

PRISON CAMP 'SWEAT BOX' KILLING OF YOUTH REVEALS GUARDS' FIENDISH TORTURE

Grand Jury Indicts Two After Disclosure of Practices Turning Back to Days of Spanish Inquisition.

NECK CHAINED; FEET PUT IN STOCKS

One Inmate Ruptured by Kick; Another Is Made Deaf by Sapling Clubbing on Head, Probers Told.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 11.—Prison camp torture, rivaling the inquisition of the Spaniards who settled this country, has been revealed in charges that a 19-year-old New Jersey boy was strangled to death in a state prison "sweat box."

Two men face trial in the fall on first-degree murder charges as result of the revelations and the indictments which followed. They are Captain George Courson and Solomon Higginbotham of the Bayard (Fla.) camp.

The victim, Arthur Maillefer of Westfield, N. J., was found dead in the "sweat box," a chain around his neck, his feet in stocks.

He had been without food for two days, a beating had preceded his entry into the "sweat box."

And the day before his death, he had been marched around the camp dressed only in a barrel with a hole large enough to admit his head. Bloodhounds had trailed the youth after he escaped from his barrel garb. As soon as Maillefer was returned to camp, he was flogged, then placed in the torture box, too weak to stand alone, witnesses told the grand jury.

Tortures Are Listed
The witnesses and the grand jury report described these alleged torture practices:
Prisoners' heads were placed in stocks, racks and barrels.
Prisoners were forced to wear heavy barrels around their necks.
Picks were attached to prisoners' ankles as hobbles.
Some prisoners were given pint doses of castor oil as punishment for minor rule violations.
Convicts were maltreated by guards and captains for making statements to inspectors which they thought were made in confidence.
Prisoners placed in the "sweat box" were given one ounce of bread and water once daily.
Fifteen or twenty prisoners severely had been flogged.

One guard flogged a prisoner with a sapling, and the blow on the side of the head caused collapse of the ear drum, and resulting deafness.
One prisoner was kicked by a guard, a severe rupture resulting.

Guards Free on Bond
The sweat box was a square, box-shaped inclosure within a small six-foot square building with a tar roof, sweltering under the hot Florida sun. The "box" was three feet square and about six feet high. A prisoner could stand up in it, but could not sit down unless he was short, in which case he could sit cramped with his knees at his head.

Maillefer, defense witnesses said, killed himself.
He had charged guards with being "yellow," because they did not kill him, they said.
He had been unwell, he had said he would "die in hell" before serving the remainder of his nine-year sentence for robbery and larceny.

The two indicted guards are free on \$5,000 bond.

FIVE PERSONS HURT IN VARIETY OF ACCIDENTS

Woman Suffers Broken Leg When Porch Swing Falls.
Five persons were injured in a variety of accidents Saturday and Sunday.

Broken leg was incurred by Mrs. Daisy Dunkerson, 34, when a porch swing fell at her home, 539 North Keystone avenue.

Francis Jordan, 7, of 910 North Tuxedo street, suffered a broken right arm while playing on a slide at Brookside park.

Gash on the head and sprained right arm were suffered by Willis Tate, 17, of 645 Birch avenue, when he fell on a diving board at the Rhodius park swimming pool.

Jesse Handlon, 8, of 516 West Merrill street, suffered a fracture of his right arm and a deep cut on the forehead when struck by a falling door at the Old Trails Truck Company garage, 618 West Merrill street.

Cut in the right arm was suffered by Ray Totten, 31, 1260 West Raymond street, when glass in a door broke.

GAS CROOKS SET FIRE

Thieves Blamed for Burning of Garage; Loss Is \$5,000.
Persons who stole gasoline are believed responsible for a fire Saturday night which destroyed a garage with a loss of \$5,000. The garage, located at Forty-sixth street and the Lafayette road, was owned by S. W. McCready. Firemen fought the flames nearly two hours.

Four automobiles were burned in the garage. Although hampered by a small supply of water, firemen prevented spread of the flames to a barn nearby.

