

CRUELTY REIGN REVEALED AT PRISON FARM

Convicts Slugged, Starved;
Sleep With Chains
Riveted on Legs.

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doctor to stanch the blood flow and sew up neglected blood vessel.

The series will show that Hoosierland has a torture-chamber for its petty offenders that is called the "Hole" and this "Hole" is synonymous with blackjacking, starved bodies, wrists bruised by handcuffs.

It will tell of inmates stuffing rags and bits of cloth—picked up when no guard looked on—between chains and trousered legs to prevent chafing sores.

Political Prisoner Punished

One installment will deal with the life of the state's first political prisoner and how his attempts to convert inmates of the farm to his cause brought down the mace of authority and placed him for days in a cell, fastened to bars.

The inquiry and the affidavits will show how Governor Paul V. McNutt sent an investigating committee to the farm, how the tip got out via the farm grapevine, and how orders were sent to cover up before the probing committee reached certain sectors of the state farm.

It will show how the committee, composed of Police Chief Mike Morrissey, Wayne Coy, secretary to the Governor, and Captain Matt Leach, of the state police, found men in chains and men in confinement on bread and water, but did not find other conditions, because of the farm's mysterious telegraph system.

Guards Admit Blows

Admissions of state farm guards that they struck men for dodging work will be given.

It will be shown that for years inmates, regardless of race or color, have slept bed to bed, worked pick to pick.

It will be charged in the affidavits that sanitary conditions of the farm in cooking, dairy, and sleeping quarters are far below par.

One sworn statement charges that keepers have bribed inmates to aid them in hiding farm provisions so that the provender that should go to the tables of the inmates might be taken to the homes of the keepers.

The Indiana state farm is termed an institution of correction, not punishment, by penologists. It is supposed to be a place where the petty misdeeds of a man are erased in the art of being taught to live a cleaner, finer life.

Hall of Horror

A recreational hall, a place of stench and smoke and bedlam and men, is the one place of relaxation for the inmates on wintry Sundays, another affidavit will relate.

The hall is called "Wreck" hall because it resembles this condition during a Sunday siesta of the farm's 1,000 inmates, the sworn statements will relate.

The statements will charge that bribes were given guards and runners to obtain clean bedding, clean clothing, and other necessities of life for inmates.

They will show, under a notary's seal, how one inmate's jaw was displaced by a hospital orderly because he became angered at the inmate during a medical examination.

Food Called Bad

The affidavits will declare the food is of poor quality, of little variety, and on occasions has been contaminated.

The Times will show that the cost of keeping an inmate at the farm is as high as that at other similar institutions or where a mass housing and feeding problem is present.

It will show that the state farm has plenty of facilities and manual labor for supplanting purchased supplies for feeding inmates with farm-raised products.

Life of Indiana's petty offenders, from the time of their conviction, dressing-in at the farm, to the day they peremptorily are told to sign waiver papers to obtain transportation back to the place of their conviction will be recited in the affidavits.

Club Over Prisoners.

It will be shown in the story as related by former inmates that the club of "We'll take your good time away from you" is held over them until they release the penal farm from all responsibility for happenings during their incarceration.

Use of trustees in disciplining of the men and dependence on their word in violations of the farm's rules will be outlined in the affidavits.

Throughout the affidavits and verbal statements of the former inmates is the expressed fear that, as some of them have been habitual petty offenders, they will suffer mis-treatment if they ever are returned to the farm.

The "crime horrible" of the farm is laziness, malingering, and failure to do a task, the sworn epistles will declare.

Penalty Is Severe

It will be shown that, despite the fact that escape from the institution is easy and that the men are guarded loosely, the punishment for escape is chained legs or a bread and water diet in a cell with a good time earned taken from a prisoner.

The sworn statements of the former inmates will demonstrate that a man sent to Putnamville for a petty offense can be incarcerated for a period of time equal to that and longer than is given some inmates at the state reformatory in Pendleton.

Lack of proper medical equipment with which to determine an inmate's ailment, carelessness in handling hospital patients, failure to determine the physical or mental status of men incarcerated, will be indicated in the affidavits made to The Times.

Trusties Direct Toll

Guards will be shown sitting under shade trees, out of the boiling Indiana sun, while trustees, or "runners," direct the work of the inmates, report them for misdeeds or misdeeds.

One sworn statement will assert that water buckets of men laboring with pick, shovel and wheelbarrow

'VERY SICK MAN' STILL IN HANDS OF KIDNAPERS



BOY, 12, SAVES BROTHER FROM DEATH IN RIVER

Braves Treacherous Waters
to Drag 11-Year-Old
Lad to Beach.

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say that this particular spot is so deep and so treacherous that very few experienced swimmers enter it.

Mrs. Donahue, watching the boys from the bank, saw her son disappear, come up once, and go down again without an effort.

"I am sure my heart stopped beating," she said, "and then Frank jumped in. It seemed as if the two were under for hours when I saw Frank come up with his hands caught underneath the twisted shoulder straps of Larry's bathing suit."

Pulls Him 100 Feet

When the boy fell, he was struck on the stomach by a rock which knocked the breath from him, and he was unconscious until first aid was administered by life guards.

"If it had not been for that," said Mrs. Donahue today, "I doubt if Frank could have saved him alone. I know how Larry would have struggled and fought."

Frank pulled his unconscious brother across approximately 100 feet of deep and dangerous water.

"I dropped him once," said the youngster. "He went down and I thought I'd never make it that time. But I remember that I had to stick with him or drown with him."

And Frank stuck.

Given Immediate Attention

Life guards observing the scene said that they thought the two were playing, so made no move to aid. When Frank had his brother up on the beach, he was given immediate medical attention by the guards and regained consciousness in a short time.

Frank learned to swim at the Willard park pool. He is an excellent swimmer.

Larry and Frank have two brothers, Leo, 14, and Harry, 13, and a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Hill. All the brothers are Times carriers. The three younger brothers are pupils of St. Joseph's school from which Leo was graduated in June. He will attend Cathedral high school in the fall. All are members of St. Joseph's church.

LEGION POST ELECTS

Fred Foster Named President of Hugh Copsey Group.

Fred Foster was chosen commander of Hugh Copsey post, American Legion, at the annual election of officers held Tuesday night.

Others chosen are Herman Herr, first vice-commander; Ralph Martin, second vice-commander; Howard C. Smith, adjutant; Chester Swift, finance officer; Louis J. Weigand, service officer; Emil Swift, chaplain; Armen Bottles, sergeant-at-arms; Matt Harris, athletic officer; Dr. Roy Kopp, historian; Robert Davis, state convention delegate, and Smith, alternate.

HERO IN CLASH WITH BANDITS FOUND DEAD

Aged Man, Wed Recently, Succumbs in Closed Garage.

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, July 12.—Thomas McMunn, 72, whose heroin in routing two bandits last December led to a romance culminating in his marriage at Chicago last week, was found dead in a garage at the rear of his home Tuesday.

The motor of the car was running and all doors to the garage were closed.

According to McMunn's daughter, Mrs. Edward Bickel, her father had gone to the garage to repair the car preparatory to motoring to Cleveland with his bride, the former Mrs. Evelyn Raymond of Philadelphia.

The aged man's romance with Mrs. Raymond was conducted through correspondence when she read accounts of how McMunn had beaten, with his fists, two bandits who attempted to rob him.

It was learned that a night watchman in one of the supply houses damaged, slept through the entire incident, and when he awakened in the cot in the basement the next morning, found himself surrounded by water.

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