

CRIME EPIDEMIC COVERS EUROPE

Europe is having an "epidemic of crime." The outbreaks in the various countries picturequely typify the characteristics of the different old world races.

Like this:

- English—Series of "ripper" attacks upon children.
- France—Mysterious "Rue Morgue" murders for money and jewels.
- Italy—Startling revival of brigandage, with feudists rampant in Sardinia.
- Russia—Fervidly and unusually busy, while court-martial and firing squads kill them off by dozens.
- Turkey—Investigating committees swamped by charges against grafting officials of fallen government.
- The German and Austrian authorities alone are having a dull time, though queuing between jealous husbands and their rivals in enjoying a remarkable vogue. However, neither Wilhelm's nor Franz Joseph's police consider properly conducted duels as any of their business.

London, Sept. 8.—Scotland Yard attributes England's "ripper" murders to a homicidal maniac. If such is the fact, the work the detectives admit he must be a very active one.

True, no two crimes have occurred simultaneously in as many different places, but they have followed one another so rapidly and at such widely scattered points that the butcher, supposing there is only one, must have traveled far and fast between outrages.

Nevertheless, the similarity of methods in such cases suggests the same hand everywhere. From the ease with which the murderer jumps about the country, the police conclude that he must be a man of means. There have been several arrests, but upon none of the prisoners has it proved possible conclusively to fix a single crime.

More than a dozen little ones have been enticed from home, slain, mutilated and left wrapped in sackcloth, in prominent places in various cities throughout England in the past three months.

What worries the French police is not so much the "crime wave" as the fact that robbery and murder have been increasing steadily for 30 years.

Statistics show that in the entire three decades there has not been a year for which the list of grave crimes did not exceed that of the preceding twelve-month. The increase amounts now to nearly 100 per cent for the 30-year period. There were 107,710 murders or big robberies in France in 1905, the last year for which figures are available, for which no one was punished.

Paris alone has been furnishing five or six murders nightly of late. Most of them are for money and not many of the murderers are caught. The police don't like to have the matter talked about, partly because they say publicity helps the culprits to escape and partly from a strenuous disposition to have their own failures advertised.

They haven't succeeded very well in their efforts at suppressing the news. The papers call the daily murder list "The Red Series" and are making a highly interesting feature of it.

French criminologists say conditions rather than the police should be blamed, however. They attribute the "wave" to obsolete, constant labor troubles, the growing habit of carrying weapons and the over-consideration shown to convicted criminals.

Friends of capital punishment add that the virtual abandonment of the death penalty has done more harm than any other one thing.

The Italian authorities have had better luck than the French in keeping stories of their troubles with brigands out of print. Maybe the press hasn't tried very hard for the facts, for the censorship isn't particularly strict and

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The Sardinians care less for money than their mainland counterparts. 39 men have been killed and more than 80 wounded throughout the island. Just how the fighting started the authorities don't seem to know. Apparently everybody made up his mind to right his wrongs at once.

The civil authorities quickly threw up their hands in despair and the regular island garrisons of troops were reinforced. The soldiers have made about 500 arrests and among them are a number of rich and locally prominent men.

Sardinia offers less room for maneuvering than the mainland and so thickly have troops been scattered over the island that the feudists' operations are beginning to be considerably hampered. A good deal of quiet murdering still goes on, however, and officers are reported say they doubt if order can be restored without a few severe examples and the maintenance perhaps for years of a small army in the mountainous regions of the island.

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The revolutionists are furnishing food for thought in the form of terrorist pamphlets, of the most thrilling kind and in almost unlimited quantity.

The czar is admitted to have secured a period of comparative safety for himself by what the pamphleteers term his false promises of freedom for his people. The revolutionaries themselves, they say, were deceived and permitted the organizations they had built up abroad to be badly started by attempting to transplant them in Russia, under the impression that the government intended to let them do their work peacefully at home.

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Apparently unable to lay their hands on the revolutionary leaders and agents, and unwilling to seem indifferent to the fact that treason is being plotted under their noses, the police are arresting almost anyone whose looks, speech or conduct they consider suspicious.

News of their activity is suppressed as far as possible, but it is admitted that the prisons are so full that the jailers themselves are at their wits' end to find room for the fresh batches of captives who are constantly being turned over to them by the secret police and soldiers.

The revolutionists charge that the courts martial deliberately sentence scores of them to death whenever a prison becomes so full that it is absolutely impossible to crowd anyone else into it without some such weeding-out process.

Even the government officials admit that the firing squads are working long hours, but they say drastic measures are necessary to crush the "crime epidemic" from which the country is suffering, that the civil courts are too slow

The mere classification of the different cases will take months. The failure of most of the fallen officials to keep books or records of any kind adds to the difficulty of reaching a definite conclusion as to the exact extent of grafting. Secretaries, accountants and lawyers are toiling industriously at the mass of accusations and evidence but as yet hardly an impression has been produced upon it.

Among the reformers two factions are developing, one of which urges the punishment of the hoodlums regardless of the country's immediate financial interests, while the other favors com-

promise with those who return all or a considerable part of their stealings. From those who got outside Turkey with their wealth there is no hope of setting anything back. The contingent which had to flee empty handed abandoning properties in their native land and the hundreds who were caught and imprisoned are making liberal offers for immunity, however. A considerable proportion of the reformers think the government needs the money more than it does the punishment of the already disgraced and degraded ex-officials.

Thus far, however, the pro-punishment party is in the ascendant.

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