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Crime Increases Diseases Decreases In North Carolina

Five Homicides and Two Convictions Average Weekly Record HOMICIDE RANKS NEXT TO TYPHOID IN DEATHS

Mankiller Has 56 Chances Out of Hundred to Escape Conviction

Five homicides are committed in North Carolina and two men are sent to the State prison each week to serve sentences for homicide, according to comparative figures covering thirty months from January 1, 1921, to June 3, 1923, secured by the News and Observer yesterday from the State prison and the State bureau of vital statistics.

During the thirty months 612 people were killed in North Carolina, and 275 were brought to the State prison to serve sentences for various degrees of murder, ranging from one year for manslaughter to execution for first degree murder. Twelve were for murder in the first degree, 157 for murder in the second degree and 110 for manslaughter.

During the year of 1921, 246 homicides were reported to the bureau of vital statistics, 105 people were punished by imprisonment or death for murder. In 1922, 253 people were killed and ninety-nine were convicted and sentenced for murder. During the first six months of 1923, 113 people met death in homicides, and during the same period seventy-seven men and women were committed to the prison for murder.

Over the thirty months' period 941 men and women were committed to the prison to serve sentences for crime, 275 of whom were brought for murder, or about 30 per cent of the convictions were for taking human life. The man killer has fifty-six chances out of a hundred of not being brought to prison when he has taken a human life, according to the figures of the bureau and the prison.

Homicide ranks next after typhoid fever in the cause of death reported to the bureau. In 1921 typhoid deaths totaled 307 and homicides 246. In 1922 typhoid killed 296 and homicides accounted for 253. Disease decreased and crime increased. The comparative figures for the first six months of the current year are not available.

Homicide is defined by the State bureau as any death caused by another person, other than accidental killings. Included are all deaths in which a person is charged with the killing, whether known to the local registrar or not. Shooting is by far the most widely used method of killing. Cutting with knives and razors rank second and assault with automobiles is listed in some cases as homicide.

The figures are not absolutely parallel. Murder committed in 1921 may not be brought to court for a year, and the cases over-lap. But prison officials believe that the average would apply over a longer period of years for which figures might be available. Some few cases of manslaughter are punished with road sentences, but the vast majority of them are sent to the State prison.

August and December are the great murder months in the State, according to Dr. F. M. Register, director of the bureau. Prevalence of liquor drinking during the holidays is largely responsible for the number of killing in December, and the lull in agricultural activities in August, bringing leisure of congregation among the farm labor element, is responsible for the number of killings reported in August.—News & Observer.

RUMANIA HELPS PEASANTS ACQUIRE AND WORK LAND

(By Associated Press) Bucharest, Rumania, Dec. 20.—The present status of agrarian reform in Rumania is set forth as follows by M. Constantinescu, minister of agriculture. The State is distributing land, with limitations. The aim is to put the landless peasants in possession of land, and to stimulate its cultivation by State aid. The huge estates are being cut up, their owners being compensated in part by the State and in part by the peasant. Rumania is now determined to push this work to completion and thus solve the agrarian problem.

In his efforts at land devolution, M. Constantinescu is meeting with grave difficulties owing to the economic and financial condition of Rumania, but the distribution of land to the landless is being advanced with satisfactory rapidity.

Honeymooning Till They Get Good and Ready to Leave

Husband Aged 17 and Wife 51 Wanted on Perjury Charge

(By Associated Press) Southern Pines, N. C., Dec. 20.—"Honeymooning" at Southern Pines, Burton S. Tucker, 17, wife, 51, are here until they "get good and ready to leave," they said regarding the indictment at Trenton, N. J., on a charge of conspiracy to violate that State's marriage laws by perjury and subornation of perjury. Tucker admitted he obtained license by giving his age at 21 when only 16.

Christmas Sentiment

The following quotations from an address at the Christmas meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Leaksville High school held yesterday are published by request, and bring an appropriate thought for the season:

YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN The Christ in Bethlehem a thousand times be born, If He be not born in us, our hearts are still forlorn.

