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PRISON 'SWEAT BOX' DEATH IS UNDER PROBE

Grand Jury Foreman Will
Press Inquiry Into
Camp Brutality.

FOUR CASES UNCOVERED

Fight to Halt Torture of
Convicts Extends to
Several States.

By United Press
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 18.—Reports of another prison camp "sweat box" death were carried today into a conference intended to banish such brutality in prisons which permitted such punishment, it was believed, in at least four cases within two months.

The latest reports were received by Al F. Gorman, foreman of a grand jury which already has indicted two prison guards on murder charges in the "sweat box" death of a 19-year-old New Jersey boy.

The reports came by air mail from Miami. Gorman refused to reveal their exact content.

"I want to place the matter before the state's attorney," the grand jury foreman, who has received numerous death threats because of his activity, reported.

Max Sub pena Governor

"Unless we get the action of state officials we demand, we may have to subpoena Governor Doyle F. Carlton and Highway Commissioner Mayo."

Gorman conferred today with a group of church women interested in his fight on the ancient torture methods permitted in several states. Tennessee, for instance, permits the same "sweat box" treatment, although no official record shows it has been used.

Whipping, the ball and chain, and other such punishment is permitted in several states.

The first torture victim reported was Arthur Maillefer, 19, Westfield, N. J. He had been beaten. Then his body was "clothed" in a barrel and he was marched around camp. The youth escaped from the barrel, but bloodhounds got him. Then he was thrown into the "sweat box."

Maillefer, weakened by his experience, was placed in the box, a chain around his neck. An hour later he was found dead, strangled by the chain.

Two Are Indicted

G. W. Coursen and Sol Higginbotham, guards, were indicted after the boy died.

Two months ago, Harold Bradley of Loretta, Pa., was shot to death while attempting to flee a prison camp where such tortures plus the stocks used commonly by the Pilgrim Fathers, were permitted. The grand jury exonerated prison guards.

Governor Carleton promised an investigation of that shooting, it was learned, after news of the Maillefer "sweat box" death brought renewed demands for an investigation.

Last Wednesday a Negro prisoner in a Spaulding county, Ga., prison camp died of "sunstroke" guards reported. Physicians who performed an autopsy on Jim Lassiter, the prisoner, said he died of a fractured skull.

P. H. Randall, superintendent of the camp, has been charged with murder as result of that death.

If reports held by Gorman are correct, a fourth man has fallen victim to enforcement of discipline within a few weeks.

Murders His Wife, Then Slays Self; Six Left Orphans

Borrows Weapon From His
Father Just Before
Double Tragedy.

Six children were orphaned this morning when Jerry Willoughby, 37, killed himself with the shotgun which he had used to end the life of the wife and mother, Betty, 34, at the family home, 1406 Jones street.

Neighbors said the double tragedy ended a long period of domestic wrangling, part of which they said



Jerry Willoughby and his wife Betty was due to Mrs. Willoughby's refusal to cease what her husband termed "running around" with a neighbor woman.

The two women were away from their homes together Sunday night, it is said, and were accustomed to leaving several times daily.

"A razor, he has kept that blade sharp while being used once daily in the twenty years," he says.

And the doctor's friends are laying even money that the clipped chin will cause him to draw on his first "spare" blade in two decades of whisker-growing.

SHERIFF PROBES JAIL ABSENCES

Prisoner Alleged to Have
Made Booze Sales.

Reported Sunday departures of Charles Edward (Red) Dicks, serving a six-months booze term, from the county jail were being probed today by Sheriff Charles (Buck) Sumner, who Saturday sought information on reports that Dicks had been selling booze while a member of the "chain" gang.

County commissioners, blocked from using prison-aid with Sumner's order that no prisoner can leave the jail premises, questioned Roy Delvin, county maintenance man, who guarded Dicks on the "chain" gang trips to county institutions.

Delvin Saturday told Sumner that Dicks had been taken to his home at 3707 Creston drive to obtain clothing on two occasions. Today it was learned, according to Sumner, that Dicks moved from the Creston drive residence before starting service of his term in March.

Sumner planned to question Tom Scanlan, deputy sheriff, who has been on vacation. The sheriff said he learned Scanlan had arranged to have Dicks serve his time in the jail rather than the penal farm, to which he originally was sentenced by Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer.

