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Births In Britain At Lowest Figure For Fifty Years

LONDON, July 10.—The biggest population ever recorded for Great Britain—and the lowest birth rate in the past fifty years—are features of the preliminary report of the Registrar-General, dealing particularly with England and Wales, following the census of April 26 last.

The population of Great Britain on census day was 44,780,485. The population of England and Wales was 39,947,931, and of this figure females were in the majority of more than a million and a half. There were 20,809,987 females to 19,138,944 males.

The total population is the biggest ever recorded, representing 85 persons to the square mile. This rate is the highest record of any country for which records are available, with the probable exception of Belgium.

But the almost unbroken fall in the birth rate causes the country now to rank lower than any other except Sweden. In the birth rate, births registered were 5,930,000, compared with 8,281,000 in the previous census. The present is certainly the lowest birth rate in half a century.

"Despite the fact that the marriage rate has been well maintained, particularly at the younger ages at which the bulk of births occur," says the report, "and despite the further fact the exceptional post-war spurt in the birth rate itself had only just passed its maximum at the beginning of the decennium, the total births registered are a million and a quarter fewer than in the preceding period, which covered the war years when the birth rate sank to levels never before recorded."

"The full significance of the fall will be but dimly appreciated for many years. Any temporary satisfaction felt in the reduction of the number of unproductive mouths to be filled during the present period of economic stress must sooner or later be qualified by realization of the more profound secular issues involved." And the present rate is definitely insufficient to maintain a stationary population in the future.

PARTIAL SET-OFF SEEN As a partial set-off against the decline in births the deaths registered were more than half a million fewer than in either of the two preceding ten-year periods.

"This numerical reduction of more than 10 per cent, which if allowance be made for increasing age and numbers of population exposed to risk, represents a reduction in mortality of more like 20 per cent, affords nothing but satisfaction," the report said. "It indicates a definite advance in the general vitality of the nation as a whole."

Other interesting conclusions drawn by the Registrar-General are that the loss of population by emigration in the 10 years under review amounted to 177,000. This was lower than in either of the two other census periods and appears to corroborate past experience that emigration tends to be high when business is prosperous, and comparatively small in times of depression.

In each region the population is greater than in 1921, excepting South Wales. Attention is also drawn to a southward trend, for the southeast area shows an increase of 10 per cent. London is growing not so much at the expense of rural areas as of the towns in South Wales and the north of England. It is too early yet to discuss whether this new orientation marks a definite change in the country's industrial structure and organization. Such industries as are prosperous just now appear to be located in the vicinity of the metropolises, which appears to be somewhat precipitate, may be followed by a reaction.

U. S. Visitors To Canada Spent \$266,000,000

(Special to the Guardian) WASHINGTON, July 9.—If all the automobiles driven into Canada by the United States tourists during 1930 were laid end to end they would tie up traffic for 15,368 miles. Tourist traffic between the United States and Canada, says the report of the Department of Commerce, "involves a larger total expenditure than that between any other two countries in the world. In 1930 there were five and a half million cars imported into Canada for touring purposes. Nearly one seventh that many Canadians came to the United States. What the Department of Commerce is most interested in regarding these totals is money spent. United States visitors to Canada, it is estimated, spent more than \$266,000,000. Canadiana coming to the United States spent slightly less than one fourth that much."

Lindbergh Will Stop At Ottawa

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, July 9.—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh tonight said he and Mrs. Lindbergh planned to stop at Ottawa and some other Canadian points on their way to the Orient. Stops will be made at Royal Canadian Mounted Police stations in North Western Canada, for fuel, but aside from Ottawa, no Canadian cities will be visited, he said.