MORNING TONIC

(Charles E. Jefferson) It is worth remembering that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, the Man who never gave the world a dollar. He bestowed upon mankind not a solitary material gift. He carved no statue, painted no picture, wrote no poem, composed no song, fashioned no piece of jewelry, built no edifice, founded no city, erected no triumphal arch; but He stands in history as the great Giver. Silver and gold, the things which men had He gave to men, the gentle touch of a sympathetic hand, the golden glow of a genial mind, the healing love of a generous heart, the bracing energy of a courageous spirit. Paul calls Him God's "Unspeakable Gift." The best thing God is able to give us is not gold or silver, or costly stones, but Himself.

It is when we give of the things of the spirit that we escape from the realm of embarrassments and burdens. Into a spiritualized Christmas we everyone can enter, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the small and the great.

In preparing, then, our Christmas presents, let us get ready to give some of the things which Jesus gave. Along with the many gifts which have prices, let us give a few which are priceless. Let us give thought to someone who needs it, sympathy to someone who craves it, praise to someone who deserves it but does not get it, kindness to someone who the world has overlooked, affection to someone who is starving for it, inspiration to someone who is fainting because of the lack of it. One's Christmas does not consist in the abundance of the things which he receives or gives away, but in the spirit of good-will which fills his heart.

THE HINDERED CHRIST

(Phyllis Endecott.) The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one day To speak a word of cheer, To a heart that was weary and worn and sad, He asked me for mine, but 'twas busy quite With my own affairs from morn till night.

The Lord Christ wanted a hand one day To do a loving deed, He wanted two feet, on an errand for Him, To run with gladsome speed; But I had need of my own that day, To His gentle beseeching, I answered, "Nay!"

So all that day I used my tongue, My hands and my feet as I chose, I said some hasty bitter words That hurt one heart, God knows; I busied my hands with worthless play, And my wilful feet went a crooked way.

And the dear Lord Christ—was, His work undone For lack of a willing heart? Only through men does He speak to men?

Dumb must He be apart? I do not know, but I wish today I had let the Lord Christ have His way.

Mrs. J. J. Moore and Mrs. J. J. Moore and Mrs. J. J. Moore

American Standards on U. S. Liners Appeal Strongly to Naturalized Citizens



Group of Irish on way to "Old Sod."

New York, Dec. 20.—Volumes have been written in the past, and the press is daily filled with stories concerning the immigrant coming to this country. Untold numbers of special writers have traveled from abroad to the United States in the third cabin—formerly known as the steerage—of passenger vessels, to see how the immigrants lived in their quarters on a modern steamship while at sea. They have placed before the world their views concerning the immigrant up to his arrival here, his passing through Ellis Island. A few have treated with the life of the stranger from foreign shores, his acclimation to American ways, his Americanization.

There, however, the new citizen of the New World is dropped, apparently forgotten by those so interested in him prior to and shortly after his arrival. In 1914 when many of our foreign-born citizens answered the call to arms of their motherlands and went to Europe to fight for the flags under which they were born, the newspapers devoted some space to their sailing. But again they have been forgotten in that respect.

That the one time immigrant is one of the biggest factors a steamship company in passenger traffic on the North Atlantic has to deal with is a fact, however, though little is ever read about American citizens who yearly return to Europe and the British Isles for a visit to the "old country."

The steamships of the United States Lines, in both the Bremen-New York and the London-New York service are favored with a great amount of the return patronage of

Coach Turned Over In Front of Depot

(By Associated Press) Bethesda, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Eight or ten persons are reported injured, two seriously, when the Baltimore & Ohio passenger train from Wheeling to Chicago split at a switch in front of the station here today. One coach turned over and damaged the front end of the station.

FARLEY CANNOT SERVE ON SHIPPING BOARD

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 20.—The nomination of Edward P. Farley, of Chicago, as chairman of the shipping board, will be reported adversely to the Senate under a decision today of the commerce committee. This action is based entirely, members said, on provisions of the law allotting one member to States touching the Great Lakes. T. V. O'Connor, of Buffalo, already represent that section.

