

ALIEN BORN IN U. S. SHOW A LOSS

NATIVES IN U. S. DECREASE ALMOST TWO MILLION.

DUKE TO THE WORLD WAR

Despite Heavy Falling Off Country's Total Foreign Born Population Has Increased 358,442.

Washington, D. C.—Germany, Austria, Ireland and Russia, natives of which made up more than 59 per cent of the country's total foreign born population ten years ago, showed heavy losses in the number of their natives in the United States during the last ten years, census bureau statistics show. These losses aggregated almost 2,000,000 and are believed to have been due largely to the world war.

German born showed a loss of 818,035, Austria born a loss of 600,014, Irish born a loss of 316,571, and Russian born a loss of 202,783.

Notwithstanding this heavy loss, the country's total foreign born population as just announced in a preliminary statement prepared for congress, showed an increase of 358,442, or 2.6 per cent, the total number of foreign born being 13,703,987. The increase is believed to have been the smallest both in number and percentage ever recorded for any decade. In the previous decade, 1909-10, the increase was 2,174,610, or 20.7 per cent.

Germany led as the country of birth of the foreign born in the United States ten years ago, with a total of more than 2,500,000 and still leads, although the number was reduced to 1,683,318.

The standing of other countries in the foreign born population of the United States has changed somewhat from ten years ago. Italy has taken second place from Russia with an increase of 264,333, in the ten years and a total for 1920 of 1,607,358.

Russia has taken third place from Ireland, but showed a decrease of 202,783. Natives of Russia in the United States number 1,389,999.

Poland has gone into fourth place, which was occupied by Italy, with an increase of 195,797, bringing her total to 1,139,578.

Ireland, which has shown decreases in each decade since 1890, had a large increase during the last decade than in any previous one, the loss having been 316,571. The total number of Irish born in the United States in 1920 was 1,035,680, ranking that country fifth.

Canada showed a decrease of 87,591 in the ten years and dropped from fifth to sixth place. Total Canadians number 1,117,136.

Persons born in England numbered 812,414, which was a decrease of 65,305 in the ten years. England ranked seventh.

Sweden continued to hold eighth place with a total of 624,753 a decrease of 40,448.

Austria with second largest numerical loss of any country during the ten years dropped into ninth place from the sixth position. The decrease in the number of her natives in the United States was 600,014. Austria's total natives in the United States numbered 574,959.

Comet Near Earth in June.
Cambridge, Mass.—Winnecke's comet, the periodic which, according to Dr. Crommelin, a British astronomer, will approach very near to the earth in June, is increasing gradually in brightness, but is still much too faint to be seen with the naked eye, according to work received from Prof. A. O. Leuschner, of the students' observatory of the University of California at Berkeley.

Revolt in Ukraine Spreads.
Stockholm.—Organized rebellion against the Russian soviet government is growing with renewed force in Ukraine, it is declared in telegrams received here from Petrograd. Peasants engaged in the revolt have taken many towns between the Dniester and Dnieper rivers and they are reported to be engaged in operations intended to force the bolshevik eastward to the left bank of the Dniester.

No Change in Money Rates.
Omaha, Neb.—No change will be made in the progressive rate of interest being charged by federal reserve banks and branches in this district, according to Omaha and Lincoln bankers who conferred with Gov. Z. Miller, of the Tenth reserve district, from Kansas City. The rate now fluctuates between 6 and 12 per cent.

Modification of Liquor Ban.
Washington, D. C.—Modifications of the ban against withdrawals of liquor from warehouses to prominent wholesale druggists to withdraw liquor from bond and from wholesale free warehouses, effective May 16, was announced by Prohibition Commissioner Kramer. The modification does not include wholesale liquor dealers.

Bar May Day Demonstrations.
Vienna.—Bucharest dispatches report that the government has forbidden all May day demonstrations.

DR. ALFREDO ZAYAS



New photograph of Dr. Alfredo Zayas, who, according to the judgment of the United States government, was chosen President of Cuba at the disputed election of last November.

