

POPULATION OF PRISONS GROW

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Indianapolis, Ind., June 9.—(U.P.)—
One hundred twenty and nine-tenths, persons of every 100,000 of Indiana's population of 3,124,000 were in the state prison at Michigan City or Pendleton reformatory in 1927.

This is double the ratio of 1901 when statistics showed 69.5 for every 100,000 in the same institutions.

Statistics of the state board of charities recently revealed that the increase in prison population is due not only to a greater number of commitments but also much larger sentences.

Between Nov. 1, 1900 and October 1, 1927, 22,731 men over 16 years of age and 630 women over eighteen years of age, 23,361 altogether, were committed to the Indiana state prison, the reformatory and the penal department of the women's prison.

Tabulated statistics show that the number of such commitments has more than doubled in recent years. There was an average of 1,347 annually the past five years, 1923-1927, as against 665 annually for the period from 1901 to 1905, inclusive.

Two hundred seventy-one juvenile delinquents were committed to the state schools for boys and girls in 1901 and 341 in 1927.

The highest number in any one fiscal year was 455 in 1918.

There has been a marked tendency towards the decrease of the population of the boys and girls schools, a result of juvenile courts which first came into existence in 1903 to be followed by the present systems of juvenile probation which have resulted in better care for neglected children.

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Of the 22,731 men committed to the state prison and reformatory during the past twenty-seven years, there was an average per hundred of twenty-six under twenty-one years of age, thirty-nine between twenty-one and thirty years; and thirty-five who were thirty-five years or older.

Tabulations show that the proportion of each age group show remarkably little change over the entire period of twenty-seven years since the start of the century.

That disturbed period immediately following the World War made itself felt in a marked increase in youthful offenders in 1919. Five years later in 1924 the proportion under twenty-one years of age was back to the general average.

Practically three-fourths of all commitments to the state penal institutions are because of crimes against property, robbery and larceny.

TEN BEST SELLERS

Compiled for the United Press by the Baker & Taylor Co., wholesale booksellers and publishers of the retail bookseller.)

Fiction

1. But Gentlemen Marry Brunettes. By Anita Loos. Boni and Liveright. Published, May 18, 1928. \$2.00.

The famous Lorelei becomes an authoress and tells the story of her girl friend, Dorothy.

2. The Fortunate Wayfarer. By E. Phillips Oppenheim. Little, Brown & Co. Published, May 19, 1928. \$2.00.

The popular writer of "thrillers" this time uses the plot about the young man handed a staggering sum of money by a complete stranger.

3. The Bridge of San Luis Rey. By Thornton Wilder. A. & C. Boni. Published, Nov. 12, 1927. \$2.50.

An inquiry into the widely different lives of five persons who met a common death.

4. Bad Girl. By Vina Delmar. Harcourt Brace. Published, April 5, 1928. \$2.50.

A realistic study of Harlem's inarticulate white folk.

5. The Lovely Ducklings. By Rupert Hughes. Harper's. Published, May 17, 1928. \$2.00.

A study of the modern American family from a viewpoint somewhat less cruel than that of the usual contemporary writer.

General

1. Strange Interlude. By Eugene O'Neill. Boni and Liveright. Published, March 3, 1928. \$2.50.

The nine-act play that has made theatrical history by its competent characterizations.

2. Disraeli. By Andre Maurois. Appleton's. Published, Feb. 1, 1928. \$3.00.

A character sketch of the distinguished political opportunist.

