

**1,363,000 FRENCH
KILLED IN BATTLE**

**Statistics Are Striking Appeal
Against Wars.**

Paris.—The most striking appeal against future war is contained in statistics finally worked out regarding the lasting records of France's war losses. M. Gaston Cadoux, former president of the Paris Statistical society, now has made reckonings which peace organizations in every country might well keep in mind for future propaganda.

The population of France at the outbreak of the war was 39,000,000. From these the government mobilized for the army and navy 8,355,000. Of this number 1,363,000 lost their lives. This figure represents one-sixth of the mobilized effectives, one-seventh of the masculine population of the country and one-twentieth of the whole.

If the dead alone might be drawn up in a serried line it would require the Twentieth Century Limited, traveling without stop at sixty miles an hour, some nine hours to reach the end. The entire mobilization of human material by France would have reached from San Francisco to New York if placed shoulder to shoulder.

Comparing the percentage of losses suffered by the principal belligerents. M. Cadoux reckons that his country had one dead or missing per 28 inhabitants, as against 35 in Germany, 50 in Austria-Hungary, 66 in Great Britain, 79 in Italy, 107 in Russia and 2,000 in the United States.

France's agricultural male population of 5,008,971 lost 699,219. Of 1,327,156 engaged in commercial pursuits, 155,977 were lost. Of 915,686 artisans of the building trades, 163,747 did not return. There were 235,320 men of liberal professions mobilized and 40,432 died. Transport workers numbering 60,972 failed to return of 665,029 who went to war. There were 21,426 civil servants, 2,712 ecclesiastics, 50,190 students and 9,493 persons of independent means without profession killed.

The statistician's reckoning shows that the return of Alsace-Lorraine did not compensate for the ghastly hole torn in the populace by war. Whereas the population of France was 39,000,000 in 1914, it has fallen to 39,200,000 after these provinces returned to the fold.

**Records Show German
Soldiers Were Sold**

Berlin.—Investigation into the manner in which some of the fortunes of Germany's former royal houses were acquired, in connection with the question of indemnification by the republic, has disclosed that German princelings up to the Nineteenth century had sold 206,166 of their subjects for \$3,750,000 to England for army service against the American colonies, the French and other enemies.

Duke Karl Wilhelm Ferdinand of Braunschweig sent 4,300 men to England for \$38 a head. It is disclosed with an additional indemnity of \$22 a head for each man killed in action three wounded men to be counted as one dead one.

Landgrave Frederick of Hesse "sold" 12,000 Hessians at \$75 a head, with an annual "rental" fee of \$500,000.

There has been produced a letter from the Landgrave of Hessen-Cassel to Baron Hohendorf, his commanding officer in the American colonies, in which the writer commended the baron "for seeing to it that of 1,950 of the landgrave's peons in the battle of Trenton only 300 escaped alive."

"Be sure to send an itemized statement of the losses to London," the letter continues, "as the English minister wants to pay me for only 1,455 killed. I am entirely dissatisfied with Major Mindorf, who, according to dispatches, succeeded in saving his battalion of Hessians."

**Tokyo Girls Object
to Marriage Customs**

Tokyo.—The modern Japanese girl—a canvass at a girls' high school closed—does not favor the present-day system under which most of the marriages are "arranged."

In opposition to the prevailing mode fifty-three girls in one school said that to marry men of whom they had no previous knowledge was dangerous. Sixteen were opposed because the custom ignores the sentiments of the ones to be married. Ten objected to the use of a go-between to make arrangements and all agreed that the marriage question should be more seriously considered.

Ranking preferences for husbands were, government officials first and then, in order, business men, educators, farmers, physicians and army officers.

Third Set of Teeth

Cushing, Okla.—Rev. D. A. McLaury, pioneer minister of Cushing, is growing his third set of teeth. He has now eight new molars and others are "sprouting." They are not as large as his second set, but answer the purpose for practical use and will save him a large dentist's bill for a new set, he declares.

Would Fast 100 Days

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Frank Wolfe, a farmer, thinks he could go 100 days without food, having fasted half that time recently to reduce his weight. He is challenging Mr. Jolly of Berlin for the world's championship. Jolly has just fasted forty-four days.

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