CLARA BOW BACK AGAIN

Returns to Hollywood, 18 Pounds Lighter; Reduced by Dieting.
HOLLYWOOD, July 11.—Clara Bow was back in Hollywood today eighteen pounds lighter, and with plans to direct her husband, Rex Bell, in a motion picture in addition to her own appearance in another.

Miss Bow reduced by diet and massage. She has been on her California-Nevada ranch for several months.

CLAIRE WEDS NO. 5

No. 2? Now Just Who Was He?



Claire Ray and Al Kerwin

By JAMES CANNON
Times Staff Writer

NEW YORK, July 11.—Claire Ray was as baffled as a mystery play detective at the end of the first act.

"She couldn't remember the name of her second husband."
"Oh, he was a tenor singer in a road show," pouted the platinum haired dancer, who is spending her fifth honeymoon learning hot steps for a new show.

"I married J. Kelly, a Seattle banker, when I was 16. We split up after two weeks. But I was only a child then, you see. My third was Monty Banks, the movie comedian. We were together a whole year."

"Then I married Charles Carnavale. His allowance was cut off two months after we were married. So I left him," she declared.

The muffled splashing of running water interrupted "Miss" Ray's breathless saga of matrimony.

Al Is "Dominator"
"That's my latest darling. He's a honey. He's taking a shower. I'm so sorry you can't meet him," she giggled by way of introducing by remote control Al Kerwin, Jamaica real estate man, whom she married July 4, after a month's romance.

"Al dominates me. That's why I like him. I love a man to dominate me. You respect him more. Oh, of course, Al doesn't make me jump through hoops. No man could," she said defiantly.

"I believe in marriage. You have affairs. Why not marry? The reason most girls don't get married is it is because fellows don't ask them often enough."

Married for Money
"Have I always married for love? Oh, no. A couple of times I married for money. But this time it's for love, believe me."

"Listen, Al met me a month ago at a party. He proposed every day for three weeks. So I married him. 'Say, I got it!' she exclaimed suddenly. 'My second husband was Harry Anderson. Sure, Harry Anderson. I met him when I was playing Pantages' time."

"Can you imagine my forgetting his name! Gee, and I was married to him for two months!"

JOBLESS; ENDS LIFE

Man Shoots Self; Girl Near Death From Poison.
One of four persons who attempted suicide over the week-end is dead and another is in a serious condition at city hospital.

Despondent because he could not find work, David Bohannon, 69, shot himself twice in the head with a revolver Saturday night. He died Sunday in city hospital. The shooting occurred at his home, 613 North Jefferson avenue.

Miss Mary Morley, 20, of 1239 South Belmont avenue, is in a serious condition at city hospital as a result of swallowing poison in a suicide attempt. Motive for the act was not learned.

Two women who were despondent over domestic difficulties are in fair condition after swallowing poison. They are Mrs. Dorothy Miller, 1255 Calhoun street, and Mrs. Zelma Long, 5309 Julian avenue.

WIFE OF NEWSPAPER EXECUTIVE IS BURIED

Mrs. Margaret Hawkins Laid to Last Rest in East.
By United Press
PELHAM MANOR, N. Y., July 11.—Mrs. Margaret Hawkins, wife of W. W. Hawkins, vice-chairman of the board of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, was buried Sunday in Kensico cemetery after funeral services in the Hawkins' home. The Rev. Lewis G. Leary officiated.

Pallbearers included Robert P. Scripps, Roy W. Howard, W. G. Chandler, G. B. Parker, Robert J. Bender, Keats Speed, Joseph S. Carran and W. N. Hurbutt.

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ASKS HOUSE TO FOLLOW FIXED ECONOMY PLAN

Unofficial Whip Lays Down 6-Point Program for State Assembly.

Democratic house members will be asked to support a six-point economy program to save millions when they caucus Tuesday night.

Representative Virgil Simmons (Dem.), Bluffton, declared today when the assembly convened.

