



Fifteen years ago the news that the Kaiser's grandson was working in Henry Ford's assembly plant in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for \$3 a day would have furnished a topic for Sunday pages in the big newspapers. Now the fact that the son of the Crown Prince has had to go to work under the name of "Doctor Ferdinand" is hardly a theme for a passing paragraph.

Some of the results of the Great War may be debatable, but that it finally exploded the old idea of royalty ruling by Divine mandate is all to the good.

CO-OPERATION

The purpose of the Federal Farm Board is to convert farming from a hit-or-miss mode of living into a business. It can share in the nation's general prosperity only by adopting business methods. In the process, many farmers will have to give up farming and go into something else. That may sound harsh, but it is the plain logic of the trend of events.

William M. Jardine, former Secretary of Agriculture and himself a successful practical farmer, says there are too many farms and farmers. In any sound business, producers regulate their output to the demand for their products. Farmers have not done that because they have never worked together.

The Farm Board program is the greatest experiment in co-operation ever attempted in the world. Its success will depend upon the intelligence and vision of the men who run it.

DAWES

They are talking about Charles G. Dawes for Mayor of Chicago. The election will be in April, 1931. If the former Vice-President present Ambassador to Great Britain, can be nominated, he probably can be elected. If he is elected, Chicago will get the most complete cleaning-up it has ever had. The trouble will be to get the nominally Republican but actually bipartisan machine which controls Chicago politics to let him be nominated. The ostensible basis of opposition will be that he is not a resident of Chicago but of the adjoining city of Evanston.

POPULATION

Take out your watch and look at the seconds hand. Count thirteen seconds. Somewhere in the United States a baby has been born. Follow the hand to the 23-second mark. Someone has died. Watch it for a minute and a half. Another immigrant has landed on our shores. Hold it for five and a half minutes. Somebody has sailed away from America to stay.

The average of all those computations, worked out by the United States Census office, is the addition of one person to our total population every 23 seconds. While you slept eight hours last night, 2,215 babies were born, 1,208 persons died.

The net increase in population is 3,624 a day. At midnight on December 31, as the first stroke of 1930 sounded, there were 121,873,140 living inhabitants of the United States, the Census people figured.

If there were no immigration and nobody left the country, the excess of births over deaths would add 3,000 a day to our population, or more than a million a year.

COLD

The other day I saw a covered truck on Sixth avenue, New York, with the name of an ice-cream maker on the side and the words "Temperature 105 degrees below zero." Freezing ice-cream so solid that it will keep for weeks if stored at any temperature below 32 degrees is only one of the commercial applications of the new freezing processes in which both liquid air and solid carbon dioxide are used.

Fish, meats, fruits and vegetables frozen so quickly and thoroughly that their juices do not form ice-crystals to rupture the fibers are now on the market in the large cities. They taste, when thawed, just like fresh food. Chicago packers are preparing to put out frozen meats in the form of single steaks, chops, roasts, each sealed in cellulose and shipped in containers designed to keep them frozen until delivered to the consumer.

If this method develops as it promises, the world center of the meat industry may shift from the United States to Argentina, Australia or South Africa, where land and labor are cheap and cattle and sheep can be raised at small cost.

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