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CRIME IN NEW ORLEANS.

The Annual report of the Chief of Police Board, showing the number of persons arrested in the city of New Orleans during the year with the violation of ordinances in the beginning of May to the end of April, published in the official journal of to-day, is a document of considerable interest and proves, unfortunately, that we are not behind other communities in point of criminal statistics. The total number of arrests during the semi-annual period in question was 11,198, of which 8,819 were males, and 2,379 females. In the list of offences, drunkenness is, by far, the most frequent occurrence. Thus we find the charge of "intoxication," there being 1,602 were males, and 777 females. Vagrancy is the second on the list, numbering 1,496, of which seven-eighths were males. The common offense of breach of the peace, there having been 972 arrests, discloses nearly one-third of persons charged with assault and battery, there were 883; disturbing the peace, fighting &c.; intoxication and breach of the peace, forming 295; slaves found in cabarets 301; slaves found in dangerous and suspicious places, 202; violations of city ordinances by white persons for safe-keeping 1,496.

The causes for graver offences the catalogue is smaller, but still sufficiently startling. We find 18 arrests for arson, with intent to kill; 79 for assault with weapons calculated to produce death; 5 for assault with intent to kill; 79 for attempts to commit larceny; 6 for attempts to commit burglary; 4 for burglary; 4 for embezzlement; 1; 1 for forgery; 1 for highway robbery; 1 for kidnapping; 1 for murder; 1 for manslaughter; 1 for poisoning; 3; 1 for robbery; 1 for stealing slaves; 1 for stealing; 1 for swindling 60.

The above statement, which shows that the arrests of one-twelfth of the entire population have been placed on the police docket during the year, suggests the inquiry whether the number of men employed to maintain the order of the city is adequate. The entire police of the city consists of 250 men—a force which, for the efficient and thorough discharge of their duty, and absorbing during the winter season, the influx of strangers are in our midst of such characters as loafers, gamblers, &c., are apt to swarm in large cities, is altogether inadequate. Of the 250 men, are with 11 more as substitutes for the six locks, leaving a force of the whole city of 183 men.

Mr. Mayor remarks:

"Across the breadth and length of the city it will be seen that this force is unequal to the wants of the community. I am compelled to call the attention of the Board to the large portion of the city which is without watchmen; and on the subject of the enormous increase in the price of fuel, forage, money and turbulence and disorderly conduct of the lower classes of the community. Dogs and cats loudly on the streets down with a strong hand; and the boldness, this offence is of a high undertaking. Another source of trouble than this has appeared in the shape of strikes of the various classes of cotton screwmen, cart men, and shipping from the city, without the necessary number having the power to control them. Punishment and the administration of justice are entirely dependent upon the Mayor's office, and I am thereby called upon to exercise the duties of Justice of the Peace, and to sit daily and hourly in the Police Court, to the exclusion of the duties of my office, and the attention to the wants of the community. The total number of arrests during the semi-annual period in question was 11,198, of which were males, and 2,379 females. In the list of offences, drunkenness is, by far, the most frequent occurrence. Thus we find the charge of "intoxication," there being 1,602 were males, and 777 females. Vagrancy is the second on the list, numbering 1,496, of which seven-eighths were males. The common offense is breach of the peace, there having been 972 arrests, disclosing nearly one-third of persons charged with assault and battery, there were 883; disturbing the peace, fighting &c.; intoxication and breach of the peace, forming 295; slaves found in cabarets 301; slaves found in dangerous and suspicious places, 202; violations of city ordinances by white persons for safe-keeping 1,496, of which there were 1,183 arrests for arson