DRY RULE HASN'T CHECKED CAPITAL CRIME, COPS SAY

Washington Deluged with Lawless.

[By A Staff Correspondent]

Washington, D.C., March 2.—[Special]—Prohibition has failed to put an end to crime in Washington, it is shown by statistics compiled by police officials and made public yesterday by Maj. Daniel Sullivan, superintendent of police.

The compilation of arrests on all charges from 1910 to 1923 shows that, although Washington's population has increased only 32.17 per cent since 1910, arrests in 1923 for serious crimes showed an increase of 107.47 per cent over those in 1910. Crimes against morality increased, as did murder, manslaughter, and thieving.

Arrests for violation of the prohibition laws last year totaled 15,940, or an increase of 231.72 per cent. Arrests for drunkenness, which dropped considerably in 1918, have gone steadily upward since then and last year numbered 8,368, an increase of 121.20 per cent over arrests made in 1910.

Prohibition Added Burden.

Prohibition, police officials said, has added materially to the work of the police department and has brought into being a new type of criminal, who has the support of persons in highest society.

Maj. Sullivan refused to comment on the statistics. They were not compiled, he declared, to prove any preconceived idea, nor was condemnation of the prohibition laws aimed at.

Murder arrests last year were more numerous, by 271.43 per cent, than in 1910; manslaughter, by 250 per cent; assault with dangerous weapons, 307.94 per cent; assault with intent to kill, 28.57 per cent; robbery, 103.23 per cent; bigamy, 83.33 per cent; false pretenses, 83.85 per cent; forgery, 160.71 per cent; grand larceny, 157.39 per cent; housebreaking, 85.77 per cent. In only one case was there a decrease in arrests. Embezzlement dropped 29 per cent as compared with 1910.

Orgy of Arrests.

Arrests, for threats of personal violence last year, compared with those in 1910, showed an increase of 118.30 per cent, and for carrying weapons, 84.52 per cent.

Five different crimes against morality, all named in the compilation, showed material increases. One increased by 71.43 per cent, another by 201.51, another by 135.45, a fourth by 1,388.88, and the fifth by 2,350 per cent.

Arrests for nonsupport of wife and children showed a decrease of 89.76 per cent, incorrigibility a decrease of 56.27 per cent, and cases of indigent or dependent children a decrease of 56 per cent. But it is explained in a footnote that the only cases of nonsupport of wives and children handled by the police are those in which indictments have been brought and the defendants are out of this jurisdiction.

Ald. John Powers Goes South to Regain Health

Ald. John Powers and Mrs. Powers, in company with Ald. James Dowler and his wife, left for Miami, Fla., yesterday. Ald. Powers will stay in the south for an indefinite time to recuperate from his recent attack of pneumonia.