

FEDERAL PROBE OF PRISONS TO START AUG. 28

Charges of Lax Discipline,
Drug Pandering Will Be
Investigated.

BY KENNETH WATSON
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Charges of irregularities in Federal prisons, including complaints of favoritism to influential prisoners, laxity in paroles and supply of prisoners with drugs by prison guards will be investigated within the next few weeks by a special congressional committee.

Representative John G. Cooper, Youngstown, chairman of the committee, today advised Government officials that the committee will hold its initial meeting in Cleveland Aug. 28. A special committee of the Cleveland Association of Criminal Justice, headed by Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, has been making a study of Ohio prison conditions.

The committee then will go to Columbus to inspect the State Penitentiary and then to Chillicothe to probe conditions at the Federal Industrial Reformatory. Aug. 31 the committee will inspect the new Federal Prison for Women at Alderson, W. Va.

It has been admitted by Department of Justice officials that deplorable conditions have existed in the three main Federal prisons at Atlanta, Leavenworth and McNeil Island for years because of over-crowding.

The total cell capacity of the three prisons is 3,738, but more than 7,800 prisoners are confined. This necessitates quartering of prisoners in corridors, making smuggling of narcotics comparatively easy.

Representative Thomas M. Bell of Georgia, to whom most of the complaints about conditions at Atlanta have been made, has announced that he will insist upon every charge being run down.

Among those who are expected to be called as witnesses are Dorothy Knapp, New York actress; Earl Carroll, Broadway producer, and former Governor Warren T. McCray of Indiana.

**FRAUD IS CHARGED TO
PURE FOOD RECEIVER**

Attorney Robert Lee Sued on His
Bond by Guarantors.

Fraud was charged to Robert Stewart Lee, attorney, in handling affairs of the Pure Food Company, now in receivership, of which he was treasurer, in a suit on his bond brought against him and the Union Indemnity Company today by Relevee Laurens L. Henderson in Superior Court Five.

Lee already is charged in Criminal Court as a result of his handling of the cafeteria company finances. He was cited for contempt by Superior Judge Byron K. Elliott, before whom the receivership is pending, for his alleged refusal to turn over books and assets of the firm to Henderson, soon after Henderson's appointment as receiver.

Judgment of \$1,300, the amount alleged to have been unaccounted for, is asked in today's suit.

SCREAMS ROUT THIEF

Daylight Burglar Frightened by
Child.

A daylight burglar entered the home of Mrs. Ray Rupert, 2121 W. Walnut St., when she went to the grocery this morning, leaving her son Charles, 7, in bed asleep.

Charles awoke to see the man ransacking drawers in the room. He screamed and the man ran.

Screams of Sally Motley, 6, the daughter of Mrs. Lula Motley, 463 W. Eighteenth St., frightened a man peering into her bedroom window at 1:15 a. m. today. Mrs. Motley also saw the man, she told police.

PROBE HOSPITAL DEATH

Man Unconscious Four Days May
Have Died of Rabies.

Claude E. Hadden, deputy coroner, today was conducting an investigation to determine whether death of Gilbert Banks, 30, of 1846 W. Minnesota St., late Thursday at city hospital, was due to rabies.

Banks had been unconscious the four days he was at city hospital. He was bitten by a dog two weeks ago when he attempted to separate two fighting animals, it was said.

Dr. Hadden performed an autopsy and said there were some indications death might have been due to rabies.

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Mary Garden

PARIS, Aug. 17.—An unconfirmed rumor spread through Paris today that Mary Garden, American opera singer, was engaged to marry Pierre Plessis, a French author and dramatic and music critic.

The couple at present is cruising in the Mediterranean and no substantiation of the report has been received from them.

Mary Garden is 51 years old and has never married.

Kids Klub Arranges Two Parties to Close Season

Free Rides, Picnic Dinner
to Mark Fetes on
Aug. 21 and 28.

DAMAGE ROLL FIXED
Estimates on Delaware St.
Property Made.

Elaborate plans are being made to entertain The Indianapolis Times-Broad Ripple Kids Klub in the two final parties of the year Aug. 21 and 28.

At next Tuesday's meeting, the business section is to be opened at 10 a. m. and will be followed with a session of free rides. Claude Wallin, Broad Ripple Park official, will give the club a big dog.

First Annual Outing
The club will make arrangements Tuesday for the first annual picnic ending the season Aug. 28. Plans are being made to entertain more than 10,000 children that day.

