

# DEADLOCK HOLDS IN FIRST BALLOTING OF DAY

## 8 OF 24 MEN WHO ESCAPED COUNTY JAIL RECAPTURED

### FEDERAL OFFICERS MAKE INQUIRY INTO FACTS OF DELIVERY

Prisoners in 'U. S. Row' Saw Through Bars,  
Attack Night Guard and Make Exit  
in Leisurely Manner.

#### CITY POLICEMEN MAKE DISCOVERY

Eight of the twenty-four prisoners who escaped from the Marion county jail this morning, the largest delivery in the history of that institution, were captured by the police today.

The police dragnet was stretched over the entire city and authorities in other cities were asked to watch for the escaped men.

As a number of the prisoners were being held for federal authorities, a federal investigation was started almost immediately after the escape to determine how it was possible for twenty-four prisoners to leave the jail undiscovered.

It is understood the federal investigation will be sweeping in its nature and that prisoners in the jail will be brought before the federal grand jury to tell in detail of conditions there.

It is also said the bonds of federal prisoners probably will be increased. The prisoners bound and gagged the night jailer, took his keys, revolver and cap and made their exit from the jail in a leisurely fashion shortly after midnight.

The escape was discovered some time later by the police. Ernest Dreier, 48, of 1224 Cottage avenue, night jailer who was beaten, bound and gagged by the escaping convicts, is reported to be in a serious condition.

Dreier owes his life to George Pfister and Porter Yates, two prisoners who refused to escape from the jail and who aided him and carried the unconscious jailer to the office of the jail, where Dr. A. H. Mendelbaum gave first aid.

The letter follows:  
"Friend Fred—I have just now seen a hole up here and am going to try and go. It is not my best judgment, but I can't stay in here and not know what is to be done with me."

"It doesn't look like they will give me a chance. I think I could get a bond signed up at Tulsa, but can't even see an attorney, let alone writing to wife or friends."

"My intentions at present are to send a bond back if they won't try to persecute me all summer."

"Fred, I am asking you to kindly send all of my things to my wife. Thanks for favors shown wife and self by you. HENRY."

The address of Mrs. McGonigall was given as 119 South Denver street, Tulsa, Okla.

DISCOVERED ABOUT 1 O'CLOCK BY POLICE.  
The jail delivery was discovered at 1 o'clock this morning, when Sgt. Fred Winkler and two other police officers halted two men at Alabama and South streets.

One of these men admitted that he had escaped from the jail and the other called police headquarters and notified Capt. Alfred Ray.

Capt. Ray, accompanied by Motor Police Hudson and Landers, ran to the jail and found the doors opened.

They met two prisoners carrying the unconscious form of Night Jailer Dreier around the stairs.

Guarding the doorway the police aroused Sheriff Robert Miller, who was sleeping in the living room of the jail building.

Capt. Ray then rushed back to police headquarters and spread the police net over the city.

Detectives on duty were called from their beds, squads of police in automobiles scoured the roads leading from the city, railroad detectives and city police officers searched the various railroad yards.

ALL EXITS FROM CITY BEING GUARDED.  
Detectives were placed at the Union depot and the Traction Terminal station. Suspects were hunted in from every section of the city.

Capt. Ray notified Chief of Police Jerry Kinney of the jail delivery and told him what steps he had taken.

Chief Kinney said nothing had been left undone that was possible to recapture the fugitives.

The prisoners who escaped were confined in what is known as the federal row, which figured in the recent exposure of gambling in the jail.

Seventeen did not escape, some of them refusing and others being unable to crawl through the small hole leading from the cellroom.

The hole through which the prisoners escaped was exactly ten inches square, two pieces of armor plate steel being sawed and battered out by the prisoners.

CHOOSE CELL IN FEDERAL ROW.  
The cell occupied by John Powers, alias "Jap" Powers, and Henry Turfitt and Robert Brown, located in the northeast corner of federal row, was the place chosen by the prisoners from which to make their escape.

Federal row is located on the second floor of the north wing of the jail. The cellrooms are surrounded by a corridor separating them from the outside wall of the jail.

This corridor can be reached only in the interior of the jail by passing through two doors.

The bars sawed from the cellroom were against the floor leading into the east corridor.

Through this opening the leaders of the plot crawled and then lay in wait for Night Jailer Dreier to make his hourly round of inspection.

