Churches Gain 2,173 Every Day

Federal Council's Statistics Show War Losses Being Steadily Overcome.

45,997,199 CHURCH MEMBERS

Various Religious Bodies Report 233,-104 Congregations, Headed by 200,-000 Ministers-Total Constituency 95,000,000.

Washington, D. C .- Every day during the last five years an average of 2,173 persons joined the various churches of America. An average of three congregations have been organize4 daily and the average number Christian convention), 97,084, gain 21,joining the ministry has been four and one-half persons a day.

The figures are furnished by Dr. E. Q. Watson, Washington, secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The statistics show that the churches are steadily over- gain 13,005; Christian Reformed coming their war losses. Total church membership of the country is placed at Brethren, 364,229, gain 15,401; United 45,997,199, an increase of 4,070,345 over the 1916 census figures and indicates a gain of more than a million members for the preceding twelve months. The Episcopal church (colored), 551,766, ca, 245,749. various religious hodies report 233,104 congregations, headed by 200,000 ministers. This is a gain of 5,617 congregations and 8,294 clergy over the government figures for 1916.

Increase in Ministers' Total.

While there has been much talk of a shortage of ministers, the increase in clergy has been approximately 50 per cent more than the increase in the congregations. The 33,014 difference between ministers and congregations loes not indicate a corresponding shortage of pastors,

Of the persons listed officially as church members, the Roman Catholics have 17,885,646. The Catholic figures represent estimated population, including all baptized persons. Protestant bodies count only communicants.

The 30 bodies related to the Federal Council of Churches have 19,983,115 members. They have a total of 142,472 congregations manned by 113,761 clergy. Their gain in membership over the preceding five years is 1,245,935. Their total constituency is 55,812,722, a gain of 3,448,618 over the 1916 census figures.

Total "Constituency" 95,000,000.

tor Watson at 95,858,096 persons. Ow- medes, the Grecian philosopher. ing to different statistical methods of the various churches these figures are made by statisticians. On this basis the constituency of various bodies is: from without the aid of tools. Protestant, 74,795,226; Roman Cath-

olic, 17,885,646; Jews, 1,120,000; Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), 1,646,170. The Jewish bodies have different

methods of reporting. Volume 22 of 20 generations. He added the thumb the American Jewish Year Book estimates the Jewish population of the United States at 3,300,000.

For the first time the combined Baptists have passed the combined Methodists in total membership, now having 7,835,250 members, against a Methodist membership of 7,797,991. The to take his exercise. Gabong's shoul-Lutheran bodies stand third with a membership of 2,468,645 persons and to be a strong trapeze. The bar was the Presbyterians are fourth with 2,-384,683 members.

Largest Protestant Denomination. The Methodist Episcopal church (North) reports an increase in membership of 220,870 over the 1916 figures and 62,595 members over last year. It is the largest single Protestant communion. The Methodist Episcopal church (South) shows a gain of 91,-315 members for the preceding year, its total now being 2,346,067. The Prot-

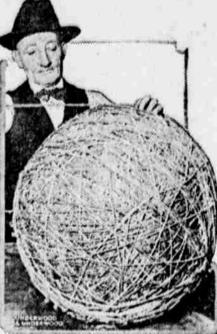
of 11,208 over the 1916 figures and total membership of 1,104,029.

The Salvation Army, with a report-

ed membership of 35,069, shows an increase of only 65 persons over five Latest available figures regarding

membership of principal denominations and gains during the last five years are as follows:

Congregational, 819,225, gain 27,951; Presbyterians U. S. A. (North), 1,722,-361, gain 111,110; Presbyterians U. S. (South), 397,058, gain 39,289; United Presbyterians, 160,528, gain 198; Society of Frineds (orthodox), 96,135, gain 3,756; Disciples of Christ, 1,210,023, gain 16,005; Evangelical Synod of North America, 274,860, gain 64,993; Evangelical association, 160,000, gain 39,244; Christian chruch (American 653; United Lutheran church, 791,400; Moravians (unitas fratrum), 31,767, gain 5,394; Reformed Episcopal, 13,-022, gain 1,972; Reformed Church in America, 135,634, gain 9,295; Reformed Church in the United States, 331,369, church, 43,902, gain 5,234; United Evangelical, 90,006, gain 332; NationBIGGEST BALL OF TWINE



C. H. Stall of Cincinnati says he is making the biggest ball of twine in the world. Stall worked in a wholesale establishment where lots of twine is thrown away every day. He gathered it together for several months and now he has a ball of solld twine 214 feet in diameter and weighing 87% pounds. He estimates that there must be more than five miles

gain 3,411; African Methodist Episcoal Baptist convention (colored), 3,116,- pal Zion, 412,328, gain 155,159; Colored 325, gain 177,746; African Methodist Methodist Episcopal Church of Ameri-

Ape Is Marvel to Scientists

Bronx Zoo Animal May Be Father to New Race of Super-Apes.

