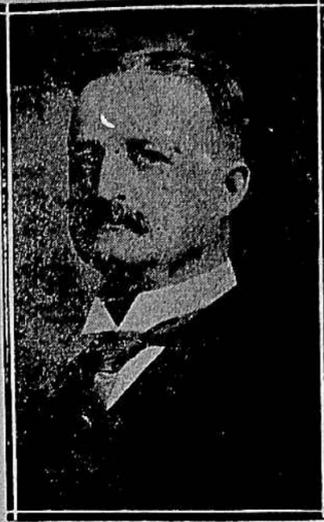


Chief Dangers From Accidental Death--Surprising Results of Special Census Investigation--Suicide Leads List



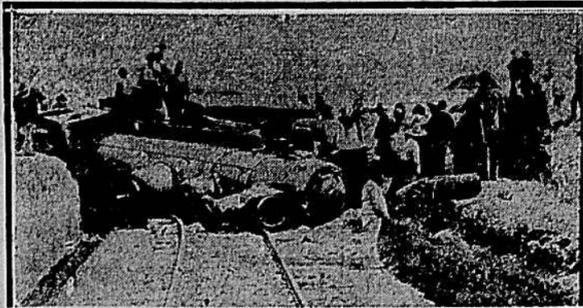
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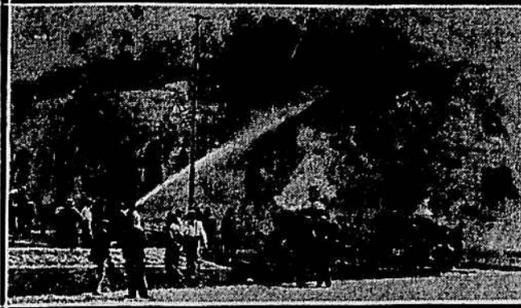
Machine-Listing Violent Deaths, Census Bureau.



THE PRIME CAUSE. Greatest Number of Fatal Accidents are on Railroads.



Water Catastrophes, Your Second Greatest Danger.



FIRE, THE THIRD GREATEST PERIL.

BY JOHN ELMRETH WATKINS.
Your dangers from accident—how do they rank?
You have often wondered, but have had no tangible information on the subject. Nor have you guessed that aside from counting your fellow citizens, the Census Bureau has lately been at work trying to solve this problem for you.
It is a line of research that is bringing to light a wealth of information of the utmost importance to you and to your neighbor—facts which will be of the greatest value to those who are at the head of public movements for the elimination of violent death in all of its ghastly forms, and who are working as zealously for the conservation of human life as other geniuses are striving for the conservation

of our water supply, mineral resources and forests.
No problem is more vital to our peace of mind. No enlightenment can better arm us against the cruellest "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" which threaten us on every hand.
Cold Worse Than Locomotive.
That railroad trains are our chief cause of accidental death will cause you no surprise, but you will be taken aback to learn that travel upon the steel highway subjects you to one of the very least of your perils, if you are a mere passenger. According to these new census figures the locomotive kills far more of us than any other agency of destruction—crushing the lives out of thirteen and a half in every 100,000 of us per year. But even since these statistics were compiled

in fact, since the main notes for this article were taken—the Interstate Commerce Commission has issued fuller data showing that you are in no greater danger of death from railway accidents than from freezing to death, so long as you are riding on a ticket. Indeed, the danger to your life from automobiles is nearly double, from suffocation over three times, from heat or sunstroke nearly four times, from firearms over seven times, from poison or gas over seven times as great.
It is the railway employe and the individual who walks on the railroad or otherwise trespasses on railway property who run the death average from railroad accidents away up in the clouds. Out of every 3,500,000 railroad fares bought last year, only one proved to be a ticket to the realm from which no traveler returns. And one black ticket out of 3,500,000 white ones is not so bad a chance in this world as you would think. And according to these latest figures of our great railway tribunal one-sixth less victims were killed by the iron horse last year than in the twelvemonth before. In fact, fewer tombstones were left in the wake of this monster last year than in any similar period since 1902.

