

'A GIRL BEHIND EVERY MURDER!' SAYS SING SING

26 Men, Most of Them Youngsters, Sit in Death House.

With the exception of one short period when administrative delays were responsible for conditions, the Sing Sing death house today contains the largest number of criminals awaiting execution in its history. The United Press, seeking at least a partial answer to this unusual number of capital convictions, has obtained the following explanatory article, the first of a series of three.

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OSSENING, N. Y., July 23.—Twenty-six men, the youngest 18 and the oldest 44, sit in condemned cells at Sing Sing's death house awaiting, in the formal words of the prison records "discharged by execution."

The population of America's most noted death house is at the high mark for all times, save for one period several years ago when delays in executions because of a changing administration resulted in an accumulation of condemned prisoners which actually taxed the facilities of the isolated stone structure.

Of the twenty-six who sit and wait for death, two are 18, four are 19, three are 20, eight are less than 25. A majority are first offenders and their first conviction was for murder done "to make some girl happy."

Blame it on Girls

In the immaturity of these youths, in their scholastic records, and in the similarity of the crimes they committed, can be read the story of the times. To such men as Donald E. Parsons, chief clerk of Sing Sing, who not only reads from the records but who reads from the life stories of the men themselves—and the confidences they give him—these figures speak volumes.

"Back of nearly every case," says Parsons speaking, "is a girl. A girl who wants a party life, who demands entertainment, clothes, jewelry and night life. A young man's salary, if he happens to be working, will not stand the strain. Then come holdups, amateurish holdups in which some one is killed. The records speak for themselves."

Perhaps Francis (Two-Gun) Crowley, maintaining his bravado as he tramps the exercise pen in the deathhouse, is typical of this new criminal youth. He dare not weaken, because he is a poseur. He established for himself a character, a "role," and he will act it out, Parsons believes, to the end.

Average Age Dropping

"The average age of our prison population is dropping," Warden Lewis E. Lawes says, "and with it the character of crime is changing rapidly. Robbery by violence has increased to such an extent that out of the entire 2,600 inmates—the figure is approximately 41 per cent of them are in for robbery."

"Convictions for all crimes are increasing, too. Last year we received 1,088 new prisoners. In the last twelve months we have taken in 1,393, an increase of nearly 33 per cent.

"There is no doubt that unemployment is contributing a vast number of weaklings to crime. You can't swing night club parties and buy liquor for your girl on a small salary, and you can't buy her new dresses if you aren't working."

The next article of this series will deal with the influence of gangs upon today's prison population.

FIRE RUINS ART WORKS

Treasured Books Also Destroyed in \$200,000 Apartment Blaze.

By United Press
NEW YORK, July 23.—Books and art treasures valued at more than \$200,000 were destroyed when fire ruined the luxurious twenty-three-room Fifth avenue apartment of Cornelius F. Kelley, president of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. Kelley and his family are said to be in Butte, Mont. Firemen found the collection of morocco-bound books in the library, many works of art, and costly furniture had been reduced to ashes.

Death Calls Publisher



John Jay Curtis, book publisher, who died here Wednesday

PINCH HUNGER STRIKERS

Five Are Arrested Storming Grocery in Demand for Food.

By United Press
OKLAHOMA CITY, July 23.—An attempt by thirty-five men to duplicate the feat of 150 others who staged a hunger strike at Henryetta, demanded food of merchants, and got it, resulted in five of them being under arrest today.

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BOBBS-MERRILL PRESIDENT DIES OF PNEUMONIA

John Jay Curtis Succumbs in Hospital Here; Ill Several Weeks.

John Jay Curtis, 74, nationally known book publisher and president of Bobbs-Merrill Company, died Wednesday night in Methodist hospital following several weeks' illness.

Mr. Curtis arrived in Indianapolis June 29 on his semi-annual visit to the home office here, when he caught a heavy cold, which developed into pneumonia. He had taken a trip up the Pacific coast, visiting publishers, this spring, which weakened him. He made his home in Hollywood, to take care of the motion picture interests of the firm.

One of the outstanding book publishers of the country, Mr. Curtis introduced many new features into the business.

He entered the business at 16, in the Bowen-Stewart bookstore, which combined with Merrill-Melgs Company in 1885, becoming the Bowen-Merrill Company. Mr. Curtis was elected secretary when Silas Bowen retired, and it became the Bobbs-Merrill Company in 1895. He was in charge of a New York

office from the opening in 1900 until 1920, when he went to Hollywood. When W. C. Bobbs died in 1926, Mr. Curtis was elected president.

He introduced the method of nation-wide advertising for one book instead of book lists. The first novel with which this was done was Charles Major's "When Knighthood Was in Flower."

