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## INDIANA PENAL SYSTEM FACES SWEEPING QUIZ

Seven Famed Experts, Headed by Warden Lawes, to Conduct Probe.

FIRST SESSION JULY 6

Six-Point Reform Program to Be Studied by Investigators.

A sweeping investigation of Indiana penal institutions by a fact-finding commission of seven nationally known experts in the fields of penology and social reform was announced today.

Heading the commission invited by Governor Paul V. McNutt, to pass upon an already tentatively drawn penal program is Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing prison. The personnel also includes:

Sanford Bates, director of the United States bureau of prisons; Ernest N. Roselle, superintendent of Mooseheart school, Mooseheart, Ill.; Dr. F. Lowell Bixby, assistant director of the United States bureau of prisons, department of justice; Miss Blanche LaDu, director Minnesota department of justice; Burdette Lewis, of the American Public Welfare Association, and Dean A. Potter, of the Purdue university engineering school.

First meeting of the commission will be held with Governor McNutt in the executive offices here July 6.

### Coy Reveals Plans

Announcement of the commission and its members' willingness to advise on a penal reform program for Indiana was made this afternoon by Wayne Coy, undersecretary to Governor McNutt, in an address before the Central States Parole Conference at Chicago.

Tracing the career of John Dillinger, whose nation-wide depredations throw the Indiana penal system into the limelight, Mr. Coy admitted that he had little doubt that the state of Indiana made Dillinger Public Enemy No. 1.

Mr. Coy outlined the facts concerning Dillinger's sentence to the Indiana state reformatory, subsequent transfer to the state prison and the parole which loomed him upon a defenseless public.

"There does not seem to me to be any escape from the fact that the state of Indiana made John Dillinger the Public Enemy No. 1 that he is today," Mr. Coy said. "The Indiana Constitution provides that our penal code shall be reformatory and not vindictive."

### Indiana Is to Blame

"Taking the case before us, we are forced to the conclusion that our penal institutions obviously failed of reformation, or that Dillinger was given too long a sentence for his first offense, or both. Instead of reforming this prisoner, our penal institutions provided him with an education in crime."

Mr. Coy referred to the fact that Dillinger pleaded guilty to robbery of a Mooresville merchant and ten days later was sentenced to ten to twenty years for assault and battery with intent to rob, while his partner, older and with a criminal record stood trial and got only two to fourteen years.

Mr. Coy outlined the following six-point program which will be laid before the penal experts who have accepted Governor McNutt's invitation:

1. A more widespread use of probation in order that many first offenders may be returned to places of usefulness in society without the stigma of confinement in a penal institution.

2. Uniformity of sentences to those convicted of felonies, with power to a board of competent persons authorized to fix the length of sentence in each case.

Such sentences would be truly indeterminate with a low minimum. Reformatory types could be released early and the nonreformatory held for long maximum terms. No man would be released from prison, if such a release could not be made with safety.

On the other hand, many youthful and accidental offenders now serving long sentences would have opportunity to return to society; or the application of determinate sentences in all felony cases, with good time allowance for those who serve their time without marks on their record, with further good time allowance at the discretion of a competent board for those who make sufficient progress in the program of rehabilitation laid out for them.

3. A thorough pre-parole training.

4. An examination of the whole routine of prison life with particular regard to its effect on the reformation of the prisoner.

5. Case studies of each of the prisoners to the end that each case may receive the kind of training or treatment needed. Such information likewise is valuable to the prison official charged with parole supervision.

6. An adequate staff of properly trained parole supervisors and a close co-ordination of this work with the welfare work in the various counties.

### JAIL YOUNG BINGHAM

Son of Former Senator Gets Thirty Days for Picketing.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 28.—Alfred M. Bingham, editor of the magazine, Common Sense, and son of former United States Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut, was sentenced to thirty days in jail today for picketing activities at a furniture plant.