3. Poems in Praise of Practically Nothing. By Samuel Hoffenstein. Boni and Liveright. Published, Mar. 14, 1928. \$2.00.

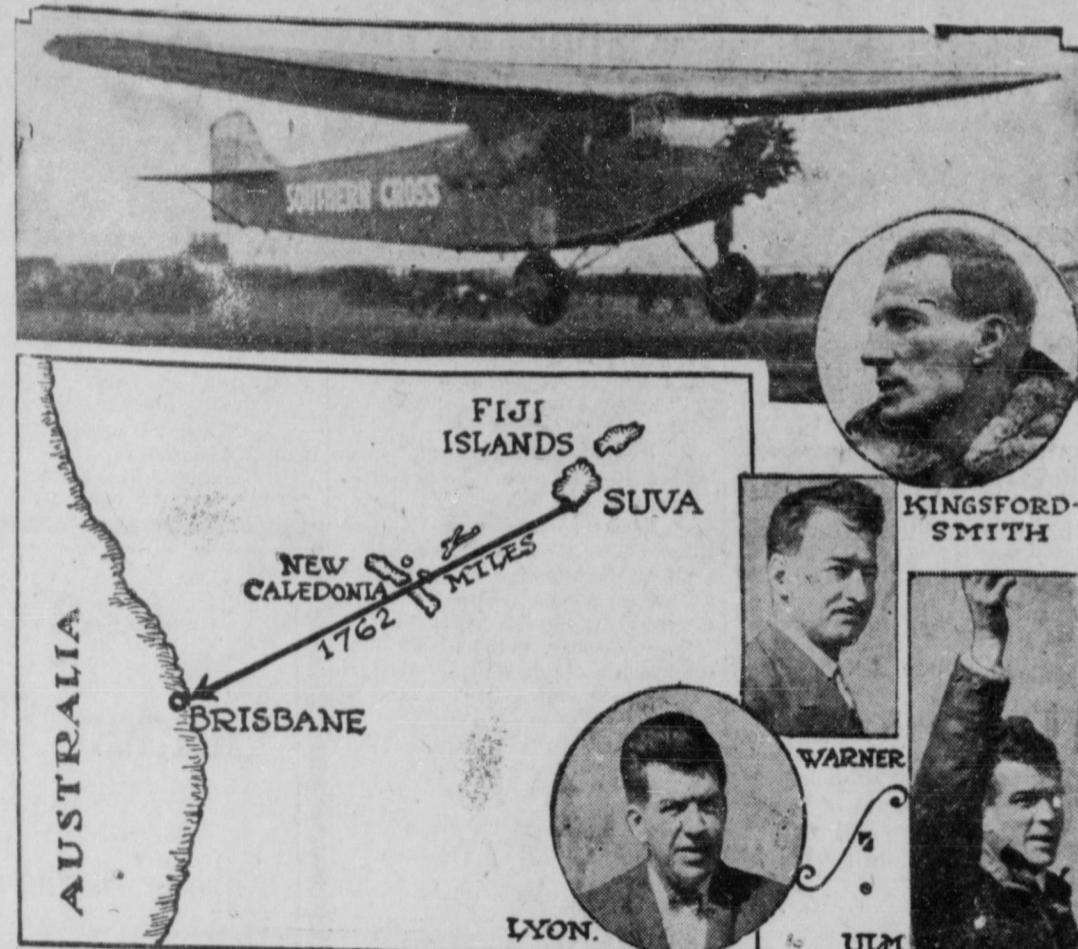
Some amusing nonsense—if it is nonsense.

4. Trader Horn. By Alfred A. Horn. Simon and Schuster. Published, June 10, 1927. \$4.00.

Vivid narration by an aged English ivory trader in Central Africa.

55. Mother India. By Katherine Mayo. Harcourt-Brace. Published, May 26, 1927. \$3.75.

U. S.-To-Australia Flight Ends In Success



The four nervy trans-Pacific fliers, Kingsford-Smith, ULM, Lyons and Warner, late yesterday ended a successful flight from California to Brisbane, Australia, via Honolulu and the Fiji Islands. The map shows the course of the Southern Cross after leaving Suva on the last leg of the 7,351-mile ocean flight.

FARM ALLIANCE GETS TO WORK

Movement Designed To Keep Hoover From Winning Nomination Progress

Kansas City, Mo., June 9.—(U.P.)—The farm alliance movement, designed by the opponents of Herbert Hoover as the only possible means of eliminating the cabinet member from the Republican presidential nomination, began functioning in earnest today.

The alliance, combining the strength of four candidates, Frank O. Lowden and Senators Watson, Curtis and Goff, opened the drive with a series of mass meetings which they hoped would crystallize sentiment against Secretary Hoover.

Wards of Split

At the same time, Governor Adam McCullum of Nebraska, leader of the proposed "mass revolt" of middle western farmers, who are converging on Kansas City, said the selection of Hoover would lead to a split that would make the Republican party "helpless and ineffectual" for many years.

McCullum said Hoover or any other candidate could not be elected without the support of the farmers and that all party lines would be obliterated by the cause of farm relief.