USES TRAPEZE AS A LEVER

Actually Discovers the Principle of the Lever and Fulcrum as Truly as Did Archimedes, the Grecian Philosopher.

New York.-Scientists, who pay frequent visits to the Bronx zoo, marvel at Gabong, an orang-outang or super-The total religious constituency of ape. For in his cage he has actually the country (including all members discovered the principle of the lever and "adherents") is estimated by Doc- and fulcrum as truly as did Archi-

He not only discovered it-he applied it practically, and ripped to estimated in accordance with studies pieces a steel-and-iron cage that the strongest man could not have escaped

Dr. Wundt has said that if you could give an animal the power to think originally and a thumb, he would be building steam engines in because without a thumb it is impossible to handle tools or weapons.

This thinking spe has not one thumb or two thumbs like a human being-it has four thumbs!

Suspended from the top of Gabong's cage was a trapeze on which he used ders are broad as a man's, and it had a three-foot length of heavy iron-a short crowbar in fact-fastened by chains that would hold an elephant.

Used Trapeze as Lever. One day, Gabong got the end of the bar through a link of the chain and began to twist. He twisted and twisted, clinging to the chain with two of his "hands" and pulling with the other two.

Then Gabong put his weight into it. His powerful shoulders bulged. There estant Episcopal church shows a gain was finally a sharp snap as the link

NTERNATIONAL

Judge Will Fine All "Honking" Sweethearts

Magistrate Cobb, of traffic court, New York City, has declared war on all motorists who give the automobile born a come-hither honk to summon a friend or sweetheart for a spin, in preference to getting out and buzzing the door bell. In fining one driver \$5 for such an offense, the magistrate asserted he will ask for a special squad to bring all honkers, who keep other people awake, into court for their just deserts.

broke, and an amazed orang-outang ianded with a bang on the floor below. By using the lever principle he had broken a chain which ten men and ten orang-outangs could not have broken by main strength.

He climbed back to the now dangling bar, and clumsily, uncertainly, but with definite purpose, twisted its end through a link of the other chain.

Keeper Dick Spicer, Curator Ditmars and Dr. Hornaday, general director of the zoo, happened to be watching him. Gabong's work of destruction was too interesting to interrupt, so they let him go on.

Again the hairy shoulders bulged, again the chain snapped, and Gabong fell a second time to the floor, but this time he brought with him a threefoot length of iron. He had converted his trapeze into a crowbar-a toola weapon.

He hugged, and patted and fondled his new possession,

"I have here a great new power," he seemed to say. As the two men watched, he climbed to a heavy running board, riveted to the side of the cage, and, getting the lever into a convenient niche, began to tug and twist. The bolts began to groan.

The orang, now fully conscious of the new power he wielded, ripped the running board from the wall, and began to demolish his cage. With a convenient crack for purchase, and 4 bolt-head for fulcrum, he tugged and twisted until he had loosened a steel plate from the wall. Next he turned his attention to the powerful cage bars.

In another minute the huge ape would be free-a great, hairy, thinking animal, with the shoulders of a man, with four hands instead of two armed with a heavy crowbar.

Feared Him If Free.

A crowbar is a tool. But it is, also, a weapon. And with such a weapon an orang-outang, enraged, would be more dangerous than any man.

All this time Gabong had been silent, save for a few grunts, and the watchers did not know his mood, Scientific interest began to be mixed with a different emotion. In a moment the orang would be through the bars-free.

Something had to be done. Instead of waiting for the ape to come out, Keeper Dick Spicer went in. Quickly unlocking the cage door, he climbed in and faced the orang.

Gabong welcomed Spicer with a cry of joy, lifted his crowbar in triumph, and delivered a chattering lecture in monkey talk. Then, still holding to the crowbar, snuggled his head against Spicer's breast. He wanted petting and congratulation-and he got it.

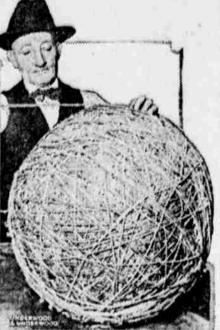
He now has a wrench, a hammer, a pair of pliers, a screwdriver, wire and other tools. He keeps himself busy "experimenting" with them. And scientists are wondering if they have moved in jigtime by the new invention, which fells the tree practically unaided. seen in him the first of a super-race.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All

Parts of the State, Reduced

for the Busy.



took the affirmative side of the question and Mr. Pickell, the negative. After two hours of disputation, the three judges decided that Mr. Pickell bad presented the strongest argument and awarded him the dicision. Development of electrical current

power for the Platte valley from Sutherland to Kearney and across to Hastings and irrigation of nearly 1,000,000 acres of land from the projects upon engineers are busy now in Nebraska. The total cost of the projects will be \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000, according to rough estimates. The cost per acre to the irrigated land in the Platte river valley will not exceed \$35 an acre, engineers say. This would supply \$20,-000,000 for the one project alone.

