

FORMER INMATE CHARGES CRAFT AT PENAL FARM

Guards Steal Food, While Prisoners Get Watered Milk, He Says.

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much as we never had a surplus of this particular item. . . .

In turn, Noblet charges that food was hidden in the refrigerator of the creamery by guards and that "smoking" was given to the prisoners for hiding meat or other food there.

Guard . . . would hide meat, hams sometimes, one-half side of bacon, cheese, lard, and sometimes fresh meat in the refrigerator of the creamery until they got off. Then, early in the morning, when we got up to milk, they would come and get it. The butcher, an inmate, told me they got the meat from him. They would give us smoking for hiding it in there."

Claims Supplies Sold

Wissel says supplies were sold to officers of the farm, "such sales always being made on orders issued from the office, however, and no deliveries being made from the store-room, creamery or any other department without a proper order and sales ticket from the office."

"The man in charge of the commissary, . . . discharged now, would leave the milk at the dairy instead of getting it to the mess-hall and sometimes it would sour, but they'd serve it anyhow. I have eaten sour milk on oatmeal," vouches Noblet in his sworn statement.

"The creamery is not sanitary," Noblet charges in his notarized statement.

"The basin for washing cans and strainers was filthy. No disinfectant or chlorine to wash strainers or cans with. Creamery still has torn screens. I've skimmed flies off milk and sent it to inmates. . . . would tell me to do this. I have picked flies out of butter after it was churned."

No Test Given

"You are given no test. Wasserman or otherwise, for work in the dairy," Noblet charges in his affidavit.

"Creamery is full of roaches," he declares. The farm's acting superintendent, Wissel, avers that Noblet's charges of insanitary conditions are untrue. He says, "A careful inspection of the dairy never has shown the slightest contamination in any way."

"I saw," continues Noblet's affidavit, "on one of my visits to the farm, hit a boy with a cane who was trying to feed a calf and the boy couldn't get the calf to drink milk. It was the calf's first feeding. The boy was Lester Hughes of New Albany."

"The inmates get meat once a day. The farm sells its good cattle and buys canners and culls for butchering for the men," declares Noblet in his affidavit.

Backs Up Milk Charge

Rex Smart, former inmate of Monroe, Ind., backs up Noblet's statement regarding "watered milk" in another sworn statement.

He says, "I have helped put fifteen gallons of water in fifteen gallons of skimmed milk for the men to drink. The officers got the cream."

Wissel, in commenting on Smart's statement, declares, "We do not think that milk in the prisoners' kitchen ever has been diluted 50 per cent, as stated. Water occasionally is added to the milk . . . to serve all the men. . . ."

"Sparrows flew around the kitchen where I was first put to work. Bread was dropped on the floor and put on the plates for men to eat," says Smart's affidavit.

Worms in Beans

"I have seen worms in the beans served to the men. The fellows in the kitchen wouldn't eat the beans that went to the mess hall. You never saw butter, sugar, or pepper in the kitchen. On Sundays, sometimes, they'd serve butter to the men," declares Smart under oath.

But Wissel declares that store-room records show that 8,800 pounds of butter were served in the prisoners' dining room during the last year.

City caterers point out that 5,800 pounds of butter easily would feed 290,000 persons in one year, or an average of 1,000 daily for 290 days. Fifty-two Sundays in the year of serving butter, according to Smart's sworn statement, would be equal to 1,040 pounds of butter served at the ratio of fifty persons or inmates to the pound. The farm had 939 inmates on May 31, 1933.

Absence of butter, sugar or pepper in the dining room is explained by Wissel by the fact "that these items are used in cooking and are not directly served on the table."

Chicory Served, He Says

"No coffee, some fake stuff called chicory, was substituted for breakfast," asserts the affidavit of William Lemon, a former inmate.

"They have real coffee on Sunday mornings, but on other mornings they don't," says the sworn statement of Thomas Bland, Negro, another former inmate.

But the menu at the farm for the week ended July 8, 1933, shows coffee on Sunday morning and Postum listed for serving on other mornings of the week.

Yet a check of retail groceries of Indianapolis shows that Postum costs between 4 and 6 cents a pound more than the cheapest coffee. It is sold at from 23 to 25 cents for an eighteen-ounce package.

