

CRIME RECORDS OF FOREIGN NATIONS

EXCEED AMERICAN LISTS

Writer in Magazine Says Criminal Survey Abroad Indicates U. S., Not So Base As Reported

That America, far from having a monopoly on present-day criminal activities, lags far behind other nations in the horror and frequency of crime is the contention of Charles Woodhull, writing in the November Welfare Magazine, a publication issued by the Illinois Department of Public Welfare. The article, Phases of Foreign Crime, is the first of a series in which the peculiarities and causes of crime in various countries will be studied.

"Only upon perusing the stories of crimes in other lands and their comparative statistics do we realize, happily, that after all we are not a nation of murderers and thieves, but, on the contrary, comparatively speaking, quite decorous," says this writer. He then describes and analyzes some of the atrocities practiced by crime leaders in Germany, France, Russia, China and India.

In United States
"In our United States," he says, "all death resulting crimes are murder, homicide or manslaughter. Rape, which in our country is punishable by the infliction of very severe penalties, is in Germany regarded lightly and we find it punished by a maximum penalty of imprisonment for one year. According to their own statistics, this crime is six times as prevalent in Germany as in the United States. Because the German government makes illegitimacy easy we find the Teutons also leading as a nation in this dereliction which in our country we class as a quasi crime."

Paris Apache Not Extinct
That the Apache of Paris is not extinct but is flourishing today with bloodier and more daring crimes than ever before is the leading statement in a resume of French crime. "The reported crimes, per annum, cially laid at the door of the Apache alone," says Mr. Woodhull, "proportionately speaking, greatly exceed all those committed in the United States."

The modern Apache, an artist in crime, delights in giving fantastic names to his criminal feats, the writer claims. One of the latest is the "Coup de pere Francois," in which the victim is lassoed by the neck and hung suspended in the air while he is robbed by the lassoer's accomplices, usually a man and a woman. Dead or alive, he is then thrown to the pavement and abandoned.

Russian "Holliganism" is described as a particularly low and abandoned form of criminal activity, existing in all social classes and specializing in murder and rapine. The administration of Soviet law, under which regime the officer detecting or thinking

he detects crime deals out speedy justice in accordance with his own impressions is partially blamed for the widespread prevalence of "holliganism."

Piracy in China
"Piracy remains the chief crime in China," he continues. "Almost untouched by the generations, China goes on in crime as an art, religion and education unaffected by the modern trend of thought. Piracy is today classed as an institution in China. It is a matter of common knowledge that many of the lower mandarins derive the best part of their incomes from their so-called 'inactivity' in dealing with these offenders."

"In India we find a most unique situation concerning crime and criminals. Existing there is the strangest and the largest union in the world, known as the Union of Criminal Tribes. It is known to have well over a million members who work and operate under a strict code of tribal law and who recognize grades on a degree of procedure between tribes. Children in this terrible order are taught to steal and rob from infancy and a large percentage of the girls are 'married to the dagger,' in other words reared for a life of prostitution. The most horrible crimes committed by these inhuman profligates is the deliberate deforming or dwarfing of children for the profession of begging. There is nowhere else in the world, we believe, such a low, vicious type of criminal as in 'Mother India.' The union members work without gun, pistol or dagger and they carry on a successful guerrilla warfare with all classes of society."

Criminal Tribes
"They have unlimited courage, daring and enterprise and they inhabit practically all of the native states. Many of these men are addicts to the habit of drink, or drug known as bhong. This is the most horrible intoxicant of which the world is cognizant. If an Indian wants to commit some peculiarly atrocious crime, he fortifies and prepares himself with two annas worth of bhong. The only other country now using this deadly concoction is Greece. Egypt maintains a special and efficient service to surpass the smuggling of it into her country and its importation has long been prohibited."

"The most common crimes are prostitution, murder, and theft, all of which are carried on in definite, businesslike way according to the 'Hoyle' of the Criminal Union code. The criminal record of India would be more appalling if perjury, which our system of criminal jurisprudence has well defined as a serious felony, were there considered as a crime but we find that perjury is a mere venial offence and the rule rather than the exception."

"Upon realizing that the 'submerged tenth' in India amounts, in round numbers, to over twenty-six millions of people; that in British India alone there are seven hundred and thirty-seven jails averaging seventy-five thousand, nine hundred and twenty-two prisoners each and that the great majority of offenders are never apprehended, we are convinced that the crime situation in America is neither as deplorable nor as hopeless as we

had imagined. From an unbiased vantage point we can say, with a firm conviction that we speak the truth, that our methods of crime detection and prosecution, while far from perfect, are astoundingly efficient."

Questions and Answers

Q—Can you give me comparative figures showing how the value of manufactured products in Illinois is increasing year by year?
—G. W. G., Chicago.

A—Figures follow:

Year	Value
1899	\$1,120,868,308
1904	1,410,342,129
1909	1,919,276,594
1914	2,247,322,819
1919	*5,425,244,694
1921	3,705,379,662
1923	5,041,519,545
1925	5,321,837,866

*—Peak of war-time prosperity. Government figures for 1927 are being prepared now and probably will be issued very soon. It is generally agreed that the 1927 figures will be greater than the war-time peak.

Q—When was the first census, now of record, taken in Illinois? Where were the chief settlements?
—W. M. M., Freeport.

A—Among the records of Randolph county, on the Mississippi river, is an ancient writing that purports to tell the population of the "Illinois country" as of 1765. Apparently it is but an estimate as it is in round figures. Here it is:

White men	700
White women	500
White children	850
Negroes	900

Total 2,950
The whites were almost all French and they were spread out in settlements along the river bottoms from the present site of East St. Louis on the north to Chester on the south. Many of their descendants still live here.

Q—How does Chicago's water borne commerce compare with some of our

salt water ports? For example New Orleans, Galveston, San Francisco or Baltimore?
—J. G., Peoria.

A—Total commerce, in cargo tons, both inbound and outbound, for several of our cities compare as follows:

City	Cargo tons
New York	55,238,677
San Francisco	25,104,456
Los Angeles	20,981,196
Baltimore	15,510,451
Chicago	11,201,249
New Orleans	10,801,599
Houston	7,190,297
Galveston	4,849,305

The above figures are for the year ending December 31, 1926. The greatest inland port and the second largest port in the nation, for all commerce, is Duluth-Superior with a total commerce for the year of 47,972,782 tons.

NORTH CHICAGO BANK TO ERECT STRUCTURE

Lake County State Banking Institution Plans Building to Cost \$100,000

The Lake County State bank, located in North Chicago, will build a \$100,000 building rather than remodel its present site according to announcement made by William R. Dalziel, president.

North Chicago's new institution, which will be one of the most modern of its kind, will be located at Sixteenth street and Sheridan road, on what is now known as the Dormey property. This property has a frontage of 50 ft. on Sheridan road and extends back 118 ft.

The new building will be a two-story structure and in addition to the banking room will be occupied by two small stores on the first floor.

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