The dead bodies of hundreds of strange birds were found on the streets and in the parks, at Broken Bow, following the recent snow storm. The birds somewhat resembled the sparrow in form, but their markings were white and brown with black stripes. Since the warm weather of the last day or two, the ones surviving the storm continued their jour-

Through his guardian, Peter Elting. 80, of Columbus, has brought suit to following Mr. Elting's second venture good. in wedlock, which was brought about through the aid of a matrimonial

an election on a sewer bond proposanitary sewage and \$100,000 for storm neither being workable without the

The telephone exchange at Humobserved "peg count" in the last forty- forfeited all rights to share in the eight hours, which showed foty-eight estate of the other. hundred and thirty calls.

theatre block which the lodge purchased some time ago for a home.

The council of West Point has passed works extension bonds.

With the purpose of making Geneva a better grain market in view, farmers operative elevator company. The con-

cern will be capitalized at \$50,000. The general merchandise stock and Fairbury, burned, Total value was \$10,000, with nothing saved.

A charter for the Citizens State bank at Winside was granted by the state tal fountain is being agitated at Andepartment of trade and commerce, the selmo, in honor of the three boys of first of the 1922 year. Capital was that place who lost their lives in the placed at \$30,000.

The "flu" has struck Cheyenne county again and several cases are reported. The large majority of victims are persons who escaped the epidemic three

Mitchell and Gering pledged almost Methodist hospital, to be built at home by fire a few months ago. Scottsbluff at a cost of \$150,000.

National bank of Winside to organize Plans include a gymnasium. with a capital of \$30,000.

have been set for the four commencing The plant was owned by the city. Tuesday, September 12.

Ernest Conaway of Omaha, an at- Seven hundred suits are to be torney, was taken before the county brought in federal court. Omaha court at Nebraska City and fined \$10 against parties who subscribed for and costs on the charge of operating a stock of the Skinner Packing company motor car on a 1921 license.

council at Aurora, City Attorney C. C. \$1,000,000. Fraizer was instructed to vigorously The necessary stock has been subprosecute the city's suit for a reduc- scribed and a meeting called to orsuit was started in the district court It is planned to buy a tract of land of Hamilton county about a month close to town and convert it into a court.

The railway commission has authorized the Monroe Telephone company, which has 3,000 subscribers at Shaal was alone in the house at the Monroe, Albion and neighboring time of the fire and almost suffocated towns, to continue present rates un- before rescued. The firemen were until December 1.

Members of the Salem Lutheran The loss is estimated at \$3,000. church of Fremont have launched a from Atchinson, Kans.

No basis of settlement has been reached in the misunderstanding between the city administration at Kearney and the fire department. Members of the fire department are scheduled to quit on March 9, having tendered their resignations, in a body, effective in 30 days. The city administration stands adamant against purchase of an additional fire truck, even More than 1.300 people, some of though civic organizations have voiced them from seventeen different states, their approval of the volunteer fire demany of them from all parts of Ne- partments demands. The council conbraska, crowded the first Methodist tends it has no finances available for

church at Lexington to listen to the making such investment at this time. Approximately 180 inmates of Nedebate upon speculation and grain marketing between George Jewett of braska penitentiary will soon be stead-Portland, Ore., general manager of the lly employed in the new prison shirt Northwestern Growers' association, and overall factory, Installation of and J. J. Ralph Pickell of Chicago, ed- 129 large power sewing machines is itor of the Roundup. The title of the expected to be completed soon. Large debate was "Resolved that speculation, quantities of buttons, thread and cloth commonly called gambling, is a menace are already on hand. The factory will to the marketing of grain." Mr. Jewett probably turn out 125 dozen shirts a day, according to Warden Fenton. The entire product will go to a Jefferson City, Mo., wholesale concern, which has contracted for the labor.

When Mrs. Direk Smith of Wahoo, gathered her hen eggs she found one which weighed a half pound and meas. ured eight inches around the short way sufficient to furnish cherp light and and ten the other. It was percect in shape. Upon breaking the shell of the egg there was another normal size egg with a good shell on the inside, also an ordinary yolk and enough white to fill shells of three ordinary sized eggs. Arthur Anderson has taken a photo of the curiosity. It will probably be sent to the museum.