"If Lowden is nominated, the farmers will go home satisfied, probably not knowing or caring whether an agricultural plank is in the platform," he said. "They will feel secure in their man."

The farm alliance's activity today was sudden and hurried and in its organization gave the appearance of being a "last ditch" stand against the cabinet member.

Circulars, hastily printed, appeared on the street today, blazoning the announcement that "The prince of orators, Hon. James E. Watson of Indiana, will tell you about the Republican party."

Senator Watson will make his appearance tonight at the Shubert theater. Other speakers will be Governor McCullum, and former governor Hyde of Missouri, whose support is credited to Lowden.

The scheduled arrival today of Senators Curtis and Goff and Lowden was expected to add impetus to the movement. Lowden was to confer with his leaders immediately upon arrival.

How far these men will go to defeat Hoover is speculative. Their move is interesting in view of the fact that the headliners, Senator Watson, himself is presidential candidate. But if the rally follows the pace set by the first of the anti-Hoover conclaves, there will be no lack of frankness.

Watson Headquarters Active

Kansas City, June 9.—(INS)—Another heavy barrage of anti-Hoover statements was laid down here today by the coalition that has been formed against the cabinet candidate.

Watson headquarters issued three at once. Joseph C. Hutzel, Fort Wayne, Ind., financier, a delegate from Indiana, declared "It is perfect nonsense" to think that Hoover can carry Indiana in November "with agriculture uncompromisingly hostile."

George T. Nattkemper of Terre Haute, Ind., declared that opposition to Hoover exists not only among the farmers but among business men and industrial leaders as well.

"Bankers and business men, in Indiana," said Nattkemper are afraid of Mr. Hoover's internationalism."

Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus Coming To Fort Wayne On Next Tuesday, June 12

Within a few days, the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus will make its annual appearance in this vicinity. Hagenbeck-Wallace has always been known as the "highest class circus offered is second to none."

One of the features of the performance will be the presentation of "The Geisha," a gorgeous and beautiful spectacle of old Japan. Wild animals displayed will also be prominent on the program.

Dalny equestriennes are numerous with the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus.

Some of the funniest clowns that ever tramped with a "white top" will scamper around the hippodrome track and all over the rings and stages on circus day.

Among the outstanding features will

be the appearance of the famous Davenport Family of riders, the noted Ward Troupe of Aerialists, the thrilling wild animal display of Clyde Beatty and Capt. Bernardo, the menage and liberty horse groups.

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Freedom's Price

A free, virtuous and enlightened people must know well the great principles and causes on which their happiness depend.—James Monroe.

Formed "Academy" at 14

Cuvier, the greatest of French naturalists, formed, at the age of fourteen, a sort of "learned academy" from among his school fellows, where the merits of various books were seriously discussed.—Gas Logie.

Following are the March new car registrations for Wayne County (Detroit) on eighteen of the leading makes of 6 cylinder cars:

BURNS IS FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

Lafayette Man Convicted On Charge Of Murdering Deputy Sheriff

Lafayette, Ind., June 9.—(U.P.)—Four months after the body of Deputy Sheriff Wallace McClure was found in a woods several miles from here, John Burns today awaited sentence for the murder of the deputy. A jury late yesterday found Burns guilty and then recommended life imprisonment.

The bodies of McClure and John Grove were found after the two officers had started from here to take Burns and Samuel Baxter, another prisoner, to Pendleton reformatory.

Burns was at liberty for three months—Baxter is still at large—but he was taken into custody when he returned to his home here a few weeks ago.

He denied he and Baxter had killed the deputies and asserted the killing had been done by unidentified men who drove alongside the deputies' automobile.

Burns went to trial last Monday. One day was consumed in selecting a jury, two in presentation of evidence, one in arguments, and yesterday was given over to the preparation of instructions for the jury.

It was thought Burns would receive a life sentence sometime today.

THREE MEN, TWO WOMEN TO FACE CHARGES HERE

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residents or former residents of St. Marys, Ohio, and vicinity. Meadows and Makley are said to have been fellow convicts at the Missouri state prison, at Jefferson City, Mo., at one

time. Hammond police say that Lee Wheatey and his wife were not active participants in the bank holdups, but that they aided the gang in the robberies by stealing automobiles before each holdup. They will be charged with complicity, it is said.

Another member of the alleged gang of bandits, who is wanted here and in Ohio, is still at large.

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