

## GRADUAL DECREASE.

Average Family Now Has One Less Than 5½ Years Ago.

Census Statisticians Show Cause for Cry of Alarm Raised by President Roosevelt and Others on the Modern Tendency.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Statisticians of the government are now demonstrating that the number of children in American families is gradually decreasing, which fact is shown by census figures, and to which President Roosevelt called attention a day or two ago in a letter deploring the tendency of men and women to live lives of single blessedness. According to government statistics the average size of families in the United States has decreased steadily in the last 50 years. The census of 1900 shows the average size of the United States family to be 4.7 persons. In 1850 it was 5.6; in 1860, 5.3; in 1870, 5.1; in 1880, 4.8; in 1890, 4.6.

The birth rate for the entire United States in 1900 per 1,000 of population was 26.9-10. The birth rate per 1,000 of population in 1900 was 27.2-10, which is almost stationary. By the birth places of mothers of United States children these are the percentages showing the births per 1,000 of population as based on the census of 1900: Ireland, 32.7 per 1,000; Germany, 36.2; England and Wales, 25.4; Canada, 27.9; Scandinavia, 46.7; Scotland, 36.1; Italy, 69.9; France, 18.4; Hungary, 65.5; Bohemia, 57; Russia, 64.6, and all other countries 56.9.

The decrease in the size of the American families in the last 50 years is shown by the census figures to be almost one to a family, and it is the recognition of this fact which has caused the president and many others before him to feel alarm. France is being held up to the other nations of the world as the country where the birth rate is smallest. The population there is practically stationary, and French statesmen and scientists have been trying to devise ways and means to encourage child-bearing.

## AIDS SEVEN THOUSAND.

Commissioner Ware Says Latest Pension Bill Would Take \$5,000,000 Annually from Treasury.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Eugene F. Ware, commissioner of pensions, estimates that nearly 7,000 veterans of the civil war will be benefited by the passage of the bill which has been adopted by both the house and senate, and is now pending in conference, increasing the pensions of maimed ex-soldiers.

The commissioner of pensions estimated that it would increase the present pension payments about \$5,000,000 a year. It is proposed to increase the pensions of those who shall have lost one hand or foot, or who are totally disabled in the same, from \$30 to \$45 a month, an increase of \$150 a year. The second provision will embrace pensioners who have lost an arm at or about the elbow, or a leg at or about the knee, or been totally disabled in the same, and provides an increase from \$35 to \$50 a month. The third proposition takes in those who have lost an arm at the shoulder joint or a leg at the hip joint as to prevent the use of an artificial limb, and provides an increase of \$180 per year for this class. The fourth provision increases the pensions of those who have lost one hand or foot, or been totally disabled in the same, to \$50 a month. A fifth proposition makes provision for a class of disabilities not now recognized under existing laws.

## BOLIVIA HAD TO YIELD.

Brazil Gains a Complete Victory Over Her Rival Republic and Acre Revolutionists Will Surrender.

La Paz, Bolivia, Feb. 14.—The Bolivian government has delivered its reply to the ultimatum presented by the Brazilian minister. Bolivia accepts unconditionally but under protest all the Brazilian demands. The Bolivian expedition commanded by Gen. Pando, the president, will not cross latitude 10 degrees 20 minutes, the southern boundary of the contested territory. Therefore, it is most improbable that any collision between the Brazilian and Bolivian forces will occur. It is generally supposed here that the Acre revolutionists will surrender their arms to the Brazilian troops immediately.

## Presidential Boom for Hearst.

Columbus, O., Feb. 14.—A presidential boom in behalf of William J. Hearst and a bitter attack on deserters from the democratic party by William J. Bryan were the dominating notes at the barbecue given by the Jefferson-Jackson Lincoln League club here.

## Bryan's "Call to Arms"

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14.—Under the caption, "A Call to Arms," William Jennings Bryan, through the Commoner, makes an appeal to the Kansas City platform democrats of the country to organize and save the party from the anti-Bryan forces.

## THE CODFISH CAKE.

After a Visit to Gloucester a Person is Likely to Have Increased Respect for It.

It is all interesting to the last degree to watch and see how the ingenious cod, which a few weeks ago swam happily in his native waters off the banks of Newfoundland, is transformed before your very eyes—some of him into codfish cakes (they call the little squares, which are cut to fit the small boxes, "cakes") and the rest of him carefully preserved to make oil, glue and fish guano. Verily, as a witty summer boarder remarked, "every part of the cod is used except the smell."

Certainly, after a visit to Gloucester you have increased respect for the fish cake. You realize the part it has played in the world's history; how it has brought about treaties between great nations—for American fishermen had to get from England the right to fish off the banks—how it has erected lighthouses and placed buoys all along the cruel shore, says Leslie's Weekly. You realize, too, the tragedies it has caused, the widows and orphans it has made, the loving hearts it has broken—for the cruel reef of Norman's Woe, where the wreck of the Hesperus occurred, lies in plain sight just at the entrance to the harbor; and you hear heartbreaking stories of boats that have gone down with all on board, in the very harbor itself, before the eyes of loving ones on shore. Truly, the romance of the codfish cake is no idle sound—after you have been to Gloucester. But all the same after you have made the acquaintance of the cod in the processes of its evolution, and with the recollection of its odor still in your memory, you are quite, quite sure that you will not want any codfish cakes for a very long time.

