

THE GREAT FRAUD.

The New York World has the following on the great census fraud:

As the people of New York must be at the revelations of the police re-enumeration in that city, the people of the republic at large must be prepared for a greater shock.

If they will look over the country the honest men of all parties will discover that there is a method in the errors that have been proven to exist in the census reports and the investigations set on foot by the World more than a month ago confirm the most startling suspicions. A web of entangling evidence has already enmeshed a congressman from Brooklyn, a brace of political managers in that city and half a dozen clerks in various departments of the census office. Clues leading to a very much higher game are in the World's possession, but it is deemed wise and proper to put the people of the country on their guard without further delay, that an official investigation may be prosecuted at once. The evidence so far adduced appears to show:

First—That there is a deliberate purpose on the part of the leaders of the dominant party to retain the congressional majority now in its grasp.

Second—That to secure this end, a gang of unscrupulous men, with or without the sanction of the leaders of their party, have connived and conspired together to defraud many of the states of this union out of their legitimate congressional representation.

Third—That a secret office was fitted up in Washington at 206 D street, N. W., where a manager of the trusted clerks was detailed to alter the true census returns by scaling down the totals or increasing the same, that the growth of the democratic states should not be honestly reported.

Fourth—That an order was given by an official in the Census Office, with or without the connivance of the men in high authority in the government, to scale down the population of New York City 133,000.

Fifth—That the order was given an official in the Census Office (with or without the knowledge and approval of the high authorities in this government) to reduce the true census of New York State three hundred thousand souls.

Sixth—That the state of New Hampshire, which has lost population, was to be scaled up so that its present quota of congressional representation should not be changed.

Seventh—That Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Maine and Minnesota were to be "very liberally counted," and that the blunders at Minneapolis and St Paul arose from a stupid misinterpretation of instructions.

Eighth—That the Southern States were to be "jumped upon." States which have shown the greatest growth were to suffer to the extent of 14 to 16 per cent.

Ninth—That this infamous job has, to a large extent, been carried out, and that when the researches of the World frightened the conspirators they moved the secret office from 206 D street, Washington, to Cathedral street, Baltimore, near the monument, where for the past six weeks the dastardly work has been in progress.

Tenth—That enough evidence exists to discredit the whole census, independent of the exposures in New York City.

The World has in its possession the names of the men who have been active in this work and of nearly all the clerks who were detailed to engage in this monstrous undertaking. Early in June last it was apparently decided to undertake this dangerous and, up to this time, new steps in "practical politics." A certain Mr. Morton organized the work. The second story of a three-story house on D street (206) was rented at \$20 per month and cartloads of material from the census office were removed thereto. Twelve clerks who could be relied upon to hold their tongues were engaged in July and put to work. The duties of these men were continuous. They toiled day and night. The tally cards of certain states were brought to the D street house at night, retained a few days and then returned to the census office.

The landlady of the house, Mrs. Duling, a matronly and comely woman of thirty-five, grew curious to know what work was being prosecuted in her apartments. She asked Stephen W. Morton, an appointee in the Census Office from Winfield, Kansas, what he knew about the matter, but gained no information. She likewise importuned census clerks Sarvis, Church, Wilson and Octavius, who were employed on the work for information. She did not get any.

Shortly after this incident a great mass of census material was burned in the second story front room of the D street house. A man giving the name of Nelson then appeared upon the scene. His authority with the clerks was respected by all. He was chiefly instrumental in the final removal of the office to Baltimore, he taking up his abode at the Carrollton hotel. His name is probably an assumed one.

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A dispatch from San Francisco published in the Oregonian describing the efforts of the managers of the San Quentin penitentiary to avoid payment of duty on 500 bales of raw jute just arrived from India, says:

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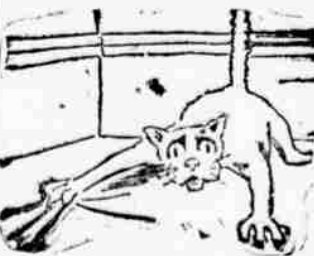
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