

**PETROGRAD POPULATION BACK AT MILLION MARK**

City Suffered Since Removal of Capital to Moscow.

Petrograd.—Petrograd has come back to the million population class. A recent police census showed the city has 1,065,000 inhabitants, as compared with 740,000 in 1920.

Although still almost dead industrially in comparison with its wartime status, Petrograd in general is beginning to "come back."

During the war days Petrograd had more than 2,000,000 people. After the bolshevik revolution the capital was moved to Moscow and thousands of government employees and factory workmen were evacuated.

The lean and hungry years of the revolution brought about a further decrease in the population, many of the people going to the country districts where food was cheaper and more plentiful.

Two years ago Petrograd merited the predictions of foreign observers that it would be a city as dead as Pompeii. But the last year has brought a tremendous change. Factories are being reopened, the port is in operation, and thousands of persons are returning to the city.

Many of them have come from Moscow, which is so overcrowded with its 2,500,000 people in a city built for 1,000,000, that it is almost impossible to find a place to sleep. In Moscow one cannot get a spacious apartment for love or money; in Petrograd there are many of them. And so hundreds of Moscow business men, whose work keeps them in the capital, have sent their families to Petrograd where they can live comfortably.

While it does not seem probable that there is any immediate chance of the bolshevik government moving the capital back to Petrograd, nevertheless some institutions which help to overcrowd Moscow are to be moved to Petrograd this summer. This will further increase the population. Business conditions in Petrograd, however, do not seem as bright as they were last summer.

Scores of shops closed during the winter because of high taxation, and the broad Nevsky Prospect presents a panorama of closed and shuttered stores. It is expected that port operations in the summer will bring about an improvement in business.

**John and Priscilla's Last Home Is Empty**

Duxbury, Mass.—The old home of John Alden at Plymouth is empty. It is said this is the first time since its erection in 1633 that the house has not sheltered some of the Alden family.

The house is not the "new habitation" to which Alden took Priscilla, Mulfens after their wedding in 1623, at which Capt. Miles Standish so gallantly accepted his defeat as a lover.

After Alden moved across the bay still within sight of the homes of his comrades of 1620, he built a house on a site a few hundred yards south of the present dwelling, and about thirty years after his marriage he erected the one now standing, probably in order to have more room for his large family.

Nevertheless, Longfellow's description of the first house Alden built for his bride fits the present one in some particulars:

Solid, substantial of timber rough-hewn from the first of the forest. Wooden-barr'd the door, and the roof was covered with rushes. Latticed the windows were, and the window panes were of paper. Oiled to admit the light, while wind and rain were excluded.

There, too, he dug a well, and around it planted an orchard. Still may be seen to this day some trace of the well and the orchard. Ever of her he thought when he fashioned the walls of his dwelling.

The last Alden has gone. Only a sign "antiques for sale" is left swinging to the wind.

**Faithful Collie Saves Baby Girls From Death**

Cape Charles, Va.—A collie dog saved a child from drowning here. Attracted by the unusual barking and howling of the collie dog of Clifford Leatherbury that ran upon the porch of the Leatherbury home in a most excited manner, Mrs. Leatherbury followed the dog to the creek about 100 yards away, where she found her two-year-old daughter in the stream beyond her depth. Only one hand was above water.

Mrs. Leatherbury plunged into the water up to her waist and rescued the little girl who was in an unconscious condition, but with the assistance of the family and a doctor who was immediately called, the infant soon recovered.

**Turtle, Forgotten 12 Years in Box, Lives**

Culpeper, Va.—An unusual instance of enforced hibernation is reported from Orange county. Twelve years ago a man there caught a small turtle, and, for an experiment, placed it in a box, closing the lid tightly. He intended to open the box within a week, but forgot it.

It was opened recently. The turtle was still living, and was practically of the same size as when placed in the box.

**Legal Notices**

AMOS P. SCRUGGS, Lawyer, 220 South 13th Street.  
**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT.**  
To Lora Dean Hayes, defendant.  
You are hereby notified that on the Twenty-seventh day of March, A. D. 1923, Henry Hayes, as plaintiff, filed his petition against you in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a divorce from you upon the grounds of cruelty and adultery.

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HENRY HAYES, Plaintiff.  
At-7, 22.

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Preston Clay has returned home from St. Catherine hospital and is improving daily.

