

**NUMBER OF KILLINGS
SHOW A DECREASE**

Crime Statistics for Quarter More Encouraging.

NOT MANY IN JAIL

Williams Says Reaction From War is Spending Force—Talks of Prosperity and Poverty.

The state board of public welfare, through its secretary, G. Groft Williams has completed its analyses of the crime statistics of South Carolina for the quarter ending March 31. Those statistics are only approximate as they are based upon the jail commitments. However, in so large a number of commitments there is a clear indication as to the character and amount of crime in the state. The board has received to date reports from all the counties with the exception of Anderson, Calhoun, Greenville, Marion, Oconee, Pickens and Richland, 84 per cent. of the counties therefore reported over against 81 per cent. of the preceding quarter.

"The analyses of crime," says Mr. Williams, gives reassuring results. The report of the preceding quarter was extremely disheartening. There was no special reason apparent for the steady advance of crime, so it was feared that there were resident anti-social forces that were here to operate with deadly vigor until they could be eliminated by the slow processes of educating the coming generation. But the quarter ending March 31 showed a remarkable decrease in all crimes.

"For the first time since the board has kept statistics on the causes of commitment the number homicides has gone down," says Mr. Williams. "During the quarter ending December 31, there were 94 homicides, in the last quarter there were only 51. It is still pathetic for us to use the word 'only' before the number of 51 persons killed in three months in a peaceful state that boasts itself as free from other parts of the world. Larceny depreciated from 504 to 190, gurglary from 96 to 60, forgery from 32 to 19, assaults from 139 to 92, violation of the prohibition law from 245 to 137.

in all there were 1,097 commitments against 1,765 of the preceding quarter."

"Jail population at the end of the quarter was the smallest that it has been since March 31, 1915. Perhaps it represents a smaller percentage of incarceration to the population since the Confederate war. If this kind of thing keeps up long jailers will have to seek other fields of employment. As they are a good set of men South Carolina has many doors of opportunity swung wide open for them.

"The diagnosis of causes of crime is difficult. Before prohibition came in every advance was attributed to intoxicants then the country went dry and South Carolina's crime statistics mounted up like a thermometer on a dry August day. Prohibition can not be charged with this disconcerting fact, for no one would be so bold as to claim that intoxicants are creators of virtue and that the bar room or dispensary were engines of uplift. Doubtless the real cause of the advance of crime was the reaction from the war, which reaction is slowly spending its force. From other parts of the country reports show that crime and poverty are rapidly diminishing. With the general prosperity of our country, with national and state affairs in a better condition than in any other part of the world, and with a bright outlook for further progress in both physical and spiritual achievements there is no reason why both crime and poverty and all other attending woes could not be banished from amongst us."

HOW TO CARE FOR HEN THAT HAS BECOME BROODY

When hens become broody, they should be "broken up" quickly as possible, for the sooner this is done the sooner they will resume laying. To break a hen of broodiness she should be confined to a small coop raised off the ground, preferably with a slat bottom. Give her plenty of water to drink; she may be fed or not, as desired. Not much difference will be found in the time required to break her of broodiness, whether she is fed or made to fast, United States Department of Agriculture poultry specialists say. Usually from 3 to 6

days' confinement will break her, but some hens require 10 to 12 days.

The broody hen will be recognized by her inclination to stay on the nest at night, the ruffling of her feathers and her picking at any one who approaches her, and by the clucking noise she makes. The fact that her broodiness has been broken up can be recognized by the disappearance of these symptoms.

DEPTH OF CORN CULTIVATION

Many comparative experiments of deep and shallow cultivation have been made, and on the whole the results are in favor of shallow cultivation, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. The occasions when deep cultivation is preferable are few. If excessive rains have packed the soil and kept it water soaked, deep cultivation will help to dry and aerate it. Breaking the roots of the plants must be avoided so far as possible. If roots are broken the plants will rapidly produce other roots, but it will be at the expense of vitality and the food supply. After the plants have reached a height of 2 or 3 feet, the soil even in the middle of the rows should not be cultivated deeper than 4 inches, and usually a shallower cultivation will prove better. A loose soil mulch 2 or 3 inches in thickness should be maintained. It retains soil moisture and facilitates the penetration of rainfall.

TWELVE PERSONS WOUNDED

Montevideo, Uruguay, May 1.—Twelve persons were wounded by revolver shots in a fight between the police and 500 workers during the May day demonstrations. The shooting began when the police intervened to stop workers from attacking street cars.

SPANISH GENERAL DIES.

Madrid, May 2.—Gen. Francisco de Asis Cirujeda, who attracted attention by killing the Cuban Gen. Maceo, during the Spanish-American war is dead. Since the war in Cuba Gen. Cirujeda has been aide to King Alfonso. He was sixty-seven years of age.

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