

POOR FARM INMATES LIVE IN FEAR, JURY REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS MAKE NO MOVE TO CURE EVILS

Majority Faction Ignores
Recommendation for
Ousting Head.

CHARGE MISTREATMENT

Shearer Alone Favors Re-
moval of Carter,
Superintendent.

BY SHELDON KEY

Grand jury charges of mistreatment of inmates and mismanagement, which constitute an indirect demand for dismissal of John Carter, superintendent of the Marion county poor farm, apparently were given little attention today by county commissioners.

With two commissioners smiling at the charges, which they passively term "just another grand jury report," it appeared efforts of a third member of the board to oust Carter might be blocked.

The jury in its final report to Special Judge L. Ett Slack in criminal court late Thursday criticised operation of the poor farm.

One juror, Norman B. Hamilton, said "they had considered directly demanding Carter's dismissal, but decided the jury had no legal right to do this. We hope commissioners will see what we are driving at, though."

Jurors reported "the inmates of the county infirmary appear to live in a state of fear rather than contentment."

When George Handlon, 50, inmate suffering from a severe case of tuberculosis, complained to the grand jury that the poor farm superintendent had beaten him with a hoe a few days ago, farm authorities had him arrested and sent to prison.

Handlon was sentenced to serve 180 days at the Indiana state farm on a charge of drawing a deadly weapon on a poor farm attendant.

After reading the jury's complaint that the "morale and spirit of inmates could be improved by a more generous and friendly attitude on the part of management and employer," George Snider, president of the board of commissioners, remarked.

"Well, they will have to prove to me that those conditions exist. We have had some complaints, too, from a lot of 'bums' out there at the farm, but we are not paying any attention to them."

Shearer for New Head

Doc Vorhees, Democratic commissioner, took the same position as Snider, stating "it is not such a bad report after all."

John Shearer, third commissioner, declared: "I think it is a good report, and believe that we should have a new head at the poor farm."

The grand jury recommended the sale and deceipt men's building at the infirmary be torn down and other means provided for housing the male inmates.

Conditions in this building, where dozens are sleeping on cold floors and scores of aged men have nothing except hardened straw beds, have been reviewed in disclosures by The Times during the last year.

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OPEN HOUSE AT CAMPS

Music Study Center at Oliver Lake
Will Receive Visitors Sunday.

