

Boy Birth Rate In England Showing Increase Recently

More Male Than Female Babies Seen as Nature's Genius.

London.—More boys are being born in England and Wales this year, in comparison with the number of girls, according to the latest figures published by the registrar-general.

The quarterly return shows that boys have been born in England and Wales during the first quarter of 1935 in the proportion of 1,062 to 1,000 females. "This figure," said a Somerset House official, "is the highest since the war and probably the highest in the last 50 years."

Experts have for many years considered a theory that after a great war or disaster nature adjusts the balance between the sexes by increasing the number of male babies in proportion to the female.

Figures show that the adjustment of the balance between the births of boys and the births of girls have been carried out in almost every year since the Great War.

Official returns for 40 years before the war show that the average male excess was in the proportion of 1,038 boys to 1,000 girls.

A summary of the figures since 1920, when there were 1,052 boys for every 1,000 girls born, indicates that the increase in boys has always exceeded the pre-war average.

U. S. ANTI-NAZI WAVE HAS LUTHER ON THE SPOT



Flaunting by increasing number of Nazi critics of Rooseveltian "good neighbor" foreign policy of limiting the U. S. A. to minding its own business, has put the U. S. A. Department of State "on the spot" and given Ambassador Hans Luther (left), the most responsible diplomatic assignment in Washington. He must uphold Reich dignity against American inter-

ference with its internal affairs, as voiced by left to right, Representative Martin Dickstein, Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, of New York City, and William Green, the President of the American Federation of Labor, and the youths (shown in court hearing in New York City) who tore down the Nazi flag from the German liner "Bremen."

dians, there are many others in the waters surrounding Japan and the fishing industry is a most important one, fresh fish being available at all times and seasons.

While Japan imports largely certain commodities such as raw cotton, wool, crude oil, nickel, lead, wood pulp, etc., yet her own resources are many and varied. To mention a few—coal, iron ore, cement, building stone, etc., and limited quantities of copper, gold, crude oil and timber. It should also not be overlooked that the many resources of Manchukuo are also available.

The rapid adoption of Western ideas in business affairs is a striking feature. The history of the growth and development of the two great concerns Mitsui and Mitsubishi would make interesting reading. These groups, apparently independent of each other, own and control banks, trust companies, insurance companies, and many different manufacturing enterprises. In addition they control ship-building companies and own and operate cargo and passenger ships. The mercantile marine is a credit to the nation. Many of their modern cargo ships are equipped with Diesel engines and have a speed of 15 to 18 knots per hour. Within the last few weeks a cargo ship the "Kango Maru," 7,543 tons, maximum speed 20 knots, started on her maiden voyage Yokohama to New York. The fastest oil tanker in the world, speed 19 knots, is a product of Japan. Their passenger ships, particularly those operated by the N.Y.K. Line are modern and up-to-date in all respects.

Japan has a population of close to 70,000,000 and the annual increase is between 750,000 and 1,000,000. The islands of Japan proper and Formosa are overpopulated and when you take into account that only 20 per cent. of the land in Japan is arable it can be readily realized what a serious problem this large yearly addition to the population presents. It appears that the Japanese are not partial to cold countries, consequently Manchukuo has not provided the outlet for the surplus expected. Last year only about 20,000 Japanese migrated to Manchukuo and many of that number returned.

Tokyo, the capital, with a population between five and six million is an impressive city. The earthquake and fire of 1923 destroyed a large part of the city and in consequence it is today a

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A Visitor's Impressions of Japan and Its People

THE FOLLOWING is the record of a visitor's impressions of Japan after a residence of six months in the city of Yokohama. This country and people present many amazing and striking features, all interesting to the transient resident. To a business man taking into account the statistics of the country's import and export trade, and observing the great activity prevailing in manufacturing and commerce, the progress made the last 15 years is most striking and has never been equalled by any other nation. The main underlying causes are due without doubt to the character and industry of the people, the low cost of living, and the further fact that the national currency of the country, the Yen, has a value in American currency at this time of 28 to 29 cents whereas, prior to Japan going off the gold standard, the nominal or par value was 50 cents. The country

being practically self supporting so far as food is concerned, living costs, as it affects the laboring classes, have not increased.

The scale of wages, as might be expected, is remarkably low. The writer is informed that the average daily wage paid for ordinary labor by one of the large oil distributing companies is 1 yen 60 sen (Y1.60) per day and that in the case of an American-Japanese rubber company, manufacturers of tires, etc., the average daily wage, apart from the executive, is less than two yen (Y2.00). This scale of wage, coupled with the fact that an 11-hour day is the rule and that there are only three non-working days per month, explains to some extent how it is that Japan is so rapidly increasing her export trade. It must not be concluded that the prevailing wage scale is on a starvation basis as it is estimated that ten sen per day (about

three cents) will cover the food cost of the single individual. The diet of the laboring man consists almost entirely of rice, fish and vegetables. The vegetables are many and varied and as three and four crops per year are grown they are consequently very cheap.

With regard to fish, in addition to the varieties known to Cana-

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At First Church of Christ, Scientist, Saint John, N.B., the subject of the lesson-sermon next Sunday is: "Mind." Golden Text: 1st Corinthians 2: "Who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

Among the citations are the following: John 5:52, "Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to mend. And they said unto him 'yesterday at the seventh hour before the fever left him.' So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in which Jesus said unto him, 'Thy son liveth'; and himself believed and his whole house." And from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, 149:28, "Whatever guides thought spiritually benefits mind and body. We need to understand the affirmations of divine Science, dismiss superstition and demonstrate truth according to Christ."

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