Seadromes To Dot Atlantic

(Canadian Press) AKRON, Ohio, July 9.—The first of eight seadromes, proposed man made islands to dot the Atlantic at intervals of 380 miles between the United States and Great Britain, will be constructed off the east coast of the U. S. next spring. Captain Hugh Duncan Grant, meteorological consultant to the promoters of the project announced today. Grant, visiting here predicted that within a year from the placing of the first seadrome the other seven ocean landing fields will be completed and a trans Atlantic air line in operation. The seadromes, Capt. Grant explained will have a six acre deck which will be 70 feet above the water surface or 30 feet higher than storm waves. The seadromes will be buoyed by air tanks extending 40 feet below the surface. Ballistic tanks filled with pig iron and giving the seadromes their stability, will extend 177 feet downward.

ROOM SHORTAGE WORRIES RENO

RENO, Nev., July 10.—(U.P.)—House and apartment hunting in Reno has become one of the most popular—or, rather, unpopular—diversions of the divorcees since the six-weeks divorce and wide-open gambling laws went into effect. Housing facilities have become acute, simply because there are not enough houses or apartments to supply the demand. Tent cities have sprung up in the outskirts, every room in every hotel is occupied. Virtually every apartment house has waiting lists. Hotels are placing cots in corridors and "flop-houses" have sprung up overnight.

The Southern Pacific railroad places all available Pullmans on sidetracks near Reno on week-ends, to lodge overnight tourists. The Chamber of Commerce is making a valiant effort to remedy the situation, which will become acute during the racing season here this month. But the problem confronting the week-enders and pleasure seekers is simple compared to that of the poor divorcees. They come here for six weeks and have to stick it.

The fact that wood shrinks in volume as it loses moisture, and swells as it picks up moisture, is responsible for most of the difficulties experienced in the manufacture and use of wood. Much can be done through careful seasoning and conditioning treatments to control this so-called "working" of wood. Among the activities of the Forest Products Laboratories of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa is the conduct of research in this connection and the distribution of information in this regard to lumber producers and users. It is fourth with 766,333. Sheffield with half a million remains practically stationary.

Central Guardian

STRAYED—Two horses. Notify Saunders and Newcom Company. 7367-7-11

BAPTIST SERVICES, North River Field, Sunday, July 12th: Long Creek, 11 a. m.; Clyde River, 3 p. m.; Kingston, 7.30 p. m. W. R. MacWalker, Minister.

RETURNED MEN'S RE-UNION—On the 4th August the 2nd annual convention of the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. will be held at the Legion Home, Charlottetown, at three o'clock p.m., when delegates from the various branches will be present for the election of officers and transaction of business. In the evening at the Drill Hall a general get together will be held at 8.30. Strong committees have been formed to assure the success of the gathering. The Legion Band will be present with a special programme. Colonel A. G. Peake is chairman of the entertainment committee. To cover expenses a charge of one dollar is being made. Tickets can be had from Harry A. MacDougall, chairman of the ticket committee, or from other members of the Legion. As returned men of all units do not often have the opportunity of getting together for story and song it is fully expected from the interest being taken that the affair will be largely attended. Come on boys pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and join the gang on the night of the seventeenth anniversary of the declaration of war by the Empire.

PERSONALS

Mrs. E. E. McManus and her son, of Memramcook, are at present on the Island on a touring trip.

Rev. R. St. John, of the Catholic Church Extension, Chicago, and formerly of the Basilica Staff in this city, has arrived to spend a three weeks' vacation and is receiving a warm welcome from his numerous friends.

"THE BIG PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION OF 1931 commences Monday, August 17th and continues until Friday night. Biggest prize list in history. Fastest and best horses will compete. The most thrilling vaudeville acts. Bigger and better Midway. In fact the biggest and best show by large odds ever staged in the Garden of the Gulf. Tell your friends about the dates. Arrange your holidays for this carnival of fun and education. J. W. Boulter, Secretary, Charlottetown, P. E. I."

WESTERN GUARDIAN

—VISITORS LEAVE—The directors and delegates to the annual meeting of the Fox Breeders Association left Summerside on Friday morning well pleased with their visit. Many of them took the opportunity of visiting the Experimental Fox Ranch and some of the beauty spots near Summerside.—S.