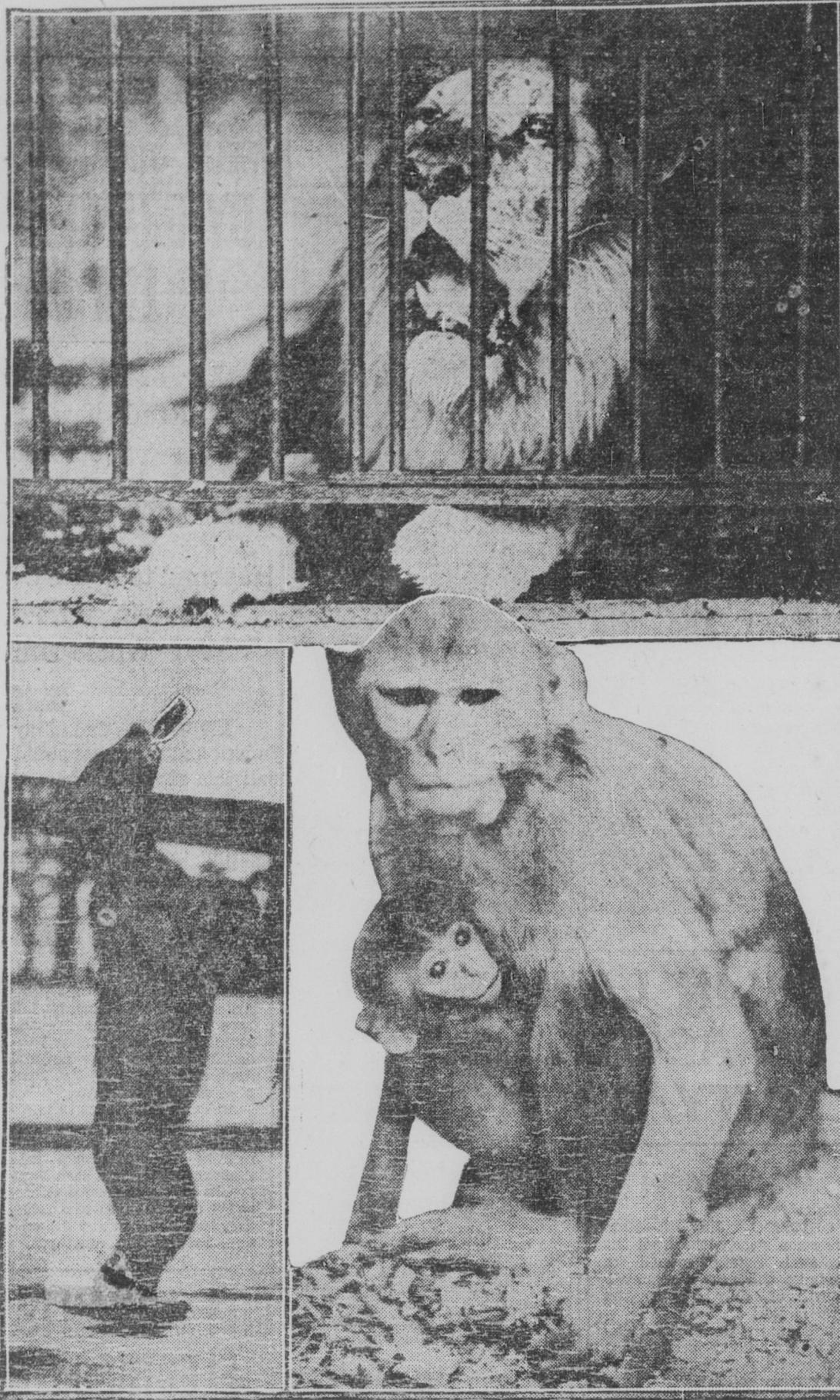
By Times Special

LAGRANGE, Ind., July 3.—The Wainwright band camp at Oliver lake, near here, will observe "open house" next Sunday.

The morning will be devoted to inspection of the camp buildings, grounds and the athletic equipment. In the afternoon a program will be given which will include a band concert, instrumental solos and group playing.

The camp season of eight weeks began June 28, with an attendance of about 130.

Leo's Toe, Not Heat, Bothers Him



\$8,000 SLASHED FROM BUDGET

Works Board Eliminates Items in Request.

Reduction of nearly \$8,000 in the works board administration budget request was approved by the board today.

The budget, as adopted, calls for \$932,454. The reduction was effected by eliminating \$2,000 previously budgeted for the fire lookout tower on Merchants Bank building, and \$6,000 from the heat, light and power item.

The tower has not been used for several years and rental was halted this year, although the contract with the bank building company does not expire until next year.

Other city budget requests prepared today included the Barrett law department, \$15,930, same as this year's budget, and building commissioner's department, \$42,120, reduction of \$250.

Budget request for the city plan commission, \$13,180, a reduction of \$147, is the lowest in history of the commission, according to H. B. Steeg, secretary-engineer. Steeg said last year's budget was less than half of budgets for 1923, 1924 and 1925.

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Vincennes Paper to Be 127 Years Old Saturday

VINCENNES, Ind., July 3.—Saturday will be the 127th anniversary of the founding of the Vincennes Sun, now the Sun-Com-

The first edition of the Indiana Gazette, pre-runner of the Sun, was printed by Elihu Stout, July 4, 1804. It was the first paper printed in Indiana and the first in the Northwest territory, with the exception of the Liberty Hall and the Gazette, both published in Cincinnati. These now are extinct, leaving the Sun-Commercial sole claimant to the honor of being the oldest newspaper west of the Allegheny mountains.

Stout came to Vincennes in 1799 at the age of 17, with newspaper ambitions. General Harrison, who saw the need of a paper in the new territory, equipped a boat for Stout to return to Kentucky for a printing press. Stout returned by horseback to have his first edition ready on Independence day.

In 1800 Stout's printing shop burned. He returned to Kentucky again for new equipment and started to publish again on July 4, 1807. This time he adopted a new name, The Western Sun. It continued under that name as weekly even after a daily publication was started. The Western Sun became nationally known, the Daily Sun often being referred to by that name. The name was abandoned, however, when the daily, the Vincennes Sun, absorbed it.

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HISTORIC HOME IS SOLD

Newsboy's Heiress Wife Disposes of
Logansport Property.

