

The population of the Dominion of Canada is given by the last census as 7,206,643.

Moorfield Storey, quoting Andrew D. White, says:

"The murder rate in the United States is from ten to twenty times greater than the murder rate of the British Empire and other northwestern European countries."

The *World Almanac* for 1911, 1912 and 1913, under "Statistics of Homicide," says convictions in Germany equalled 95 per cent. and a fraction; in the United States 1.3 per cent.

Frederick L. Hoffman, Life Insurance Statistician of Newark, New Jersey, says:

"Our murder death rate (for, of course, the statistics used refer only to the recorded deaths from homicide and not to judicial convictions) for the registration area for the period 1909-1913 was 6.4 per 100,000 of population. The rate for England and Wales (1904-1913) was 0.8; for Prussia (1904-1913), 2.0; for Australia (1910-1913), 1.9; and finally, for Italy (1908-1912), 3.6. In other words, the number of murders in the United States at the present time, proportionate to population, is about 100 homicides for every thirteen committed in England and Wales, thirty in Australia, thirty-one in Prussia and fifty-six in Italy. . . . It admits of no argument that among the civilized countries of the world the United States stands to-day in deplorable contrast as regards the security of the person against the risk of homicidal death."

In addition to "The Statute" extending the privilege of avoiding self-incrimination, "in tenderness to the weakness of those who . . . may have been in some degree compromised, 21 out of our 48 States have either by constitution or statute reduced the trial judge in jury cases to a mere moderator by forbidding him from advising the jury on the facts or expressing his opinion on questions of fact, notwithstanding that all questions of fact in jury cases are left to the jury's sole and ultimate determination. This took away a judicial right and duty which every English and Federal trial judge exercises to the public advantage. In 15 more of our States the State courts of last resort have by judicial decisions suppressed or abdicated their trial judges' right