

TERRIBLE RECORD OF MURDERS COMMITTED IN UNITED STATES

There is No Country in the Civilized World Where So Many People are Killed—Statistics Show Widespread Area of Crime—Negroes Adept at Murder.

Some recently published statistics call attention to the remarkable number of murders in the United States. There is no country in the civilized world where so many people are killed, and it is doubtful if uncivilized countries could show a worse record. The situation is so serious that it has alarmed several life insurance companies, and they may increase rates to allow for murder risks, for as was the case in Memphis, Tenn., in 1911, it is plain that the loss to insurance companies must be considerable. If victims of murders are as frequently and as heavily insured as the average member of the community, in many cases, indeed, they are still better insured, and murders for the sake of insurance alone are far from common.

Russia and the United States.

In Europe the murder record of Russia is considered a blot on civilization, many of the victims being government officials, who are killed almost exactly at the rate of one per day. Here in how Russia compares with the United States:

Murders in Russia for five years (1907-11)..... 7,716

Average yearly number of murders in Russia..... 1,543

Murders in the registration area of America (about 53 per cent. of the total population) for five years (1905-09)..... 12,195

Average yearly number of murders in the registration area of America..... 2,439

Average rate per 100,000 of population of murders in registration area of America (1905-09)..... 5.5

Average annual number of murders in America for five years, estimated at 2.5 per 100,000 of population (later 33,000,000)..... 5,115

Ratio of murders in America to murders in Russia, over 3 to 1

Germany's ratio of murders per 100,000..... 1.86

England's ratio of murders per 100,000..... 0.9

Total number of murders in England in ten years (1900-09)..... 2,982

Average annual number of murders in England in ten years (1900-09)..... 298

Total number of murders in registration area of America in ten years (1900-09)..... 16,077

Ratio of murders in America to murders in England, about 5.4 to 1

Figured on a basis of 1900-09, English population, amounting to 33,760,000, and ten years total of the registration area of America, amounting to 37,925,000.

Few Murders Hanged.

If the record of 1911 is taken there were nine times as many murders in

the United States as there were in England, in proportion to population. Commenting upon the figures given, the Spectator, an insurance paper, says: "The comparison brings out in startling contrast the disregard of human life in the United States at the present time. The subject is obvious, and there can be no question of doubt but that the American homicide rate is exceedingly high and that the rate is on the increase. A condition of this kind is not compatible with the common assumption that actual progress is being made in the United States in all that is being summed up under the term civilization and national welfare."

Mr. Andrew White, former ambassador to Germany, who made an examination of the record in the United States, believed that the great murder rate was brought about by the fact that only one murderer in about 24 is ever sent to the gallows or the electric chair. In 1911 there were 61 executions, and probably between 5,000 and 6,000 murders.

In the Black Belt.

Murders are common in the large cities and in the smaller towns and in the country districts, Chicago leading the country and the whole world in the actual number of killings, being high pressed by New York. But on a basis of population, there are more murders in the Southern States than in any other portion of the globe. The victims are for the most part negroes, and for the most part the murderers are negroes, too. The negroes' habit of using razors is still constant, but they have also become accustomed to the revolver, and even to the automatic pistol, whose increasing popularity may have not a little to do with the murder rate. The automatic pistol makes killing easy, and assists escape in those cases where a crime is detected and bystanders might interfere if it were not for the deadly automatic with which the assassin stands off pursuit. The gunmen of New York are all patrons of the automatic pistol.

Foreign Murders.

The foreign population of the United States is also responsible for a considerable percentage of murders. Probably in the large cities the foreign-born and the offspring of foreign-born parents would be accountable for three-quarters of the murders. The names of the gunmen in London, for instance, are well known. Hecker trial will serve as an index. It is an unobscured Canadian who has not been observed in the course of the past ten or fifteen years. The frequency of foreign murders in Canadian murder cases, especially those in the cities where the herding together of these foreigners results in many murders, for which no one is brought to justice. What has happened in the United States in the matter of immigration is very likely to happen in Canada in the next few years. It is already happening. With the hard-working, inefficient foreigner will come the foreign criminal and the murder rate will increase. If the police and the courts do their duty, however, the hanging ratio will keep pace with it, and thus the situation may be kept in hand.

MAN WHO MIGHT HAVE SAVED GORDON, BURIED IN SOUDAN

Zubeir Pasha, Once Greatest Slave Dealer and Fighter of Egypt Lies in Practically Forgotten Grave—Held a Prisoner When He Could Have Held Khartoum.

In a quiet grave in the little desert town of Geili, twenty miles north of Khartoum, a man has been laid to rest whose name brings back the tragedy of the Sudan and the death of General Gordon. His name was Zubeir Pasha, one of the most remarkable men in Nineteenth century Egypt. He was descended from a line of rulers of Egypt whose power had declined, and he lived to add to the woes of his native land.

He was born at Khartoum in 1830, and as a young man he wandered into a part of the Sudan known as the Bahari-Channel, where he mixed with Arab slave-dealers and elephant-hunters. He himself became the greatest slave-dealer in Egypt. With his high birth and great talents he collected a strong force of fighting men about him, made himself ruler of wide domains, with a court like a king's, supported by a well-ordered army and a vast host of slaves. The slaves were his servants; they were also his ready money. He bartered human flesh and blood for wealth, and made the countryside desolate where he led his raids to carry off the people into slavery. All this, which reads like some terrible story from the Old Testament, was happening less than forty years ago.

