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RATIO OF BIRTHS IN UNITED STATES RAPIDLY DECREASING YEAR BY YEAR.

SOCIETY IS RESPONSIBLE

Educated Classes Also Among the Abstemious People Contributing to This End.

ITHACA, N. Y., Nov. 25.—"During the period from 1860 to 1900 the proportions of children to 1,000 women of child bearing age decreased in the United States by 152, or an average of about thirty in each decade. If we assume that the change will continue unchecked for a century and a half in the direction which it has been during the last 40 years, there will be no children left."

This startling statement came out in the lecture on birth and birth rate delivered by Prof. Walter F. Wilcox in the course on sanitation in Godwin Smith hospital.

"It is one of the main duties of statistics to point out the whirlpools in the stream along which society is going," said Prof. Wilcox, "before the current becomes irresistible and thus to arouse a desire to change the course."

"The true reason for the fall in the birth rate is that in modern times mainly within the last half century, births and birthrate have come un-

der the control of human will and choice in a sense and to a degree never before true.

"Our leading American authority, Dr. John Shaw Billings, put it as follows:

"The most important fact in the past in the change is the deliberate and voluntary avoidance or prevention on the part of a steadily increasing number of married people who prefer to have but few children. Before this change began the birth of a child in the vast majority of cases was not an indication of a deliberate preference for that result on the part of both or either of the parents."

"There is not a single one among the experts who denies that this is the great underlying cause of the modern decline in the birth rate of all civilized communities."

Prof. Wilcox also gave statistics to show that marriage is less common among college graduates of both sexes than it is in the average of the entire population.

The figures regarding the birthrate among college graduates show that the highly educated part of the American people not only does not increase the population at all but on the contrary fails to reproduce itself.

Winter blasts, causing pneumonia, pleurisy and consumption will soon be here. Cure your cough now, and strengthen your lungs with Foley's Honey and Tar. Do not risk starting the winter with weak lungs, when Foley's Honey and Tar will cure the most obstinate coughs and colds, and prevent serious results. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

OPENING NEW YORK'S SEAMAN'S HOME

FINEST INSTITUTION OF ITS KIND IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY

SUPPORTED GENEROUSLY

All Manner of Men and Institutions Have Contributed to Its Final Glory and Success—Will be Thoroughly Up-to-Date in All Ways.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—As Thanksgiving tokens from the hundreds of tars who have already been entertained at the New Seamen's Institute here during its first month of operation, relics of the sea that have been hoarded for years were to-day offered to the American Seamen's Friend Society as decorations for their building. In preparing for the Thanksgiving festival at this modern hotel and club, which is now ready to provide for over two hundred seafarers each night, these evidences of the simple support of the sailor man will be added to the other contributions which are beginning to be offered from enthusiastic land men throughout the country. Rooms, books, beds, games and decorations in this harboring skyscraper for Jack-aboard are already being made substantial Thanksgiving memorials by many individuals and organizations, having sentimental or practical interest in the welfare of the half million seamen who come ashore in this port each year.

Sixteen sailors, who form the masonic lodge of the R. M. S. Adriatic, have to-day sent word from their out-bound vessel at Sandy Hook to one of their treasures, the bell of a sunken ship, hung on the walls of the Seamen's Institute by Thanksgiving Day as a token of their appreciation and support. Other members of the craft among the tars who have enjoyed the entertainment of the place are planning a Christmas celebration in the lofty lookout tower room. With other characteristic gifts and offers of corporation the men of the sea have already set their own seal of approval on the new undertaking.

Two hundred officers, engineers, seamen and stokers of the giant ocean liners that dock nearby have registered in the modern club quarters of the institute within the two weeks since its doors were first thrown open. The seafarers of America, Germany, Great Britain, Sweden, Denmark and Norway in every grade of ocean life are to-day represented largely upon the growing books of this sailor's home. From cabin boy to captain these men have invariably shown that they can appreciate and use the modern accommodations of which they alone of all travellers have heretofore been deprived. Immaculate floors, quiet corridors, intact fixtures and busy boot-black stands in the building are bearing mute testimony today to the ability of the workers of the to-castle to respect decent surroundings on shore.

That many a man or mother in localities all over this land is seeking to lighten the shore life of seamen for the sake of a son who followed the sea at some time is evidenced by many of the memorials which have to-day been secured to equip or maintain some special part of the new Seamen's Institute. National, state and city organizations are also setting up rooms, beds and recreation corners as landmarks which will attract and interest such seamen as hail from their home fields. Memorials from church and philanthropic bodies already make up a part of the unique equipment of the building.

