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A recent bulletin from the federal census office shows that in the larger cities of the United States about four-fifths of school teachers are women. The school room man with the twig or ruler, more or less dear to the hearts of youth a generation or two ago, has gone to his deserts.

A Chinese on the yacht *Mayflower* at San Francisco is said to be perturbed over the possibility of his being deported on the ground that he is illegally in the country. He will not be if the naval officers in charge of the yacht can protect him. It is the particular pleasure of their kind to avoid obeying the laws which do not meet their approval.

What might be called a strike in the kindergarten class is reported from San Francisco. The choir boys in a prominent church are associated in a union, after the adult style, and they "struck" because certain members were suspended from the choir for cause. This strike in the infant class will serve to fill in the time between greater events of the kind in San Francisco.

Massachusetts is agitated over the question of "race suicide." In order to get bottom facts the state census enumerators are instructed to "ask questions of every married woman in the state calculated to show whether race suicide is the actual or merely the apparent out-growth of present conditions." It is presumed the enumerators will take precautions in the way of life and accident insurance.

Some surprise is expressed at the lack of enthusiasm displayed by the Germans in the reception of the British fleet at Swinemunde. There is hardly any call for it, however. It is not in human nature for the German people to applaud a demonstration which, no matter what its real purpose, was once supposed to have for its object a display of British naval strength sufficiently great to discourage Germany from attempting to rival it.

It will come as a surprise to most people to know that the Japanese form so considerable a part of the population of Seattle that the government finds it convenient to establish a special postoffice for them, where mail will be received and distributed among Japanese only. It is a violent departure from custom to make a concession of this kind to a particular class of people, but the presumption is that their non-assimilable character makes it necessary.

Counsel Boyle of Liverpool, England, says that he is informed that "owing to the protests of their constituents the city council will not go abroad for any more of the work when it can possibly be done in England." No reasonable person will blame the Liverpool council for taking this stand, but it must be very gallant for the once supreme iron industry of the United Kingdom to be compelled to appeal to public sentiment to support it in its competition for business at home.

The anthracite coal miners of Pennsylvania are very considerate this time in making a demand upon their employers. They defer the date for the demand to take effect until next April. Eastern coal consumers will be able to pull through next summer without freezing even if the mines are closed.

The yellow fever at New Orleans is stubbornly resisting efforts to stamp it out. The highest number of deaths for a single day as reported on Sunday, is

not encouraging. Warm weather, unfortunately, is favorable to the spread of the disease, but the medical authorities in charge are confident of controlling it very soon.

The story that the fortune which a widow unexpectedly found her deceased husband had left her was derived from lucky bets on races is too gaudy to be received without challenge. The statement that he was secretive about his affairs, and that he had been loaning money on mortgages does not harmonize with the theory that luck on the course was the source of the dead man's wealth. Men who invest their money in mortgages and keep their mouths closed are not the kind of people who flourish about the race track.

"It is rather rough on Maestretti" says the San Francisco Chronicle "to be compelled to resort to law in order to oblige an unwilling security company to stay on its bond. Perhaps his case will serve as an abject lesson, and point out the necessity of establishing some compulsory system which may be invoked when the distrust is too great to permit the ordinary course to be pursued. The most degraded criminal is given a chance for his life when put on trial; why should not a Schmitz appointee have an equal show for office?"

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