Simmons, the unofficial Democratic house whip, asserted the assembly should get down to business and follow a regular plan instead of pursuing the shotgun tactics which characterized the first two days of the special session.

He would have it declare a three-year moratorium on the education construction program for the state colleges and universities which call for \$500,000 annually; and on other institutional construction.

Simmons will support repeal of the three-mile gravel road and county unit road laws; divert approximately half of the state highway commission's \$23,000,000 annual income to the counties and cities for maintenance of local highways, and repeal of the bone dry laws and provide for sale of medicinal whisky at 50 cents a pint tax.

Urges Cuts in Pay
He seeks to reduce all institutional, departmental appropriations and salaries of state and county officials and employees 10 per cent and take away all fees from county officials.

"Thus we speedily can obtain the economy and reductions that we desire," Simmons said.

"Several bills regarding the points outlined in my proposal have been introduced. What I desire is that the Democratic house majority get behind them."

Simmons also asserted when a personal income tax bill is introduced to equalize the tax burden it also must place a levy on corporations.

Would Save \$3,000,000
"It would be unfair to tax the one and permit the other to escape," he said.

The three-year moratorium on the institutional and education construction fund would mean a total saving of approximately \$3,000,000, and approximately the same amount would go into the county treasury if the fees were taken away from the local officials and the salaries reduced, he said.

The 10 per cent horizontal slash on all appropriations would mean an annual savings of \$6,000,000, Simmons said.

The three-mile gravel road law has placed a bonded indebtedness of more than \$43,000,000 on the people while the burden of the county unit road bonds is in excess of \$18,661,824, Simmons said.

Desert Battles Are Fared
By United Press
ISTANBUL, July 11.—Clashes were feared today between nomadic tribes forced by the severe drought to cross the Syrian frontier, and over 1,000 well armed Bedouins also proceeding toward Alexandretta to escape the drought.

PLAYING thirty-six holes of golf when you normally tire after eighteen is like sticking a shotgun at your head and fingering the trigger.

Eating a heavy meal and then immediately going swimming is just another way of sending the undertaker your calling card.

And if those two ways don't boost hospital or morgue business, then try finding a first-class sanitary place to purchase your picnic lunch. After you've found it, have the florist send you daisies with an "In Memoriam" card.

These methods of finding the terminal station to the Pearly Gate were related today by Dr. Herman G. Morgan, city health officer.

"Moderation! Moderation! And more moderation is the keynote for the man or woman who plays in the summertime," Morgan said.

EXERCISE is highly beneficial when taken in moderation. For instance, swimming is a fine form of exercise, but, taken after a hearty meal, overtaxes the heart. The stomach requires an extra supply blood after eating, but if one goes in swimming immediately, then the heart is forced to overwork.

"If you start muscular exercise, start in gradually. After middle life a man who can play eighteen holes of golf without thing should confine himself to eighteen holes and not attempt thirty-six, with fatigue and possible overexertion at the end of his game."

The health officer warned against the purchase of picnic foods from places not in a sanitary condition.

"All picnic foods should be prepared freshly. Inquire closely into the sanitary condition where you buy foods for picnics," Dr. Morgan warned.

"Often the eating of any contaminated food, if contamination has reached the ptomaine stage, may result in a fatality."

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7 DRIVERS PINCHED; 4 ON RUM CHARGES

Five Autos, Two Trucks Held by Cops Pending Trials of Owners.

Five automobiles and two trucks are held today by police pending trial of owners and other occupants on various charges.

R. J. Cones, 35, of 137 Highland avenue, and John Stevens, 40, of 1146 East Georgia street, were arrested while in Cones' car. Stevens is charged with drunkenness, driving while drunk and failure to have driver's license. Cones faces a drunkenness charge.

Grover McCullough, 40, of 2352 North Sherman drive, is charged with drunken driving.

Dick Edwards, 21, Mooresville, faces charges of blind tiger and parking in an alley.

