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URBAN POPULATION SURPASSES RURAL

United States Census Shows That for the First Time Dwellers in Cities and Towns Outnumber Those in the Country.

Washington, District of Columbia — Urban population in the United States now surpasses the rural population, according to figures made public yesterday by the United States Census Bureau which show that more than half the inhabitants of this country live in cities and towns of 2500 population or more.

At the time the census was taken the urban population totalled 54,318,-372 and the rural population was 51,390,730. In the past the rural population has always been largest.

The change in conditions was foreshadowed by former census figures which showed large declines in farming population.

There was, for example, an absolute decline in the population of Vermont; farming regions in all parts of the country, particularly New England showed large reductions in population, and in some of the best farming country in the United States—in Oklahoma and Arkansas—the population was 46,000 less in five counties than in 1910.

Although farm products (as well as farm population generally) fell off, land values of farms increased—does its [illegible] two conditions obviously [illegible] with the increase in farm [illegible] it become [illegible] difficult to make a profit on farm products and the property [illegible] mortgage holder.

Cities and towns gained [illegible] population as compared with 1910, according to the census figures. They [illegible] 51.4 per cent of the total population of the country.

The world war accentuated the drift from the farms to the cities, for not only were young men from the farms attracted by high wages in munitions factories and shipyards, but patriotic [illegible] from the farm, like these workmen accepted city life and would not go back to the farms after the war.

INTERESTING STORY OF THREE AIRMEN

United States Balloonists Conclude Interesting Adventure After Making Forced Landin Northern Canadian Woods

Ottawa, Ontario—The arrival at Mattice of the three United States army balloonists, Lieut. Louis Kloeber, Lieut. Stephen A. Farrell and Lieut. Walter Heaton, after a long journey from the northern woods of Ontario, is the last adventure which has been [illegible] with lively interest for nearly a month. The men left the naval air station at Rockaway, Long Island, on December 13, in a free balloon with [illegible] in the nature of a Hart saw Quebec railway map.

Soon after they became entangled in the [illegible] and learned from a local man who came to assist them that they were near Wells, New York. At 11 o'clock that night they loosted Otta[illegible] beneath them, but did not descend, being anxious to make a record flight. Next morning, as the clouds below them lessened, they saw nothing but woods, into the tops of which they could not dive, freeing themselves by [illegible] all their sand bags and [illegible].

Finally, hoping to reach [illegible] they decided to land in the forest. They found themselves about 30 miles northeast of Moose Factory, James Bay, Ontario, having been 25 hours in the balloon.

Having [illegible] from civilization [illegible] the most [illegible] of the adventure [illegible] four days' tramping in the snow, with nothing to eat except [illegible] and [illegible] meat of the deer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]