more strictly in our progressive cities. Machinery, the eleventh cause of accidental death, slaughters two Americans per hundred thousand per year, a rate gratifyingly low, considering the rapidity with which labor-saving mechanisms have been adopted to replace hand labor. And this rate will probably show a still greater diminution in the immediate future as a result of the recently inaugurated educational crusade of the bureau of labor for the adoption of safety devices upon machinery, causing what are popularly known as "trade diseases".
How Sunstroke Ranks.
The sun as a cause of violent death is a much less significant factor than we would suppose, especially at this season of the year, when we read almost daily of the victims killed by this orb of day. But, as a matter of fact, you are more likely to be killed by machinery and more than doubly liable to die from poison or gas than you are by sunstroke or heatstroke. But, of course, Old Sol gets in his deadly work only for a scant three months of the year, and if he were allowed an uninterrupted twelve-month reign in which to operate upon each section of our land his victims would reach such a total as would rank him fourth in the list of causes of violent death. But taking the year as a whole it shows a death list from heat and sunstroke of only one and four-fifths persons per hundred thousand. The chances of our being suffocated or killed by a fracture of the skull or other bones are a trifle less than those of your dying suddenly from summer heat.

Autos Kill Comparatively Few
The automobile's showing is the greatest surprise of the whole list, for in the course of a year you are twice as likely to be killed by sunstroke or heatstroke, two and a half times as liable to be shot to death and over four times as likely to be poisoned to death as to be killed by an auto, compared to which as an engine of death the trolley car is over four times and the horse vehicle nearly five times as fatal. But, of course, this showing results from the fact that in a vast area of the country the automobile is as yet little used, save by the opulent classes. Yet last year we turned out 80,000 new automobiles, and the rate of production this year has been much greater. Winter's cold causes hardly more than a third as many violent deaths among us as summer's heat, only one person in each 200,000 of us being annually frozen to death or suddenly killed by exposure to the blasts of the frigid season. But here we run into the same qualifying factor met with in the case of sun and heat stroke. If winter's dangers threatened the year round, like those of firearms, poisons, gases and liable to be poisoned to death as to be killed by an auto, compared to which as an engine of death the trolley car is over four times and the horse vehicle nearly five times as fatal.

Suicide Causes Most Violent Deaths.
Suicide is discovered by Dr. Wilbur to now be our chief source of violent death, nilling many more graves than even the locomotive and many more as fire and water acting together.
In each 100,000 of us eighteen and a half persons are annually taking their own lives, where only thirteen and a half are killed on the railroads. We are having nearly twice as many suicides as accidental drownings and nearly as many as many are taking their own lives as are sacrificed to fire.
Poison is the favorite means of suicide in our country, while shooting is an extremely close second, either of these means claiming more than twice as many victims as hanging, while the next greatest number take gas, and considerably fewer still use the knife. Very nearly as many drown themselves as cut themselves to death, the number of those jumping overboard being one of us in 100,000. Less than a third of this proportion commit suicide by jumping from windows and other high places, while the least number of all—only one in 1,000,000 of us—fling themselves in front of trains or elect to have themselves otherwise crushed to death.

Our woman suicides prefer poison to any other agency of self-destruction, while men prefer shooting, according to Prof. William B. Bailey, of Yale, who has been going deep into this subject. The suicide age of women is younger than that of men, he finds, and the favorite day of the weak females to take their own lives is Monday, following the usual period of debauch lasting over Saturday night and Sunday. Our woman suicides, on the other hand, prefer Sunday, when the family is together for the day, giving greater opportunity for quarrels especially as the husband is then more liable to be intoxicated. Quite a tribute, indeed, to the American Sabbath, but one which is doubtless deserved.
Almost a third as many of us are killed by murderers and other homicides as by inflicting death upon ourselves, and our chances of being thus slain by others are nearly twice as great as those of being killed by trolley cars, gas or poison. More than three times as many of us are victims of homicides as of accidental shooting. Nearly seven in each 100,000 of us die from murder or homicide in a year.