BUSINESS IS BETTER

Dun's Review Reports Definite Gain in Some Lines.

Resistance to Wage Revision Impedes Industrial Recovery—More Grain Marketed.

New York, April 25.—Dun's Weekly Review for week ending April 22 says: "After long-continued liquidation, more stability has developed in some markets, with a definite gain in business. Completion of the readjustment is yet to be obtained in many instances and improvement is not general, but basic conditions are gradually strengthening. A tendency toward easing of the monetary stringency, partly reflected in some lowering of discount rates, is a favorable augury and freer marketing of grain is making for a lessening of the financial tension in country districts.

Recent sudden changes in temperature have been detrimental alike to crop movement and seasonal increase in retail distribution, yet weather influences are secondary to some other factors in the present situation, questions of prices and wages being uppermost. The process of price deflation, continuing steadily for nearly a year, is providing a basis for revival of buying, but resistance to wage revisions is being encountered in various quarters and labor troubles in some sections serve to impede the industrial recovery. Broadly viewed, however, some progress is recorded each week, and the distinct betterment in the hide and leather and some textile divisions is encouraging.

While statistical evidence of some revival of building activity is not lacking, a special canvass of the situation discloses much irregularity in different parts of the country notwithstanding the pressing need for additional housing accommodation, construction work in many sections is being retarded from one cause or another, and various factors make the outlook more or less uncertain. Resistance to wage reductions is a phase commented upon in many of the dispatches, and money market conditions, although reflecting some easing, still render the financing of new projects difficult.

Commercial failures this week 371, last week 350, preceding week 322 and last year 112.

IMMIGRATION BAN IS PASSED

House Puts Approval on Measure Limiting Number Coming in—Amendments Rejected.

Washington, April 25.—The immigration bill was passed by the house. Previously by an overwhelming vote the house had rejected an amendment to the bill under which political refugees from foreign countries would have been permitted to enter the United States.

An amendment by Sabath of Illinois to permit D. J. O'Callaghan, mayor of Cork, to remain in the United States was also lost.

HIGH POST FOR ILLINOISAN

T. G. Risley of Mount Carmel Named Solicitor of Department of Labor.

Washington, April 22.—Secretary of Labor Davis said that he has recommended the appointment of Theodore G. Risley of Mount Carmel, Ill., as solicitor of the Department of Labor.

Custer Scout Dies.

Mandan, N. D., April 25.—James Flanagan, eighty-four years old, said to be the last surviving white scout of Custer's Seventh cavalry, died here. Flanagan also was a Civil war veteran.

Jugo-Slavs Take Over Isles.

Vienna, April 25.—Jugo-Slav troops have occupied the islands of Lesina and Lissa, off the Dalmatian coast, the Italians withdrawing from them, says a dispatch received here from Spalato.

BERLIN APPEALS TO U. S. FOR AID

Germans Ask President Harding to Mediate Question of Reparations.

REQUEST IS TURNED DOWN

U. S. Executive Refuses to Act as Umpire—Reiterates Hope That German Government Will Promptly Formulate Proper Proposals to Allies.

Washington, April 23.—In its appeal to President Harding, made public here, Germany asked that the United States set the amount of reparations Germany should be required to pay.

In its reply, also made public, the United States said it could not agree to mediate the question, but if the German government would submit its proposal, the United States would consider bringing it to the attention of the allied governments, "in a manner acceptable to them, in order that the negotiations may be speedily resumed."

The following is the text of the German memorandum delivered to the American commissioner at Berlin for transmission to the State department:

"In the name of the German government and the German people, the undersigned, notwithstanding the still existing technical state of war, respectfully petition the President of the United States of America to mediate the reparations question and to fix the sum to be paid by Germany to the allied powers and to eagerly urge him to secure the consent of the allied powers to such mediation. They solemnly declare that the German people are ready and willing to agree without qualification or reservation to pay to the allied powers as reparation such sums as the President after examination and investigation may find just and right. They formally pledge themselves to fulfill in letter and spirit all the provisions of any award that may be made by him.

