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## TWO MILLIONS GAIN SINCE CENSUS

Department Issues Bulletin Showing Estimated Population of Various States and Cities for Year 1903.

Total Population Is Shown to Have Been 79,900,389, an Increase of 2,059,014.

## PORTLAND LEADS SEATTLE

Portland Given 98,655, While Seattle Has 92,020—New York Is Bigger Than Chicago and Philadelphia.

Washington, April 7.—According to a bulletin issued today by the government census bureau, the population of the United States for 1903, exclusive of Alaska territory and our insular possessions, is 79,900,389. As compared with the census of 1900, this bulletin shows an increase in three years of 2,059,014.

Of all the states in the union but 22 have less than 1,000,000 population, according to the statement issued today. New York's population is shown to be 7,500,000; that of Pennsylvania, 6,500,000; that of Illinois, 5,000,000; that of Texas, 3,000,000. Texas has passed Missouri. The population of the three larger cities of the country is shown to be as follows:

New York city	7,500,000
Chicago	3,000,000
Philadelphia	2,000,000

St. Louis has just passed and Boston just reached the 600,000 mark. San Francisco and Pittsburg are close competitors for place, the former having 355,919 and the latter 345,043. Cleveland is credited with 414,950 and Cincinnati with 332,934.

The population of the leading cities of the northwest is shown to be as follows:

Portland	98,655
Seattle	92,020
Tacoma	45,102
Spokane	41,927

The bulletin issued today gives the estimated population of the various states and cities for 1903.

**High Prices at Liao Yang.**  
St. Petersburg, April 7.—A correspondent of the Novosti writing from Liao Yang, March 23, says that small town has been transformed into military city as a result of the arrival of many troops. Living had become extremely expensive, due to the inability of merchants to obtain private freight. No goods were allowed to be shipped to Liao Yang from Port Arthur. A table of prices shows that the necessities of life had risen to two and three times the normal prices. American beer was quoted at 50 cents a bottle, whereas before the war it brought only 10 cents. No relief from the high prices can be had, as the military requires the use practically of all the space in the railroad cars.

### GAS, NOT DYNAMITE.

**No Effort to Take the Life of the Youthful King of Spain.**  
London, April 7.—Julius C. Lay, United States consul general at Barcelona, telegraphs to the Associated Press as follows:  
"An explosion of gas occurred here last night, giving rise to the report that a 'petard' was exploded as King Alfonso was leaving an exhibit. The explosion, however, took place half a mile from where the king was."

Madrid, April 7.—Private accounts received from Barcelona regarding the explosion which took place as King Alfonso was leaving the exhibition there yesterday continue to vary in detail. An official report of the affair has been issued here as follows:  
"At 9:30 o'clock yesterday evening a petard exploded in the portico of the house, No. 1 Ramba del Centro. There was an explosion, which caused much damage. In the ensuing panic two persons were slightly injured."

King Alfonso passed the spot within a few minutes after the occurrence, and was warmly cheered by the crowd, which had then become tranquil. The originator of the outrage has not been discovered. One man was arrested, but released.

### Hanna Eulogized.

Washington, April 7.—The senate today listened to eulogies of the late Senator Hanna. The galleries were well filled and the speakers were given close attention. Those who spoke were Messrs. Foraker, Scott, Cockrell, Platt of Connecticut, Cullom, Blackburn, Elkins, Fairbanks, Daniels, Perkins, Dewey, Beveridge, Dolliver, Kearns and Dick.

### Strikers Are Victorious.

Seattle, April 7.—The fight between the labor unions of Seattle and the Hotel Butler was settled tonight. The hotel will be unionized.

## JAPANESE CROSS THE YALU ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES IN STRONG POSITIONS

Reliable Reports From Korean Capital Say Fighting Line Has Crossed the River at Several Points.

Russian Troops Are Now Occupying Six of the Largest Border Towns on the Tumen River in Northern Korea, but Report of an Engagement at Kwisang Has No Confirmation—Harbin Unhealthy.