Mr. J. C. Harris, a brother of Rev. P. M. Harris, worshipped with us. He is a business man from Haskell, Okla.

Mr. James Ray who has recently come to the city was a pleasant visitor with us.

**TRANSJORDANIA, NEW ARAB STATE**

Amman. Its Capital, Once Philadelphia, Ancestor of All Modern Philadelphias.

Washington.—Whether the newest Arab state to have its independence recognized be called by its Western title of Transjordan or by its Eastern name, Korak, it seems hopelessly out of touch with things American, says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society, in regard to the land immediately east of the River Jordan over which Emir Abdullah rules.

"Perhaps it will bring the newly independent but very old country closer," continues the bulletin, "to realize that its capital, now Amman, was once Philadelphia—the great-great-grandfather of the half-lozen or more Philadelphias, great and small, that are to be found in our coastal guides.

Ancestor of Modern Philadelphias. "Big it was only a mere matter of twenty-odd centuries ago that the city took the name of Philadelphia from its new lord, Ptolemy Philadelphus. It had existed as Rabath Amman, chief city of the Ammonites, almost from the days of Lot, from whom the Ammonites are said to have sprung. It was after a victorious battle with these same people of Amman that Jephthah, according to the Biblical story, returned to the fatal meeting with his daughter.

"When Transjordan is described as stretching from the Jordan and the Dead Sea toward the interior of Arabia, one is likely to call up the picture of a hopeless desert. But much of the region is steppe land, a high plain supporting some flocks and even capable of tillage. Nomadism has long held the region in its grip, however, and it is as a sort of 'chief of nomads' that Abdullah Ibn Hussein finds it necessary to rule. He holds his 'court' not in a palace but in a group of tents which he moves with the seasons.

Center of Culture. "This land, now given over largely to nomads, is capable of development along stable lines, as is shown by its past importance. After Alexander's Eastern conquests the cities to the east of the Jordan became Hellenized and the seats of prosperity and culture. In the Second century before Christ, Ptolemy Philadelphus built in the city which was given his name an extensive acropolis which, in the Amman of today, is only a mass of fallen columns and ruined walls.

"Rome's sway over Philadelphia is shown in Amman by the ruins of a huge amphitheater which seated 7,000 spectators. In the sleepy Eastern town of today goats browse among the foundations of temples and public buildings, Arabian coffee shops lean against once-proud walls, and the Eastern species of the village lounge sits on overturned marble pillars. Emir Abdullah is showing some interest in the ancient structures of his capital, however, and is having the fairly well-preserved amphitheater cleared of debris.

"Amman is not inaccessible. Five hours by automobile over reasonably good roads through the sizzling valley of the Jordan suffice for the trip from Jerusalem to the capital. The Jordan forms the boundary line, and across it is an iron bridge. Aman is only about thirty miles from the river and, as the crow flies, is hardly more than sixty miles from Jerusalem. The Hedjaz railway, connecting Damascus and Medina, runs through the town."

**Length of "Immortals" Span of Life Measured**

Paris.—The recent death, at the age of ninety-five, of De Freynet, the French engineer and former premier, has raised the question, "How long do the 'Immortals' live?" De Freynet was a member of the French Academy for thirty-three years.

The record for long life goes to the nephew of Cornelle, Bertrand Fontenelle, scientist, philosopher, poet and dramatist. He was born in 1657 and died in 1757, making but one month of living a full hundred years. He was a member of the French Academy for sixty-six years, elected at the age of thirty-four, after being refused four times previously.

The honors for holding membership in the French Academy longer than anyone else go to Marshal Richelieu, grandnephew of the famous cardinal. He was elected in 1720, at the age of twenty-four, and died in 1788, at the age of ninety-two, thus being an immortal for sixty-eight years.

**Faithful Lover Carries Girl to Wedding Altar**

San Francisco.—A broken back did not deter pretty nineteen-year-old Jean Strang from eloping.

Confined to a hospital for more than a year, Miss Strang was permitted to go for an automobile ride. Her faithful sweetheart, George C. Franklin, also nineteen, who since the automobile accident in which she was injured, has haunted her bedside, carried her to his machine. Two hours later they had not returned and Mrs. Rebecca Strang, becoming worried, asked the police to find them. The police failed, but the next day Mrs. Strang was notified that her daughter and Franklin had been married at Redwood City.

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