"With abiding faith in the righteousness of this request and with undeniable sincerity of purpose the German people through their constituted government submit their appeal to the President of the United States with the confident hope that it be granted to the end that a final award may be made in accordance with right and justice to meet the heartfelt wishes of all civilized nations, and to avoid the immeasurable consequences of imminent coercive measures and to promote the peace of the world."

President Harding replied as follows: "This government could not agree to mediate the question of reparations with a view to acting as umpire in its settlement. Impressed, however, with the seriousness of the issues involved as they affect the whole world, the government of the United States feels itself to be deeply concerned with the question of obtaining an early and just solution. This government strongly desires that there should be an immediate resumption of negotiations, and reiterates its earnest hope that the German government will promptly formulate such proposals as would present a proper basis for discussion. Should the German government take this course, this government will consider bringing the matter to the attention of the allied governments in a manner acceptable to them, in order that negotiations may be speedily resumed."

ONTARIO GOES "BONE DRY"

Cities in Canadian Province Vote Wet, but Country Districts Beat Them.

Toronto, Ont., April 21.—The province of Ontario voted "bone dry" by a majority estimated at not less than 150,000, the larger cities voting for the importation of liquor, but the outlying communities and the farmers voting against it. The total vote cast was about 600,000. The result of the election will be the application of the Dominion law prohibiting the importation of liquor from any province, state, or country. The law on which the voting was done would leave doctors' prescriptions as the only means of obtaining liquor.

MAIL WORKERS GIVEN GUNS

Drastic Precaution Taken Against Robbers in Cities in the Middle West.

Chicago, April 21.—Postmaster William B. Carlyle received official instructions from Postmaster General Will Hays to arm with revolvers and shotguns all employees in his jurisdiction essential to the protection of the mail. More than 2,000 shotguns and revolvers arrived for distribution.

Kansas Wheat Below Normal.

Topeka, Kan., April 25.—The Kansas acreage of winter wheat is estimated at 9,233,789. Its condition as of April 16 at 86.5 per cent normal. In the state board of agriculture's first crop report of the season.

Flyers Back From Santo Domingo.

Washington, April 25.—Completing an aerial journey of more than 5,000 miles to the Dominican republic and return two marine corps airplanes which left here March 29 arrived safely at Bolling field.

CHANGE PARDON LAW

BILL DEFINING DUTIES OF NEW BOARD OF PARDONS RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

SIGNS THIRTY OTHER BILLS

Registration Bill Becomes Law and All Voters in State Now Required to Register Same as in Larger Cities

Lincoln.—Governor McKelvie has just signed S. F. 282, a bill defining the duties of the new state board of pardons and amending the indeterminate sentence law to permit the judge to fix any term of imprisonment between the minimum and maximum prescribed by statute.

He has also signed S. F. 305, the universal registration bill, requiring the resignation of all voters in rural districts.

These thirteen house bills have been signed in addition:
H. R. 589—New cattle testing law.
H. R. 197—Requires old corners be taken as basis for resurvey.
H. R. —Raises liability rate on insurance premiums.
H. R. 236—Flat \$2 filing fees for non-profit corporations.
H. R. 237—Procedure for dissolution of corporations in arrears on corporation tax for three years.
H. R. 241—Requires liability insurance agents to report on physical condition of buildings to state department of labor.
H. R. 363—Farmers' seed testing bill.
H. R. 406—Permits reappropriation of leased school land at discretion of board of educational lands and funds.
H. R. 474—Revises sale of isolated lots and state school land under forty acres.
H. R. 490—Requires advertising for bids on state aid bridges.
H. R. 539—Apportionment of funds to school districts in which school land is located of sum equivalent to taxes on this land, out of general semi-annual apportionment.
H. R. 571—Commission to design a state banner.
H. R. 467—Making John G. Neihard poet laureate of Nebraska.

