

STATISTICS OF HOMICIDE

The New Orleans Times-Democrat has been analyzing the census figures on homicide in the various states of the Union and says that the census reports do not pretend to say how many homicides there are in the United States a year, which would perhaps be a difficult matter to determine; but it is able to give the statistics of the men confined in jail for this crime. These number 7,386, or amounting to 6,968 men and 393 women; and as to color, 4,425 are white, 2,839 negroes, 94 Chinese, 1 Japanese and 92 Indians.

This showing is not favorable for "the colored brother." While contributing barely 11 per cent of the population, he furnishes 27 per cent of the murderers. Nor can this be charged, as men like Mr. Cable do, to the prejudice of Southern whites against the negroes; for there is relatively more of the latter in jail in the North than in the South. In the North Central Division—New England and the Middle States—nearly 1 per cent of the local negro population, or 4 per cent of the adult male negroes are convicted, while the proportion exceeds five per cent in New York and New Jersey and throughout the Western division on the Pacific coast.

As to the homicide statistics. The figures for the South are: White homicides, 1,306; Negro homicides, 2,311. Considering how greatly the whites outnumber the negroes, this is not a creditable exhibit for the latter. The census does not give the race of the victims, but from these figures it is quite evident that the proposition can be laid down that more white people are killed by negroes than vice versa.

The census statistics go into the question of percentage, native and foreign, but it does not seem to prove anything here, either that the natives or the foreigners have a particular tendency toward homicide; but it does show that there has been a great increase in crime, particularly murder, in the last decade. We had 4,658 homicides in 1880, and 7,351 in 1890, they having grown from 92 per 1,000,000 in the former to 117 per 1,000,000 in the latter year, an increase of 27.17 per cent. The home of murder is in the far West. Arizona leads with murderers in the proportion of 906 to each million; Nevada is second with 896; California third with 345. In all the states murder is more common than ten years ago.

The only states that can show any improvement—that is any reduction of crime—are Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Missouri, Wisconsin, Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming and Washington. The census develops some unpleasant truths. A large majority of the murderers are educated persons. The illiterate constitute only 13 per cent in the East and only 12 per cent in the West. In the South the illiterate are more numerous because of the negroes; but the proportion of negro murderers who can read and write appears to be greater than the average for the non-Christians.

Nor can it be charged that whisky is the cause of most of the trouble. Of the murderers 1,282 are total abstainers and 1,267 drunkards. We do not know the total of these two elements in the population, but it would seem that the total abstainer makes a worse showing than "his awful example."

Again the attempt to trace murder to certain physical conditions has not proved very satisfactory. An overwhelming majority, or 6,149 murderers, were in perfect health, mental and physical, when they committed the crime; 600 were in poor health, 283 insane, 263 crippled—and the mind might have also been affected—and 52 blind, deaf, mute or idiotic.

A point, however, which may prove something is that so large a proportion—four-fifths—had no trade, and that one-fifth were idle and out of employment at the time they committed the crime for which they are suffering imprisonment. Illness and lack of employment, therefore, would seem to have an even worse influence than literacy or drunkenness.

According to Delegate Caine of Utah the old division of Mormon and Gentile has been superseded in Utah by an alignment of the people as republicans and democrats on national principles. "Like all new converts," says Mr. Caine, "they have more enthusiasm and zeal to the square inch than you can find in any state. Indeed, the fight developed so much bitterness and dissension that entire communities were divided, and we almost had to appeal to the people to desist. We have all the modern improvements," added Mr. Caine, laughing, "even to a registration list that is filled with the names of persons who are dead or gone away, but who are voted regularly at every election."

Ex-Senator Ingalls who was so badly shorn of his political plumes by the populist uprising in Kansas said in Philadelphia the other day: "The republican party is now without leaders and without hope, and must start anew and build itself up. It gave no evidence in the past campaign that there was a single politician in its ranks who understood the true business of modern politics—not one. McKinley has ceased to be a Napoleon. He is without plumes, laurels or place in the ranks of his party." Mr. Ingalls was to have lectured at West Chester last night, but only fifty tickets were sold and the lecture was declared off.

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