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#### STATISTICS OF IMMIGRATION

First Report issued by New Bureau of Commerce and Labor.

#### BIG INFUX LOOKED FOR THIS YEAR

New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois Lead in Foreign Population and South Comes Last.

The Department of Commerce and Labor of the United States has recently issued its first report on immigration to this country. This report will be supplemented from time to time with others which will show from what portion of the world the emigrants come, what percentage and the number from each country and other facts which will be of interest to the people in general.

The Western Passenger association has made some extracts from the report of the department which had been sent out to the passenger departments of the various railroads for their information. The reports, as issued by the department, are to be published in the daily consular reports, and subsequently in a separate volume.

The reports so far compiled show that from 1881 to 1902, both inclusive, the total number of immigrants into the United States aggregates 2,353,723, equal to one-fourth of the present population of the entire country. This immense influx of population includes almost every nationality under the sun. Europe furnished 88 per cent, the western hemisphere furnished 4.8 per cent, and China and all other countries 2.5 per cent.

#### Arrivals from Nations.

The following table shows the arrivals by nationalities of alien passengers and immigrants (alien passengers included prior to 1903 and immigrants or parties coming to make permanent settlement only after that date) from 1880 to 1902, with the

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relative percentage of each and the total number from Europe in 1903:

Country of Last Permanent Residence.	1901-1902	1903	Grand Total.
Austria-Hungary	1,215,914	6,450	206,011
Belgium	68,211	33	68,211
Denmark	2,452	1,000	3,452
England and Wales	2,729,937	12,435	26,219
France	408,619	2,000	408,619
Germany	5,088,005	24,960	49,980
Italy	3,944,269	18,335	35,300
Netherlands	1,358,597	6,500	230,621
Norway and Sweden	1,354,561	6,540	70,489
Russia and Poland	1,156,302	8,412	136,093
Scotland	388,506	1,900	1,388,506
Spain and Portugal	84,381	42	84,381
Switzerland	258,363	1,000	258,363
All other Europe	52,321	4	52,321
Total Europe	18,491,841	80,556	744,800
British North America	1,069,582	6,116	1,069,582
Mexico	29,073	14	29,073
Central America	8,172	45	8,172
South America	14,417	67	14,417
West Indies	124,869	66	124,869
Islands of Asia	35,700	17	35,700
Total western hemisphere	1,308,760	6,222	1,308,760
China	217,929	1,556	217,929
All other Asia	103,161	5	103,161
Total Asia	421,090	2,061	421,090
Africa	2,792	10	2,792
All other countries	234,586	112	234,586
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#### Seven European Countries.

The classification of emigrants in the above list in 1902 were confined to only seven European nationalities.

The report takes up the states and considers their respective share of foreign born population and the percentage which this element in their population bears to their total population. It shows New York has a larger proportion of foreign born population than any other state in the union. In 1902 its foreign born population was 661,801 persons; in 1890, 998,640; in 1870, 1,128,263; in 1850, 1,211,571; in 1830, 1,671,050; and in 1810, 1,800,425. The percentage which the foreign born population formed of the total population of New York state was, in 1902, 24.1. Thus the proportion which the foreign born population formed of the total population of the state has gradually increased since 1810. This was the earliest date upon which data upon this subject was obtainable.

Next in rank to New York with reference to foreign born population in proportion to total population in Pennsylvania. Third is Illinois and fourth is Massachusetts. The states having the lowest percentage of foreign born population are the southern states, Georgia having .5 of 1 per cent, South Carolina .4 and North Carolina .2.

#### Stages of Increase.

During 1820 8,385 immigrants arrived in the United States. In 1830 the number of arrivals had climbed to 23,222; in 1840, 54,967; in 1850, 100,920; in 1860, it dropped back to 183,067; in 1870 it had again climbed to 387,303; in 1880, 487,257; in 1890, 655,203; and in 1900, 465,572; in 1901, 487,918; in 1902, 648,743; in 1903, 867,045.

The report concludes by stating that emigration is beneficial to the emigrant, and that preparation is being made for a great exodus from Italy during the coming season, and several new transportation companies and a number of additional liners belonging to companies already in the trade are to be added to the already extensive fleet, steaming between Naples and the United States. In August, 1897, there were four steamship lines which were regularly plying between Naples and the United States, and this number has now been augmented to ten lines.

#### After the War.

The Jap had triumphed. The baffled Muscovite had asked for terms. After some negotiation the status of Manchuria and Korea had been agreed upon. "But," said the Japanese diplomat, "there must be an indemnity."

"How much?" said the Russians.

"Ten thousand million yen."

"Preposterous!" said the emissaries of

the czar. "We are willing to pay for the cost of the war, but we will die in the last

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which before we will allow you to stick us with the cost of the ante-bellum stationery!"

Nevertheless, Japan being firm, the erstwhile haughty Slav was forced to accept its terms.—Puck.