H. R. 19—Revises irrigation matters from the jurisdiction of the Nebraska railway commission.
S. F. 34—Allows chief clerk for Douglas county attorneys.
S. F. 94—Institution care for dependent mothers.
S. F. 99—Right of appeal from order of attachment.
S. F. 106—Assistant for Omaha public defender.
S. F. 115—Election of state superintendent for four-year term, beginning in 1922; conform to new constitution.
S. F. 151—Regulates probate of wills.
S. F. 163—Increases penalty for perjury.
S. F. 176—Requires county boards to elect chairmen annually in January. Senior members are now chairmen.
S. F. 198—Removes name "insane" from three state hospitals.
S. F. 328—Authorizes secretary of state instead of department of finance to publish session laws.
S. F. 350—Permits city of Seward to issue \$200,000 in refunding bonds at higher rate of interest than original issue.
S. F. 169—Authorizes incorporation of professional societies.
S. F. 209—Permits Douglas county commissioners to reimburse those who lost property in courthouse riot.
S. F. 149—Requires county boards to provide room for state compensation commission's hearings and for county agents.
S. F. 100—Permits fine arts society to incorporate in order to acquire Omaha property for condemnation for a school of fine arts which Mrs. George Joelyn has donated funds.

Big Saving on State Supplies
Through the decrease in the price of commodities used by the various institutions under the state board of control, Nebraska has saved thousands of dollars during the past three months, according to E. B. Fairfield, secretary of the board.

The average saving to the state on 22 articles show that these goods are approximately 31 per cent cheaper on April 1 than at the end of the first quarter in 1920.

While the cost of many food and clothing articles has shown a decrease, it is pointed out by Secretary Fairfield that the cost of many articles used by the institutions are just as high now as they were a year ago.

Flag Presented to Speaker
Speaker Walter L. Anderson of the Nebraska house was presented by unanimous vote of his colleagues, with the large flag which hangs behind his chair in the front of the house chamber. This action was taken in recognition of the speaker's courtesy and fairness in presiding over the house.

Mr. Anderson accepted the gift with an expression of thanks and assured his fellow members that they were "the finest bunch of men who ever sat in this building or in any legislative hall in the world."

To Build New Fish Pond
In violation of the state constitution the senate passed a bill authorizing the taking of \$2,000 of fish and game license fees for expenditure by the department of agriculture upon a fish pond to be located on the state by owners of five acres of land on the Missouri river near Peru. This bill does what the recent constitutional convention refused to do, namely change the constitution so that fish and game license fees should not go into the state school fund, but should be given over to the use of the fish and game bureau.

No Opposition to Reformatory
The board of control can put the new state reformatory for first offenders anywhere it pleases provided, however, that it be on Nebraska soil. The board may also select as few or as many acres as it desires. It is limited, however, to the expenditure of \$300,000 for grounds and buildings.

Land Bill Ready for Signing
The state senate's alien land bill, passed as a substitute for the Davis house bill to prohibit Japanese and other orientals from acquiring further ownership of real estate in Nebraska, has now been approved by both branches in the form agreed upon in conference. As it will go to the governor, it applies to aliens of all nationalities who are not specially privileged under treaties. It also is designed to prevent aliens from exercising rights of ownership through corporations controlled by them.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Business men of Wohlback have organized a community center.

An American Legion baseball team has been organized at Crawford. A company has been formed and will shortly begin drilling for oil at Stamford.

Fairmont is making preparations to celebrate Independence day on an elaborate scale.

Mrs. Ida Lyons, of Madison dropped dead while handing a drink of water to her little son.

Paying contracts amounting to over \$400,000 will be completed this summer at Fullerton.

General John Pershing will deliver the commencement day address at the state university, June 6.

A chapter of the Eastern Star has been organized at Chester with a charter membership of fifteen.