## 'This Is a Habit,' Crown Point Man Tells Dillinger at Ball Game; 'Certainly Is,' Says John

CROWN POINT, Ind., June 28.—John Dillinger has taken up baseball as a pastime to while away the hours spent in eluding the law enforcement agents of the nation, it appeared today.

Robert Volk, who is familiar with Dillinger's appearance, said today he saw the outlaw attending a baseball game at Wrigley field in Chicago Tuesday.

Volk was among those in a Crown Point garage from which Dillinger stole the car in which

he made his sensational escape from jail here last March 3. He said he is positive that he not only saw but talked to Dillinger at the baseball game, but was too frightened to tell police until his disclosure to Lake county authorities today.

According to Volk's story, Dillinger walked into the upper tier bleachers of the Cubs' park on Chicago's north side and sat down beside Volk.

Volk frankly was fidgety, since he recognized Dillinger at once. To make it worse, Dillinger seemed to recognize him, too. The Cubs were playing the Brooklyn Dodgers and it was a pretty good game, but Volk lost all interest in what was going on out on the diamond.

When finally he recovered himself sufficiently to find his voice Volk said he remarked to Dillinger as casually as possible:

"This is getting to be a habit."

"It certainly is," he quoted Dillinger as replying. Dillinger, it seemed, was not as nervous as Volk. In fact, Dillinger seemed to be paying little attention to the game, but kept his eyes glued on a building across the street from the

ball park as though he expected something to happen.

DILLINGER got up and moved away into the crowd, Volk said, during the seventh inning when every one got up to stretch. Volk couldn't do anything but sit there.

He said Dillinger was unshaven and wore a dark blue suit with the collar of his shirt open. Volk didn't see any pistols or machine guns on Dillinger's person.

His debonair manner and attire willed by a night in jail, Joseph B. Weintraut, Shelbyville gambler, was sentenced to a term of five to ten years in Indiana state prison today by William R. Ringer, special judge in criminal court.

A jury Wednesday found Weintraut guilty of embezzling "more than \$2,000" from Miss Mabel Gentry, 46, red-haired former school teacher.

When he heard the sentence, Weintraut's only answer was a muttered, "I'm not guilty."

Clyde Karner, defense attorney, asked for a delay to gather records and testimony before Judge Ringer signs the commitment. Mr. Karner said he would file a motion for a new trial.

Mr. Karner's contention is that if his client is guilty it should be for grand larceny, and not embezzlement.

The state had charged that Mr. Weintraut obtained \$8,000 from Miss Gentry by promising to marry her.

The sentence ended the efforts of Miss Gentry to bring her false lover to justice. After he vanished with her savings she visited bond houses and sought the aid of the treasury agents, finally tracing Mr. Weintraut to his home in Shelbyville.

Miss Gentry indicated today that she would file civil suit in an effort to regain the \$8,000.

WAR'S FIRST SHOT FIRED 20 YEARS AGO

Serbian Youth Shot Down Archduke on This Day.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Exactly twenty years ago this St. Vitus day, Gabriel Princip, crack-brained Serbian youth, fired the shots that started the World war.

Before it had ended, thirty-two nations, from the United States to Siam and San Marino, had been dragged in; 8,538,000 lives had been snuffed out; 210,000,000 more had been wounded; and, directly and indirectly, 337 billion dollars had been burned up.

Today, the life of the League of Nations, the one thing which might have prevented the coming of another baptism in gore, is hanging by a thread.

Fripples from the beginning by the absence of the United States and Russia, it will take something akin to a miracle to save it now that both Japan and Germany have withdrawn and Italy pays it only lip-service.

The world, therefore, is right back where it was on St. Vitus day, 1914. Princip's bullets plowed their way through the body of Archduke Franz Ferdinand's morganatic wife, Sophie Chotek, and laid the heir to the Austrian throne in his grave.

In Europe there is a growing conviction that there is only one hope for an effective League of Nations as the bulwark of world peace. That hope lies in the United States and Russia becoming members.