As Dreier passed through the west corridor and started into the north corridor one of the prisoners struck him a blow on the head with a "blackjack" made of a piece of bed sheet wrapped around a stick.

JAILER WITH OF STEEL.  
Dreier did not render Dreier unconscious but a second blow with a piece of bed sheet about two feet long inflicted and serious scalp wound, and the jailer fell to the floor.

One of the prisoners leaped upon him and with faces of bed sheets they gagged the unconscious man.

A in his own blood Dreier lay in bed. The brutal attack was being made (Continued on Page Nine.)

### DESPERADOES PUT UP FIGHT AGAINST POLICE

First Two Are Apprehended  
by Accident—Others Picked  
Up Steadily.

#### GET NOTED BURGLAR

Gun play figured in the recapture of the prisoners who saved their way to freedom from the Marion county jail.

From the time of the capture of the first two, which resulted in the discovery of the big jail delivery, the police realized that they had desperate men with whom to deal.

Sgt. Fred Winkler, with Motor Officers Walker, Bernauer and Moran, were returning to police headquarters after investigating a holdup.

As they approached Alabama and South streets, Winkler discovered two men of suspicious appearance entering an alley.

The police caught one of these men almost before he realized that they were in the neighborhood, but the second man ran through the alley.

This man is believed to have been shot by Sgt. Winkler, who fired five shots at the fugitive.

A railroad watchman told the police that the man hid in the grass near the man who Winkler caught a block away was one of five who had entered the alley.

Three of the five men were in the alley before the police could appear on the scene, the watchman said.

TWO ENTER HOUSE.  
TWO GET AWAY.  
The two fugitives entered a house in the neighborhood and escaped.

The men captured were George Hodgins and George Durk.

While Winkler was pursuing one of the fugitives through the alley, one of the other escaped prisoners fired at Winkler, according to the railroad watchman.

Winkler thought that the firing was by one of the police squad and called for him to watch where he was shooting, the bullet having passed close to the sergeant.

When the police questioned the two suspects they were surprised to learn that the men had just escaped from the jail and were part of a large number who had made their escape.

Sgt. Winkler immediately telephoned Capt. Alfred Ray, who, accompanied by other officers, hurried to the jail.

ALLEGED FREIGHT  
THIEF CAUGHT NEXT.  
The third prisoner caught was Robert Brown, alleged freight thief, who is a federal prisoner.

In company with Roy F. Comer, a federal prisoner charged with vehicle taking, Brown was halted at East street and Cottage avenue at 4:30 o'clock.

Patrolman Hess, who had been notified of the jail delivery, saw the two suspects and grabbed Brown.

As he did so Comer and Brown attacked him.

Comer struck Hess repeatedly in the face and Brown attempted to hold the policeman's arms.

Comer escaped but Patrolman Hess knocked Brown to the sidewalk and held him until the arrival of the emergency squad.

The next two prisoners were captured at Meridian street and the bluff road by Detectives Coleman, Presley, Rowe and Sullivan.

SUSPECTS HALTED  
EARLY IN MORNING.  
These detectives in an automobile halted the two suspects, Harry Wagner and John Powers, at 2 o'clock this morning.

Powers said to be one of the leaders of the jail delivery, was wearing a cap stolen from Night Jailer Ernest Dreier who had been beaten and gagged.

Powers also is said to have had a dagger in his pocket at the time of his escape.

Wagner had a blackjack said to have been taken from the jailer.

The detectives closed in on the two men so quickly that they had no opportunity to use the stolen weapons.

One of the most important captures made by the police was the arrest of George Shaw, alias Fletcher B. Rogers, who was a candidate for re-election, and Mr. Chamberlain is expected to be appointed on the republican county ticket to fill the vacancy left by Judge Ewbank, who was also a candidate for re-election.

Judge Ewbank was elected judge of the circuit court four years ago.

### Men Involved in Jail Delivery

The following prisoners were involved in the jail delivery:

George Shaw, alias Fletcher B. Rogers, known as the north side burglar.

George Hodgins, alias Hodges, charged with larceny.

George Durk, alias Harry Durk, charged with larceny.

Robert Brown, charged with larceny.

Harry Wagner, charged with grand larceny.

John Powers, charged with grand larceny.

Emery Avers, grand larceny.

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.  
Jack Prinsner.

George Taylor, slated for removal.

Arthur Walling, safe blow.