—BAPTIST ANNUAL PICNIC—The annual picnic of the Summerside Baptist Church Sunday School was held on Thursday afternoon at Mr. David Lefurgey's shore, Bedouque. The exceptionally fine weather made the day ideal for bathing and outdoor sport. A large number of parents and children and others attended. A dainty supper was served by the ladies which was thoroughly enjoyed.—S.

—EXPERIMENTAL FOX RANCH REPORT—By the courtesy of Dr. G. Ennis Smith, superintendent of the Experimental Fox Ranch, Summerside, copies of the report of the ranch, covering the years 1928, 1929 and 1930, were distributed to the members of the Canadian National Fox Breeders Association at their annual meeting on Wednesday.—S.

—ANNUAL MEETING OF WEST PRINCE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION—The annual meeting of the West Prince Liberal Association for the first and second districts of Prince County was held in O'Leary hall on Thursday afternoon. Mr. A. J. Matheson, president, in the chair, Mr. Vernon Mathew, secretary. The election of officers was as follows: President, Mr. A. J. Matheson, re-elected. Sec. Tress. Mr. Vernon Mathew, re-elected. Vice presidents of 1st district: J. A. Bernard, Tignish; J. Starna, Elmisdale; Russell Leard, Casumpe; Oliver Peters, Duvar. 2nd district: Vice president, John D. McLeod, Brase; W. J. Wortman, West Point; William Montgomery, Fort Hill and William Burley, Ellerslie. The speakers of the afternoon were Premier Lea, and the Liberal candidates. Messrs Thane A. Campbell, Attorney

Abegweit Track Meet Announced For July 18th

Club Will Select Athletes For Maritime Championships—List Of Senior And Junior Events.

Track and field athletics have been in the doldrums for many years in Charlottetown, and the Abegweits once dominating the Maritimes no longer occupy that enviable position. The Red and Black colors, however, are going to put in an appearance at Moncton on August 6th, when all that is great in the three provinces will dispute in sprints, jumps, and other events. Preparatory to the Moncton games the Abegweits today announce a Track and Field gathering at the C. A. A. grounds on Saturday, July 18th. There is a plentitude of youth here ready to go out for athletic honors seriously. None of them are outstanding stars, because they have never had enough competition to realize their possibilities or defects. Now that these boys have something ahead of them, they will do conscientious training and, perhaps

surprise the public on Saturday, July 18th. Most of the Abegweits' program is given over to the seniors, but the juniors have not been forgotten. The meet is open to residents of the Island.

- LIST OF EVENTS 100 yard Dash—Open 220 Yard Dash—Open 440 Yard Dash—Open 880 Yard Dash—Open 1 Mile Run—Open Running High Jump—Open Pole Vault—Open 16 lb. Hammer—Open Putting 16 lb. Shot—Open Discus—Open 1-4; 1-2; 1 Mile Bike Races—Open 120 Yard Hurdles—Open 220 Yard Dash—Junior Running High Jump—Junior Running Broad Jump—Junior 1-4 and 1-2 Mile Bike Races—Junior

Cleared Of "Hit And Run" Charge

Arrested at Borden as one of the principals in an automobile accident outside St. John last Monday and in which Mrs. Sylvia Grant of Raymond, New Hampshire was injured, Mr. F. J. McNeil a native of Hopefield, P. E. I. but now of New York City, has been exonerated from the "hit and run" conduct alleged.

The investigation held in St. John brought out the evidence that Mr. McNeil had stopped after the collision and gave his name and address. Witnesses who were in a car trailing Mr. McNeil's machine corroborated his version of the mishap. The two cars collided in passing and the onus of blame has not yet been placed. Mr. McNeil asserts that the other car swerved in towards him and that the impact was a glancing one and slight. His car suffered no damage and remained upright but the New Hampshire car overturned causing painful injuries to the lady who is now in the St. John General Hospital suffering from a broken leg and a fractured rib. She is not, however, in any danger.