Chicago, April 7.—A special cable to the Daily News from Tokio says:  
"Reliable reports were received here today from Seoul to the effect that part of the Japanese fighting line had crossed the Yalu river and established itself in strong positions there at several important points."

### RUSSIANS ON THE TUMEN.

**Occupying Six of the Largest Border Towns in Northern Korea.**  
Seoul, April 7.—Telegrams have been received saying that the Russians are occupying six of the largest border towns on the Tumen river in northern Korea. Japanese authorities have no confirmation of the reported engagement between the Russians and the Japanese at Kwisang.

### EPIDEMIC FEARED AT HARBIN.

City Is in Terribly Unhealthy Condition at Present Time.

St. Petersburg, April 7.—The terrible sanitary condition of Harbin, which, it is feared, will lead to an epidemic, is revealed in a dispatch to the Novosti. The matter is of particular importance, in view of the fact that Harbin is the center of Russian military and civil authority in Manchuria. All the troops pass through this point, and all provisions and medical supplies are brought there.

Despite the dry spring and summer and peaceful conditions in the territory last year, there were cases of cholera and typhoid, further development of which was stopped by the November frosts.

The chief cause of the contagion is the water of the Sungari river and the shallow wells, which are located in unsanitary places. Another source of contagion is that the great filth in the winter has not been disposed of, but lies exposed above the ground in the heart of the city, the streets of which are filled with refuse.

### NO TROOPS IN DISTRICT.

**English and American Mines Are Not in Need of Protection.**

Seoul, April 7.—The report that Russian troops had appeared at the American mines at Unsan, northern Korea, is without foundation. No Russians are at Unsan now, nor have any been there.

J. N. Jordan and H. N. Allen, respectively, ministers to Korea of Great Britain and the United States, have requested the Korean government to give protection to the British and American mines in the country. This request is merely a formality.

### Refugees to Be Transported.

St. Petersburg, April 7.—Through the United States government Russia has again been requested by Japan to allow the Japanese refugees on Sakhalin island to be transported to Japan. The foreign office has already returned a favorable response to this request. The United States government probably will send a neutral ship to take the refugees off the island.

### Reserve Seamen to Be Mobilized.

Paris, April 7.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of Echo de Paris says the mobilization of the reserve seamen in the Sebastopol district has been ordered, half of them to be used to re-

inforce the Russian crews at Port Arthur and Vladivostok, and the remainder to increase the strength of the Black sea fleet.

### CHINA TO HELP THE JAPS.

**Will Act Upon First Land Defeat of Russian Troops.**

New York, April 7.—Reports are said to have reached an ambassador, says a Herald dispatch from Berlin, to the effect that China is on the verge of throwing in her lot with Japan. The first defeat on land for Russia will, it is asserted, be the signal for a forward movement on the part of the celestial empire. Japan, the correspondent adds, shows no anxiety for help, realizing that China's intervention may cause more embarrassment than profit.

### MRS. BOTKIN FOUND GUILTY.

**Jury Fixes Her Punishment at Imprisonment for Life.**

San Francisco, April 7.—The jury in the Botkin case late tonight returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, and fixed the penalty at imprisonment for life.

### Botkin Jury Is Out.

San Francisco, April 7.—Argument was concluded today in the Botkin trial and the case was given to the jury late in the afternoon. Before beginning its deliberations the jury adjourned for dinner and did not return to the jury room till 8 p. m. The trial has been in progress since March 21.

### Squaw Murders Indian.

Spokane, April 7.—A Tekoa special to the Spokesman-Review says an apparently reliable report is current that Buckskin Jim, an aged Indian, who lived on the Coeur d'Alene reservation, was brutally murdered by his squaw three weeks ago. The story says the squaw decapitated the body, burning the remains when discovered by other Indians, who have been concealing tragedy.

### ISMBERG IS DISMISSED.

**Charges Against Forest Supervisor Sustained by Investigation.**

Washington, April 7.—Land Commissioner Richards today recommended the dismissal of former Supervisor M. H. Ismberg of the north division of the Cascade forest reserve. The charges lodged against him were sustained by investigation. Secretary Hitchcock will probably approve Richards' recommendation.