REQUEST VENIZELOS TO RETURN TO GREECE

(By Associated Press) Athens, Dec. 20.—A group representing 4,000 officers of the Greek army and navy sent a telegram to former Premier Venizelos in Paris, urging him to come to Athens immediately.

City News

Mrs. Farbee Cobbler, who was taken to the County Tuesday, was taken care of by neighbors for the past nine years. Several of whom telephoned the Gazette and expressed relief and joy that now she is safe and comfortable.

A. H. Hugby, who has been employed at the Twin City Grocery Company wholesale store on Boone Road, will be leaving Leaksville, about the first of the New Year. A large number of local people who heard Mr. Hugby sing, will certainly regret his leaving.

The New System Laundry Company expects to open for business Monday, January 7, as by that time all the machinery will be placed and tested. This plant is going to be one of the best in the section of the

Rebels Meet With Defeat at Tabasco

Esperanza Is Still Insurgent Headquarters, News Report States

(By Associated Press) Mexico City, Dec. 19.—Rebels attacking Villa Hermosa, the capitol of Tabasco, have been defeated after thirty hours of battle with a loss of 200 killed; more than 200 wounded, according to an official bulletin of the war department. Federal had thirty casualties. Vera Cruz, Dec. 20.—Newspaper correspondents at the front report the situation as unchanged from Tuesday when rebel columns remained stationary after fighting at San Marcos. Insurgent headquarters are still at Esperanza.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—News dispatches from Apizaco say fighting has been resumed in the outskirts of Puebla and Esperanza, while Tehuacan has been evacuated by the Rebels and occupied by a Federal column from Puebla, sixty-three miles southeast of Mexico City.

MADE TWO MILLION ON CURB MARKET INTENDS TO RETIRE

John Borg Turns Business Over to Younger Member For Newspaper Work

(By Associated Press) New York, Dec. 20.—Having accumulated a fortune of more than \$2,000,000 in Wall Street, John Borg, one of the leading members of the New York curb market, announced his retirement from the brokerage field, and a gift of his business to three junior members of his firm. "I made my pile, so am getting out and letting the younger fellows make theirs. I am particularly anxious to devote time to my hobby, a newspaper. While not a newspaperman, I have my own ideas how newspaper should be run."

MODIFIED ORDER PERMITS BROADCASTING IN GERMANY

(By Associated Press) Berlin, Dec. 20.—Listening-in is expensive in Germany. The government doesn't permit anyone to have a machine for receiving wireless without pay a fee of twenty-five gold marks and obtain a permit from the police. The German shops average in price from 300 to 400 gold marks. Until the middle of October the government regarded broadcasting with such suspicion that it was prohibited for amusement purpose, and the public was not permitted to have receivers.

For some time the Post-office Department which controls wireless operations has had considerable income from a service called "Blitzfunk" which was supplied to banks and commercial concern throughout the republic, and the desire to retain his income has apparently interfered with general permission to establish receiving stations.

Preparations are being made to supply hospitals, cafes, and factories with news, concerts, speeches and news report. President Ebert and the Minister of Posts, Dr. Hoefle, attended the formal opening of public broadcasting, which was also attended by a large delegation of Berlin newspapermen and widely heralded in the press as a new development in Germany's technical progress.

HOMELESS MEN NOW SCORN OLD TIME LODGING HOUSES

(By Associated Press) Chicago, Dec. 20.—The once-teeming "flop-house" has suffered a noticeable loss in patronage, for homeless men, even in their periods of unemployment, now demand a hostelry of higher grade, according to the Rev. Dennis J. Dunne, chancellor of the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago.

These men, says Father Dunne, are choosing in increased numbers the lodging houses where baths and the fumigation of clothing are entrance requirements. The change has come about since the enactment of prohibition, according to the chancellor. "Homeless men are saving their money now," explains Father Dunne, "surprising how well some of them are living."