The state college of agriculture is planning a short course for junior farmers May 30 to June 4.

The high school building at Superior was destroyed by fire last week, entailing a loss around \$30,000.

Will S. Jay, a well known Nebraska newspaper man, died at the home of his son in Kansas City last week.

The Loup Valley Editorial Association will hold its next session at Grand Island, Saturday, April 30.

Truck lines handling freight and express have been established between Wahoo, Omaha, Lincoln and Fremont.

The Woman's club of Hebron gave a home talent play April 25, for the benefit of the soldier's monument fund.

Bishop Stunz of Omaha will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the State University commencement exercises June 5.

J. J. Conoughy, for thirty-five years U. P. station agent at Hastings, is dead, after an illness of a couple of weeks.

Bonds for bridges for \$250,000 and building on poor farm, \$30,000, failed to carry in Daves county at a special election.

The commencement exercises of the Beaver City High school will be held May 20. The class has twenty-four members.

Alton Tennant, of Crab Orchard, was seriously burned when he attempted to hasten a rather backward fire with kerosene.

Mrs. J. T. McGill of Center suffered serious injuries when the horse which she was driving became frightened and upset the buggy.

W. F. Parker of Woodlake has been appointed receiver of the Brown county state bank at Long Pine, which closed its doors recently.

Hogs are 6 cents per pound on the Culloway market and wheat is 90 cents which is the lowest price on these things in five years.

Collections made by the European relief committee in Platte county for the aid of the suffering children in central Europe, totalled \$2,756.93.

The Blair city schools will graduate a class of forty-one members on May 27. The class play, to be given on May 27 will be "Green Stockings."

Sheriff Gallagher of Greeley Center and a special officer of the state prohibition department took three stills in the vicinity of Wohlback last week.

Ansley's new amusement park, when completed, will be one of the finest in the state. Over 1,500 trees are being planted and a grand stand being built.

Ill health caused "Strop" Richards of Kearney to end his life by asphyxiation. He had never fully recovered from an attack of "flu" several months ago.

"Uncle" Peter Starr, of Dunning, the oldest man in Nebraska, celebrated his 103rd birthday last week. At this advanced age "Uncle" Peter says he has just begun to live and hopes to have a number of other anniversary celebrations placed to his credit on the scrolls of time.

Constitutionality of the 1917 law, under which the county seat fight in Franklin county was launched, is attacked in an appeal to the Nebraska supreme court from the action of the voters, who by 300 more than a three-fifths majority on October 26, 1920, approved the removal of the county seat from Bloomington to the town of Franklin.

The Union Evangelical church of Seward is holding a two weeks' special series of meetings in charge of Dr. John Garretson.

Mrs. George L. Sheldon, wife of former Governor Sheldon, is a candidate for postmistress of Jackson, Miss., where the family has resided since moving from Nebraska.

Mrs. John Thomas, of Indianola, was granted a license to preach at the Holdrege Methodist conference of the Nebraska Methodist church, in its session at McCook. She is the first woman in Nebraska to have received this privilege from the Methodist church.

J. Frank Bari, active in mercantile business in Lincoln and throughout the state for many years, died at his home in Lincoln last week.

Vandals, operating at night, destroyed a \$700 hay baler belonging to Jesse Wilson of Alliance, which has been left standing in a field.

Twenty girls and 47 boys were graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Agriculture in Lincoln last week. The homes of the members of the class are scattered over the entire state, coming from probably more than one-fourth of the counties.

A. N. Aylor of Table Rock, while hunting near that place, captured nine baby coyotes in their nest in an old straw stack. The mother wolf escaped.

The state-wide campaign against graduation extravagance being conducted by the state agricultural college, is winning popular favor all over the state.

Earl Landroth, residing near Broken Bow, is suffering from four broken ribs and several bad bruises, the result of an entanglement with a runaway team.