Roy McGonigall, charged with violating narcotic act.

Roy Bright, charged with vehicle taking.

Roy F. Comer, charged with vehicle taking.

Harry Turfitt, said to be a leader of the escaped prisoners.

Fred Siner, alias Stelman.

ESCAPED STATE PRISONERS.  
Harry Hardacre, robbery.

William Peaslee, forgery.

Dorsey Horner, alias Harney, grand larceny.

George Alberts, grand larceny.

Albert May, grand larceny.

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Oliver Brown, taxicab driver, charged with manslaughter.

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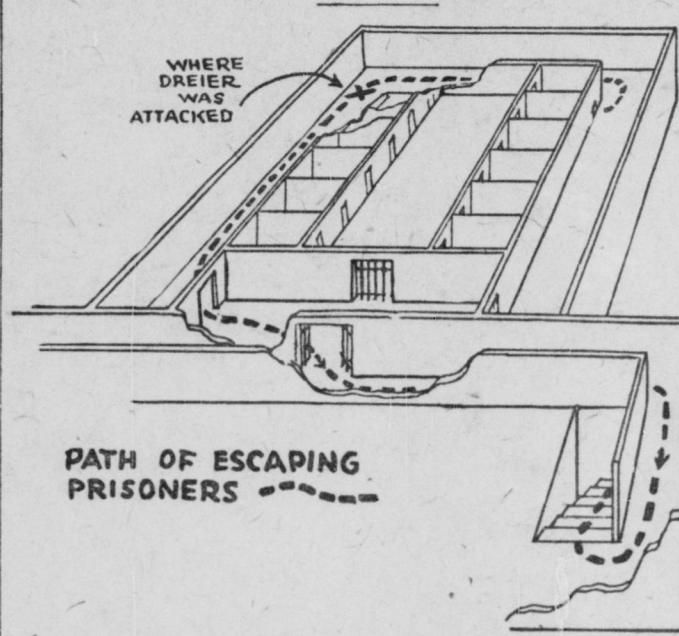
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### How Prisoners Escaped Jail



### Fourth Is Fifth and Celebration Still Holds Sway

Automobile Races at State  
Fair Grounds Feature  
Today's Program.

Indianapolis today continued to celebrate the Fourth of July.

The event has been a two-day affair filled with activities.

Today's program includes municipal athletic events at the various parks and automobile races at the state fair grounds, with displays of fireworks at Riverside and Ellensberger parks tonight.

Yesterday the celebration was more of a patriotic nature, beginning with the tolling of church bells, organ recitals in the churches and patriotic sermons, ending with patriotic speeches in some of the city parks under the auspices of the Marion county Americanization committee of the American legion.

The following spoke at the parks: Sidney Miller, St. Clair park; Joseph A. Mintura, University park; H. C. Harrington, Garfield park; Arthur R. Robinson, Ellensberger park; and Gideon Ballin, Military park.

The speeches dealt with the meaning of independence day and the patriotic spirit as applied to present day conditions.

Members of the four Indianapolis posts of the Grand Army of the Republic were guests of the Central Avenue Methodist church, where Rev. O. W. Fifer spoke on "Pilgrims and Independence."

Rev. Fifer pointed to the fact that the tercentenary of the landing of the pilgrims comes this year and makes a review of the nation's debt to the pilgrim fathers appropriate.

He showed how the landing of the pilgrims was a forerunner of the declaration of independence leading up to present day liberty.

Rev. Clarence E. Reidenbach spoke on "The Faith of Our Fathers" at union services at the Irving Presbyterian church.

Bruce P. Ribison post No. 133, American legion, held special flag services at the Central Christian church, where Rev. Ann B. Philpott preached.

Rev. Philip W. Corry spoke at the Fletcher Place Methodist church on "The Nation's Conscience."

### TWO-THIRDS RULE MAY BE NULLED

Rules Committee Would  
Abolish It and Unit Plan.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—The rules committee of the democratic convention is considering recommending that the present system of nominating by a two-thirds majority be abolished, and with it the unit rule, Thomas J. Spellacy of Hartford, Conn., chairman of the rules committee, said today.

Spellacy pointed out that the two-thirds method of nominating was adopted when all delegations cast their ballots as units.

Now that the unit rule has been done away with in many states, their votes are scattered among several candidates and protracted balloting results.

