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Occasional rain tonight and tomorrow; slightly warmer tonight and somewhat colder tomorrow afternoon.

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## 'HELP OR DIE' GANG PLEDGE IS RECALLED

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

BY BASIL GALLAGHER  
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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 between Dillinger, Harry Pierpont, Charles Makley and Russell Clark was recalled by state policemen.

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 like us. 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 coldness 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 all aged sheriffs.

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 had 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-scootch with the police and perpetrated at last four bank robberies, at Green castle, 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 Dietrich 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. 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 "nick 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

"WHW! 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. Glad in a pink mock this morning, she was busily looking over a scrapbook of newspaper clippings which her mother, Mrs. Viola Patterson, 930 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 or had a morning appointment with a tailoress. 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 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.

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

## TUCSON SHERIFF GIVES WARNING

If Dillinger Comes This Way, We'll Catch Him, Officer Says.

"If he comes this way we'll catch him again and bring him back to Indiana."

That was Sheriff Jake Fallar's facetious comment today in Tucson, Ariz., when The Times called the man who assisted in the capture of the "terror mob" at Tucson by long-distance telephone to tell him of the escape of Dillinger.

"What's the matter with you folks in Indiana?" the sheriff asked. "Say, I think you better send that gang back to Arizona to be held."

"But," he added, "on second thought, I guess you'd better let them run around Indiana. It cost Pima county about \$100 a day to lodge 'em here and the rewards weren't all we expected, either. But we'll be glad to help any time. I guess the Indiana jailers don't know how to handle 'bad men.'

**SANDERS DRAWS FIRE OF SENATOR JOHNSON**

Republican Chairman Preaching Despair, Says Californian.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Senator Hiram Johnson (Rep., Cal.), who supported President Roosevelt in 1932, denounced the "partisan" activities of Chairman Everett Sanders of the Republican national committee today in a statement accusing Mr. Sanders of "preaching a doctrine of defeat and despair."

**IDENTIFY SLAIN ROBBER**

Victim Is Found to Be Paroled New York Convict.

The burglar slain early yesterday in Baskin's dry goods store, 1245 Oliver avenue, was identified as Leon Lamphere, 19, of 937 Division street, a paroled convict from Auburn (N. Y.) prison.

Lamphere was slain by Elmer Yeager, 48, of 1441 Totman avenue, merchant policeman.

**BYRD SHIP ESCAPES ICE**

Bear of Oakland Continues Trip to New Zealand.

By United Press

SS. BEAR OF OAKLAND, March 3.—By Mackay Radio—The Bear was making slow progress through high seas today after having escaped danger of being frozen in the Antarctic ice all winter.

**Dr. Wynekoop Collapses Under Merciless Quizzing**

By United Press

CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, CHICAGO, March 3.—Dr. Alice Lindsay Wynekoop collapsed on the witness stand today.

The 63-year-old physician collapsed while she was being questioned mercilessly by Prosecutor Charles S. Dougherty about the details of discovery of the body of her daughter-in-law, Rheta, on the night of Nov. 21.

The jury hurried from the room as the defendant slumped forward in her chair under the barrage of cross-examination. She is charged with murder in connection with Rheta's death and was on the stand in her own defense.

She should be taken to a hospital and put to bed," cried the pretty young member of the Wynekoop family, which has long been famous in medical circles.

Immediate restorative measures were taken and Dr. Wynekoop soon

regained composure and told Judge Harry B. Miller:

"Don't let them take me from the courtroom. I want to finish it now."

The judge ordered a pillow be brought to cushion the physician's head while she rested during a temporary recess. Dr. Catherine Wynekoop, the defendant's own daughter, was ordered to attend her mother and was asked by the judge whether digitalis would be necessary. She replied in the negative, but was highly indignant at the decision to permit her mother to continue.

Governor McNutt added that no blame can be fixed for Dillinger's escape today until the investigation is completed.

**Bag of Clothing Stolen**

A seals bag valued at \$75 and containing clothes valued at \$150 was stolen from an automobile owned by C. A. Linsley, 6304 East Washington street, while the car was parked in Jackson street near the Union station last night.

recovered the escape of the "terror mob," led by John Dillinger and Harry Pierpont, which created a reign of terror in Indiana and a score of other states for nearly five months, are as follows:

Sept. 26.—Finley P. Carson, prison clerk, shot and seriously wounded when ten convicts escaped from the Indiana state prison at Michigan City.

Oct. 1.—Harry McDonald, Brown county farmer, wounded by James Jenkins, escaped convict, who was shot to death by the posse of which McDonald was a member.

Oct. 12.—Jess Sarber, sheriff, shot and killed at Lima, O., by Pierpont, accompanied by other members of the gang when the aged sheriff resisted delivery of the jail.

Dec. 14.—William Shanley, ser-

## 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.

BY ARCH STEINEL  
Times Staff Writer

"I think a lot of these stories about Dillinger are exaggerated. I am not overawed by Dillinger. We will take all necessary precautions to prevent an escape, but I don't think we'll have any trouble."

On Jan. 30, Sheriff Lillian Holley uttered these words as John Dillinger, terror gangster, was brought back from Arizona to face trial on bank robbery charges and a murder count.

Today Mrs. Holley was prostrate in her living quarters at the county jail, due to excitement over the escape of the notorious criminal.

She refused to answer her telephone or reply to any queries from press representatives.

Mrs. Holley was not disturbed when Dillinger escaped today. She was in her living quarters and was not locked up with the rest of the jail attaches.

At the time Mrs. Holley became the legal custodian of Dillinger, she said that outside guards would be placed around the jail to prevent a repetition of his Lima (O.) escape.

The guards were placed.

Today, not one of these guards could be found who saw Dillinger and the Negro accompanying him escape through the garage door at the rear of the jail.

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Mrs. Holley succeeded her husband, Sheriff Roy Holley, who was slain last spring in a gun fight with a madman at Ross, Ind.

**DILLINGER PAL 'TOUGH' KILLER**

Negro Companion in Escape

Quick on Trigger, Is Warning.

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., March 3.—John Dillinger, in picking out a mate to aid him in his second jail delivery, took one of the toughest Negroes in the county.

The guards were placed.

Police of this city today said that Herbert Youngblood, Dillinger's companion, would "shoot at the drop of a hat," and was every bit as bad as his own race that Dillinger has proven to be.

Youngblood was convicted for the slaying Nov. 23, 1923, of August Piazza, a prominent Italian fruit merchant of Gary. Piazza was in a filling station at Youngblood's at the time of the killing.

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**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.

Blunt was forced to get out of the car and ran to the garage.

"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.

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

**Gary Rumor Denied**

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