

OF INTEREST TO CHURCH PEOPLE

Census Bureau Gives Fact Regarding Different Denominations

WASHINGTON, D. C. June 15.—According to the census bureau at the present time there are approximately 32,936,445 communicants or members of all religious denominations in the United States. Of these the various Protestant sects furnish 20,287,742 and the Roman Catholic church 12,673,142. For purposes of comparison the bureau divided the principal cities into four classes, those having a population of 300,000 or more, constituting the first class; those of from 100,000 to 300,000 the second class; those from 50,000 to 100,000 the third, and those from 25,000 to 50,000 forming the fourth class.

Of the Protestant aggregate there were 1,478,145 or 7.3 per cent in the first class cities; 45.7 per cent in the second class, and 7.4 per cent in the third and fourth class combined, while 80.6 per cent were found outside of the large cities.

Of Roman Catholics there were 3,375,463; or 27.9 per cent in the first class cities; 13 per cent in the second; 13 per cent in the third and fourth classes combined and 47.8 per cent outside the principal cities.

This shows that the number of members of the Roman Catholic church reported in the cities of the first class was more than double that of the Protestants reported, while outside of the principal cities the number of Catholics reported was only about a third of the number of Protestants. Only two of the Protestant churches reported a majority of their membership in the principal cities, the Church of Christ Scientists, 82.6 per cent, and the Protestants Episcopal church, 51.2 per cent.

Of the total number of communicants reported for the largest cities by all denominations, 6,307,929, or 60 per cent, belonged to the Roman Catholic church, and 3,935,341, or 3.4 per cent, to Protestant churches. The cities showing the largest proportions of Protestant communicants are Memphis, 84.4 per cent; Toledo, 70 per cent; Washington, D.C. 68.9 per cent; Kansas City, Mo. 66.1 per cent, and Indianapolis, 62.1 per cent.

The cities showing the largest proportions of Roman Catholics are Fall River, 86.5 per cent; San Francisco, 81.1 per cent; New Orleans, 79.9 per cent; New York, 6.9 per cent; Providence 75.5 per cent; St. Louis, 69 per cent; Boston, 68.7 per cent; Chicago, 68.2 per cent, and Philadelphia, 51.8 per cent.

In the five cities the proportion of communicant of population was: New York 44.7 per cent; Chicago, 40.7 per cent; Philadelphia, 38.8 per cent; Boston, 22.6 per cent, and St. Louis, 16.6 per cent. It is stated that in general, cities showing a large Roman Catholic population have a higher percentage of church members than cities in which this body has small representation. In Fall River 86.5 per cent of the total number of member reported were Roman Catholics and the entire church membership represented 67.8 per cent of the population. In Memphis, where 84.4 per cent of the communicants reported belong to Protestant churches and the entire church membership was only 30 per cent of the population.

Longest Two-Passenger Flight

The latest and longest two-passenger cross country flight was made on the 9th instant in France by Lieut. Fegant and Capt. Marconnet on a Henry Farman biplane. Starting from Chalons at 4:30 A. M., the officer flew 176 kilometers (109 1/2 miles) across country to the artillery park at Vincennes, which was reached at 7:10. This flight of two and one-half hours' duration was accomplished at a speed of 43 1/2 miles per hour. Capt. Marconnet was able to take photographs and make sketches that would have been of great strategic interest in time of war. This is the first practical demonstration of the aeroplane for scouting purposes, in addition to its being a new world's record for cross-country flying with two men in the machine. Another French aviator, Labouchere, flew for ten minutes with two passengers at Mourmelon on the same day.

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CONTROVERSY IS OVER MT. VERNON

Congress Will Investigate Management of Home of Washington

Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, and the final resting place of the first president is just now the pivot point around which waives a controversy of patriotism. The matter has been put before congress, and the legislators called upon to solve the problem of whether the government should purchase the historic estate.

The controversy recalls the patriotic work of a certain body of American women, to whom all credit is due, for the restoration of the home and the perpetuation of a spot hallowed by historic memories.

In 1858 Mount Vernon was neglected, dilapidated, and forgotten. Year by year the old plantation had been allowed to waste away by the family of the illustrious Father of the Nation. It was then that our loyal woman from South Carolina, Mrs. Ann Pamela Cunningham, inaugurated a movement to rescue the home and preserve the mansion a shrine for all patriotic Americans.

