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DILLINGER LOOSE; HUNTED BY POSSE

'HELP OR DIE' GANG PLEDGE IS RECALLED

Dillinger Fulfills Boast to Break 'Any Jail'; Lima Guarded.

BY BASIL GALLAGHER
Times Staff Writer
John Dillinger, public enemy No. 1, bandit and murderer, is free again.

Making good his boast in the Tucson (Ariz.) prison that "no jail can hold me," he once more has outwitted the law and, armed with a machine gun, is speeding along midwest roads, free.

For the second time in four months, he has escaped from jails despite extraordinary precautions of the police.

And today, as state police and law enforcement officers in all parts of Indiana and adjoining states concentrated on the hunt for the desperado, a pledge admitted to have been made by Dillinger, Harry Pierpont, Charles Makley and Russell Clark was recalled by state police.

No Idle Gesture
Riding back on the Golden State Limited, from Tucson, Pierpont and Makley admitted to the writer that the four prisoners had pledged themselves to "help each other or die trying to do it." It was no idle gesture, the bandits were frank in admitting.

"Listen," Makley said once on the long trip back to Indiana, "the gang is made up of us four—Dillinger, Pierpont, Clark and myself. That's the whole gang, the rest of the guys who escaped with us were just punks. We're sticking together. All for one and one for all, see."

Remembering this underworld alliance, police today were tightening their guards around the little jail at Lima, O., where Pierpont, Makley and Clark are being held awaiting trial for the murder of Sheriff Jess Sarber early in October, when Dillinger was freed from that jail.

On that occasion, police recalled, that same undying and twisted loyalty to each other was displayed when the desperadoes, led by Pierpont, delivered Dillinger from the jail with a brutality and coolness seldom equalled in criminal annals.

Most Desperate Gang
And today, with Dillinger desperately engaged in cheating the electric chair for the murder of Detective Pat O'Malley in East Chicago in November, police recalled the astounding events which have led up to the new chapter being written in the escapades of the "terror mob" conceded to be the most desperate gang in the country today.

On Sept. 25, guards and trustees at the Indiana state prison were overpowered by ten convicts led by Pierpont, Makley and Clark and, amidst a scene of wild confusion, made their escape, kidnapping an aged sheriff.

Taking the little used back and side roads in the northern part of Indiana, the convicts made their way to Indianapolis, leaving the sheriff at the roadside on the way.

The bandits hid in a house in the western part of the city and secured clothes and automobiles.

Desperate Forays Short
Then, in a series of desperate forays, the bandits terrorized this city and set out upon a series of carefully planned bank robberies. The state was aroused. An elaborate system of highway blockades was set throughout the state, manned by the national guard.

Despite the greatest man-hunt in the history of the state, the bandits played hop-scotch with the police and perpetrated at last four bank robberies, at Greencastle, East Chicago, Ft. Wayne and South Bend, which netted them more than \$200,000.

In a brush with the state police at Ben Davis, James Jenkins, one of the desperadoes was thrown out of the car and later killed by a Brown county farmer. James Clark was captured near Gary. Walter Dietrick was taken captive in Chicago. Edward Shouse was captured while planning to hold up a bank in Paris, Ill., after Eugene Teague, state policeman, had been killed accidentally in the raid.

One by one the lesser members of the "terror mob" were captured or killed. Only the ringleaders and two lesser members were at large. Police were anxious to get Pierpont, Dillinger, Makley or Clark.

Chicago Detective Slain
But these desperate members of the gang had moved to Chicago. With Mary Kinder and other women alleged to be their decoys, buying cars and renting apartments for them, the gang kept a jump ahead of the police. A Chicago detective was killed in an attempt to capture Pierpont in a garage. Dillinger successfully evaded a small regiment of Chicago and Indiana police when he shot his way through a cordon of officers leaving a doctor's office.

