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Cities Show Heavy Growth and Agricultural States Corresponding Decline. Many Remarkable Increases Noted.

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It is quite a showing—over 90,000,000 people for the United States proper, and more than 100,000,000 if we include the United States improper, consisting of the little brown brother of the Philippines. I defy any human being to form even the remotest conception of what ninety millions mean, but whatever it is we have it.

It is some comfort to know that never in human history has a nation grown so rapidly. Since the republic was founded, a little more than a century ago, we have multiplied our population by thirty. On an average we have doubled our size every twenty-five years. If Senator Hoar was right in declaring that a column of figures could move an American to tears, the whole nation should fairly boo-hoo over the 1910 census.

Cities' Growth Increasing.

The one big fact that stands out of the result is that most of the growth in the last decade has been in the cities. Some of the country districts

the list of the world's ten largest cities the United States has three.

We have one city exceeding 4,000,000 in population, two exceeding 2,000,000, three exceeding 1,000,000, or four if the environs of Boston were included in that city; eight exceeding 500,000, eighteen, exceeding 300,000, twenty-eight exceeding 200,000 and fifty exceeding 100,000. These fifty are distributed through twenty-six states. New York, Massachusetts and Ohio each has five; Pennsylvania, California and New Jersey each contains three; Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, Connecticut and Tennessee can boast two each, and the other fifteen range from Rhode Island to Oregon. At the head of these forty-nine cities stands, of course, New York, at the foot Albany.

Of cities between 25,000 and 100,000 there are 175, with the list yet incomplete. These are distributed through thirty-seven states. Massachusetts heads the list with twenty; Pennsylvania comes next with seventeen; New York follows with sixteen; New Jersey and Illinois have eleven each; Ohio has nine; Texas and Iowa, each have eight; Michigan and Wisconsin each boasts seven; California and Connecticut each claims five; Indiana, Virginia and Rhode Island each contains four; Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas follow with three each, while there are twelve states with two each and six with one each. Of cities below 25,000 the number is legion. In this class the returns as yet are scattering.

Smaller Cities Grow.

On the whole, the smaller cities have grown more rapidly than the larger ones. The rate of increase in those above 100,000 has been 31.8 per cent, while the showing is 33.4 per cent in those between 25,000 and 100,000. Six-

turned. In like manner the Twin Cities in Minnesota can contend that the two are essentially one in all but name and that a true rating can only be given them by consolidation. Thus if Minneapolis and St. Paul were combined we should have 516,152, ranking as the ninth city in the country.

There are many other cities that would considerably augment their population by a little expansion. The case of San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley has already been mentioned. Likewise Omaha and South Omaha practically constitute one city. If the two were joined together they would have 150,097 instead of the 124,090 given to Omaha now. The cities in northern New Jersey would be most affected by consolidation, however. Thus Elizabeth, the Oranges and several smaller villages contiguous to Newark would give the metropolis of New Jersey more than half a million. Bayonne, Hoboken, West Hoboken and several other towns are really a continuation of Jersey City. If these were added the total population would run a close second to the greater Newark.

State Lines Retard Totals.

All the expansions mentioned could be readily made, since the cities to be consolidated are in the same states. There are a number of cases, however, where state lines intervene. Notable among these are Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan.; Omaha, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Ia., furnish another case in point, and so do St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill. Then there are Cincinnati, O., and Covington, Ky.; also Philadelphia, Pa., and Camden, N. J. Chicago would also gain enormously by adding contiguous Indiana territory.

The most conspicuous case of the sort, however, is that of New York and the cluster of cities and villages in northern New Jersey. For twenty or thirty miles, or even more, men commute daily from New Jersey into New York. In business interests and in all other ways, except that of residence, they are as much New Yorkers as those living on Manhattan Island. All north Jersey is practically becoming one solid city, made up for the most part of commuters. The tunnels under the Hudson river are rapidly adding to this class. It is a conservative claim that there are at least 1,000,000 of these Jerseyites who really belong to the great city, and some estimates have put the number considerably higher.

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cities. Some of the country districts have actually gone backward. One agricultural state, Iowa, has shown a decrease. Some of the very small towns and villages have shown the same tendency. But the cities from 10,000 upward have almost all advanced, some of them enormously. In

where the showing is over per cent in those between 25,000 and 100,000. Fifteen of these smaller cities have more than doubled their population in the decade. The largest growths have been that of Oklahoma City, which has the enormous percentage of 539.7 increase to its credit. Muskogee, in the same state, is but little behind. Other cities in this group that have trebled or doubled their growth are Pasadena, Berkeley and San Diego, Cal.; Flint, Mich.; Fort Worth, El Paso and Dallas, Tex.; Tampa and Jacksonville, Fla.; Huntington, W. Va.; Schenectady, N. Y.; Tacoma, Wash.; Wichita, Kan., and Waterloo, Ia.