Mr. McNeil visited the unfortunate lady before continuing his journey to the Island. His friends and relatives will rejoice that Mr. McNeil, here on a holiday visit, has been cleared of the unwarranted charge. In New York he conducts a business as a lathing contractor.

General: C. I. Lidstone, Aenas Gallant and W. H. Dennis.—S.

PERSONALS

—Mrs. G. M. Muttart and two small children of Summerside are visiting Mrs. Muttart's home in Sackville, N. B.—S.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morrison of Boston, Mass., are touring the Island and are the guests this week of Mrs. Morrison's mother, Mrs. Catherine Arthur of Summerside.—S.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nicholson and little daughter, Jean, have returned to their home in Hearst, Ont., after spending a pleasant holiday with Mr. Nicholson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nicholson, Summerside.—S.

—The Misses Constance and Cecilia Burroughs, Gladys Holman, Margaret Enman and Mrs. H. M. Baker, Summerside spent Thursday and Friday at Dalvey.—S.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leith Smith of Summerside have returned from an enjoyable visit to Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.—S.

—Miss Jessie and Miss Francis Hunt daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunt of St. Eleonors are visiting in Charlottetown.—S.

Bay State Races

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., July 10.—Cita Worthy, a bay mare, owned by Frank D. Whitcomb of this city and driven by Jimmy Small, raced to a straight heat victory in the 2.18 trot this afternoon, the closing event of the Bay State Circuit's stay on the Eastern States Exposition oval. The summary:

- AT SPRINGFIELD Three-year-old (2 in 3), Purse \$1,000 Short Hill, b c by Mr. McElwain (Hodson) 6 1 1 Why Not, b c (Becker) 1 2 6 Lew Jennings, b c (McGrath) 3 4 2 Betty Curtis, b f (Flemming) 2 3 4 Sunnalden, b f (L'Brule) 5 5 3 Calumet Bertha (Neilson) 4 6 5 Time—2.11, 2.14, 2.12 1-2.

- 2.09 Pace (Three Heats), Purse \$800 City Worthy, b m by Guy Worthing (Small) 1 1 1 Hollywood Brown, b h (Britenfield) 3 2 4 Horton, b g (Rodney) 2 3 6 Volario, ch g (Leonard) 5 6 2 Pomerene, b g (Goodhart) 6 4 3 Prince Nadena, b h (Becker) 4 5 5 Time—2.10 1-2, 2.11, 2.11 3-4.

EXPERT SURVEYS EUROPE'S WOOD

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(U.P.)—A survey of the European markets for American lumber in an effort to handle some of the surplus lumber created by domestic over-production is being made by Axel H. Oxholm, director of the National Committee on Wood Utilization. He will present the result of his survey upon his return from abroad and domestic lumber leaders anticipate new outlets in spite of the heavy competition from northern European lumber interests. In addition to his direct commercial investigation, Oxholm is studying European wood uses to obtain, if possible, new methods which may be applicable in this country. Oxholm's trip will not take him into Soviet Russia, which has threatened American lumber producers with underselling, but will cover the principle other nations of northwestern Europe, including England, Germany and Scandinavia.

ly, furnish ample protection for a husband who has just quarreled with his wife. Patrick J. Noonan, a resident of Boston's West End, learned that recently when he fled to the Joy street police station, seeking refuge from his infuriated "better half."

POLICE STATION DIDN'T SAVE HIM FROM LUSTY SOCK

BOSTON, July 10.—(U.P.)—Even a police station does not, apparently

Speaking Of Sports

(By Dixon Stewart, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Old Golf Ball Still In Use

Despite the edict of the United States Golf Association that golf simply isn't golf unless it is played with the new "balloon" ball introduced at the start of the present season, thousands of players still are using the heavier and livelier ball of previous years. The new balloon ball is highly unpopular with average players, even though the professionals and top-flight amateurs find that it makes little difference in scoring. The "dub" players, who make up 90 per cent of the golfing populace, find the new ball a distinct handicap and many of them have returned to the old ball.