The Egyptian Government, whose army was beaten by Zubeir's in open battle, thought it wise to treat him as a friend, and when he had gained great territory from them, he went to Cairo to claim the governorship of the land he had won. He was kept there as a sort of prisoner, and in his absence General Gordon, who was ruler of the Sudan, had to proceed against Zubeir's son, who had risen in rebellion. The son was captured and shot, and in his possession was found a letter from Zubeir urging him to rebel. In consequence of this letter Zubeir was deprived of all his property and detained at Cairo. Years passed away, and Gordon left the Sudan, but was sent back in January, 1884, to bring away the Egyptian

garrison from Khartoum and leave the Sudan to the forces of the terrible Mahdi. The Arab who had gathered the scattered tribes of the desert into one vast army, which was overrunning the land, slaying all who opposed it.

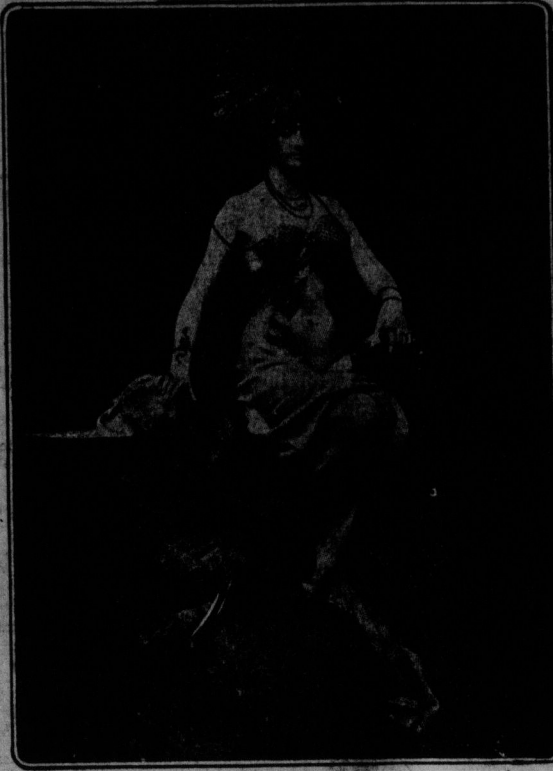
On landing in Cairo, Gordon met Zubeir by accident, and there was a stormy and intensely dramatic scene between them. "You killed my son," exclaimed the Arab—"my son, to whom you should have been as a father. You brought my wives and women and children to Khartoum in chains."

This bitter interview impressed Gordon very much. He conceived a liking for the slave-dealer, and urged that Zubeir should be appointed to succeed him as Governor of the Sudan. He praised his energy, ability and daring, and said that in two months Zubeir would have the Mahdi at his mercy, for the Mahdi's best generals were the men who had formerly served Zubeir.

The suggestion caused some excitement, and many cables were exchanged between England and Egypt, and many cabinet meetings were held. Mr. Gladstone agreed to the appointment, so did Lord Cromer, so did Queen Victoria; but the rest of the cabinet would not agree, nor would parliament, and in the end Zubeir was not appointed. He, if any man, could have saved Gordon from the terrible death at the hands of the Arab at Khartoum. They would not have hesitated to Zubeir. But it was not to be.

In course of time Zubeir was allowed to return to his property at Geili, where he passed the last of his days in quietness, forgotten by the world until the news of his death brought back his name to public memory. This man, who did forerunners was once the greatest tyrant of the great Sudan, and had he remained in the country he had conquered, he might have marched victorious through the land the Mahdi ruled.

SALOME PORTRAYED IN PINK MARBLES.



For Once, a Beautiful Representation of the Daughter of Herodias. We have become so accustomed to the portrayal of Salome in lurid colors, both upon the operatic and music hall stages, that it is quite refreshing to see so pleasing a version of this notorious young person as that depicted above. The statue is the work of M. Ferrary, a well known French artist, and it has been carved in pink marble, the jewelry consisting of colored stones. The head dress, as will be observed, is a marvel of minute detail, while the entire figure displays at once the strength and the abandon of the subject.

WONDERFUL RECOVERY OF GIRL BY PRAYER OF LONDON BISHOP

Dr. Ingram Finds Child Raving and Shrieking, and, Carrying Out Directions of St. James, Anoints Her With Oil, Asking Blessing, Which Proves Beneficial.

London, April 4.—A remarkable account of the recovery of a young girl, parishioner is given by the Bishop of London in the current number of the Guardian. While conducting his mission in St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, writes Dr. Ingram, he received a letter from a mother about her daughter of fifteen, who was lying seriously ill with a nervous breakdown. The girl had heard the Bishop preach before she became ill and begged her mother to send him a "petition for prayer," in accordance with the teaching of St. James.

"We are told by St. James," wrote the mother, "to send for the elders of the Church, who will anoint the ill with oil and the prayer of faith will save the ill."

"Within twenty minutes I was in the room," says the Bishop. "The poor little child had been raving and shrieking during the afternoon, and at first it seemed until I went up almost unlikely that it was possible without frightening her to pray for

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