Miss Cunningham was joined in her campaign by women all over the country. They organized the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, and having imported Virginia unsuccessfully to purchase the estate. Finally the women raised a sufficient sum to purchase the estate making up the money from contributions received here and there. John Washington, a representative of the family of the first president, decided the mansion and the grounds to the association.

After having accomplished all this, after rejuvenated the mansion and restored it to precisely the same way it looked in the time of Washington, the association is now confronted with a movement to take the mansion away from its care and have the United States government manage the estate.

The controversy came to the attention of congress through the filing of a complaint by the Mount Vernon Anti Fee association, charging, that the women were conducting the shrine for pecuniary gain. Representative Coudrey (Republican, Mo.), has introduced a bill providing for the purchase of the estate by the government. W. H. Lowder, who represents the opposition, recently appeared before the committee on libraries of the house to complain that the present management of the estate was charging 25 cents admission to the grounds, in alleged violation of the agreement with the original trustees of the estate, which provided when the trust fund reached \$100,000 there should be no admittance fee. He declared that they had granted one steamship line a monopoly of the carrying of passengers by water route. He asserted that the trust fund is now far above \$100,000 and that the entrance fee keeps out penniless but patriotic citizens, while the boat company, which has the monopoly of the trip by the Potomac, charges an excessive price—50 cents for the round trip from Washington. Lowder declared that in 1907 Mount Vernon was visited by 160,000 people, all of whom paid 25 cents entrance fee, and bought 29,000 post cards. He stated that the association realized \$45,000 on souvenirs alone. He wants the government to purchase the estate and maintain it, keeping open houses for all Americans. Miss Ann Pamela Cunningham, founder and first regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies' association in the Union, who held that post from December 2, 1853 to June 1, 1874, in her farewell address said in part: "Ladies, the home of Washington is in your charge; see to it that you keep the home of Washington. Let no irreverent hand change; no vandal hand desecrate it with fingers of progress. Those who go to the home in which he lived and died, wish to see in what he lived and died. Let one spot in this grand country of ours be saved from change. Upon you rests the duty."

A Hippo Invasion

According to reports a scheme is on foot to transplant some hippopotami from the jungles of Africa to the swamps of Louisiana. It is the theory that the hippos would clear the swamps and bays of much noxious vegetation. At the same time the hippos, or at least the surplus stock, could be killed for the table purposes. The steak of the hippo is said to be tender, nourishing and palatable. It can be sold for two cents a pound. Whether that price is f. o. b. New Orleans or is an east African quotation is not disclosed. Which ever it may be it is safe to say that the hippo invasion will not lessen the demand for alfalfa fed eastern Oregon beef.

SCHOOL CREDITS FOR HOME DUTY

Prof. Alderman Advances New Theory in Educating the Young

That civilization is founded at the home, all will agree. The school should be a real helper of the home. How can the school help the home? How can it help the home establish habits in the children of systematic performance of home duties, so that they will be efficient and joyful home helpers. One way is for the school to take into account home industrial work and honor it. It is my conviction, based upon careful and continuous observation, that the school can greatly increase the interest the child will take in home industrial work by making it a subject of consideration at school. A teacher talked of sewing, and the girls sewed. She talked of ironing, and they wanted to learn to iron neatly. She talked of working with tools, and both girls and boys made bird-houses, kites, and other things of interests. A school garden was planned in a city, and one of the boys was employed to plow the land. Seventy-five children were watching for him to come with the team. At last he came driving around the corner. He could manage a team. He drove into the lot, an a hundred and fifty eyes looked with admiration at the boy who could unhitch from the sled and hitch on to the plow, and then as he "man fashion" lines over one shoulder and under one arm drove the big team around the field, all could feel the children's admiration for the boy who could do something worth while. I have seen a girl who could make better bread or set a table nicely, get the real admiration of her schoolmates.

The school can make better home builders. It can help by industrial work done in the school, but as that is already receiving consideration of the press and in a few schools, I shall not in this short article treat of it.

The plan I have in mind will cost no money, will take little school time, and can be put into operation in every part of the state at once. It will create a demand for expert instruction later on. It is to give the school credit for industrial work done at home. The mother and father are to be recognized as teachers, and the school teacher put into the position of one who cares about the habit and tastes of the whole child. Then the teacher and the parents will have much in common. Every home has the equipment for industrial work and has somebody who uses it with more or less skill.