Three men arrested in an automobile, after police had been told they had been shooting at passing cars, did not have any firearms at the time of their arrest. They are Frank Wilds, 38, of 609 South Missouri street, charged with drunken driving; Thomas Cunningham, 50, of 468 North Randolph street, and Eli Mick, 52, of 150 South West street, both charged with intoxication.

Charges of reckless driving, vagrancy and profanity are faced by Hilo Collier, Pontiac, Ill. His truck and trailer were seized.

Harley Floyd, 19, of 1446 East Seventeenth street, accused of teaching young boys to steal gasoline, is held on charges of vagrancy and failure to have license plates.

Four boys, under 15, arrested with Floyd at Seventeenth street and Arsenal avenue, are held at the juvenile detention home. Floyd's truck was seized. He said he bought the truck five months ago, but had no license.

3 FACE RUM TRIALS
Large Quantity of Booze Is Seized, Police Report.

Deputy sheriffs who raided the home of Eugene Wodtke, Bell road and Summer avenue, Saturday night, reported seizure of a large quantity of beer, brewing equipment and malt cans fashioned into drinking mugs. Basement of the home, according to the officers, was a well equipped drinking parlor.

The officers said they seized sixty-nine quarts of beer in bottles, fifty gallons brewing, two twelve-gallon and three ten-gallon jars. Wodtke is held on a blind tiger charge.

Abe Harris, said to have been caught by a policeman in the act of delivering a gallon of alcohol in the 300 block Virginia avenue, is held on a blind tiger charge.

More than one hundred gallons of home brew were reported seized by police who arrested Addison White, 38, in a raid on his home at 3817 Hoyt avenue. Ten gallons of brewing beer and three gallons of wine also were reported seized.

'SLIGHT' KING'S ENVOY
British Governor-General in Ireland Demands De Valera Apologize.

DUBLIN, July 11.—Governor-General James McNeill, representative of King George in the Irish free state, threatened to resign today unless President Eamon De Valera and members of his cabinet apologized for recent "slights" to the governor-general.

The governor-general was not invited to the reception for the papal legate, Cardinal Lauri, during the eucharistic congress. The government was said to have no intention of apologizing to McNeill.

BRAZIL TROOPS RISE IN REVOLT AGAINST RULER

Return to Constitutional Regime Is Demanded by Garrison.

By United Press
SAO PAULO, Brazil, July 11.—Two battalions of the Sao Paulo garrison, which revolted and demanded immediate return to a constitutional regime, claimed today that state and federal troops had joined the movement.

The revolt centered in Sao Paulo, world's coffee center, one of the most important industrial cities in South America.

It indicated another break between the "Paulistas" of Sao Paulo state, powerful in northern Brazil, and southern leaders, who headed the 1930 revolution and established Dr. Getulio Vargas as provisional president.

General Isidoro Dias Lopes headed the revolutionists. They demanded that Vargas carry out his promise to return to a constitutional regime.

Vargas has been provisional head of the government since Dr. Washington Luis was overthrown in November, 1930.

The revolutionists proclaimed Pedro de Toledo, who resigned as federal interventor of Sao Paulo state, as state governor.

The revolt had been planned for some time, but was not revealed until several officers who refused to join the rebels were arrested.

The federal government sent General Goes Monteiro from Rio de Janeiro to direct operations against the rebels.

The government claimed that only two battalions were involved, that the rest of the country was loyal to the regime, and that the revolt would be quelled quickly.

Peru Rebels Defeated
By United Press
LIMA, Peru, July 11.—Government troops held Trujillo, important Northern Peruvian City, today after driving out rebels through a combined air and land attack.

Bombing planes, which played an important part in the federal victory, pursued the rebels outside Trujillo as they fled toward Cajabamba and Santiago De Chuco.

The government considered the revolt ended.

Crime Drops in Chicago
CHICAGO, July 11.—Despite unemployment, police records today showed crime decreasing here. A year ago, the average was sixty crimes a day. In January it was thirty, and today the average has sunk to twenty-two daily.

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