

STATE BALL AT QUEBEC.

Their Excellencies Entertain Naval Visitors.

Prince Louis and His Gallant Officers Win the Hearts of Quebec Society

Quebec, Aug. 16.—The state ball given at the Citadel vice-regal quarters in honor of His Serene Highness Prince Louis of Battenberg and the officers of the second cruiser squadron by Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess Grey was a most brilliant affair.

There were between seven and eight hundred guests present, including His Royal Highness and the officers of the fleet, Major General Lake and the commanding officers of all the volunteer militia regiments of Quebec in full uniform, members of the Consular corps in their official dress and decorations, members of the Canadian senate, parliament, local legislature and their ladies, and the elite of Quebec society.

The scene was a most enchanting one to behold—the beautiful decorations of the interior of the vice-regal quarters, in contrast with the rich and variegated uniforms of artillery, infantry and rifle regimental officers, together with the superb full dress of the naval officers intermingled with the rich gowns of the ladies, set off to great advantage by the scintillating effects of their diamonds.

The ball itself was a magnificent success by the splendor of all its arrangements, and the admirable systematic management in which they were carried out.

Dancing commenced at ten o'clock, shortly after His Excellency the Governor General entered the ball room, accompanied by the Countess Grey, Lady Evelyn Grey, Prince Louis and their suites. His Excellency wore his consular dress, and the Countess looked elegant in her magnificent costume set off with the coronet. His Excellency and household staff were indefatigable in looking after the comfort of their guests, regardless of rank and were to be seen everywhere with that object.

In the meantime His Serene Highness Prince Louis of Battenberg went in for a good time and had it. He is the possessor of a free and genial personality, and makes himself very popular wherever he goes. His officers are all extremely pleasant fellows, and have won the hearts of the Quebec society, and they also enjoyed themselves at the ball, which was kept up until after two o'clock in the morning.

The supper arrangements were in keeping with the other superb details in connection with the entertainment.

RACE SUICIDE.

Proportion of Children Under Five to Every 1000 Women of Child-bearing Age Less in Massachusetts Than in Any State in Union.

Proportion of Children Born to Foreign Mothers Far Greater Than Born to the Native.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—That there has been a persistent decline of the birth rate of the United States since 1860 is the conclusion reached in a bulletin issued today by the census bureau. The proportion of children under 5 years of age to every 1000 women of child-bearing age is less in Massachusetts than in any state in the Union, the District of Columbia being the only place having a smaller proportion.

The bulletin was prepared by Prof. Walter F. Willcox of Cornell University, and it explained that although the analysis made offers many suggestions as to the probable tendencies in the birth rate of the United States, it is primarily not a study in birth rates, but a study in the proportion of children to the total population, or to the number of women of child-bearing age.

Between 1850 and 1860 the proportion of children to women between 15 and 45, the child-bearing age, increased, but since 1860 it has constantly decreased. It is stated that the decrease has been very unequal from decade to decade, but that if the computation is made upon the basis of 20 year periods, it has been regular. In 1860 the number of children under 5 years of age to 1000 women, 15 to 45 years of age, was 434; in 1900 it was 474. The proportion of children to potential mothers in 1900 was only three-fourths as large as in 1860.

Considered sectionally, it is found that in the north and west there has been a more and less regular decline, while in the south the change has been less regular and the decline less marked. In 1858 the proportion of children to 1000 women in the north and west was five sixths of what it was in the south; in 1900 it was less than three-fourths. In 1900 the smallest proportion of children was in the District of Columbia, where it was hardly more than one-fourth the number of women of child-bearing age. The next smallest proportion was in Massachusetts, where it was slightly more than one-third. The largest proportion was in North Dakota and Indian Territory, in each of which it was two-thirds.

In the general decrease between 1860 and 1900, not a single state in the North Atlantic division took part. In seven other states, also, there was no decrease. In only six states—Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana—did the proportion decrease in each of the five decades, and in only Delaware, the District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Oregon and Colorado did it follow the tendency for the country as a whole—that is, increase from 1850 to 1860 and decrease in the four succeeding decades.

