

'MERE YOUTHS' ARE KEEPING CRIMINAL COURT 'IN ACTION'

Deputy Prosecutor Shows Average Age of 237 Is Twenty-One Years.

Mere youths and very young men are keeping the Marion County Criminal Court busy, Deputy Prosecutor William H. Remy announced after a study of the ages of 332 prisoners sent to Jeffersonville or Michigan City State prisons by Judge James A. Collins since Jan. 1, 1923.

The average age of 237 men "sent up" as felons for robbery, burglary, grand larceny and automobile stealing was 21. Eighty others convicted as felons for murder, embezzlement and other crimes averaged somewhat older.

"It just struck me that these fellows coming in Criminal Court are awfully young, so I checked up the figures," said Remy. "I don't know, but I have an idea too many people are trying to raise families in apartments, and the children are crowded onto the street. Then there are too many young boys driving automobiles."

Convictions **Average**
Robbery 21 21.2
Arson 19 41.2
Embezzlement 10 32
Burglary 59 21
Larceny 118 23
Murder 13 28
Statutory charges 15 27.5
Assault and intent to kill 9 31.5
Vehicle taking 44 19.5
Forgery and fraudulent checks 31 31.5
Wife desertion 7 26.0
False pretense 4 34.5

One man 76 years old up for embezzlement pulled that average age from the early twenties to 32. Other similar cases led Remy to approximate 95 per cent of offenders as "mere youths."

PRINCE SAYS 'NO PLACE LIKE HOME'

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seemed to know all about my departure."

Their Imperial highnesses received the United Press at 12:30 in the hunt trophy room of the castle.

The crown princess, Cecile, stood with her arms linked affectionately through that of Frederick Wilhelm.

"I am very glad indeed my husband is back," she said.

The crown prince was attired in a greenish gray hunting suit, which accented his tallness, while his wife wore a costume of navy blue, set off with lace trimmings and light silk gloves.

Now Banquet Hall.

The hunt trophy room is a great hall in the rear angle of the castle. During the year it was used as a storehouse, but it has since been converted into a banquet hall.

It is richly decorated with trophies of the chase—boar heads, stags and handsomely mounted lions.

A crackling blaze in an old-fashioned English fireplace wherein logs were burning, threw a cheerful warmth and glow over the scene.

The prince and princess stood on a Bengal tiger skin, one of the several souvenirs of his big game hunting exploits in India.

Ancestral portraits of the Hohenzollers looked down from the walls. Among them was a large portrait of the crown prince, astride a war charger.

Costly bronzes and other art objects gave the chamber an atmosphere of luxury.

The manners of both the Crown Prince and Princess were very simple and cordial. There was no hint of ceremony or stiffness.

The Crown Prince enjoyed himself hugely today, his first day at home since the German armies crumbled in 1918 and he fled into exile.

He arose late and breakfasted meagerly, hash being the principal part of the morning meal. Stories about the personal poverty of the Hohenzollern heir are freely circulated in the village. Afterward he went for a walk.

German Air Fine

"It's fine to breathe the air of Germany again after five years of the mists of Wieringen," he said.

Much time was spent playing with the children, who were eager for attention after having been daddyless since 1918.

Down in the village the inhabitants went on plodding their weary way, unmindful and unheeding of the royalty that had come into their midst.

In mid-afternoon the Crown Prince issued the following statement through his adjutant:

"I am happy to be with my wife and children and with German compatriots to bear the burdens which have come upon Germany. I am happy to see the old place, my friends and my old comrades of the war. I intend to devote myself to personal duties and within the realm of my work and duty cooperative in the rebuilding of the fatherland, of whose salvation I am confident."

RINK MANAGER IS HELD

Ez Maroney, 26, manager of the Riverside Skating Rink, 1501 W. Thirtieth St., was arrested Tuesday night on a warrant filed by Miss Mildred Horney, 2338 Bellefontaine St., charging him with assault and battery.

Miss Horney told the police she was attacked at the rink by Maroney and also by Miss Jennie Maroney, 19, of 1514 N. Tremont Ave. Miss Maroney is slated on the same charge.

JUVENILE THIEVES SEIZED

A juvenile band of auto accessory thieves has been uncovered with the arrest of three colored boys, 10 and 14, and the leader, 13. They are held in the Detention Home. One man reported they sold him a motorboat for 10 cents.

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Other speakers: Lawrence Davis, general manager of the Association of Electrologists, and Stanley Dennis, associate editor of "Electrical Merchandising."

Permanent organization of an association of electrical contractors and dealers of Indiana will be undertaken.

COURT TAKES OVER FAIR BOARD BOOKS

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Besides Brown and Moberly, Orr J. Davies, treasurer of State, and Willard Fogarty, president of the Fidelity Trust Company, were before the jury. The jury adjourned until Thursday.

Immediately after he appeared before the jury, Moberly called on Governor McCray and conferred with him for more than an hour. The door of the board of agriculture office was found locked at 11:30. The office is open at that time.

Developments have been rapid since Special Prosecutor Clarence W. Nichols took charge of the investigation.

In two days the jury has examined approximately ten witnesses, including bank and State officials. B. H. Urbahns, deputy treasurer of State, was before the jury nearly all afternoon Tuesday, having been present with Orr J. Davies, State Treasurer, during all the morning's proceedings.

Charles Ziegler, chairman of the State highway commission, was in the office for an hour during the afternoon.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by Anthony Messman, one of McCray's numerous partners, in the District Court at Chicago, is looked upon with considerable interest by persons interested in the McCray bankruptcy case, which will go to hearing before Harry C. Sheridan, referee and special master, Thursday.

