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Cities Show Heavy Growth and Agricultural States Corresponding Decline. Many Remarkable Increases Noted.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

THE population of the United States is 93,402,151. This includes Alaska, Porto Rico and Hawaii, but excludes the Philippines, Guam, Samoa and the Panama canal zone. Including the Philippines according to the census of 1900 and an estimate of Guam, Samoa and the canal zone, the population for the nation and its possessions is 101,100,000. The population of the United States proper, exclusive of Alaska and the island possessions, is 92,035,874.

We now know how big we are. Having asked everybody about his birthplace and his wife's relations, we have cast up the totals into long and head-achy columns of figures that proclaim to the world our numerical greatness.

It is quite a showing—over 90,000,000 people for the United States proper, and more than 100,000,000 if we include the United States improper, consisting of the little brown brother of the Philippines. I defy any human being to form even the remotest conception of what ninety millions mean, but whatever it is we have it.

It is some comfort to know that never in human history has a nation grown so rapidly. Since the republic was founded, a little more than a century ago, we have multiplied our population by thirty. On an average we have doubled our size every twenty-five years. If Senator Hoar was right in declaring that a column of figures could move an American to tears, the whole nation should fairly boo-hoo over the 1910 census.

Cities' Growth Increasing.

The one big fact that stands out of the result is that most of the growth in the last decade has been in the cities. Some of the country districts have actually gone backward. One agricultural state, Iowa, has shown a decrease. Some of the very small towns and villages have shown the same tendency. But the cities from 10,000 upward have almost all advanced, some of them enormously. In

the list of the world's ten largest cities the United States has three.

We have one city exceeding 4,000,000 in population, two exceeding 2,000,000, three exceeding 1,000,000, or four if the environs of Boston were included in that city; eight exceeding 500,000, eighteen exceeding 300,000, twenty-eight exceeding 200,000 and fifty exceeding 100,000. These fifty are distributed through twenty-six states. New York, Massachusetts and Ohio each has five; Pennsylvania, California and New Jersey each contains three; Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, Connecticut and Tennessee can boast two each, and the other fifteen range from Rhode Island to Oregon. At the head of these forty-nine cities stands, of course, New York, at the foot Albany.

Of cities between 25,000 and 100,000 there are 175, with the list yet incomplete. These are distributed through thirty-seven states. Massachusetts heads the list with twenty; Pennsylvania comes next with seventeen; New York follows with sixteen; New Jersey and Illinois have eleven each; Ohio has nine; Texas and Iowa, each have eight; Michigan and Wisconsin each boasts seven; California and Connecticut each claims five; Indiana, Virginia and Rhode Island each contains four; Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas follow with three each, while there are twelve states with two each and six with one each. Of cities below 25,000 the number is legion. In this class the returns are yet scattering.

Smaller Cities Grow.

On the whole, the smaller cities have grown more rapidly than the larger ones. The rate of increase in those above 100,000 has been 31.8 per cent, while the showing is 39.4 per cent in those between 25,000 and 100,000. Sixteen of these smaller cities have more than doubled their population in the decade. The largest growths have been that of Oklahoma City, which has the enormous percentage of 539.7 increase to its credit. Muskogee, in the same state, is but little behind. Other cities in this group that have trebled or doubled their growth are Pasadena, Berkeley and San Diego, Cal.; Flint, Mich.; Fort Worth, El Paso and Dallas, Tex.; Tampa and Jacksonville, Fla.; Huntington, W. Va.; Schenectady, N. Y.; Tacoma, Wash.; Wichita, Kan., and Waterloo, Ia.

The largest growth in cities of over 100,000 is that of Birmingham, Ala., which increased at the rate of 245.4 per cent. Los Angeles was a close second with 211.3 per cent. Seattle had 194 per cent. Other cities in this class that more than doubled their population were Portland, Ore.; Spokane, Wash., and Oakland, Cal. Notable gains were also made by Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Denver, Atlanta and Richmond.