Information that Dicks and his wife purchased a new automobile while Dicks was in jail, also was being checked by Sumner.

T. J. CHRISTIAN DEAD

Member of Pioneer Family
Found in Office.

Thomas J. Christian, 64, member

of a pioneer Indianapolis family,

was found dead late this morning in his office in the Lemcke building. Nearby was a bottle which authorities said bore a carbolic acid label.

The body was discovered by John Finch, secretary to the aged man, who called tenants of neighboring offices, Roy Childs and Thomas C. Whalon. They notified Dr. W. E. Arbuckle, coroner.

Mr. Christian was a brother of the late Wilbur Christian, who gave Christian park to the city, and was president of the T. J. Christian Lumber Company. He had been blind for ten years and was a paralysis sufferer.

He is said to have proposed that they separate, stating he would take the two youngest children, but the mother demanded they remain with her.

One of the innocent sufferers from the dual tragedy is Mrs. Addie Middleton, 1037 South Sheffield avenue, sister of Willoughby, who became a mother Sunday night.

TEMPTING

The diamond necklace was tempting. So were the other luxuries offered Mona if she accepted the amazing marriage proposal. Read her adventures in the new serial, "For Love or Money," beginning Wednesday, July 20, in The Times.

No reception committee met the Texan, John N. Garner, Democratic vice presidential candidate, but if it had it would have been disappointed in his lack of sombreros and "six-guns."

Only railroad officials of the Big Four and a few passersby heard the speaker of the house of representatives shout Indians into the Democratic political column in the fall ballot and give his principles of government, if elected to office.

Jack Garner

WETS WEAKEN ON BONE DRY LAW REPEAL

Talk of Amendments Leads to Fear of Split in Liberals' Ranks.

CALL LESLIE TO LEAD

Action by Governor Deemed
Necessary for Relief at
Special Session.

IT may have been the heat and then again it may have been the twenty years of servitude, but whatever it was, the safety razor of Dr. Herbert T. Wagner, chairman of the first-aid committee of the Indianapolis division of the Red Cross, has a cut chin to apologize for today.

Dr. Wagner has had that one safety razor and used its one blade for twenty years without resorting to the five additional blades that came with it.

He has—and this is not a safety razor—used it through shellfire in France and fishing trips in Indiana without insult from its sharp edge.

It never has backfired until today and today the doctor carries a clipped jowl. He's bushy about it and the longevity of the safety razor he's humored all these years.

"O! what would happen to any one," remarks the physician as he rubs his nipped chin and discourages the mention of it.

Plain strapping, like you would a razor, has kept that blade sharp while being used once daily in the twenty years," he says.

And the doctor's friends are laying even money that the clipped chin will cause him to draw on his first "spare" blade in two decades of whisker-growing.

Senate Could Amend

The senate can amend and then a conference committee can pass the proposal, he pointed out.

We leaders almost were unanimous in declaring they desire to remove the "obnoxious Wright bone dry law name" from the statute books, where it has been since 1925.

Representative John F. Ryan (Dem.), Terre Haute, chairman of the public morals committee, and George B. McCommon (Dem.), Elwood, avowed dry, have been discussing advisability of introducing a new bill re-enacting some of the provisions of the Wright law or amending the present repealer.

Seek Fine Reduction

They desire the law to contain a public intoxication clause which would reduce the present fine of from \$10 to \$100 and the maximum sentence of six months, or both, to a \$1 to \$5 fine and continue the imprisonment section.

Penalty for transportation would be unchanged.

Governor Harry G. Leslie may be called upon to assume the Moses role and lead Indiana legislators out of the wilderness of their own bills.

As the second full week of the special legislative session was to get under way, more and more demands were being heard for the Governor to show leadership.

It was pointed out that the situation is comparable to that of the congress just closed, with the senate having a Republican majority and the house Democratic.

Cite Hoover Policy

Whereupon Republican President Hoover time and again took the reins and cracked the whip in driving through administration measures. His success was almost 100 per cent, it was pointed out.

At the opening, however, the President outlined a specific program of action.

So far Leslie has made no statement, pro or con, on any particular form of tax relief legislation.

His first step toward assuming leadership would entail drafting a definite program, made up from approximately 200 bills pending in both houses, or by introduction of new bills to be known as administration measures.