More amusement is being planned than ever before and the picnic dinner will be one of the features of the outing.

Hear V. F. W. Commander

At last Tuesday's meeting, Frank T. Strayer, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, gave the club a black goat. Several hundred children attended the meeting.

More about the Kids' Klub two final meetings will be published in The Indianapolis Times Saturday and Monday.

Mexican Rebels Executed
By United Press

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 17.—Fourteen rebels were executed after a battle with Federal troops in which two rebels were killed, Queretaro dispatches said today.

Smith is expected to make an answer to Hutchinson today or Saturday.

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AL AND WALSH TO TALK OVER OIL SCANDALS

Visit of Montana Senator
to Close Week's Parleys
With Leaders.

By United Press
ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 17.—With a visit by Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, Tea Pot Dome investigator, Governor Alfred E. Smith, Democratic presidential nominee, today will bring to a close a week's conferences on political conditions, and prepare to gain as much rest as possible before delivering his acceptance speech next Wednesday night.

It is anticipated here that Walsh will go into details on conditions he unearthed while investigating the leases of the naval oil reserves, and that the Governor will gain many points from the Senator to use in his campaign, particularly on the subject of honesty in government and consolidation of the departments and bureaus.

The Montana legislator is due to arrive at the executive mansion this afternoon, and probably will be an overnight guest of Smith, as was Senator Walter F. George, Georgia, who arrived late Thursday evening.

George Also Is Visitor

George declined to be interviewed after his conference with Smith, whom he joined at the dinner table. Before seeing the Governor, however, he expressed the conviction that Georgia would be found in the Democratic column with a good majority for the Empire State Governor.

The visit of George marked the third of well known southern dry leaders, he having been preceded by Josephus Daniels, Raleigh (N. C.), and Senator Carter Glass, Virginia. Smith today stood accused of raising a park issue with Republican legislative leaders in a "desperate effort to distract attention from the Governor's unsavory legislative record recently revealed by his opponents within his own party."

The charge was made by Assemblyman Eberly T. Hutchinson, the chairman of the assembly ways and means committee, in an answer to Smith's attack on the leaders for failure to provide funds for surveying parkways and to purchase the Albany Boys Academy in this city.

Issue in State Campaign

The assertion of the Governor that Senator Hewitt, chairman of the Senate finance committee, and Hutchinson were "obstructive" of the Long Island Park program was characterized by the assemblyman as an "unqualified lie."

As a result of the statements of the Governor and Hutchinson, it is expected that the park issue will be prominently raised in the coming gubernatorial campaign, and it also is believed that Smith will play a more prominent part in the State campaign than heretofore had been expected.

In his statement, Hutchinson insisted there is no emergency which makes action imperative at this time, and that legislative sanction first should be had before any further steps are taken. He also asserted an agreement was in existence to the effect that no expenditures would be asked for the northern parkway on Long Island until the southern parkway and Jones Beach causeway are completed.

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CHEMIST BARES THRIVING TRADE 'OILING' 'ALKY'

Expose Process of Raising
Proof of Poor Liquor
With Adulterant.

By United Press
EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 17.—Manufacturers of "pure and spirits and alcohol" were scarce around Chicago until the "bead oil" man appeared with a chemical to raise the proof of poor liquor, William Hoskins declared before the American Chemical Society Institute tonight.

Hoskins, one of the country's deans of chemistry, said he remembered when there were only four alcohol manufacturers in Chicago.

"It wasn't long before a 'bead oil' man came on the scene," he said, "to contribute a chemical that could raise the proof of the liquor so it could be passed off as par."

Wooden Water Pipes

"Caramel coloring followed, and the foundations of what now seems to be such thriving anti-legal industry was laid on a purely scientific basis."

Hoskins lived in Chicago in the days when scientists and chemists labored under difficulties to make experiments.

"The first Chicago chemical works were devoted to the making of wooden water pipes," Hoskins said. "Some of them, dug up recently, are looked upon as antiquities. Yet they were used in this city in my youth."

Mad Experiments at Night

In the days before electric meters were discovered, he said, men carried zinc plates in containers over their shoulders resembling Chinese water carriers to measure current.

"By weighing these plates after charge," Hoskins explained, "the local company could determine the flow of its current. The current was little to brag about. There wasn't enough for experimentation."

"When I needed a large flow for work on alloys, I would build a hut near a transformer station, and work between the hours of 10 at night and 4 in the morning. After seven years of such experimentation, we developed chromal—the wire used in thermometers and other electrical appliances."

