

CROSSLEY REPORTS ON CRIME CENSUS OF U. S.

Wilmette Lawyer Heads Committee Which Is Conducting Research for Government

Frederick B. Crossley, 600 Washington avenue, Wilmette secretary of Northwestern university law school, and chairman of the committee for criminal records and statistics, announces the completion of this extensive research work in criminal statistics, and that committee is issuing its new book. While the expenses for this important compilation of criminal statistics have been borne by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the Laura Spellman foundation, it is the plan of the federal government through the bureau of census to issue the report, Chairman Crossley states.

"The census bureau heretofore has compiled statistics for prisoners only once in ten years, but, beginning with 1927, will undertake to collect and publish annual statistics based upon the scheme of records recommended in the report of the committee and contained in the hand book of instructions. This hand book will be forwarded by the director of the census to the state departments of the various states, to wardens and superintendents of prisons and reformatories, to hospitals for mental diseases and institutions for feeble minded and epileptics.

"The bureau of the census is undertaking to collect and publish these statistics in response to a general demand for more complete and satisfactory statistics relating to crime and to criminals. One of the chief difficulties in dealing with the problem of crime in the United States has been the lack of complete and satisfactory statistics, and until such statistics are available those having the most to do with the problems of crime and criminology believes that there can be no effective method of dealing with criminal problems in any jurisdiction."

The personnel of this crime investigation committee is as follows:
Frederick B. Crossley, chairman;

Sam B. Warner, director; Dr. Herman Adler, 119 East Huron street, Chicago; A. L. Bowen, Springfield, Ill.; Amos W. Butler, State House, Indianapolis, Ind.; Henry Barrett Chamberlin, Chicago Crime commission; Prof. R. H. Gault, Northwestern university; Herbert L. Harley, Chicago; Prof. Edwin R. Keedy, Law school, U. of Pennsylvania; Pliny W. March, First National Bank building, Detroit, Mich.; Horatio N. Pollock, State Hospital commission, Albany, N. Y.; A. P. Rugg, Boston, Mass.; J. C. Ruppenthal, Russel, Kan.; W. B. Swaney, 603 James building, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Floyd E. Thompson, Supreme Court, Springfield, Ill.; Charles M. Thomson, Appellate Court, Chicago; Prof. James H. Tufts, University of Chicago, Chicago; August Vollmer, Chief of Police, Berkeley, Cal.; Prof. Sam B. Warner; John H. Wigmore, dean, Northwestern Univer-

sity Law school; Sanford Bates, State House, Boston, Mass.; Prof. Andrew A. Bruce, Chicago, Ill.

Chairman Crossley added that in the new work the scheme for records includes the courts, police and penal institutions, and is based upon a careful and detailed study of the few systems of records now existing in the United States and the more complete criminal records and statistics of the British Empire.

"It is believed that the plans of the committee and of the census bureau can be so developed within the next three years that at the expiration of that time, there will be available complete criminal statistics for every jurisdiction in the United States," Mr. Crossley concluded.

The University of Illinois is the third largest university in the United States having a total registration of 11,810.

Prof. Schevill Delivers Second Historical Talk

The failure of the Roman empire, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the absolute and constitutional monarchy all were discussed when Prof. Ferdinand Schevill, professor of modern history at the University of Chicago, gave the second of his two Contemporary Thought course lectures yesterday afternoon at Northwestern university.

Edwin E. Slosson, author, director of Science Service in Washington, D. C., will lecture Wednesday, January 12, his subject, "Society and the Natural World." These lectures are broadcast Wednesday evenings over station WMAQ at 8:10.

Mrs. Burt A. Crowe, 234 Raleigh road, Kenilworth is entertaining her bridge club today.



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