Russia, it is believed, will be admitted next September. Whether the United States ever will join, and as ever, by American membership is by no means the improbability it once was.

4 BURN TO DEATH IN RANCHHOUSE BLAZE

Three of Victims Trapped in Reach of Safety.

HANFORD, Cal., June 28.—Four persons were burned to death today, three of them within a few feet of safety, when fire trapped them in a four-room ranchhouse near here.

The dead: A. Kolff, 47, rancher; Matthew Kolff, 10, a son; Jennie Kolff, 11, a daughter; Mrs. Jennie Kolff, 45, housekeeper.

Scottsboro Decisions Upheld

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 28.—The Alabama supreme court today affirmed conviction and death sentences of Haywood Patterson and Clarence Norris, Negroes, convicted last November of complicity in the Scottsboro assault case.

Code Violator Fined \$2,500

PHILADELPHIA, June 28.—Fines totaling \$2,500 were imposed today upon Harry Sley and the Sley system garages for alleged violation of the NRA garage and parking code.

AGED HOOSIER KILLED

Shelbyville Man, 83, Fatally Hurt When Struck by Car.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., June 28.—John Corbin, 83, was injured fatally yesterday when he was struck by an automobile driven by William Saleba, Indianapolis. The accident occurred near Mr. Corbin's home, on U. S. Road 52, three miles west of Morristown.

Mrs. Insull Sails for Home

CHERBOURG, France, June 28.—Mrs. Samuel Insull sailed on the Majestic today for Chicago to join her husband, who is awaiting trial on charges connected with collapse of his utilities interests.

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## 100 ARE DEAD IN U. S. AS RESULT OF STEELING HEAT

WHEW! HOT ENOUGH TO FRY EGGS ON CEMENT



True to the best traditions of journalism, The Times yesterday dug up the old chestnut of proving, with the aid of a pretty girl, that it was hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk of Monument Circle.

To save trouble and take advantage of modern appliances, however, it had the egg fried in a nearby restaurant and then taken to the circle. Anyway, it was 100 in the shade and hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk, which was what The Times set out to demonstrate.

The girl, incidentally, is Miss Isobel Lane, 551 South Central Court.

17 Dead, Many Dying in Three Western Blasts

Mangled Bodies of Eight Men, Two Women After Terrible Explosion at Powder Company.

Charred and mangled bodies of seventeen persons killed in explosions lay in mortuaries west of the Mississippi river today. A dozen more were in hospitals.

Victims included men, women and children at Olympia, Wash., Cheney, Wyo., and Columbia, Mo.

Two explosions blew away the mixing plant of Denn Powder Company at Olympia early last night, killing eight men and two women. Six more were expected to die. Headless, mangled and limbless bodies were hurled grotesquely against fences and posts around the plant. A minor explosion in a grinder apparently set off the terrific detonation.

A blast of mysterious origin last midnight demolished three two-story buildings in midtown Cheney. Four persons were injured and two others and an unknown soldier. The city rocked.

A gasoline distributor and an assistant were killed at Columbia, where a blast wrecked an 8,000-gallon capacity tank car on a railway siding. Two children died later. Four persons were injured and one was expected to die.

State fire marshal's investigators examined blackened walls attempting to determine the cause of the explosion, which originated in the mixing plant and spread to a powder magazine. A second storage house was threatened when burning debris sprayed high into the air and started several brush fires. Firemen quickly gained control with the aid of volunteers.

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81 Drowning Fatalities Are Reported in Survey of Nation.

MERCURY PASSES 100 NEW RECORD IN SIGHT

No Relief Is in Sight, Weather Men Tell Middle West.

CHICAGO, June 27.—Sweltering, killing heat hung over the United States today with scant hopes of early relief after exacting a toll of nearly a hundred lives.

In several states all June records were shattered as the mercury continued its upward climb beneath a blazing sun.