Bought at Lower Cost

One former inmate, who worked in the farm's office, says the so-called Postum is a by-product of the regular cereal beverage sold at groceries and is not the regulation Postum. He says it is purchased at a price much below the cost of coffee, from the Postum company, although it is advertised in the farm menu as being Postum.

The farm, with the exception of staple products, produces its own garden truck, canned goods, and, unlike the state prison at Michigan

Mexican Bandit Swoops From Mountain Refuge and Harries Big Bend Settlers

Former Aid of Villa Swears Vengeance on Texas Rancher.

This is the third of five stories on the Big Bend country of Texas, America's last frontier, by Harry McCormick, special correspondent for NEA Service and The Times.

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AT the foot of the Del Carmen mountains nestles the little town of Bouquillas, Coahuila, Mexico. It is a sleepy, sun-baked hamlet of a half dozen adobe houses on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, and just across the river from the Big Bend country of Texas, the nation's last frontier.

Off to the east of Bouquillas lie the Palomas mountains, in which hide Candalaro Baeza and his band of Mexican outlaws.

Twenty years ago Candalaro Baeza was a dreamy-eyed private in the rebel army of Pancho Villa. By 1916, when Villa was raiding across the border and his name was on every tongue, Candalaro was one of his trusted captains—a captain noted for his cruelty and fearlessness, who liked to display his prowess by suspending rocks from strings and clipping the strings with his .45-caliber pistol at fifty paces.

Flees After Villa's Death

When Villa was killed near Parral, Coahuila, Candalaro fled with the remnants of the band into the Palomas mountains. There he was—and still is—protected by nature from almost any kind of attack the Mexican government chooses to launch against him.

Frequently, in the years that have rolled by, Candalaro and his band have ridden forth from their mountain fastness to raid again and sometimes they have crossed the border into the Big Bend country. Bolder now, since United States troops have been withdrawn from the army post at Marfa, Tex.—as evidenced by his recent kidnaping of two American ranchers—he is expected to make new forays into the Big Bend, and ranchers are on the alert.

Patterns After Villa

Idolizing Villa, Candalaro had attempted to pattern his course after him and set himself up as a sort of Mexican Robin Hood by taking from the rich and giving to the poor.

He and his band would thunder into Mexican villages, plunder the rich of corn and provisions and deliver a portion of it among the wretched hovels where the poor live in Coahuila.

Men who did not have corn to make tortillas for their hungry children saw in him a savior.

15 LOSE LIVES OVER WEEK-END

Automobile Accidents Fatal to Thirteen Persons in Indiana.

By United Press

Automobiles took an unusual toll of lives in Indiana over the week-end as summer highway traffic reached its peak.

At least thirteen persons were killed in auto accidents while drownings accounted for the deaths of two.

Near Winchester two men and a woman were killed when their car collided with another. Two persons lost their lives in an accident near Shelbyville Saturday and an aged couple died beneath the wheels of a train which struck their car near Whitestown Sunday.

The complete list of dead follows: Automobiles—Mrs. Lucy Prichard, 33, Terre Haute; William Mahler, 70, Lebanon; Mrs. William Mahler, 60, Lebanon; George Tait, 30, Lebanon; Mrs. E. J. Saratoga; Mrs. Frank Rex, 49, Saratoga; Mary Katherine, 18, Paducah; Fred Brown, 30, Boggs; Fred Davis, 12, Boggs; Leroy Kahn, 29, Bluffton; Joseph Gansinger, 21, East Chicago; Angelo Semphino, 19, Mishawaka; Mary Susan Jones, 12, Ellettsburg; Ira Weidner, 29, Noble; Lloyd Riddle, 20, Uniondale.

QUELL TRAIN SPEEDING

Complainants Given Power to Arrest Crews.

By United Press

SALT LAKE CITY, July 17.—"You try it," was the reply of police to Tim Murphy and M. E. Christensen, home owners, who complained that police permitted excessive speed of trains running near their homes. The men were made special officers and now have permission to arrest train crews if laws limiting speed are violated.

PREACHERS PLAY BALL

Ministers Accept Challenge of City Officials for Game.