One most gratifying feature of the returns is the growth of the south, especially of southern cities. Charlotte, N. C.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Lynchburg, Va.; Mason, Ga.; Norfolk, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; Roanoke, Va.; Shreveport, La., and several other cities, in addition to those already mentioned, show something of the advance movement in the new south.

San Francisco Undaunted.

Another pleasing fact is that despite her disastrous earthquake and fire San Francisco has increased from 342,782 in 1900 to 416,912 in 1910. Oakland and Berkeley are virtually parts of San Francisco, and both have grown prodigiously. If the two be added to the larger city the total population is increased to more than 600,000. Moreover, the enormous increase of Los Angeles and other California cities shows something of the growth that might have taken place in San Francisco had it not been for her disaster. Taking the cities of Los Angeles, Oakland, Berkeley, Sacramento, San Diego, San Jose and Pasadena, they show an aggregate increase from 290,252 in 1900 to 653,317 in 1910, or 151 per cent. If San Francisco had enjoyed a like growth she would have had in 1910 a total of 800,383.

While it is too much to claim that but for her calamity she might have reached this result, since a large city is not apt to show as great a percentage of increase as a small one under similar conditions, it is entirely within bounds to say that the city beside the Golden Gate would have gone up to a half million or 600,000 but for her disaster. The more force is lent to this contention by the fact that some of the increase in other California cities is due to the fugitives from San Francisco.

Boston's Suburbs Separate.

The Bostonians claim that the census figures represent only a part of the population of their city, since Boston actually includes Cambridge and a number of other cities that are returned separately. If there were a greater Boston, as there is a greater New York, her population would be 1,200,791 instead of the 870,585 now re-

turned.

In like manner the Twin Cities in Minnesota can contend that the two are essentially one in all but name and that a true rating can only be given them by consolidation. Thus if Minneapolis and St. Paul were combined we should have 516,152, ranking as the ninth city in the country.

There are many other cities that would considerably augment their population by a little expansion. The case of San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley has already been mentioned. Likewise Omaha and South Omaha practically constitute one city. If the two were joined together they would have 150,097 instead of the 124,000 given to Omaha now. The cities in northern New Jersey would be most affected by consolidation, however. Thus Elizabeth, the Oranges and several smaller villages contiguous to Newark would give the metropolis of New Jersey more than half a million. Bayonne, Hoboken, West Hoboken and several other towns are really a continuation of Jersey City. If these were added the total population would run a close second to the greater Newark.

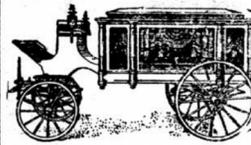
State Lines Retard Totals.

All the expansions mentioned could be readily made, since the cities to be consolidated are in the same states. There are a number of cases, however, where state lines intervene. Notable among these are Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan.; Omaha, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Ia., furnish another case in point, and so do St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill. Then there are Cincinnati, O., and Covington, Ky.; also Philadelphia, Pa., and Camden, N. J. Chicago would also gain enormously by adding contiguous Indiana territory.

The most conspicuous case of the sort, however, is that of New York and the cluster of cities and villages in northern New Jersey. For twenty or thirty miles, or even more, men commute daily from New Jersey into New York. In business interests and in all other ways, except that of residence, they are as much New Yorkers as those living on Manhattan Island. All north Jersey is practically becoming one solid city, made up for the most part of commuters. The tunnels under the Hudson river are rapidly adding to this class. It is a conservative claim that there are at least 1,000,000 of these Jerseyites who really belong to the great city, and some estimates have put the number considerably higher.

Within the fifteen mile radius of New York are to be found ten New

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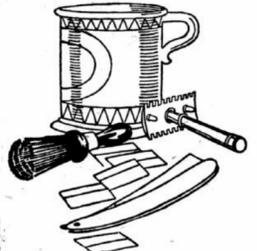
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