Players Vote For Old Ball

Two New York clubs, Siwanoy and Green Meadows, took polls and found that more than 95 per cent of their members favored the old ball. Directors then decided that the clubs should be run for the pleasure of the members rather than to suit the whims of the U. S. G. A., and approved the use of the old ball in all club competitions. Green Meadows went even further and plans an investigation tourney in which the old ball will be the approved spheroid.

Many other clubs have continued to use the old ball without any "ballyhoo," and the Central Ohio Golf Association notified the U. S. G. A. that its member clubs were ignoring the official ruling making the "balloon ball" the only legal ball.

All of the prominent manufacturers discontinued making the old ball under an agreement with the U. S. G. A.—the increased profits on the sale of new equipment which players were told was necessary to secure maximum results with the new ball more than offsetting the expense of changing their ball manufacturing machinery.

Further Change Likely

Many small manufacturers, however, are "bootlegging" the illegal golf ball, and with the demand for their product increasing daily it is expected that the larger manufacturers also will make balls of the old standard size any weight available. Further change in the ball is believed certain before next season. The U. S. G. A. is reported to be ready to back down on its edict and already is experimenting with many new types of ball. It is expected that the 1932 ball will incorporate the best features of the "balloon" ball and its predecessor, being as large as the previous ball and as heavy as the lively ball of previous years.

UNSINKABLE BOAT FOUND BUT IT'S ONLY A MODEL; STILL IT KEEPS FLOATING

PARIS, July 10.—What proved to be an unsinkable ship model was tested on the lake at Vichy in the presence of an official Commission of French naval engineers today. The model, says Le Matin, was constructed by an inventor named Chartrain, who had been seeking for 20 years, to interest the authorities in his invention. The boat had a hull of thin plate, and in character was a diminutive Atlantic liner. One of the chief naval engineers received the task of trying to sink it. It was rolled over to an angle of 45 degrees, and the engineer drove a hole in one side below the waterline. Other holes followed, and still the model refused to sink. It floated only a half inch lower in the water.

Three men stood on it till it was almost submerged. When they leaped off it righted itself, and came up pouring water out of every orifice. M. Chartrain offered to cut his ship in two so as to demonstrate that each end would still continue afloat, but the experts declared themselves satisfied for the moment. They will hold a conference in Paris with the inventor next week to examine the principles and qualities of this unsinkable ship.

BOSTON BOYS' CLUB LARGEST IN AMERICA

BOSTON, July 9. (U.P.)—Boston has the biggest boys' club in America. Established 38 years ago with 35 members, two rooms above a grocery store as headquarters and a contributed working capital of \$1,004, the Boys' Club of Boston now has 11,047 members between the ages of 7 and 21, and two model club-houses valued at approximately \$1,000,000.

CHINA PLANS ENTRY INTO INDUSTRIAL FIELD

NANKING, July 10.—(U.P.)—The Minister of Industry has announced plans for establishing government factories in China to manufacture textiles, woollens, silk and sugar, and chemicals. A committee has been appointed to arrange details. The government already has allocated \$3,000,000 (silver) to construct a government engineering works for manufacture of machine

MORSE'S TEA Makes Good Tea a Certainty

LOOKING 'EM OVER

BY TEC

The New Glasgow News, July 8th says: The collections at the Westville game last night were eleven dollars and some cents. Very discouraging to promoters who stand to lose before the season is over.

THE CANADIAN TENNIS SITUATION

Canadian Lawn Tennis and Badminton comments as follows on the tennis situation in Canada: A very common question among people is: Why does Canada not rank higher in Davis Cup competition? Probably the most obvious reason for the Dominion's failure in Davis Cup play is due to the short season. This very fact alone is in itself sufficient to explain the question. At the very most, the tennis season in Toronto starts about the middle of April and lasts till the middle of November, seven months, and after the inclement weather at the beginning and toward the end of the season prevents play at that time. Toronto is apparently the only city in Canada where play can be had even then. Montreal, of course, has its magnificent Indoor Club, which allows the players all-year-round play. It is undoubtedly true that in order to develop high-class tennis players it is imperative that they should play all year.