"Almost every home land, congregation and nationality in the world is represented among these ocean wayfarers who drift in to us for a shore harbor," said S. McPherson Hunter, secretary of the American Seamen's Friend Society at its headquarters, 76 Wall Street, to-day. "To each one of them our new institute would seem nearer home, I know, if the homefolks added their little memorial in the shape of some useful bit of furnishing. The sailors are already beginning to do this in their own way and I feel sure every community ashore will soon be represented."

Shameful State of Affairs

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Sagan's attorney, M. Clemenceau, is expected to retaliate next week by laying bare the Count's record.

The opinion is that today's array of evidence was strong, rendering a decision in favor of the withdrawal of the custody of the children from their mother much more likely than had been expected.

Opening of New Department Store WATERMAN'S

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Watch the Sunday Paper for special sales on the opening day.

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As a result of our large stock of Tailored Suits of this season we place on sale our entire stock of high-class suits which includes almost every style and make, pleated and gored skirts, long, medium and short jackets sold regularly at \$35 to \$40, in this sale \$19.75

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\$10.00 linen set, cloth 2x2 1/2 yards, one dozen napkins to match, warranted all pure linen \$7.14
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All Linen 98c yard

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All Linen \$1.19 yard

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\$1.69 the yard

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22-inch table napkins, warranted pure linen, full bleached and good weight, a standard full napkin, dozen \$2.00

Leather Goods

Alligator hand bags are the style bag for this season. New York ladies are so universally using this particular bag that the manufacturers report a scarcity of this popular skin. However, the wave has not as yet reached Astoria and we are showing a very large line of Alligator bags. Genuine Alligator bags priced from \$3.75 to \$25 each

NEW YORK LETTER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—At the suggestion of President Roosevelt, the Country Life Commission has asked the farmers of the country to meet in their respective communities some time before Saturday, December 5, to discuss the questions which the Commission is studying and to indicate their own ideas of what are the most important subjects for the Commission to consider.

In a letter to the members of the Country Life Commission the President says the farmers should feel "a sense of ownership in the Commission," and that he believes that the Commission should get into the closest possible touch with the farmers. He urges the importance of holding the meeting before Congress adjourns prior to the Christmas holidays, so that at the time Congress reassembles, early in January, the Commission may have reports of the meeting in hand and may be "in position to advise definitely what should be done."

At the same time President Roosevelt adds two members to the commission—one member from the South and one member from the far West—Charles S. Barrett, of Union City, Ga., and Mr. William A. Beard, of Sacramento, Cal.

The letter of the President to Chairman Bailey follows: The White House, Washington, Nov. 9, 1908. My Dear Professor Bailey:

I wish at the outset cordially to thank you for the way in which you have taken hold of the work you are doing. No more valuable work for the farmers of this country can be done. Now of course the whole success of the work depends upon the attitude of the people in the open country, of the farming people of the United States. If they feel an awakening interest in what you are doing, they should manifest it. Moreover, it is essential that the farmers, the men who actually live on the soil should feel a sense of ownership in this Commission, should feel that you gentlemen in very truth represent them and are responsive to their desires and wishes, no less than to their needs. It seems to me therefore that it would be wise to try and get into the closest possible touch with the farmers of the country and to find out from them, so far as you are able, just what they regard as being the subjects with which it is most important that you should deal. This you are already doing by sending out a circular of questions and by

holding meetings in different parts of the United States. But perhaps something more can be done.

I accordingly suggest that you ask the farmers to come together in the several school districts of the country so that they may meet and consider these matters. I suggest the school districts because the schoolhouse would be the natural and proper place for such a meeting; or they could meet at other customary or convenient places. It would be well if the meetings could be held within the next three or four weeks; that is, before Congress adjourns prior to the Christmas holidays, so that at the time of the reassembling of Congress early in January you will have the reports of the meetings and so will be in position to advise definitely what should be done. I suggest that you ask them to meet not later than Saturday, December 5th; and you will of course use your own judgment whether to summon the meeting by circular or otherwise.

Throughout this letter where I use the word "farmers" I mean also to include all those who live in the open country and are intimately con-

nected with those who do the farm-work—ministers, school teachers, physicians, editors of country papers, in short all men and women whose life work is done either on the farm or in connection with the life work of those who are on the farm.

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