Other books he made famous are "Alice of Old Vincennes," by Maurice Thompson; "Lazarre," by Mary H. Catherwood, and "Mississippi Bubble," by Emerson Hough.

Mr. Curtis also did more than any other person to popularize books of James Whitcomb Riley, who was a close friend. Other friends were such prominent writers as Meredith Nicholson, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Harold MacGrath and Irving Bacheller.

Mr. Curtis was born in Johnson county July 21, 1857. He was graduated from Northwestern Christian university, now Butler, in 1885, and was married in 1903 to Bertha Justine Loeper of Indianapolis, who survives him.

He was one of the first members of Indianapolis Scottish Rite, a life member of lodge No. 13, B. P. O. E., and the Sons of Revolution.

Funeral on Saturday
Dr. George S. Southworth, pastor of the Church of the Advent, will preach the funeral service at 3 Saturday at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers: Löwe Berger, D. L. Chambers, Vincent Keller, C. C. Kryter, Albert L. Marshall, R. L. Moorhead and Edward Franklin White, all of the Bobbs-Merrill Company.

ROBERT WILSON, VETERAN CITY REALTOR, DEAD

John Irish, Who Served in Civil War, Also Passes Away at Home.

Deaths in the city Wednesday decreased the Civil war veterans' roster by one and took one of the charter members of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Friday afternoon for John Irish, 86, Civil war veteran, who succumbed to an apoplectic stroke at his home, 2138 Barth avenue, late Wednesday.

Mr. Irish was born in Madison, and served with Company H, Tenth Indiana cavalry, in the war, receiving a severe wound in one skirmish. He had lived in Indianapolis forty-three years.

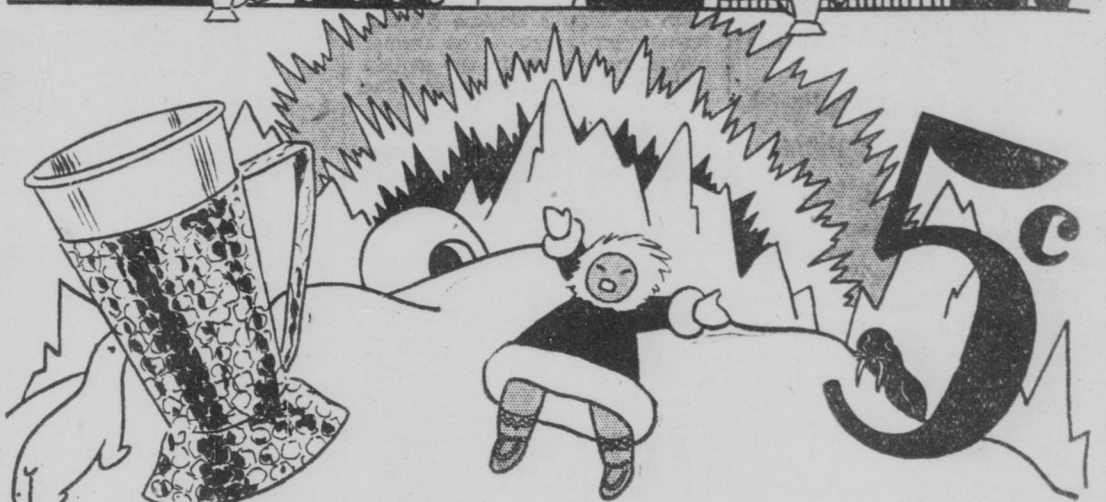
Complications following an operation for appendicitis were fatal Wednesday to Robert Buckham Wilson, 58, of 1649 Park avenue, a charter member of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board. He had lived here twenty years.

Funeral services will be held in Miami, Fla., Friday for Mrs. Ollie M. Chamberlain, formerly a resident of Indianapolis, who died at her home there Wednesday. Mrs. Chamberlain was a graduate of Butler university and one of the most prominent alumni of Kappa Kappa Gamma, of which she was a member at Butler.

Last rites will be held at 2 Friday afternoon, with burial in Crown Hill cemetery, for Mrs. George M. Miller, 62, who died Wednesday at her home, 120 Cottage avenue, after illness of four years. She had lived here thirty-one years.

Mrs. Gertrude Ford, 51, a life-long resident of the city and daughter of Cornelius Kelly, prominent in politics three and four decades ago, died at her home, 3540 North Capitol avenue, Wednesday. Funeral services will be held at 9 Saturday morning in St. Peter and Paul cathedral.

Marion F. Abell, 76, died at his home at 1115 Hoyt avenue, Wednesday, after three weeks' illness. Funeral will be held at 3 Friday afternoon at the home.



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