Nor is the short season the only handicap that exists and places the Canadian tennis player at such a disadvantage. There is besides the fact that it is very difficult to get good competition in Canada. The result is that if a player is to develop he must go to the various tournaments in the United States. True, there are a few good tournaments in Canada, where a person can get good competition and excellent experience, but these are few and far between.

ENGLISH PLAYERS DEMAND SILENCE

Over in Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia, enforced silence will reign when the English Davis Cup team takes to the clay in another European zone tennis tournament. (When the allied powers started

KING GEORGE WILL USE NEW 'MIKE' FOR BROADCAST

LONDON, July 10.—(U.P.)—King George will use a brand new microphone when he opens the King George Hospital at Ilford, July 18. It replaces the one which he has used on a number of important occasions. The new microphone, which has been specially prepared for his exclusive use has silver fittings with the royal cypher in gold. It rests on a chromium-plated pedestal carrying a silver panel, embellished with the royal arms in gold on which will be engraved the dates when the instrument is used. The original microphone hitherto reserved for the Kings' use has history engraved on its gold and silver case in the dates of the many state and national events in which it has figured.

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WATER WELL DRILLER WINS BET WITH STATE

LEBANON, O., July 10.—(U.P.)—A. R. Posey, Cincinnati, well driller, has won his gamble with the state of Ohio and is richer by about \$1,500. Posey had submitted bids for drilling wells on a state farm, near here, but they had been rejected because it was claimed they were too high. Successful contractors had drilled four times to depths of 144 feet and had found no water. When Posey offered to produce a well giving 50 gallons of water a minute he would ask no pay, he was given a chance. He picked his own location and drilled for two weeks, at the end of which time he struck water at a depth of 137 feet. The well yielded 400 gallons a minute for 66 hours.

carving up Austria-Hungary after the war they might at least have given pronounceable names to the new countries which they created. The Czechs and Slovaks are descendants of the ancient kingdom of Bohemia, and are endeavoring in an uphill way to preserve the heritage and carry on the traditions of that musical comedy country. By a decree of tennis authorities they are to be barred from expressing approval and disapproval as the games are in progress. That ruling seems a little harsh. The Bohemians were always noted for their gaiety and lightheartedness. They would far rather laugh, talk, shout, dance, drink beer and generously enjoy themselves than work for a living. So would we as a matter of fact. Their descendants the Czechs, are bent in the same direction. Alas the Slovaks.

GEORGE EARNSHAW IN "IRON MAN" ROLE

With George Earnshaw on the hilltop the Philadelphia Athlete defeated Washington yesterday 7 to 3, and lengthened their lead the American League to five and half games. Earnshaw, beaten Sunday, allowed only eight runs but it was not until the seventh inning that the A's came through with three runs to salt away victory. In the other game played ago and S. Louis each made ten hits, the White Sox won by 10 to 8. The game went to innings. Walter Stewart, ex-lasted until the ninth, when E. hitter Kimsley replaced him hit a homer to tie the score. 7 say then took over the pitching job, and was eventually charged with the defeat. In the National the St. Louis Cardinals bowed twice to the Chicago Cubs, and the race became a wide-open affair. The double win sent the Bruins back into third place, while the Brooklyn Dodgers, who went to the fourth rung, are only three and a half games behind the league leaders. The Giants, runners-up, trail the champions by three games. Today New York plays at Philadelphia, and Brooklyn at Boston. The Dodgers face a tough assignment, but they should whip the Braves in this series. The Giants, despite the lowly position of the Phillies, may have their troubles owing to the short fences and the heavy hitting of their opponents.

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