Fall Injuries Cause Death

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 17.—L. B. Linn, 74, Montgomery County farmer, was killed when thrown from a wagon when a team of horses drawing it made a sudden start.

The total revenue receipts, including the county and schools, were \$19,595,366, or \$52.35 per capita. This was \$4,734,297 more than the total payments of the year.

The total fund or fixed debt outstanding Dec. 31, 1927, was \$32,638,420.

CITY GOVERNMENT, SCHOOLS COST \$35 A PERSON IN 1927

Share in County Expenses
Also Included in U. S.
Estimate.

Cost of operating the city government in Indianapolis in 1927 was \$35.70 a person, according to figures made public today by the United States Department of Commerce. This includes the city's share in county government and also the cost of the schools, but not the cost of permanent improvements.

Total operation and maintenance cost for city, county and schools and 86.7 per cent of the county government, was given by the department as \$13,360,816. The per capita estimate is based on an estimated population of 374,300.

Increase Shown

In 1926 the comparative per capita for operation and maintenance of general departments was \$34.10 and for 1917, \$15.82.

Payments for public service enterprises in 1927, which included the city market and Tomlinson Hall, amounted to \$22,603; interest on debt was \$1,477,650, and outlays for permanent improvements, \$5,615,713.

Total payments, therefore, for operation and maintenance of general departments and public service enterprises, for interest and outlays, including the county and schools, were \$20,476,782. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

SACCO-VANZETTI CASE WILL BE VOTE ISSUE

Wife of Powers Hapgood, Indianap. in Governor Race.

By United Press

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—The Sacco-Vanzetti case will be made a political issue in the forthcoming campaign of the Socialist party in Massachusetts.

Late yesterday the party filed at the office of the secretary of state its certificates of nominations.

The Socialist ticket will include: Governor, Mary Donovan Hapgood; North Brookfield; lieutenant-governor, Walter S. Hutchins, Greenfield; secretary of state, Edith M. Williams, Brookline; United States senator, Alfred Baker Lewis, Cambridge.

Mary Donovan Hapgood is the wife of Powers Hapgood of Indianapolis. Both were Sacco-Vanzetti sympathizers.

Mexico Honors Obregon Memory

By United Press

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 17.—The first month of the anniversary of the death of President-elect Alvaro Obregon was observed here today. Biographies of the late leader were read in all schools. Traffic was brought to a stand still at 2 p. m. Government buildings closed at this time.

MT. VESUVIUS AGAIN SPOUTS BLAZING LAVA

Flames, Molten Rock Sent
High Into Air After
Brief Lull.

By United Press
NAPLES, Italy, Aug. 17.—Mt. Vesuvius renewed its spectacular eruption Thursday night and today.

Liquid fire pouring from the bowels of the earth furnished a spectacle both terrifying and fascinating.

After a brief lull in its activity which began Aug. 7, the uneasily sleeping giant began again to emit lava, flames and dense smoke.

The molten rock slides down the slope of the summit through a subterranean passage 2,000 feet long, then emerges to break into three fiery streams which fall into "Hell Valley." One stream, twelve feet at the start, flows at the rate of six feet a second, spreading out as it advances.

The streams today had reached the barrier of rocks raised in past times on the eastern slopes of Mount Somma to check eruptions.

The main eruptive cone of Vesuvius already is surmounted by a smaller one, which emits dense, sulphuric smoke in the daytime and is a glowing pillar at night visible for miles.

CHECK FORGER NABBED

Denied Return to California for
Charged Here.

Detectives do not look kindly on the desire of Louis E. Mikell, Linden Hotel, to be returned to California. Mikell has admitted he was sentenced twice at Los Angeles to prison terms for passing bad checks and said he is wanted there by a parole officer for breaking parole.

But detectives declared they had enough evidence of fraudulent check operations here. He was arrested attempting to persuade Isaac Hessel, 48 W. Ohio St. to cash a forged \$30.50 check.

CHARGE DRUNK

Police Stop Car With Three in
Front Seat; Probe Ownership.

William Burdon, 38, of 2008 N. Keystone Ave., today faces charges of driving an automobile while intoxicated, drunkenness and driving with three persons in the driver's seat. He was arrested shortly after midnight Thursday night by Lieut. Robert Wooten. He failed to produce a bill of sale for his car and police are investigating ownership.

Two men and a woman, passengers in the Burdon car, were not held.

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