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SUICIDES SURROUND THEIR DEATHS WITH MYSTERY ELEMENTS

New York, Dec. 21.—Of the more than 15,000 persons who committed suicide in this country last year, a greater number than ever before sought to cast mystery over the manner of their going, declared Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, consulting statistician of the Prudential Life Insurance company of America, in an analysis of suicides in 1921, just made public.

"To an increasing extent," said the report, "the facts and circumstances are deliberately confused to make the verdict of 'death from accident' the only alternative. In a majority of cases, however, the surrounding circumstances are suggestive of deliberately planned self murder. Cases of accidental poisoning, 'accidental falls' and 'accidental shootings' are becoming more prevalent.

"But the most appalling aspect of the present day suicide problem is the recurring frequency with which others are drawn into the tragedy of murder and under conditions which are frequently revolting."

Tables Show Rate.
Dr. Hoffman's report presented tables, based on statistics from 45 cities, to show that the suicide rate per 100,000 had increased to 15.7 in 1921, as compared with 12.4 in 1920. It was a fraction higher than the average—12.2 for the five-year period 1916-1920, but compared favorably with figures for the three preceding five-year periods, which showed rates of 17.8, 19.5 and 20.4, respectively.

San Diego, Cal., set the high record for 1921, with a suicide rate of 38.7, San Francisco coming second with 37.3, Spokane, Wash., third with 32.5, and Los Angeles fourth with 27.9. Dr. Hoffman hazarded the guess that this was because of the number of health and fortune seekers who migrate yearly to the west coast, many of whom fail to find what they are seeking.

Two cities in the list reported a zero suicide rate—Massillon, O., and Newport, R. I.

Death Methods Differ.
The analysis showed that men suicides preferred the shooting and hanging routes, while the greatest percentage of women suicides elected poison and asphyxiation. Almost three times as many men as women ended their own lives, 40.8 per cent of them electing fire arms and 17.8 per cent choosing the rope. Only 14.7 per cent of the female suicides shot themselves and 13.4 per cent chose hanging. Poison claimed 30.3 per cent of the women suicides and asphyxiation 20.7. Percentages for men by these latter methods were respectively 12.5 and 11.1 per cent.

That suicide goes hand in hand with development of civilization was deduced from charts of the southern states comparing negroes and whites. Negroes were shown to have solved their difficulties by killing their fellowmen in the ratio of 24.8 homicides to 1.9 suicides. Whites in the same states had a homicide-suicide ratio of 11.3 to 19.

New York—The New York Yankees did not go after Babe Benton, former Giant pitcher who starred with St. Paul last season, because "Babe" Johnson said he did not want him in the American league and a National league manager said he wouldn't do us any good," Col. Huston of the Yanks said.

time for a workout Saturday. Rain insurance, \$15,000 worth, has been taken out for the game.

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San Diego, Cal., Dec. 21.—The football committee of the chamber of commerce announced today that arrangements are complete for handling a capacity crowd at the stadium on Monday when West Virginia meets Gonzaga college of Spokane. There will be seats for later comers however, 5000 being put on sale just before the game starts.

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The Astoria Budget, one of the two daily papers printed here may some-

times be down but it is never out. When the all-consuming flames swept the business district of Astoria recently, devastating the entire center of the city, the Budget's plant was in the direct path of the fire. The paper had just moved into new quarters but the fire caused another and a faster move.

Saving files, records and such equipment as could be readily moved, the Budget staff installed itself in a building safe from the flames and then went to

work. With no other press than a typograph three editions were written and run off and were sold on the street carrying news of the fire-fighting and such telegraphic news as was available before communications broke down.

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