which new pipes will be placed are from 50 to 75 miles—that are not in need of enlarged mains at this time, but upon which the city contemplates hard-surface paving. The improved service will be installed to preclude the necessity of tearing the streets when business demands the change.

Plant Large Enough.

Nearly all of the money appropriated for this work will be spent in the extension of the mains and very little will be required in improving the generating plant, as that is large enough to accommodate the present and immediate future needs of the company. It is so constructed that additions can be built at any time they are required.

While it may be impossible to carry out all of the proposed improvements during the coming year, the full \$750,000 appropriated will be available, and that which is not used in 1911 will be carried over into the following year and the improvements completed then as fast as they can be taken up.

The Pacific Power & Light Company is controlled by practically the same set of stockholders, and now operates five electric generating plants. Two of these are hydro-electric—generating electricity by water power—and are located at Natchez and Walla Walla. Three are steam plants and are in operation at Walla Walla, Kennewick and Wenatchee.

The proposed improvements call for the extension of the transmission lines from the present terminal of the electric cable at Sunnyside to the adjacent districts of Granger, Wapato, Zilla, Grand View and Mabton for the purpose of sup-

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HARRY MURPHY GIVES EXPRESSION THROUGH A VARIETY OF PICTURES TO THE PREVAILING CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.



What Sammy Wants. In Delicate Health. For a Good Boy. Leave Us Forget. Do. Early. Is There Anything in Physiognomy? Tip for Santa.