But the "heat was on the gang." After a sojourn in Florida, the gang moved west to Tucson, Ariz. The story of their capture there by the "hick town" police force is history. Without a shot being fired, the four most desperate members of the gang were taken by the Tucson officers and turned over to the Indiana police.

'Whew! I'm Glad I'm at Home,' Sighs Mary Kinder, Told of Gang Leader's Escape; 'Hurrah,' Shouts Her Sister

BY HELEN LINDSAY
Times Staff Writer

"WHEW! I'm glad that I'm home!"

Surprised at the news brought to her by a Times reporter this morning of John Dillinger's escape from the jail at Crown Point, Ind., Mary Kinder breathed a huge sigh of relief.

"I was at a dance last night, and a state police officer saw me and talked to me there," she continued. "I'm glad that proves an alibi for me."

Though she admonished her

sister, Mrs. Margaret Behrens, who shouted "Hurrah" when she heard the news of the escape, Mary's face was wreathed in smiles.

"I don't see how he managed it," she said, in wondering tones. "They said he was being guarded so carefully."

MARY had little comment to make on her own release from the Marion county jail this week, where she was held on a charge of aiding Dillinger, Harry Pierpont, and other members of

the gang to escape last September. "No, that wasn't luck," she denied. "I was innocent, and so they couldn't prove anything on me."

Mary's plan for the day included no gangster escapes, she said. Clad in a pink smock this morning, she was busily looking over a scrapbook of newspaper clippings which her mother, Mrs. Viola Patterson, 330 Daley street, had kept for her, while she fled across the country with members of Dillinger's gang. She had planned to pack summer clothing in a trunk, for storage, and had a morning appointment with a hairdresser. Mary said she had not gone to Lima to see Pierpont because she knew she would not be given permission to see him.

This afternoon, she was to see her attorney, Miss Jessie Levy, who represented her in the criminal court before Judge Frank P. Baker this week.

MISS LEVY is in communication with the attorney in Tucson, and is attending to getting my clothing and jewelry, held there, returned to me," Mary explained.

"The clothing and jewelry were held when Mary was arrested in Tucson, in company with Harry Pierpont, alleged trigger man of the 'terror mob.'"

Mrs. Patterson, overjoyed this week to have Mary free and at home again, looked around the small apartment in its morning disarray, and sighed in anticipation.

"Well, the law will be here, to ask you more questions, Mary," she warned her daughter. "We'd better get the house straightened up."

And Mary, erstwhile "gunman's moll," and often referred to as the "brains of the Dillinger gang," got busy.

"Just a little home girl," she said, smiling.

POISONED HIGHBALL SLAYER IS CONVICTED

Dr. Sara Ruth Dean Guilty of Killing Dr. Kennedy.

By United Press

COURTROOM, GREENWOOD, Miss., March 3.—Dr. Sara Ruth Dean was convicted by a circuit court jury here today of charges that she killed Dr. John Preston Kennedy with a poisoned highball in jealous anger at his play to remarry his divorced wife.

The penalty was fixed at life imprisonment.

WAR DEBTS MAY KEEP CONGRESS IN SESSION

By ARCH STEINEL
Times Staff Writer

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NO. 1 PUBLIC ENEMY OF NATION BREAKS OUT OF CROWN POINT JAIL, BRANDISHING WOODEN GUN



John Dillinger

Woman Sheriff Prostrate After Criminal's Escape

'I Don't Think We'll Have Any Trouble With Him,' Officer Said When Taking Charge of Dillinger.

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Escapes From Lake County Cell, Takes Private Automobile of Sheriff Lillian Holley and Accomplice.

ACCOMPANIED BY NEGRO DESPERADO

Car Roars Off for Chicago, Driven by Garage Mechanic; Machine Gun Is Seized by Feared Indiana Criminal.

(Pictures and other details on Page 3)

CROWN POINT, Ind., March 3.—Using a wooden gun to intimidate his guards, John Dillinger broke out of the county jail here today.

It was the latest of a series of daring, law-defying escapades engineered by the desperado whose career in crime gained for him the title of America's No. 1 public enemy.

