

CENSUS BULLETIN ON BLIND AND DEAF

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Washington, July 8.—About one person in every 1,200 was blind, and one in every 850 persons was deaf in the United States in 1900, according to a special census report on the blind and deaf bulletin just issued by the census bureau. The inquiry was conducted under the direction of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who determined the scope of the investigation and wrote the text of the report on the deaf.

The total number of blind in the United States in 1900 was 64,763, of whom 35,365 were totally blind and 29,115 partially blind.

In these figures, however, the report says can not be considered as the minimum, as an unknown proportion of the blind were not located by the enumerators. Of the total blind 37,654 were males and 27,709 females. The blindness is chiefly a defect of adult life, almost 65 per cent of the blind becoming so after 20 years of age. About one-tenth of the total number of blind were born so. The number of blind per 1,000 of population was greater among the negroes than among the whites, and greater among the foreign-born whites than among the native whites.

In about 5 per cent of the cases of blindness reported, the parents of the blind were cousins. Of the blind whose parents who were so related 55,541 were congenitally blind, while among the blind whose parents were not congenital the proportion congenitally blind was 63 per cent. Of the blind 19 per cent were engaged in some gainful occupation.

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COL. J. H. CURTIS DEAD.

One of Montana's Most Widely Known

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Butte, Mont., July 8.—Col. John H. Curtis, one of the most widely known pioneers of Montana, died in this city at an early hour this morning of Bright's disease, after an illness of four months' duration.

Col. Curtis's property holdings in Butte are very extensive. He was director of the State Savings bank and the John H. Curtis & Co., one of the largest real estate houses in the city. He came to Montana in 1868, boating up the Missouri river, before the days of the railroad in Montana. He was a member of a number of orders.

FIRE ON NAPHTHA SHIP.

Singapore, July 8.—The British oil steamer Indra, Capt. Williams, from New York to Shanghai, with 260 drums of naphtha and 350 cases of oil on board, caught fire this evening just east of this harbor. Many drums were thrown overboard and the fire was eventually put out. The Indra continued on her voyage.

The fire began by the bursting of one of the naphtha drums. Flaming naphtha flowed across the deck, and the other drums caught fire almost immediately. The Chinese crew refused to help in throwing the burning drums overboard and clambered into lighters. The captain and officers of the Indra beached the flaming drums into the sea and managed to save the ship whose iron deck prevented a general conflagration.

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EMPEROR WILL GRANT AMNESTY.

London, July 8.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says in a dispatch that it is declared to be Emperor William's intention to grant a somewhat extended amnesty on the occasion of the baptism of his grandson, the first born of Crown Princess Frederick William. This amnesty is to apply where there has been no heinous breach of the criminal code involving a loss of civic honor.

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PROMOTION OF OFFICERS.

Should be Some Process Whereby the Inefficient Ones May be Weeded Out.

Oyster Bay, July 7.—Important steps calculated to materially develop the efficiency of the army were taken today by President Roosevelt and Secy. Taft at Sagamore Hill. In his last annual message to Congress the president said the number of posts in which the army is kept in time of peace should be materially diminished and the posts that are left made correspondingly larger.

This recommendation is to be carried out at once. Seven brigade posts to be commanded by brigadier generals, are to be established. Two others are desired, but the funds at the disposal of the secretary may not be sufficient to allow their equipment during the present fiscal year.

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