By United Press

LOGANSPORT, Ind., July 3.—The home of D. D. Pratt homestead here was sold at auction for \$1,150 by Mrs. Vivian Huntington, Durban, American heiress, who attained prominence more than a year ago when she married Alfred Durban, a London newsboy. The Durbans have been residing here for the past year.

Mrs. Durban is a great granddaughter of Pratt, who was Indiana state senator while residing in the home. Mrs. Marion Flory, wife of the Cass county auditor, purchased the property.

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A flying girl testing a device for flying at Rochester, N. Y.; 10,000 New York policemen boning over tests to become sergeants; the sailing of Secretary of State Stimson from New York for a European trip, and a playful gorilla at Chicago, Ill., all cut the reel.

Scouts to Go to Camp

Three hundred city scouts will open the second camping period of the year at the reservation northeast of Indianapolis Monday.

THREATENS SUIT ON STATEHOUSE CLEANING JOB

City Contractor Demands Work Be Stopped and Bids Received.

BY DANIEL M. KIDNEY

State officials today were threatened with an injunction suit unless they halt the \$64,000 nonadvertised statehouse cleaning job now under way by the Cincinnati Building Cleaning Company.

Guy Sallee, the man who says he would have taken the contract for \$35,000, if it had been advertised and bids received, served personal notice of his injunction suit plans.

He went to the statehouse and talked with three of those who signed the contract under which the Cincinnati concern is operating.

Calling on Robert I. Codd, who signed the contract for Frank May Jr., secretary of state, Sallee was told in substance: "Go ahead and sue," when he requested the contract be repudiated and work stopped.

Also 1929 Law

Sallee was armed with a board of accounts questionnaire and financial statement which must be filed by bidders. The statement carried the 1929 law setting out clearly that all work over \$5,000 must be by competitive bidding.

In discussing the proposed suit with William Cosgrove, who signed the contract for Floyd E. Williamson, state auditor, Sallee asked if Cosgrove was familiar with the law's provisions.

"I only helped draft it," was the answer.

Legal, Says Cosgrove

But Cosgrove defended the legality of the contract, despite the lack of bids, on the grounds that other cleaners were privately invited to compete, although no other figures were submitted.

Then came a conference with Sallee and Frank G. Taylor, building and grounds superintendent, who also signed the contract and engineered the deal.

He assured Sallee that he had approval of the transaction from the state board of accounts and the attorney-general's office, but would take it up with them again and explain that an injunction is threatened.

Sallee agreed to allow sufficient time to have this done.

Sallee is owner and operator of the Consolidated Spray Painting System of Indianapolis, and has cleaned numerous buildings here, he said.

\$64,000 "Too High"

"I don't care whether I clean the statehouse or not, but I don't think the taxpayers should be charged \$64,000 for the job," he declared. "That is too high for common building laundry work, because all it takes is pressure machinery and not any highly skilled labor."

Money for the job is coming from Governor Harry G. Leslie's emergency contingent fund. This fiscal year he has had \$200,000 to spend for anything deemed an emergency.

But the auditor and secretary of state had to sign the contract as members, with the Governor, of the buildings and grounds committee. Both personally said today they didn't favor the move and the contract was signed by deputies in their absence.

A report is current that young men residing in the community removed the plank as a means of expressing their resentment because girls of their acquaintance were keeping company with men from elsewhere.

A car driven by Gordon Murphy, 22, was badly damaged when it struck the opening left by removal of the plank. Wheels and tires were damaged beyond repair. Two weeks previously a car driven by Joseph Elkberry was damaged.

Infant in Critical Condition

at City Hospital.

Obtaining poison from a mysterious source, Louise Farrell, 10-months-old daughter of Mrs. Anna Farrell, 2138 Avondale place, was taken to the city hospital today in critical condition.

Mrs. Farrell told hospital physicians she did not know how the baby had obtained the poison, but the child became violently ill this morning. At the hospital, doctors were puzzled, declaring they could not determine what kind of poison the child had swallowed.

M'NAMEE COMMENT AID TO NEWSREEL

Times-Universal Films Is
Accompanied by Vivid

Remarks.

The landing at New York of hundreds of cases of German gold to pay a debt to the federal reserve is one of the leading features of the Times-Universal Newsreel now being shown at leading local theaters.

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They were married at Yuma, Ariz. Jan. 25, 1930, and separated Jan. 17, 1931. The actress mother attempted to have the marriage annulled when she learned of it, but later dismissed the action.

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