Messman's Name on Notes

Messman's name is signed to a number of McCray notes. He lists these notes as liabilities, totalling \$41,250. Assets were listed at \$5,175, comprising his interest in farm implements and live stock on the farm owned by A. Messman & Co., a concern said to consist solely of Messman & McCray. In addition to the notes, Messman listed blanket liabilities of "more than \$50,000."

Here is the list of notes as set out by Messman and the banks which are holding them:

Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, \$10,000.

Exchange National Bank, Kentland, Ind., \$3,250.

Merchants National Bank, Lafayette, \$5,000.

Marion National Bank, Marion, \$3,500.

Indiana National Bank, Indianapolis, \$8,000.

Brownstown Bank, Brownstown, \$2,500.

Washington Trust and Savings Bank, Indianapolis, \$5,000.

Discount and Deposit Bank, Kentland, Ind., \$6,000.

Farmers National Bank, Sheridan, \$3,000.

The property of A. Messman & Co. is in Illinois.

McCray In Court Thursday

McCray's first appearance in a court since his financial crash will occur Thursday when he will appear as a witness in the bankruptcy hearing. He was subpoenaed with James P. Goorich, former Governor and president of the National City Bank of Indianapolis; I. Newt Brown, secretary-treasurer of the State board of agriculture; R. H. Wallace, president of the State board of agriculture; R. H. Wallace, president of the Aetna Trust and Savings Company; Rely C. Adams, president of the Security Trust Company and secretary of the McCray trust committee, and J. J. Kiser, vice president of the Meyer-Kiser Bank and chairman of the creditor's committee.

The three Ft. Wayne banks which brought the bankruptcy proceeding charged that McCray caused a loan of \$155,000 to be paid back to the board of agriculture, thus making it a preferred creditor. This is believed to account for the summoning of Brown. Others summoned have participated in the handling of McCray's difficulties.

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RETIREMENT AGE IS 40

A resolution retiring Indianapolis public school teachers after forty years service effective June, 1924, was passed by school commissioners Tuesday night.

E. U. Grinnell, superintendent of schools, said about six or seven teachers would be affected. Teachers retired under the new rule have opportunity to become pensioners.

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BOGUS OFFICER ALLEGED

Colored Lawyer Arrested as Two "Vitims" Tell of Badge

MURDER TRIAL UNDER WAY

By United Press

BRAZIL, Ind., Nov. 14.—Examination of witnesses in the trial of John Dagon, charged with murder in the first degree of George Dierdorff, was expected to be started here today.

Dierdorff, husband of Dagon's former wife, was shot and killed by Dagon at Terre Haute April 27. The defense will be that Dagon shot him in self-defense.

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WRITE YOUR NAME ON EACH COUPON IN PROVERB HUNT

Explanation to Contestant May Clear Up Point for You.

If there is any question concerning The Times \$2,500 proverb contest that is puzzling you, write to the Proverb Editor of The Times. He will explain in detail.

One contestant asks about writing his name and address—whether these should be written on each coupon. The contestant's name and address should be written or typewritten on each coupon along with the answer to the proverb represented by the picture.

Wait Until Finish

Another question concerns the mailing of answers to the Proverb Editor. No answers should be sent in until the contest closes. The last picture will appear Jan. 5 and you will have until Jan. 19 to turn in your solutions. Solutions turned in before Jan. 5 will not be judged.

While legibility of your answers will be an element in judging the winner, the fact that pictures are soiled or crumpled will not count against you. Sometimes this is unavoidable in the delivery of your paper.

It Is Too Late

It is not too late to enter the contest and win a prize. The fifteenth proverb picture appears today. If you have not entered the contest, you can obtain a sheet containing the first fifteen pictures and a list of 2,000 proverbs from The Times office or from any store where the sign, "Times Proverb Station," is posted. If you fail to obtain any picture after the fifteenth, you can obtain the missing picture or pictures from the Proverb Editor. Enclose a 2-cent stamp for each picture desired. Also enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your order.

FIRST PRIZE \$1,000 CASH

Second Prize \$500 Cash

Third Prize \$250 Cash

Fourth Prize \$100 Cash

Fifth Prize \$75 Cash

20 Prizes \$5 Each

RULES GOVERNING CONTEST

Prizes will be awarded for the best and most appropriate answers from among those submitted by contestants. First prize will be awarded to the one submitting the second largest number of such answers, etc.

In the event of a tie, care and neatness displayed in preparation of answers will be considered.

Contestants must submit complete set of 60 proverb pictures in order to be eligible.

Answers are not to be sent in until the entire 60 proverb pictures have appeared in The Times.

Only one answer is to be submitted to any proverb all will be thrown out.

Only one set of answers may be submitted by any one person and only one set in any one family or group of persons.

Each answer must be plainly written upon coupon published with each proverb picture. Any illegible will be thrown out.

The last proverb picture will be published Jan. 5, 1924.

Answers must be sent in one set to the Proverb Contest Editor on or before Jan. 19, 1924.

Employees of The Times or members of their families cannot participate in this contest.

The Indianapolis Times will deposit each drawing and correct answer with Mr. Philip K. Smith, vice president and cashier of the Fletcher American Bank in advance of each publication.

The judges will be Edward J. Gausepohl & Co., judges; James C. Mullan, president of the Marion County bench, and George P. Rock, principal of Shortridge High School.

The decision of the judges will be final in all matters related to the contest.

Watch The Times for further information to be published daily.

SECOND PRIZE \$500 CASH

4 Prizes \$50 Each

5 Prizes \$25 Each

5 Prizes \$15 Each

5 Prizes \$10 Each

20 Prizes \$5 Each

THIRD PRIZE \$250 CASH

4 Prizes \$50 Each