By United Press

MARYSVILLE, Kan., July 17.—A city official who remarked that "some of our ministers couldn't even play baseball" will have to answer for the remark.

The Marysville Ministerial Alliance has challenged the city officials, including Mayor G. M. Ware to a baseball game.

TOO MUCH RYE ON BOAT

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The personnel of the neat little cabin boat "Rock and Rye" was being rocked by a large quantity of rye, police said, in arresting five members of the crew here. One of the quietest had to be pulled out of the river before being jailed.

City is almost a town of 1,000 population capable of living off land which it tills, aided by the yearly appropriations from the state.

It has a poultry yard and yet the inmates charge that even on holidays they never have had chicken. Easter Sunday is the only day of the year that they have been served eggs, several affidavits declare.

In turn, other state institutions, as well as county infirmaries, serve fowl as well as wild game on holidays, at an average daily cost to the person equal to that at the Indiana State farm.

Next: How a victim of the White Plague was beaten and worked in a quarry.



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dren saw in this man a noble leader and rose to follow him.

But crafty Candalaro hardly is entitled to the credit for romantic charity which has been given him; playing Robin Hood merely helped him recruit men for his band.

Word Is Law

In the wild country of northern Coahuila, Candalaro's word is law. He dominates the authorities at Olan, a Mexican village in that area.

At El Campo, too, his name is whispered by the tongues of the poor; whispered lest the Mexican authorities learn more of their hero who brings them corn and food.

Probably the Mexican government does not see in Candalaro the menace it found in Villa, for it has not made over strenuous efforts to bring him to bay.

True, also, is the fact that Candalaro—though a bandit leader and outlaw of considerable reputation—lacks that uncanny ability to organize large bodies of men that made Pancho Villa the greatest outlaw and rebel Mexico has ever known.

In Thick of Raids

Under Villa's leadership Candalaro was in the thick of the raids across the border in 1914-16, which finally led to General Pershing's expedition into Mexico in quest of the bandit chief.

In one raid, it is interesting to note, a Mexican bandit named Lina Baiza was killed. Whether he was related to the aspiring Candalaro Baeza never may be known, but there is a significant similarity in the names and in the brutalities of the two insurgents.

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LAST RITES TO BE HELD FOR B. F. CLIFFORD

Former Indianapolis Resident to Be Laid to Last Rest Today.

The body of Benjamin Franklin Clifford, 78, former resident of Indianapolis, was to be brought here this afternoon for burial in Crown Hill cemetery. Mr. Clifford died Friday at his home in Chicago.

He was the uncle of Austin V. Clifford, Indianapolis attorney, and a great uncle of Scott Clifford of Indianapolis.

Long-Time Resident Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Florence McCree, 69, will be held in her home, 1017 West Thirty-third street, at 2 Tuesday, with burial in Crown Hill cemetery. Mrs. McCree died at her home Sunday, after an illness of ten weeks.

Mrs. McCree had lived in Indianapolis since she was 8. She was a member of St. Paul's M. E. church.

Surviving are the widower, William E. McCree, a daughter, Mrs. Florence Seamon Kieffer; two sisters, Mrs. William Gerlach, and Mrs. Bertha Moulton, and four grandchildren, all of Indianapolis.

Aged City Woman Taken

Final rites for Mrs. Clara C. Hicks, 78, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Della Kleifgen, 4404 East Tenth street, will be held at 10:30 Tuesday in the home. Burial will be in Siloam cemetery.

Mrs. Hicks had lived in Indianapolis sixty-five years. She was a member of Shiloh M. E. church, and the widow of James L. Hicks.

Survivors are Mrs. Kleifgen, a son, Horatio T. Hicks, of Stevenson, Wash.; two brothers, Dan V. Clark and John D. Clark of Indianapolis, and three sisters, Miss Leah F. Clark of Indianapolis; Mrs. Mike Rowan of Hammon, Ia., and Mrs. Ora B. Nelson of Fortville.

Aged Woman, 80, Taken

Mrs. Kate Dean, 80, died in her sleep Sunday night at the home of her brother, George Patton, 1642 Arrow avenue, due to infirmities of age. Dr. John E. Wyttenbach, deputy coroner investigated.

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