According to reports from county trensurers, clerks and assessors received at the office of State Tax Commissioner Osborne, \$430,000 was collected as poll tax from male voters in Nebraska during 1921. In Omana the men are exempt from paying poll tax, under the municipal charter approved by the legislature. Women do not

have this tax to pay anywhere, and

men over 50 years of age are exempt. Although a foot of snow would be needed to make enough mositure to greatly benefit wheat in south central Nebraska counties where the condition is bad from dry weather, A. E. have his second marriage, last Novem. Anderson, federal crop expert, said the ber, annuled on the ground that he recent snow would brighten the outis and was incompetent. This action look. In eastern and western Nebras, is the culmination of a series of events ka, he said, the crop condition was

Fairmont is in doubt as to whether to light the town by long distant electric service or continue its own The city council and mayor of Grand plant. At a mass meeting the Public Island, by unanimous vote, have called Service company and the Blue River Power company each made a propsiton of \$300,000, to \$200,000 being for osition. The matter was dismissed when a motion prevailed to print all sewage, the two being combined and propositions on the ballot at the election April 4.

Mrs. Philip Scott, widow of a retired Saunders county farmer, was awarded boldt which employs five operators and the widow's share of his \$30,000 estate, accommodates this city of thirteen Children of Scott introduced an alleged hundred people and community around, antenuptial agreement, whereby both

An ice gorge has formed above the The Beatrice lodge of Elks has bridge on the Morse ranch west of gone over the top in the sale of \$35. Benkelman, diverting the course of the 000. The money will be used in re- Republican river. The new channel is modeling and rebuilding the old Lyric north of the bridge and cuts off traffic in that direction.

Public schools at Butte have been closed on account of a mild epidemic an ordinance authorizing the calling of of influenza. Practically all of the a special election for the purpose of high school students, teachers and some voting on the issuance of \$17,000 water of the grade pupils are victims of the disease.

A refrigerator car containing more than 100 cases of eggs was totally of Fillmore county are organizing a co- lost by fire at Sterling. The biaze is thought to have started from a car

Members of the American Legion store building owned by Charles Haig who reside in Omaha will aid in the of Endicott, a village six miles east of proposed census to ascertain the number of disabled veterans of the World War.

The question of installing a memor-The equivalent of \$2,000 will be ad-

ded to the Buffalo county fair premium list this year in special prizes, the awards of Kearney business men. The Sterling Masonic lodge is con-

tempating the erection of a temple \$25,000 for the Western Nebraska this summer. The lodge lost its Callaway district by an overwhelm-

The comptroller of the currency has ing vote favored the erection of a new approved the application of the Frst high school building at that place.

The Central City gas plant was de-Dates for the Antelope county fair stroyed by fire of unknown origin, It will be rebuilt.

and have failed to make payments. At the monthly meeting of the city The subscriptions approximate about

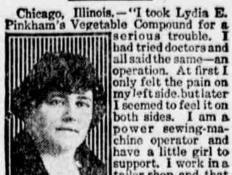
tion of the electric light rates. This ganize a fair association at Burwell. ago, and was immediately removed by fair ground and park. A tourist camp, the Public Service Co. to the federal base ball ground, golf links and other features are planned.

Fire destroyed the five-room home of W. D. Shaal near Springfield. Mr. able to save the house or contents.

William Jennings Bryan has excdrive for the erection of a new church. cuted the deed to his Lincoln residence The present edifice is declared to be to the Methodist church for hospital inadequate for the needs of the con- purposes, according to an announcegregation. Plans for the erection of a ment made at Des Moines, Iowa. Renew church have been discussed ever cently he offered it to the Presbyterian since the arrival of Midland college church as a home for retired missionaries.

WORKS FOR CHILD MUST KEEP WELL

Mothers in a Like Situation Should Read This Letter from Mrs. Enrico



operation. At first I only felt the pain on my left side. but later seemed to feel it on both sides. I am a power sewing-ma-chine operator and have a little girl to

support. I work in a

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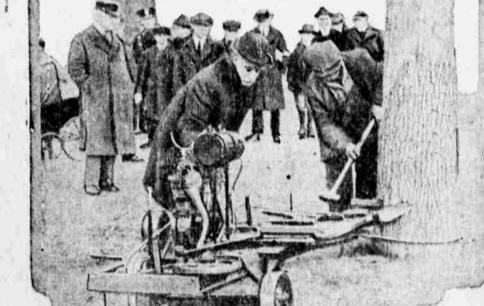
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Trying New Tree Cutting Machine

A new tree-cutting machine being given a tryout by the officials at Central park, New York. Many old trees which were dead and dangerous were re-