Within a few hours after the escape, carried out in defiance of the extra guards posted by Lake county's woman sheriff, Lillian Holley, the car carrying Dillinger and a Negro accomplice was sighted near Peotone, Ill., east of here.

Ernest Blunt, the guard who was intimidated by Dillinger's makeshift imitation of a gun and who was taken with the desperado in the sheriff's car, was released near Peotone.

Blunt was unceremoniously thrown out of the car and was found by Ed Rust, a farmer, who took him to Peotone. With him was the night mechanic at the Main Street garage, from which Dillinger and his accomplice stole the sheriff's car.

The two immediately joined a hurriedly organized posse and started in pursuit of the desperado.

The sheriff's car was a Ford sedan equipped with a siren, colored headlights and red wheels. It bore Indiana license plates numbered 679-929. The car was believed headed toward Morris, Ill.

Three other prisoners followed Dillinger and the Negro out of the jail. The trio returned to their cells, however, when they saw the desperado take a machine gun from the office of Warden Lew Baker. The Negro was a convicted murderer named Herbert Youngblood.

The daring outlaw carried a machine gun and his accomplice was armed with a revolver. Behind them they left the emergency armed and guarded jail house locked free and aft with all guards and deputy sheriffs locked in their cells.

Sheriff Holley, who had boasted that Dillinger "wouldn't get out of jail," was reported to have been in her sleeping quarters at the time of the jail break. Shortly after she was informed of the break she became hysterical, it was said.

National guardsmen under command of Brigadier-General Harold M. Bush have been on patrol here constantly ever since the men were returned three weeks ago today from the Indiana state prison. General Bush scoffed at reports that Dillinger might succeed in coming here and freeing his companions; but nevertheless as a precautionary measure he ordered the guard doubled and the men manacled.

"I'm not going to blow up just because one man got out," General Bush said. "We are prepared for any attempt to free these gangsters. The Angel Gabriel might be able to get out of here, but no one else could."

Pierpont is scheduled to go on trial Tuesday on a charge of murdering Sarber. Counsel for him today filed affidavits asking removal of Judge Emmet Everett, on grounds that he was "biased and prejudiced."

Blunt warned the garage employees to comply with Dillinger's commands.

"He knocked over one guy inside the jail," Blunt said.

Singles Out Mechanic
Dillinger then singled out Ed Saager, night mechanic at the garage to drive the automobile and forced Blunt to take the back seat of the automobile. The Negro vaulted into the car and pushed his gun against Blunt's side.

Dillinger then climbed into the machine and gave the command to "get out of here."

Saager turned the automobile and sent it out of the garage with the engine roaring. The garage employees rushed out to see the car turned northward.

It was revealed that the break occurred at the regular hour for releasing the prisoners from their cells for exercise. The guards evidently were taken by surprise.

Takes Two Guns
Dillinger and Youngblood armed themselves in the warden's office. Dillinger taking two machine guns and the Negro a revolver. When the other three prisoners returned to the jail cells, Dillinger followed them and kidnapped Deputy Sheriff Blunt.

Dillinger locked the jail doors with Blunt's keys. He then led the other two through the warden's living quarters into the warden's kitchen. There Mrs. Baker cowered in fright before the machine guns. "Just take it easy," Dillinger said.

Sheriff Is Blamed
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., March 3.—Warden Louis E. Kunkel of the state prison today blamed Sheriff Lillian Holley and other Lake county officials for the escape of John Dillinger from jail there this morning.

"When Dillinger was brought to Lake county from Tucson, Ariz., I told Lake county officials I would be glad to hold him in the prison for safekeeping," Kunkel said.

"But Mrs. Holley answered that she didn't know what the plans were."

Squads Ordered Out
CHICAGO, March 3.—Five squads of heavily armed men were mobilized by Dan Gilbert today and sent out to look for John Dillinger with orders to "shoot to kill."