

## U.S. SLEUTHS ON SCENT OF JAIL DELIVERY PLOT

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asking such an investigation," replied Shank.

The three county commissioners were in session this morning informally discussing the jail delivery.

"The sheriff never asked the commissioners to improve the locks in the federal row, and he only asked that the locks on the south side be fixed as good as those on the north side.

"Isn't that right?" asked Commissioner Carl Shanks of Commissioner Joseph Hayes.

"That's right," said Hayes. "But that isn't the question involved at this time."

"The question is, suppose that the sheriff had every cell locked which he could have had locked and suppose that the tin can used as a blow torch and the inflammable disinfectant were not in the cells, well we would not have had the jail delivered."

Commissioner Shank said he was of the opinion there were two deputy watchmen on at nights.

"When the courthouse was in operation we had two watchmen on at nights with certain hours for the cellhouse guard to report to the other guard," said Hayes.

**MAY DRAW UP CONTRACT.**

The commissioners have not taken any formal action but it was intimated a formal contract will be drawn up either between the commissioners and the federal authorities or between the jailer and the federal authorities, if federal prisoners are to be kept at the jail.

The upshot of the entire matter may be the removal of the federal prisoners from the Marion county jail to another county, probably the Vigo county jail at Terre Haute.

Sheriff Miller again made another public statement to the Times today.

"I am surprised to hear that Mr. Shank or any other county commissioner would say that I failed to report the locks to the cellhouse of the federal row were out of order," said Sheriff Miller today.

"Every county commissioner knows that these locks were not working and that the prisoners were confined in one big pen and could go from cell to cell as they pleased at night."

"They know that had the locks on those cell doors been working then only the prisoners would have been able to escape. In one cell would have been able to escape and not more than half the men confined in the entire federal row."

**BLAME RESTS ON COMMISSIONERS.**

"The blame rests on the shoulders of the county commissioners," declared Miller, "and they are to use of them trying to dodge their responsibility for not having done their duty."

"I guess Judge James Collins will see some of these prisoners are brought to trial," added the sheriff, "and not be permitted to wait months before being tried as is true in many cases. No wonder the county commissioners are worried."

United States Marshal Stoen has information which tends to show the jail breakers actually used their cell-made "blow torch" to take the temper out of the steel bars during the day time and not at night.

This throws much light on the boldness of the scheme and the open manner in which the fugitives are said to have operated.

The jail delivery also shows the utter failure of the so-called "cell boss" system under which the sheriff is said to have depended for protection from escape.

**LITTLE RECENT JAIL HISTORY.**

Sheriff Miller some time ago had Jack Hampton as a cell boss and the evidence in the criminal and federal courts shows that Hampton was one of the reported heads of the gambling which flourished in the jail.

After the federal court inquiry, Fred Heler, known as one of the favorites of the jail management, was elevated to the position of cell boss.

Heler willingly testified for the former jail employees when they were on trial in the federal court.

Heler is reported as a "good fellow" and was very accommodating to the "boys" in jail. It is said he is.

Heler later was removed as cell boss, it is said, and Ollie Brown, one of the fugitives and a man waiting trial on a charge of manslaughter, made cell boss.

**DOVE CAT THAT KILLED NUN.**

Brown is known as a former parole violator and charged with driving a taxicab which struck a man on Monument place some time ago, resulting in her death.

So Brown, it is said, was intrusted with the control of those in federal row.

Brown is said to be one of the plotters of the jail delivery conspiracy.

Authorities point out that the "cell boss" system is a joke and should be abolished.

The cell boss system is said to be simply a plan which reduces the operating expenses of the jail by saving some expenses for the sheriff in not hiring extra deputy sheriffs under oath to properly guard the jail.

**SAY AUTO WAITED OUTSIDE OF JAIL**

Details announced today that they had learned that an automobile was waiting outside the jail for at least one of the twenty-four prisoners who escaped early Monday morning from the jail.

They would not reveal the source of their information, but said they had learned that a large automobile in which three men were sitting, was waiting outside the jail, and that Arthur Welling, alleged professional safe cracker, stepped into the car as he left the jail.

The car is said to have gone west on Pearl street to Delaware street, thence north.

All except one of the keys stolen by the prisoners were found today by Sheriff Robert Miller.

The keys were taken by the prisoners from Eddie Dredel, 1234 Cottage avenue, night after they had beaten, tied and gagged Dreder.

The keys were found in the drawer of the sheriff's desk among some papers.

Why the escaping prisoners had chosen that method of disposing of the keys is not known and no reason has been found for the thieves taking the outside door key with them and leaving the other keys.

Now that the first excitement following the big jail delivery has subsided Sheriff Miller has started systematically to determine if possible every detail of the escape.

Eight of the twenty-four prisoners were captured the first day and they are safely back in the Federal row.

The hole, ten inches square, in the lower part of the northeast cellroom has been patched.

**PLANS OF ESCAPE NOT PECULIAR.**

It appears that Sheriff Miller's investigation that the prisoners had not perfected their plans of escape further than to reach the outside corridor surrounding the inner cage or row of cells in the Federal row, overpower the night jailer, steal his keys and make for the outside.

After reaching the first floor the prisoners had thought of going to the office of the jailer and thought there was another guard there.

The escaping prisoners went to the basement of the jail, planning to escape through the tunnel.

This tunnel leads under the power house west of the jail, and north under the hill. The tunnel was built and built to ensure the safe transporting of prisoners to and from criminal court.

If the prisoners been able to unlock the door of the tunnel they could have easily escaped either into the power house, which has not been used in years,

## Jail Breakers Elude Capture



Top—Arthur Welling and Jake Shane. Second row—Henry Tunnicliff and Ollie Brown. Third row—Albert May and George Alberts. Fourth row—Harry Hardacre and Dorsey Horney.

The police still are searching today for some of the most desperate of the twenty-four men who escaped from the county jail early yesterday.

Sixteen of them, including Arthur Walling, who is said to be one of the most expert safe robbers who ever operated in Indianapolis; Jake Shane, who was being held on a charge of grand larceny; Henry Tunnicliff, who is said to be the leader of the plot to break jail; Ollie Brown, a taxi driver, who ran over and killed a nun; Albert May and George Alberts, who were held for grand larceny; Harry Hardacre, who was held for robbery; Dorsey Horney, grand larceny, are still at large.

Or to the courthouse, where it would have been easy to reach the outside.

The prisoners while in the basement were seen by a merchant police before o'clock Monday morning. It was noted that the jailer was the only man in the building but the policeman said he thought the men were working and did not dream they were trying to escape from jail.

Failing to make good their escape by way of the tunnel, the twenty-four prisoners went to the office of the jail, unlocked the door and were surprised to find that the jailer was the only man in the building and that Dreder was the only jailer in the building.

They then unlocked the outside door of the jail office, which leads to the little side porch and jail yard.

Throwing all the keys except the one used in unlocking the side door into a drawer of the sheriff's desk, they made their escape.

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The pair were indicted on charges of breaking and entering.

They were found guilty of breaking into the store of George Herr, at Castleton, stealing about \$10 worth of cigars and cigarettes.

The state nolled the first count against the two young men.

**Red Weevil' Added Enemy of Wheat Crop**

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 6.—Reports from Purdue university announced that the red weevil has hatched and spread many parts of the state and threatens to become almost as dangerous to the wheat crop as the Hessian fly.

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