#### The Bee want ads are the Best Business Boosters.

#### FRATILE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Caller—I never saw two children look so much alike. How does your mother tell you apart?

One of the Twins—She finds out by speaking us. Dick cries louder'n I do.

"Johnny," asked the visitor, "do you ever get any good marks at school?"

"You bet I do," replied Johnny, "but they ain't where I can show 'em."

Little Harry—Mamma, wouldn't it be nice if you had the toothache instead of sister? Mamma—Why do you think it would?

Little Harry—'Cause you can take your teeth out and she can't.

"Mamma, teacher whipped a boy today for whispering in school."

"Well, that was right."

"But, mamma, he hollered ten times as loud as he whispered."

Little Fred—Our teacher says the earth is round like a ball.

Papa—Yes, that's right.

Little Fred—And do people live on the other side of it?

Papa—Certainly.

Little Fred—Why don't they fall off?

The teacher was explaining why so many words have silent letters.

"They show the origin or derivation of the word," she said. "For example, in the word 'gnat,' while you do not sound the 'g,'"

"You sound it all right enough when one of 'em gets in your eye," interrupted the sock-headed boy.

Master Fred is one of those little people whose curiosity knows no bounds, and who seems always wound up to ask questions.

One day he was to have his hair cut, and his father jokingly said it must be cut very short to stop his asking so many questions.

"Oh, that wouldn't do any good," said Fred. "You'd have to cut my head clean off, the questions are inside of it."

#### DEATH FOR THEIR COUNTRY

One of the Five Chapters of the Present War.

#### JAPAN'S HEROIC SEVENTY-SEVEN SONS

Volunteers Who Undertook the Task of Bottling Up Port Arthur Went to Their Doom Cheerfully.

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TOKIO, March 22.—"The Seventy-Seven Determined Death Body"—such is the picturesque Japanese designation of the handful of volunteers who took the five ships into Port Arthur in the first attempt to block that harbor.

If Hobson's act before Santiago set America aglow with enthusiasm, the deed of these seventy-seven men has caused Japan to go wild with delight. Togo's victory on the night of February 9 caused Nippon to break out into processions, but it did not touch the deepest cords of patriotism as has the exploit of this little band.

The reason is plain. The fleet on the night of the 9th went into action with the idea of coming out of it more or less alive; the seventy-seven willingly went into the jaws of death, knowing that the chances were against their coming out of the hell of shot and shell alive. They unhesitatingly laid their lives at the emperor's feet—and that is the sublimest height of patriotism in Japan.

So the story of the "Seventy-Seven Determined Death Body" is being told all over the islands today under the title of "The Cherry Blossom of Ten Thousand Deaths," which, in plain English, means that these volunteers in their one act showed the samurai valor that is usually contained in 10,000 brave deeds.

#### Type of the Heroes.

One of the heroic seventy-seven was Umehara Kenzo, and the manner in which he insisted on doing his duty at the sacrifice of his life is representative of the spirit that actuated his fellows.

Kenzo was one of the volunteers from the battleship Yashima, of which he was second engineer. He was assigned to the fire boat Bushu Maru, and put in charge of the engine room. As the five boats neared the harbor, heading skillfully for their positions, a shot pierced the Bushu Maru three feet from the engine room and disabled the engine, setting the boat clear off its course.

The officer in command, seeing the hopelessness of attempting to do anything more, ordered the crew to escape in the small boats. Kenzo at first refused to desert his post; he still had an idea that he could somehow make his wrecked machinery work, and eventually place the boat. Water flooded the engine room, and still Kenzo stood by his machinery. Finally, with the water above his waist and with tears in his eyes, he regretfully responded to the last call and came on deck. His comrades, with shells bursting all about them, were alongside in the boats awaiting his appearance. Just then a ten-inch shot fell on the deck of the drifting fire ship, burst, and Kenzo was seen to fall.

A second later several of his comrades had leaped to the deck, and Kenzo, mortally wounded in the abdomen, was lowered into a boat, which, after narrowly escaping sinking from the shells that struck all around it, eventually reached the Yashima. There, an hour later, Kenzo died.

#### Did Not Die in Vain.

But he did not die in vain. His parents in Osaka gave a great feast in his honor;

his portrait was dedicated at the temple, and the women of Osaka, where Kenzo ran the streets as a boy, cutting off their hair in his honor, made great ropes of it and sold them to the temple, where such ropes are used in ceremonies and in pulling timbers used in building temples. The money derived by this sacrifice has been turned into the government war fund; and so Kenzo, although he could not place his ship, materially benefited his country after all, for big prices are paid by the priests for ropes of hair, and hundreds of Osaka women are minus their "crowning glory" today.

To the pluck of another of the seventy-seven a boat load of his comrades owe their lives. This common sailor was at the tiller, steering the escaping boat out to sea, after the crew's failure to place the fire ship, when a stray cannon shell shot away the elbow of the arm that was holding the tiller. The man's other arm had previously been injured, the boat was drifting in direct line of the Russian fire, when he dropped down on his knees, grabbed the tiller in his teeth, and, as if nothing had happened, steered the boat straight for his battleship. Then, when he saw his comrades safe and sound on deck, he fainted from loss of blood and pain.