They are eating more and better food. They also are more particular about where they sleep. In many cases they are going to the Mission of the Holy Cross, where there are newspapers on tables to be read, and to other institutionally conducted lodging-houses, with an evident desire to learn rather than sleep on the floor. Our mission is full, and twice as many men as there is room for would like to lodge there."

Senate Adjourned For the Holidays Still in Deadlock

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 20.—Congress began two weeks holiday with the Senate organization incomplete, with practically a blank record of legislative accomplishment since it assembled December 8rd. With some committees functioning the House will be able to get to business when it reassembles January 3rd, but the Senate will come back to renew its efforts to break the deadlock over the Interstate Committee chairmanship.

Two New Cardinals Created by Pope Pius

(By Associated Press) Rome, Dec. 20.—Pope Pius at a secret consistory today created two Italian cardinals. They are Evaristo Arce and Paval Auditor Monsignor Aurelio Galli, Director General of the Vatican Museum. In an allocation the Pope pointed out that peace conditions in Europe had not changed for the better since last consistory. He recalled the visit of Alfonso Victoria, when Spain announced the Irish question was approaching settlement.

URGES PEDESTRIANS TO WALK ON LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD

(By Associated Press) Harrisburg, Dec. 20.—In an effort to reduce the number of accidents to pedestrians on the public highways of this State, the Pennsylvania Motor Federation is urging publicity for the recommendation of the American Automobile Association that persons on the highway, especially at night, face the traffic by walking on the left hand side of the road. The national association has reached the conclusion, after a study of the situation, that most of the cases when automobiles strike pedestrians at night are due to the driver being partially blinded by the headlights of approaching cars and, swinging to the right, failing to see pedestrians. It is contended that if persons walking on the roads would face the traffic they would be better able to avoid being struck and also would be seen much sooner by the drivers of cars approaching in the opposite direction.

JAPANESE IMPERIAL COURT TO DISPOSE OF STOCK HOLDINGS

(By Associated Press) Tokio, Dec. 20.—The imperial court has announced a decision to dispose of its holdings in public companies to the amount of 10,000,000 yen (\$5,000,000) in order to enable it to meet heavy losses occasioned by the earthquake and fire.

DISSOLVE MAPLE FLOORING MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

(By Associated Press) Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 20.—Dissolution of the Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association, was ordered by Judge C. W. Session in United States District Court. The order was entered on motion of the government which charged the association was an unlawful combination in restraint of trade.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS PLAN FOR EXTENSIVE WINTER MANEUVERS

(By Associated Press) Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—Maneuvers of such magnitude as to constitute a mimic war, rather than a sham battle, will test existing conceptions of defense affecting the Panama Canal when the United States fleet begins its operations for 1924 at midnight or January 3, according to naval officers here.

Prominent among the new phases of combat expected to enter into this "war" for possession of the Canal will be the influence of dirigible air craft on surface maneuvers at sea. The Shenandoah, the navy's new giant dirigible, will remain aloft throughout the maneuvers, supported strongly by squadrons of combat craft by day, and ascending above the clouds at night.

Eighteen first-line battleships, seventy-two destroyers, 300 planes of all types, fifty submarines and hundreds of fleet auxiliary craft will combine to make the canal defense maneuvers the most extensive yet undertaken by the American navy. One feature of the "hostilities" will be a landing expedition, to utilize all available marines, who will launch an artillery and infantry attack against the United States army forces defending the Canal.

The battle fleet, under Rear Admiral Samuel S. Robison, will open the operations with a surprise attack against the Pacific side of the Canal, which will be defended by a scouting fleet under Vice-Admiral Newton McCully. There will be an air problem for both sides, the Pacific force using catapulted planes for local scouting, and the Atlantic force sending out plane fleets from its aircraft carriers, the Langley and the Wright. Submarines also will be used in the defense of the Canal.

The first use of aircraft fog and smoke-screens in such operations will take place at Panama when, in a combined air attack on the Canal, the army will interpose an aerial screen. The land attack will simulate in many ways the Allied assaults on Gallipoli during the war.

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