### Quiet at Telluride.

Denver, April 7.—The Meeker troop of cavalry left Telluride today for its home station, leaving only the local Telluride troops to represent the military there. Adjutant-General Bell remains in command. The camp is reported quiet.

### The Tanana Cleanup.

Seattle, April 7.—Mail advices from the new Alaska district of Tanana indicate that the winter gold cleanup will probably reach \$1,000,000.

### Killed by a Blast.

Seattle, April 7.—Joseph Jenner, a laborer, aged 44, was accidentally killed today by a blast near Sidney, Wash. He went back to learn why a charge of dynamite placed in a stump had not exploded and received the charge in the face, blowing the head nearly off.

### Cowherd Chosen Chairman.

Washington, April 7.—Representative W. S. Cowherd of Missouri was elected chairman of the democratic congress-

sional committee without opposition tonight. The committee did not elect a secretary, adjourning subject to the call of the chairman.

### STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK.

**Bricklayers and Laborers Sacrificed \$1,500,000 in Five Weeks.**

New York, April 7.—Bricklayers and laborers who returned to their work in New York today after a strike of five weeks' duration are estimated to have sacrificed wages aggregating \$1,500,000. Nearly 15,000 workmen were involved, and the whole trouble is still to be settled by arbitration, pending which the men will not be asked to work overtime.

There was much joy among the workers over the end of the strike, as fears had been growing of another disastrous season in the building trades like that of 1903. Large builders now express the belief that this will be the busiest season in the city's history.

### ROBBERS MAKE RICH HAUL.

**Hold Up Government Trading Post and Get \$1,500 in Coin.**

Salt Lake, April 7.—A special to the Herald from Rosfork, Ind., says: The government trading post at this point was held up last night by two masked men, who secured about \$1,500 in gold and silver. The robbers entered the store just as an employe named Pyke was transferring the cash from the money drawers to the safe, ordering him to hold up his hands. They bound and gagged Pyke and then rifled the safe. The robbers escaped with the plunder.

### VILLAINOUS TREACHERY.

**Thibetans Try to Murder Party of British Officers.**

London, April 7.—A dispatch to the Times from Kalatso, Thibet, dated yesterday, reports that 200 Thibetans at the village of Samonda, in treacherously firing a volley at a party of British officers, whom they invited to parley with them, aimed badly.

No one was injured, but the action is supposed to indicate the tactics which the Thibetans intend to employ at Guro.

The correspondent adds that reinforcements are arriving at Gyangtee to oppose the British advance.

### Reports Are Exaggerated.

Berlin, April 7.—Reports of anti-Semitic massacres and cruelties at Lompalanka, Bulgaria, circulated in the United States by a news agency, are highly exaggerated. The alleged crucifixion details are nothing more than inventions.

## EARLY ACTION ON OREGON FAIR BILL

Committee on Rules Agrees to Bring Bill Before House as Privilege Matter and to Take It Up Today.

Swayne Impeachment Proceedings Disposed of, Leaving Way for Adjournment.

## SENATOR HANNA EULOGIZED

Members of Upper House Pay Tribute to Memory of Late Representative From Buckeye State.

Washington, April 7.—The committee on rules of the house today agreed on a special rule to bring the bill appropriating \$450,000 for the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland before the house as a privilege matter. It is expected the rule and the bill will be taken up tomorrow.

### SWAYNE CASE DISPOSED OF.

**Only Obstacle in Way of Early Adjournment Is Removed.**

Washington, April 7.—The Swayne impeachment proceedings, which had been looked upon as the only possible check to an early adjournment, were disposed of in five minutes by the house today by the adoption of a resolution making the case a special order for December 13 next. In the meantime the judiciary committee is to take additional testimony in the case.

After disposing of the conference report on the army appropriation bill, the house took up the bill extending the coastwise laws to the Philippines, and by a vote of 122 to 100 adopted a special rule to vote on this bill after a debate of two hours. This debate was exhausted, save five minutes, when the house adjourned at 5:30 p. m. An amendment to the bill postponing the operation of the law until July 1, 1906, instead of 1905, will be proposed.

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