## FRENCH WOMAN A POWER.

Comtesse de Loignes Wields as Great Political Influence as Did Mme. de Maintenon.

Mme. la Comtesse de Loignes still keeps up the only great political salon in Paris. She has a gorgeous home in the Avenue de Champs Elysees and her political power is as great to-day as ever was that of Mme. de Maintenon.

Count de Mun is the only member of the chamber of deputies who can afford not to attend her receptions. Ladies leave her severely alone, but men of power are forced to file before her every Thursday from four to seven and to offer incense to this political goddess.

Mme. Adam once wielded a similar power, but she has been politically deserted since Gambetta said he could not be seen in her salons again, and yet she retained her power for years.

But Mme. de Loignes controls them all. Waldeck-Rousseau consulted her before retiring; she told Paul Deschanel not to contest the presidency of the chamber of deputies. She advised the three Castellane brothers to stand for the chamber.

Such is her power that President Loubet calls upon her, to the great chagrin of Mme. Loubet, who is an excellent housewife but not a politician.

Frenchmen are superstitious about the political power of women, says the Detroit News-Tribune. White-haired senators fear her, with the possible exception of Mr. Clemenceau. With her will die the political influence of the French salon.

## THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, Feb. 17.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	\$3 85 @ 4 65
Native stockers	3 50 @ 4 50
Western steers	3 75 @ 4 25
HOGS	5 85 @ 7 17½
SHEEP	4 25 @ 5 25
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	68 @ 68½
No. 2 red	70½ @ 71
CORN—No. 2 mixed	35½ @ 40
OATS—No. 2	34½ @ 34
RYE—No. 2	40 @ 40½
FLOUR—Hard winter pat	3 25 @ 3 50
Soft winter patents	3 20 @ 3 50
HAY—Timothy	8 00 @ 13 00
Prairie	4 00 @ 9 00
BRAN	74
BUTTER—Choice to fancy	12½ @ 23
EGGS	13½ @
CHEESE—Full cream	13 @ 14½
POTATOES—Home grown	45 @ 50

  

ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	3 85 @ 5 50
Texas steers	3 10 @ 4 25
HOGS—Butchers	6 00 @ 7 20
SHEEP—Natives	4 00 @ 5 00
FLOUR—Red winter pat	3 45 @ 3 55
WHEAT—No. 2 red	73 @ 76
CORN—No. 2	43 @ 44
OATS—No. 2	34½ @ 35
RYE	40½ @
BUTTER—Creamery	19 @ 23
DRY SALT MEATS	9 12½ @ 9 37½
BACON	10 12½ @ 10 37½

  

CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Steers	4 40 @ 5 50
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	6 65 @ 7 15
SHEEP—Western	4 75 @ 5 35
FLOUR—Winter patents	3 60 @ 3 70
WHEAT—No. 2 red	75 @ 76
CORN—No. 2	43 @ 43½
OATS—No. 2	34½ @ 34½
RYE—May	50½ @
LARD—May	9 67½ @ 9 65
PORK—May	17 20 @ 17 37½

  

NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Steers	4 35 @ 5 30
HOGS	7 35 @ 7 50
SHEEP	3 25 @ 5 35
WHEAT—No. 2 red	81 @ 82
CORN—No. 2	50½ @ 60
OATS—No. 2	43½ @ 43½

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"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Pe-ru-na, I have found it to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for these affections. It has been my standby for many years and I attribute my good health and my extreme old age to this remedy.

"It exactly meets all my requirements. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. I believe it to be especially valuable to old people, although I have no doubt it is just as good for the young."—Isaac Brock.

## A New Man at 79.

Major Frank O'Mahoney, West Side, Hannibal, Mo., writes: "I am professionally a newspaper correspondent, now 79 years old. I have watched the growing power of the Peruna plant from its incipiency in the little log cabin, through its gradations of success up to its present establishment in Columbus, Ohio, and I conclude that merit brings its full reward.

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Rev. J. N. Parker.

years, but not so much affected but that I could hold converse with my friends; but in June, 1901, my sense of hearing left me so that I could hear no sound whatever. I was also troubled with severe rheumatic pains in my limbs. I commenced taking Peruna and now my hearing is restored as good as it was prior to June, 1901. My rheumatic pains are all gone. I cannot speak too highly of Peruna, and now when 88 years old can say it has invigorated my whole system. I cannot but think, dear Doctor, that you must feel very thankful to the all loving Father that you have been permitted to live, and by your skill be such a blessing as you have been to suffering humanity."—Rev. J. N. Parker.

Mrs. F. E. Little, Tolono, Ill., writes: "I can recommend Peruna as a good medicine for chronic catarrh of the stomach and bowels. I have been troubled severely with it for over a year, and also a cough. Now my cough is all gone, and all the distressing symptoms of catarrh of the stomach and bowels have disappeared. I will recommend it to all as a rare remedy. I am so well I am contemplating a trip to Yellow Stone Park this coming season. How is that for one 71 years old?"

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In a later letter she says: "I am only too thankful to you for your kind advice and for the good health that I am enjoying wholly from the use of your Peruna. Have been out to the Yellow Stone National Park and many other places of the west, and shall always thank you for your generosity."—Mrs. F. E. Little.

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