A comparison is made between the proportion of children born of native mothers to 1000 native women of child-bearing age, and the proportion of children born of foreign born mothers to 1000 foreign born women of child-bearing age. In 1900 the former proportion was 462, the latter 710, the difference indicating the greater fecundity of foreign born women. The bulletin continues:—

"The comparison also indicates the total decrease in fecundity of white women between 1860 and 1900 was the result of a decrease for native white women, partly offset by an increase for foreign born women.

"In the Atlantic divisions, however, there was as light increase in the proportion of women born to native white mothers, and in the south central division there was but a slight decrease. The decrease for the whole country, therefore, was the result, very largely, of the great decrease in the north central and western divisions.

"The decrease in the proportion of children born to native white women was confined chiefly to cities."

The proportion of negro children to negro women 15 to 49 years of age was largest in 1880, and smallest in 1900. There has been uniformly a larger proportion of negro children than of white children. That difference more than doubled between 1860 and 1880, but in 1900 it was less than half what it was in 1880, and less than at any other census except 1860.

Though the negroes have a larger proportion of children than the whites, it has been noticed that the whites of the south had a larger proportion than the whites in other sections of the country.

same plaintiff against the same defendant, and was also served by the sheriff.

It is said that Dreese pressed his suit for the hand of the fair maiden for three years, introducing her to his friends and acquaintances as his intended bride. He even went so far as to ask her father for permission to wed.

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SPAIN'S KING ALARMS COURT.

Takes Motor Trip and Rides Across Pyrenees.

Visits Lourdes Shrine—Is Impressed With Sufferings of Pilgrims and Promises to Pray for Them.

Madrid, Aug. 18.—There was consternation in court and ministerial circles yesterday owing to the sudden disappearance of the King from San Sebastian.

His Majesty started on his motor car without warning, and in a short time all trace of him had been lost. Police telephones were set ringing, Pampeluna, Hendaye and other places being called up in turns, but all declared they had seen nothing of the King.

While San Sebastian telephoned the Governor of Navarre, the young King was speeding across the Pyrenees, via Jaca, and on to Pau, where he visited the castle of Henry IV.

The authorities of Pampeluna waited to catch a sight of the elusive monarch, but he crossed the town at such a speed without stopping that the news they were able to repeat to the authorities was most confusing.

One officer declared that the King was accompanied by Infanta Teresa, but a message from San Sebastian stated that the Infanta had remained there. It was then agreed that one of the King's companions had been mistaken for a lady.

Finally, doubts were set at rest by positive information that the King was at Tarbes, and afterwards that he had motored to Lourdes, where he visited the famous grotto.

Nobody took much notice of the tall young man who dressed in a blue motoring costume and car, stood in an attitude of deep devotion before the grotto, over which

the crutches of the miraculously cured are arranged in a canopy, and where by night and day wax candles are kept burning.

As the King took his place in the long line of pilgrims waiting for their cup of water from the spring, a whisper went round that the devout young pilgrim was his Catholic Majesty.

It is characteristic of Lourdes that his presence did not interfere with the bathing or drinking of the water, and that the continuous appeal to the Virgin to heal the sick who had come there to seek her help never stopped for an instant.

The young King prayed for some time at the grotto, and then went into the basilica to mass. On his way to the building, which is only 200 yards from the grotto, the King was mobbed by poor sufferers—cripples, consumptives and pilgrims of all ages—who begged His Majesty to pray for them. In some cases they even asked him to touch their wounds.

King Alfonso was evidently deeply moved by all the suffering he saw around him, and promised to pray for the pilgrims.

Inside the cathedral the King was shown the chalice which had been given by his father, Alfonso XII, when Prince of the Escorial.

The government agrees with high dignitaries of the royal household that something should be done to check the King's unbridled motor enthusiasm. The difficulty is that no one knows how to proceed with it.

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