Such were two of the individual deeds, and similar stories could be told of every man who went in with the fire ships, not one of whom expected to come out alive. That is why their last half hour before climbing up the sides of the fire ships was given up to writing letters home; and this letter, written by Sub-Lieutenant Torikaki Yasuo, who was killed, is a type of all the others. It was written to his uncle in Tokio:

#### Knew Their Peril.

"We are to take fire ships into Port Arthur to block the Russians. It is a daring feat, but we are anxious to engage in it. We will show the enemy the keenness of the samurai sword. I will never see you again in this world. Give my best regards to the boys. Take good care of Kiyoshi (his cousin). This is my final letter to you. Goodbye."

The volunteers themselves not alone realized that they were going into the jaws of death; the whole fleet knew it. Captain Fushiro, of the battleship Osama, just before the Seventy-seven were dispatched on their task, held a farewell celebration for the five volunteers from his ship. He piped the crew on deck, brought out the great silver ceremonial cup (sakakuchi), given the Osama by the crown prince, and filled it with water. This use of water instead of sake is significant in Japan. Whenever a friend returns on a journey from which he may not return, he drinks water out of the sakakuchi with his friends. The crew, then, realized the full significance of the captain's act. Then the captain spoke, addressing himself to the little band marked out for death:

"Ordering you men to bottle up Port Arthur means sending out beloved sons to taste the gall of death. But if I had one hundred sons I would send all of them on this adventure. Or if I had just one well-beloved son I would appeal for him to be sent."

#### Captain's Farewell Orders.

Then, turning squarely to the quintet, he continued:

"If you lose your left hand, work with the right. If you lose both hands, work with your feet. If both feet are shot away, work with your head. Obey all orders respectfully. Do not in any degree disobey. I am sending you to death. No doubt you are determined to die, but that does not mean that you should die too readily. Do your duty first. Nor do I want you to go on this errand simply for the fame that will be yours for centuries of generations (forever). My appeal to you is, do not

think of your life or of fame in doing this patriotic duty.

"The water I am drinking with you is not to encourage you to do your duty, but I give it to you as a tonic. You are the representatives of the brave sons of the Osama. It would be a disgrace if it were discovered that you died by aid of the power of this cup. (If you sought death because we drank from this cup.)

"I await for your return after the accomplishment of your duty, and I long for the day when we shall joyfully drink real sake out of the same cup.

"Go. Trust all to the Almighty. Leave life or death in the hands of God, and with perfect peace dwelling in you, do this great deed."

These are but fragments of the deed of the Seventy-seven Determined Death Body. When the whole story is known, it will undoubtedly prove to be a close rival of what has been called the finest national story of Japan—the story of the Forty-seven Ronins.

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#### The Bee want ads are the Best Business Boosters.

#### A La Mode.

"It is unkind of you to say I may not have ruffles and frills when they are in fashion," protests the wife.

The husband preserves a grim silence.

Here the wife grows angrier still and gives him a large piece of her mind.

"It would not be becoming to you," argued the husband after she had paused for breath.

"See how you look when even your temper is ruffled."

Then she basted him.—Judge.

#### LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

The pay roll of the navy is \$20,000,000 a year. The southern states are producing half the lumber cut in America.

Farm land in England ranges in price from \$60 to \$120 per acre. The American petroleum sold in Europe last year was \$7,800,000 worth of refined and \$5,360,000 worth of crude oil.

The making of Brussels lace, which was thirty years ago the occupation of 150,000 Belgians, now employs less than one-fourth that number.

Considering our exports by countries, the largest total is to the United Kingdom, \$24,232,000; the next largest to Germany, \$18,842,000, and to Canada, \$12,207,000.

The value of the farm animals in the United States, as shown by the Agricultural department is: Horses, \$1,000,000,000; mules, \$50,000,000; cattle, \$1,500,000,000; sheep, \$10,000,000, and hogs, \$50,000,000.

A machine has been invented which is capable of splitting wood two feet long and eighteen inches thick. It is run by a three-horse power gasoline engine, and consists of a huge knife which works through the knotliest wood at the rate of sixty strokes per minute.

Radium exists in American ores. This is the opinion reached by Prof. Robert A. Millikan of the department of physics in the University of Chicago, after a series of experiments. Prof. Millikan has found in pieces of uranium from Colorado and South Carolina radio activity, and some samples from South Carolina showed a radio activity of four.

In Russian factories 84 per cent of the workmen know how to read and write. In towns 32.3 per cent of the peasants are educated. In certain factories children of 10 to 14 work on condition that they attend the school connected with the factory three or four hours daily. The factory population is composed almost exclusively of peasants from 15 to 30 years of age, one-fourth of whom are women. The workman reaches the limit of his possibilities at 35, and is usually a wreck at 45.