Summing up all of your dangers, from Dr. Wilbur's figures, you are more than thirteen times as liable to be killed by disease as by violent death, and yet nearly four times more likely to die a violent death than to waste away from old age.
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Water and fire our worst foes. The water kills more of us than any other accidental agency, except the iron steed. Out of every 100,000 of us Americans, thirteen and a half are killed on the rail and nearly ten and a half by drowning, not including suicides.
These census figures include only drowned persons whose bodies come under the jurisdiction of our coroners—people who go boating and bathing in our inland waters or along our coast lines, also those whose corpses the sea gives up and lays upon our foaming beaches.
Fire is ranked next in this census count of death perils, and as far as the general public is concerned this and its sister element, water, can reasonably be classed as our chief causes of violent death. In counting the deaths due to fire are included not only those sacrificed to the flames direct, but those due to scalding. Your danger of death from fire, or both of these forms, is about four-fifths of your peril of dying from water, and, of course, it is an amazing figure, considering the average American, as I must throughout this discourse. More than eight out of every 100,000 of us are burned or scalded to death per annum, but in the last four years flames have licked up to an average of \$28,000,000 worth of our property per annum, according to the national board of underwriters. This fearful tribute in life and wealth is being looked into by H. M. Wilson, chief engineer of the new Bureau of Mines, who blames it upon our predominance of frame houses, as compared with those of foreign countries, and also upon the faulty construction of American buildings.
"The ill-effects of fires," says he, "is headed by detective chimneys, flues, fireplaces and heating and lighting apparatus, all of them faults of construction and equipment."
Most foreign cities, he adds, positively forbid frame buildings within their limits, and they are few within even the rural districts of Europe, whereas the great majority of our houses and many of our factories and warehouses are built of lumber. The fact that nearly a fourth of our fires are reported by the authorities as of "unknown origin," he adds, "indicates forcibly the listless attitude not only of the general public toward this waste, but also of the men directly charged with protecting property."
Such scoldings do good, and let there be more such from men who would reduce your dangers.
A Great Peril Little Suspected.
"Injuries at birth," which the Census Bureau ranks under "external violence," is the next greatest cause of death in this country, and it is not a flattering tribute to American surgery that more of us are annually killed in this manner than by trolley cars or explosive weapons. The annual death rate of our infants is nearly seven (6.9) per hundred thousand, or very nearly as great as that of persons burned and scalded to death (8.0).
Indeed, it is a condition which surprises and appalls us, and which has a greater bearing than we ever imagined from the problems related to the conservation of our population. Over 6,000 little lives ad-

pear to be thus snuffed out from the trolley or among us annually.
Accidents in mines and quarries rank as our fifth cause of accidental death, but, happily, it is one which will now be fought by the new Bureau of Mines, with its excellent stations for teaching miners how to avoid the dangers of subterranean fires and explosions, also how best to rescue those who have been trapped by such catastrophes.
Dobbin More Deadly Than Trolley.
You will be greatly surprised to learn that you are in greater danger from horses and vehicles—not including automobiles—than from trolley cars. Indeed, victims of the former source of danger share fifth place on the government black list with mine and quarry accidents, there being four and one-third in each 100,000 of us killed annually by runaways and other accidents to or caused by horses and vehicles.
Street cars are your next greatest danger, killing a little less than four of us per hundred thousand each year. But the locomotive kills three, and a half times as many of us as the street car. Indeed, your chances of death from sale is being kept account of more and

whose victims equal the same annually as those of poison. And in this estimate—as in all herein given—suicides are not used to pad the averages of cases given as due to accident.
Firearms Cause Few Accidental Deaths.
Firearms will astonish you by the relatively small showing which they make upon this graduated list of national perils. Compared with your danger from being accidentally shot, your peril of being killed by poison, gas or street cars is three-quarter times again as great; of being killed by a carriage, nearly twice as great; of being fatally scalded or burned, nearly four times, and of being drowned, nearly five times as great. There is indeed, a hopeful flavor to these morsels of intelligence, for it seems to reflect the good work which is being done by those crusaders who lately commenced to work for individual disarmament, a consummation more devoutly to be wished for, indeed, than "international disarmament." Each year it becomes more difficult for the citizen to procure firearms, whose

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