N. W. Gaines of the agricultural department of the state university will speak to farmers of the Burwell vicinity May 6. He will discuss agriculture and dairying.

Senator Hitchcock has nominated Robert W. Fling, Lincoln, as principal at the Annapolis naval academy, and Raymond Buffam of University Place as first alternate.

The teaching force of the Hebron public schools was re-elected for next year's work, at a recent meeting of the board of education, and all the grade teachers have accepted.

Mrs. Marie L. Shaw, a pioneer of Table Rock and vicinity, died at the home of her sister in Elk Creek, where she was visiting, the cause of her death being heart trouble.

A. B. Allen of Tecumseh, has been recommended by the Nebraska delegation in congress to President Harding for appointment as collector of internal revenue at Omaha.

The largest class in the history of Columbus High school will be graduated at the commencement exercises to be held June 3, when 51 young people will receive their diplomas.

Nicholas Tress, former sheriff of Lancaster county, and well known in political and lodge circles, was instantly killed at Lincoln, when he was struck by a Rock Island train.

Fines and costs approximating \$500 have recently been assessed to violators of the state fish and game laws, according to George Koster, chief of the state bureau of fish and game.

Twenty-eight elm trees, to stand as memorials to the twenty-eight Adams county men who lost their lives in the world war, will be planted in Highland cemetery at Hastings.

Traveling within a mile of the trail of the disastrous tornado that destroyed Oteo (then Berlin) in 1913 a tornado swept through Oteo county, leveling buildings and killing some live stock.

Three members of the N. C. Martin family at Harrison became poisoned following the eating of spoiled cheese. After several hours' work by the doctors they were finally brought out of danger.

The electric light plant at Geneva, owned by the Public Service Co., has changed managers, F. J. Gunther being transferred to Aurora and J. P. McCullough becoming manager at Geneva.

Work of excavating for the erection of Venango's new \$80,000 school house started last week and local workmen, with teams and scrapers, have practically completed the large basement excavation.

Pawnee merchants co-operated in putting on a big booster sale, selling many items below cost. The streets were filled with buyers, and several stores were sold out on many items in a short time.

The body of Orville Shields reached Hildreth last week and was buried. This is the first Franklin county soldier's body to be returned from France. Sixty American Legion members attended.

Herb Cotton, a paperhanger at Plattsmouth, who raises Leghorn chickens as a pastime, has been exhibiting an egg laid by one of the birds in his yard which measured eight inches in length and six in width.

A blackhand letter threatening him with the loss of his wife unless he "places \$10,000 in a tin can and has it in the alley back of his place by Monday night," was received through the mails by G. A. Smith, real estate man of Lincoln.

The Nebraska senate passed a house joint resolution naming John G. Neihard of Blount county poet laureate of Nebraska. Some of Mr. Neihard's best known poetical works are "The Song of Hugh Glass" and "The Song of the Three Friends."

Because the Young Men's Christian association of Lincoln devotes part of its property for cafeteria, barber and tailor shop from which it derives revenues, the supreme court has reversed the order of the Lancaster district court and directs that it find out what part of the property is devoted to business uses for income and assess the same for taxation.

The Ansley mills which suspended operations last fall, are putting in new machinery and will soon resume work.

Within two hours after Paul Stagle confessed to complicity in the W. C. Mason drug store robbery at Lincoln he was sentenced to three to fifteen years in the state penitentiary in district court.

The Oshkosh State bank has closed its doors and called upon the state banking department for an adjuster. The officers say that the bank is solvent and is only closed temporarily because of depletion of its legal reserve.

Ray Dixon of Stromsburg died in a hospital at York last week from injuries received when he was attacked by a vicious bull three weeks ago. His skull was fractured by the animal.

Jean Margaret, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tapster of North Bend, weighed only twenty-five ounces when she came into this world August 19, 1920. She now tips the scales at seven and a half pounds, the average weight of a baby at birth.

The 102nd anniversary of the establishment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be celebrated in Omaha April 30.