Under a summer sun that beat down on a suffering populace and parched, withered crops the mercury rose to well above the 100 mark. Temperatures of 104 were reported from a number of cities.

The heat wave, following close upon the worst drought in a generation, was held responsible for eighty-one drownings and twenty-four other deaths during the week, according to a United Press nationwide survey.

The temperature reached 97 degrees in Chicago at noon with 100 degrees reported at the Chicago municipal airport. It was 102 at Springfield, Ill., and Culver, Ind., 98 at Omaha and Moline, Ill., 101 at Sioux City, Ia., 103 at Grinnell, 98 at St. Louis, 100 at Richmond, Ind., and 98 at Kansas City.

The weather bureau said that in most sections the torturous hot weather will continue for at least two days and that the only prospects of relief from rain were in the northwestern states, Minnesota and the Dakotas.

The greatest toll of life was in Illinois, where twelve drownings and four heat deaths were reported. Ohio reported ten drownings and three other deaths directly attributable to the humid heat.

The heat, coupled with reports that corn was withering on its stalks in the great farmlands of Nebraska and Iowa, sent the price of corn up from 1 1/2 to nearly 2 cents on the Chicago Board of Trade. Wheat prices rose more than a cent, as also did oats.

Highest at Vincennes

Yesterday's highest temperature reading was 105 at Vincennes in southern Indiana.

Readings of 104 were reported from Charles City, Ia.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Terre Haute, Ind.; Peoria, Ill.; Springfield, Ill.; Omaha and Sioux City.

The toll of drowning and deaths attributed to the stifling heat was:

Illinois ..... 12  
Alabama ..... 10  
Ohio ..... 10  
Pennsylvania ..... 6  
Wisconsin ..... 5  
Indiana ..... 3  
Minnesota ..... 3  
Kentucky ..... 2  
West Virginia ..... 2  
Tennessee ..... 2  
Alabama ..... 2  
Mississippi ..... 1  
Iowa ..... 1  
Oklahoma ..... 1  
Minnesota ..... 1  
Georgia ..... 1  
North Carolina ..... 1  
Kansas ..... 1  
Texas ..... 1

Two Are Prostrated

Downtown drugstores and bars were invaded by persons seeking refreshing drinks. Meanwhile two persons were treated at city hospital for heat prostration.

They are Russell Bohannon, 32, of 657 Davidson street, overcome while working in a garage at 332 South Pennsylvania street, and Marion Tinsley, 22, Negro, 2430 Sheldon street, prostrated at Pennsylvania and Ohio streets.

Physicians have warned against over-exertion, higher the city is in the grip of the blistering heat.

A group of small boys who didn't find it hot enough on the street climbed to the roof of the Lyric theater in mid-morning. Perspiring policemen from a radio squad car routed them.

Despite the heat, the city health board reports that there has been little illness during the warm weather.

Sleep Is Impossible

Sleep almost was impossible last night as only a wan breeze stirred and temperatures clung to the eighties and nineties. The parks were crowded with people seeking relief, sleeping on benches and on newspapers on the ground.

All day yesterday and early today, swimming pools were jammed with children and their elders who wished only to stay in the cool water.

Two youths, Harry Nahamas, 7, of 1125 South Capitol avenue, and John McCann, 20, of 736 Lexington avenue, suffered cuts because of accidents in crowded pools. Young Nahamas struck bottom while diving at Rhodius pool, and Mr. McCann was injured when another bather dived on him at Willard pool. Both were treated at city hospital.

Crops Not Injured

Although the terrific heat was unpleasant to human beings, the crops throughout the state have not been injured except in isolated spots where there has not been much rainfall. E. C. Faust, editor of the Hoosier Farmer, said today:

Wheat crops at past the point where they may be injured by the sun's violent rays and the oats and corn have withstood the weather. Mr. Faust said. However, farm animals suffered from the high temperatures.

Even crime suffered a slump yesterday, according to police reports, although there were several minor cases involving tempers stretched taut by the irritating heat.