The largest growth in cities of over 100,000 is that of Birmingham, Ala., which increased at the rate of 245.4 per cent. Los Angeles was a close second with 211.3 per cent. Seattle had 194 per cent. Other cities in this class that more than doubled their population were Portland, Ore.; Spokane, Wash., and Oakland, Cal. Notable gains were also made by Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Denver, Atlanta and Richmond.

One most gratifying feature of the returns is the growth of the south, especially of southern cities. Charlotte, N. C.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Lynchburg, Va.; Macon, Ga.; Norfolk, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; Roanoke, Va.; Shreveport, La., and several other cities, in addition to those already mentioned, show something of the advance movement in the new south.

San Francisco Undaunted.

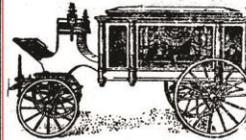
Another pleasing fact is that despite her disastrous earthquake and fire San Francisco has increased from 342,782 in 1900 to 416,912 in 1910. Oakland and Berkeley are virtually parts of San Francisco, and both have grown prodigiously. If the two be added to the larger city the total population is increased to more than 600,000. Moreover, the enormous increase of Los Angeles and other California cities shows something of the growth that might have taken place in San Francisco had it not been for her disaster. Making the cities of Los Angeles, Oakland, Berkeley, Sacramento, San Diego, San Jose and Pasadena, they show an aggregate increase from 200,252 in 1900 to 653,317 in 1910, or 151 per cent. If San Francisco had enjoyed a like growth she would have had in 1910 a total of 800,382.

While it is too much to claim that but for her calamity she might have reached this result, since a large city is not apt to show as great a percentage of increase as a small one under similar conditions, it is entirely within bounds to say that the city beside the Golden Gate would have gone up to a half million or 600,000 but for her disaster. The more force is lent to this contention by the fact that some of the increase in other California cities is due to the fugitives from San Francisco.

Boston's Suburbs Separate.

The Bostonians claim that the census figures represent only a part of the population of their city, since Boston actually includes Cambridge and a number of other cities that are returned separately. If there were a greater Boston, as there is a greater New York, her population would be 1,206,791 instead of the 970,585 now re-

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Jersey cities of more than 25,000 in habitants each. Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, Bayonne, East Orange, Elizabeth, Hoboken, Orange, Passaic and West Hoboken having a combined population of 1,094,303. Within the same radius are a vast number of smaller cities and villages, such as the other Oranges, the Montclairs, Hackensack, Bloomfield, Plainfield, Englewood, Rutherford, Arlington, Nutley and many more with a population that would swell this total to probably 2,000,000. Of course all these are not New York commuters, but the vast majority are.

Gotham's Radius Large.

Besides, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and other cities in New York state are really a part of New York city, although not in the corporate limits. A large number of commuters also go into Connecticut. If all of these were added to the metropolis its total population would probably exceed 6,000,000.

The states likewise show gains. New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio retain their relative rank as first, second, third and fourth respectively, but there is a shift in fifth place and in most of the others. Texas goes to fifth place, Massachusetts to six, and Missouri becomes seventh. The state of Washington shows the greatest growth in the decade, with Oklahoma a close second. Both have more than doubled their populations. Nevada has also shown a great growth, although she remains at the foot of the list despite her gain. Others that show phenomenal growth are New Mexico, California, Colorado, Florida, Oregon, the two Dakotas and Washington. The average increase the country over is approximately 20 per cent. A comparison shows that the great industrial states are well over this figure, while the agricultural states usually fall behind.

The most phenomenal growth in the entire nation, outside of one or two of the recently admitted commonwealths, is on the Pacific coast. The south averages well and has kept abreast of the entire country. The states without industries other than farming are the ones that suffer most. Yet a close analysis shows that the loss here has not been so much in the rural districts themselves as in the small villages and towns.

Padding Causes Recounts.

Several western cities were accused of padding, and recounts were ordered. The most conspicuous cases were those of Seattle, Tacoma and one other city in Washington. Portland, Ore.; Fort Smith, Ark., and some others were also involved. Reductions were made by the recounts, and a few enumerators were arrested. The reverse process occurred in Atlantic City, N. J. There the mayor complained that the showing was too small, and a recount showed a slight increase.

Taking the country as a whole, we are a rather large proposition. On

2,000,000,000, to be prophetically exact—evidently a case of census figures on the brain. But without boasting we are a mighty people, not only when counted by the head, but when measured by other standards—for example, the power to do things. As for the future, we still have plenty of room, and who can set the bounds on the coming years?

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