

Workers Fully Hom

It is admitted on all sides that Germany owes its position among the nations to a surprising decrease in the birth rate. Of recent years, in fact, the German Emigration return of the Europe. Mr. Gaffney's comparisons—

In 1908 the emigrants from only 19,880, which was 11.8 for the first time since the founded in 1871 the number 20,000. The Franco-Prussian an economic crisis, and the great numbers, until number of emigrants 202,900 for that year. The to decrease yearly, until 100,000 was reached. But industries began to develop the people were not driven across the seas. In 1894 the fell suddenly to 40,954, in 33,820 in 1896. From 189 mean average was 27,528, of population. Altogether, the Empire has lost 2,750,000 or as many people as can be years by the excess of births.

Since 1882 the emigration year, as Germans have found work at home.

COMMERCIAL

According to "Kemp's Magazine" number of failures recorded in week ending October 2nd was 17. The Proceedings published in "Gazette," nil; Deeds of Arrangement of Sale Office, 5. The respective responding week of last year 4; Deeds of Arrangement, 4; net decrease in Bankruptcies of 1 in Deeds of Arrangement in 11.

The number of Bills of Sale for the same week was 4. The responding week of last year an increase of 2, being a net date, of 41.

The number of Bonds and for the week ending Oct. 2nd were against Traders, and 23 Non-Traders. The numbers in 1 of last year were 21 against 1 Farmers and Non-Traders, at against Traders, and a decrease and non-Traders, being a net date, of 168.

The Mortgages and Charges entered by Limited Companies in week ending October 2nd by way of addition to amount registered in 1909, was £168,753 (in addition to 4 years by the same Companies £23,585 for the corresponding decrease of £202,832.

During a storm at Darwen noon, the gable end of a house five men being injured. On the infirmary.

included many articles of jewellery, plate, and other objets d'art.

THE DEFENDER OF MAFEKING.

Lieut.-General Sir R. S. S. Baden-Powell belongs to that fine class of soldiers, of which Lord Roberts is a burning and shining light, who are not content when their active days of warfare are over to sit on the shelf "to rest unburnished not to shine in use." While Lord Roberts has been stirring up the nation to the vital necessity of learning to defend itself, the defender of Mafeking has been doing much the same invaluable kind of work, but in his own characteristically quiet and clever way. No praise can be too high for the manner, in which Lord Roberts of Candahar, and, we might add, of Kabul, of Delhi, of Pretoria, sacrificed the personal ease and comfort an old soldier naturally expects, in order to conduct his crusade of waking up England. No question can be entertained as to the value of his crusade (says the "Evening Standard and St James's Gazette.") But at least equally good results have been attained by the "slim" soldier, who turned to account a boy's love of adventure and playing at soldiering, and created a great organisation, the Boy Scouts, which implants in the mind of every one of its two or three hundred thousand members just the right instinct of fending for himself, which is one of the essential component parts of the military spirit. Working in characteristically different fashion, the two great soldiers have arrived at the same goal, and while Lord Roberts is beyond and above any further distinction, the knight-hood fitly represents the nation's gratitude to General Baden-Powell.

THE MARQUIS OF ORMONDE'S BIRTHDAY.

The Marquis of Ormonde on Tuesday entered on his 66th year, having been born at Kilkenny Castle, the family seat in Ireland, on October 5 1844. He succeeded to the Peerage when only ten years of age, on the death of his father, and in 1876 married Lady Elizabeth Grosvenor, a daughter of the late Duke of Westminster. The Marquis, who is a collateral descendant of the famous Cavalier leader, "the great Duke of Ormonde," is Hereditary Chief Butler of Ireland (an office which has been in the family since 1177), and Vice-Admiral of Leinster. He is also his Majesty's Lieutenant and Justus Rotulorum for the County of Kilkenny, Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, and was formerly a Captain in the 1st Life Guards.

DEATH OF MR. T. HANCE.

At Limerick Board of Guardians yesterday, Mr H. J. Guinness, Clerk, announced the death of Mr T. Hance, a former apothecary of the Workhouse, but who has been resident out of Limerick for several years past. The sad event took place towards the close of last month, and has been heard of with much regret by many old friends in the city.

The widow of General Boulanger has died at Versailles at the age of seventy-two.

...the harvesting operations led the crop to be saved in good order. The quantity is generally admitted to be largely compensated for by the excellent quality of the crop as fodder. The average is per statute acre of the three descriptions as in the two seasons work out thus:—First year's hay 1909, 1.8, against 2.0 in 1908; second year's hay, 1.7 against 1.9; and permanent meadow 2.2, against 2.3. The acreage led to the crop and the estimated yields are as follows:—

1st year's hay, 1909, extent as against 1908, 137,729 and 134,133; produce, 144 against 295,811; 2nd and 3rd year's hay, extent, 1909, 126,440 against 128,119 in 1908; produce, 236,196 against 257,136; permanent meadow, extent, 1909, 334,700 against 334,700 in 1908; produce, 717,400 against 756,437.

1st year's hay, extent, 1909, 222,129 against 228,223; 2nd and 3rd year's hay, extent, 1909, 25 against 58,516; produce, 165,252 against 165,252; permanent meadow, extent, 476,397 against 476,397; produce, 1,111,446 against 1,111,446.

1st year's hay, extent, 219,915 against 219,915; produce, 549,015 against 549,015; 2nd and 3rd year's hay, extent, 7,052 against 7,052; produce, 112,820 against 112,820; permanent meadow, 696,516 against 696,516.

1st year's hay, extent, 28,879, against 28,879; produce 44,960 against 44,960; 2nd and 3rd year's hay, extent, 37,846 against 37,846; produce, 59,231 against 59,231; permanent meadow, extent, 284,138 against 284,138; produce, 577,000 against 577,000.

The total indicate a substantial increase in acreage and yield in each of the four years.

1st year's hay extent, 498,035 against 498,035; produce, 899,748, against 899,748; 2nd and 3rd year's hay, extent, 332,963, against 332,963; produce, 674,069; against 674,069; permanent meadow, extent, 1,418,540; against 1,418,540; produce, 3,102,370 against 3,102,370.

MEDALS FOR GALLANTRY.

The "London Gazette" states the King has bestowed Edward Medals of the First Class on Michael Lyons and John Shiels for bravery on the occasion of a subsidence of ore at Morgan Mine, Queensland, on November 15th last.

MILKEE OCTOBER FAIR.

The above fair, held on Monday, was very successful. There was a good supply of cattle, and a good attendance of buyers. Heavy milking cattle were in brisk demand.

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