Not a Candidate

The Democratic state organization has proposed a plan for house action which is to start today and it was said the G. O. P. organization soon will assume like leadership in the senate.

Criticism of this has been brought forth on the grounds that to make the matter partisan merely would result in drawing of party lines and the danger of deadlock and inaction.

Leslie is not a candidate for office and his executive position places him above partisanship, those who advocate he assume leadership declare.

Upon delivery of his message at the opening session, it was reported at his office that if no concrete accomplishment was made by the legislators themselves within the first few weeks of the session, the Governor would assume control.

Democratic Measure

"Man must be protected from his fellow-men and man must be protected in his pursuit of property and happiness. I believe in permitting all men to exert their energies in acquiring money and property, so long as they do not become a Rockefeller, or a Mellon. Then their money, in part, should be taken from them by tax legislation," he said.

Speaking of Franklin D. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Federal detective agencies have withdrawn from active participation in the hunt for the slayers of the Lindbergh baby, despite President Hoover's order "to make this a never to be forgotten case." At least one official feels that the case was mis-handled from the start.

The government agencies, while going about their own work, are maintaining a close watch for possible clews and stand ready to take up the hunt again.

But the expert agents assigned to the case have been shifted to other duties.

He said President Hoover would hold the relief bill for ten days before signing it and that, if conditions grew worse during that time, he would blame it on the

Treaty Signed for Mammoth St. Lawrence Waterway; U. S. and Canada Will Share Cost



Here is a map of the \$800,000,000 St. Lawrence seaway to open the Great Lakes to ocean commerce. Plans call for construction of a twenty-seven-foot channel from Montreal to Lake Ontario, approximately 180 miles. Two dams will be built, one probably

at Massena Point and another near Ogden. Sites have not been determined definitely. W. D. Herridge, Canadian minister to Washington (left inset), and Henry L. Stimson, United States secretary of state (right), conducted the long negotiations for the waterway treaty, which was signed today.

An Editorial— See This Movie Before Voting

THIS week the members of the legislature will vote on a measure which will, if it becomes a law, give the people a right to own and operate their public utilities.

That measure is being fought bitterly. The old fiction that the utilities pay the taxes is being used. Every dollar they pay out, either in taxes or in dividends on watered stocks or fictitious valuations, comes from the people.

Penalty for transportation would be unchanged.

Governor Harry G. Leslie may be called upon to assume the Moses role and lead Indiana legislators out of the wilderness of their own bills.

Before any member of the legislature votes on that measure, he should visit Loew's Palace theater and see and hear presentation of "Washington Masquerade."

The film exposes, with some Hollywood exaggeration and drama, the methods used by the power trust to corrupt those who want to serve the people. In this case, it was a beautiful woman who became the tool.

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State legislatures the methods are more sordid, but none are less devastating.

For the first time the screen has joined the protest against corruption of government and deals in most striking manner with a very present problem.

The fight of the people for the control of power is a real war. It is waged in Washington. It now is in the skirmish stage in Indianapolis. The municipal owner of the bill is one sector.

And the methods of the power trust always are the same—corruption, corruption, corruption.

If any member of the legislature is the faintest bit voting against the public ownership bill, The Times invites him to see this film, at his expense, and urges him to vote against it after he has seen it.

Incidentally The Times congratulates the movies for daring to deal with a real problem on the side of the people.

FAMOUS EDUCATOR DIES

Intestinal Disease Claims Former Illinois U. Dean.

By United Press
CHAMPAIGN, Ill., July 18.—Thomas Arkle Clark, 70, famous educator and former dean of men at the University of Illinois, died at his home here today.

Clark's death followed an illness of several months from intestinal disease. He was reported to have been in a coma for several days.

HEAT WILL RETURN

New Wave of Torridity to
Be Here Tuesday.

Probability of the return Tuesday of record-breaking temperature of last week was predicted today by J. H. Armington, weather man.

East to northeast breezes will aid somewhat in relieving suffering from the high temperature, according to Armington, in the one hopeful note of the forecast.

The mercury rose from 68 at 6

today to 85 at 11.

Today's temperature is expected

to surpass the high mark Sunday of 92, which was reached at 2:15 p. m.

Hourly Temperatures