The school has made so many demands on the home that the parents, have in some cases felt that all the time of the child must be given to the school, but an important thing that the child needs along with the school work is established habits for home making, and these habits can come only from real home making. What one does depends as much upon habit as upon knowledge. The criticism that is most often made upon industrial work at school is that it is so different from the work done at home, which after all is for him and the home the most important thing in the world. Juvenile institutions find that they must be careful not to institutionalize the child to the extent that he may not be contented in a real home.

In my opinion it will be a great thing for the child to want to help his parents do the task that needs to be done and to want to do it in the best possible way. The reason that so many country boys are now the leading men of affairs is because early in life they had the responsibility of home thrust upon them. I am sure that the motto "Everybody Helps," is a good one.

But one says, "How can it be brought about? How can the school give credit for the industrial work done at home?" This may be accomplished by printed slips asking the homes to take account of the work that the child does at home under the instruction of the home, and explaining that credit will be given this work on the school record. These slips must be prepared for children according to age so that the child will not be asked to do to much, for it must be clearly recognized that children must have time for real play. This required tasks must not be too arduous, yet they must be real tasks. They must not be tasks that will put extra work on parents except in the matter of instruction and observation. They may well call for the care of animals, and should include garden work for both boys and girls. Credit in school for home industrial work, with the parents consent, should count as much as any one study in school.

To add interest to the work, exhibitions should be given at stated times so that all may learn from each other and the best be the model of

MERIT MAY DECIDE POSTOFFICE JOBS

Would Put Second and Third Class Offices Under Civil Service

Friends of the various candidates for the Postoffices throughout the States and Lakeview is not excepted, are considerably interested in a letter from Washington to the Detroit Journal, written by Edward B. Clark, a staff correspondent, and reprinted apparently with the approval and indorsement of the paper, by "The Postmasters' Advocate," published at Washington, D. C. The letter says in part:

"Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock has submitted to President Taft for sanction the most far reaching civil service plan ever conceived by a Government official. President Taft has been asked to take the necessary preliminary action which will lift every second and third class Postoffice in the country out of politics and establish it firmly on the basis of civil service. In addition, Mr. Hitchcock has suggested to the President that all postmasters of first-class offices shall be retained in the service despite the pleas of the politicians, provided, of course, that the officials are acceptable to the communities which they serve, and have proved to the Department that they have been faithful to their work and have administered their offices in the interest of economy.

"Not only have these recommendations been made, but the Postmaster-General has talked with the President about the possibility ultimately of securing a perfected civil service system in the Postoffice department through which any subordinate employe in any office in the land can hope by faithful performance of his duty to be advanced until he becomes postmaster. Mr. Hitchcock does not think that promotions for merit should stop short of the chief office, whether the office be that of a metropolitan or of a great city of lesser commercial and populatave importance. "It is known virtually to be the intention of the President following the recommendation of his Attorney-General, to keep all present postmasters of first class offices provided they have been efficient."

Few Survivors Left

Scarcely a baker's dozen responded to the roll call at Marion, Ohio, last week at the opening of the Mexican War Veterans of Ohio. The annual report shows that there are only about four-score survivors of the war left in Ohio.

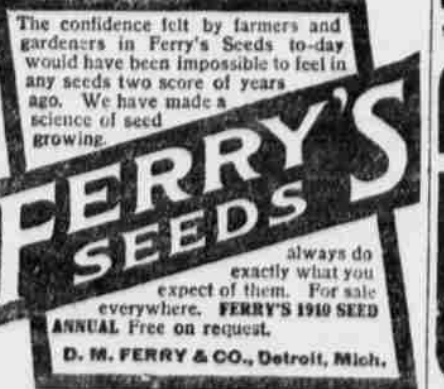
All the School Fairs at Yambhill, Polk, Benton, Lane, Wasco and Crook counties, together with the school and home industrial done at Eugene, have convinced me most thoroughly that these plans are practicable, and that school work and home work, school play and home play, and love for parents and respect for teacher and fellow-pupils can best be fostered by a more complete cooperation between school and home that the whole child is taken into account at all times.

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