Should the rules committee recommend the change it would not affect the present convention.

### Bell Rung in 1776 Used at Vincennes

VINCENNES, Ind., July 5.—The famous silver bell of St. Xavier church was put into use today in celebrating the Fourth.

In 1776 this historic bell announced to the inhabitants the signing of the declaration of independence and was rung while the American flag was being hoisted over Ft. Sackville. It was made from jewelry contributed by the people of France.

### This Edition

is published earlier than usual in order to give employees of The Times as much of a holiday as possible.

Late afternoon news, including developments in the democratic convention at San Francisco will be covered in the final edition of The Times, sold on the streets.

The Colorado delegation is in the same boat as the others. (Continued on Page Nine.)

### TAGGART LOSES ALL CONTROL OF INDIANA'S VOTES

Hoosier Delegates Break and  
Divide Ballots Between Mc-  
Adoo and Cox.

MANY LEAVING 'FRISCO

By ROBERT A. BUTLER,  
Editor of Times.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Either through neglect or through the direction of the efforts of W. H. O'Brien, Benjamin Bosse and a number of Cox supporters, Thomas Taggart has so far lost control of the Indiana delegation as to bring about a deadlock which now appears to preclude Indiana from any further usefulness in this convention.

Efforts to bring about an agreement under which Indiana's thirty votes could be swung in a body failed in a caucus which lasted more than two hours.

It was agreed that Indiana delegates would vote their individual preference regardless of the effect and that polls would be taken on every ballot.

Taggart had declared his unwillingness to be entrusted with the votes of all.

This decision followed the fiasco of the Saturday session, when Indiana had a chance to stampede the convention for McAdoo and failed owing to apparent indifference on the part of Taggart to efforts which have been under way for last week to take delegates from McAdoo to Cox.

After the twentieth ballot there was a demonstration for McAdoo, during which Taggart directed O'Brien to guard Indiana's standard.

Georgia switched from Palmer to McAdoo and in the judgment of many the moment had arrived to start the McAdoo band wagon and close the convention.

Indiana was called and passed, all interest centering in whether the state would continue to vote solidly for Cox or would swing in a body and lead the way to McAdoo.

In a few minutes Indiana reported nineteen for Cox and eleven for McAdoo, and a demonstration of other delegations, including New Jersey, New York and Illinois, changed their plan of action and remained hopelessly in the Cox camp.

The defection of eleven Indiana votes from Cox weakened him, but the refusal of Indiana's solid support to McAdoo stopped movement to him.

The Cox managers were disappointed. McAdoo leaders showed disappointment, and in some quarters declared that Taggart had not kept faith with them.

Investigation among Indiana delegates revealed that McAdoo supporters had agreed to go to Cox until he demonstrated ability to win or showed lack of progress.

When the convention adjourned after the sixteenth ballot, however, and they charged that McAdoo supporters broke from Cox when he was winning and thereby weakened their favorite.

In retaliation they refused to reciprocate for Cox votes lent to them and have so far stood out against all efforts to get them to vote for McAdoo on any ballot.

Whether Taggart ever sincerely tried to deliver to McAdoo or merely did so to make a showing remains a mystery to the delegation, but is not mysterious to others who say that he has never done more than send word to Cox supporters, through others, that he personally was for McAdoo.

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### NO SIGNS OF BREAK AS DEMOCRATS MEET TO CAST 23D BALLOT

Three Leading Camps Equally Hopeful, Each  
Side Claiming Victory Within  
a Few Ballots.

#### NINE DOWN IN LIST CLAIM A CHANCE

BULLETIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Results of twenty-third ballot: Cox, 429; McAdoo, 364½; Palmer, 181½; Davis, 50½; Cummings, 5; Owen, 34; Glass, 25; Clark, 2; Ring Lardner, ½; Cobb, ½; not voting, 3½.

By MARLEN E. PEW.  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—As the deadlocked democratic national convention swings into action today for another frenzied balloting session, the three leading presidential aspirants are sitting tight, their floor managers appear equally hopeful, at least nine other candidates are in lively anticipation of a joyride before sunset and the cold fact of the whole matter is that the game is wide open for any appropriate contender who is possessed of credentials that will convince these assembled ladies and gentlemen that he can win at the polls next November.

The convention was called to order at 10:12 a. m. (12:12 Indianapolis time), but indications are that it would be some little time before balloting would start.