

TIMES PRISON PLAN BACKED BY LEGISLATORS

Enthusiastic Support Given by Men Who Make State's Laws.

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The penal system is excellent," Senator Weiss said. "It is something that must come. Indiana has been in crying need of something of the sort for years. Politics must be divorced from penal affairs without delay.

"It is well known that our prisons are antiquated and must be rebuilt. Centralization of penal affairs is a vital matter that is going to be adopted by every state.

"Instead of having two prisons, such as the Indiana state prison and the Pendleton reformatory, the state should have six or a dozen prisons, located strategically.

"Then, there would be no need for county jails. With one of the prisons within an hour's drive of each county, arresting officers could place prisoners in these central institutions for safe keeping. Drunks and other petty offenders could be placed in small lockups located, perhaps, in courthouses, pending a quick arraignment.

Raps Public Attitude

"Wardens and officials of the prisons would be selected on the basis of qualifications and kept under civil service."

Mr. Weiss said: "It was no time for the public to be excited because a few prisoners escaped."

He added: "The time for the people to act is in the elections. If the voters of the various counties in the state had been awake, this situation would not prevail today. Voters apparently are more interested in whether a candidate is a good scout, if he has an attractive personality, rather than in his qualifications for office."

Fred E. Barrett, attorney and Democratic candidate; Walter S. Glass, 1143 Hoyt avenue, Republican candidate, and Robert L. Brockenbush, Republican candidate, also endorsed The Times' proposal in the capacities as potential lawmakers of the state.

"On the Right Track"

Mr. Barrett: "The Times is on the right track. The prison and jail situation is such that it demands attention of the next legislature, and in all probability, will get it. As for the state police, I think Al Feeney's idea of more state police, independent of politics and on a civil service and merit basis, is a good one. In fact, the removal of all police from political control must come."

"The Times' plan for centralized jail control is another good one."

Mr. Glass: "I certainly think your plan is a step in the right direction. In fact, I believe I would go a step farther and make all state institutions either nonpartisan or under civil service control. I have had a great deal of contact with insane hospitals and other state-operated institutions and always have found that political control leads to inefficiency."

"As for the civil service control of county jails, that might have its merits, but it also might tend to remove some of the feeling of responsibility that sheriffs and jail attendants owe the general public. I have not studied that question thoroughly, however, and am not prepared to speak of it. I again say that The Times' plan is a step in the right direction."

Karrer Against Proposal

Mr. Brokenbush: "As one of the unified eleven that ran for the legislature last spring, I refer you to our platform which calls for just the thing which you now seek—removal of prison and police control from politics as far as possible."

"I can not see why prison officials should be political appointees as is the situation now stands in Indiana. There certainly can be no argument about it."

One Democratic candidate for the legislature was emphatic in his belief that The Times proposal, should it be enacted, would not work. He is Clyde Karrer, attorney who handles many criminal cases in city and county courts.

"I don't believe your plan can work," Mr. Karrer said. "I think you have the right theory and the right idea, but try and find a board that would be nonpartisan. My experience with those boards, which are now supposed to be nonpartisan, is that the members are just humans and are governed by human nature."

"As for the centralization of authority of sheriffs, it is my experience that it has been tried without success in other states. As for a plan that I might think would work, I haven't given it any serious thought."

He's Not Interested

A suit of old clothes and sunshine meant more to Harry W. Claffey, R. R. 16, than prison problems which are perplexing citizens of Marion county and Indiana. Mr. Claffey is seeking a post as representative on the Republican ticket.

"I don't know anything about the situation and rather would not say anything about it," he said. "There's too much of people shooting off their mouths about things they don't know anything about. If there were less of it, we'd get along a lot better."

"I know a lot about taxes, roads and gasoline, but I don't know anything about this. All I read were the headlines. I live 'way out in the country; I've got on my old clothes and now I'm going out and get some sunshine and forget all about business and things."

Senator Arthur R. Robinson (godfathered by Senator Huey Long of Louisiana) was held up as the disciple of the civil service proposal by H. Walker De Haven, who is seeking a Republican post as state representative. However, he favors the plan.

Like Arthur Robinson

When questioned by The Times, De Haven replied: "That sounds like Arthur Robinson's idea. He's been for civil service examinations on that stuff right along. But you can't print that, can you?"

"Personally, I think selection of wardens, deputies and state and

ALL THE BEER THEY WANT—WHO WOULDN'T SMILE?



With all the beer they want and more Miss Barbara Drexler, 3417 College avenue (left) and her house guest, Miss Ami Dreyer, Milwaukee, Wis., naturally are all smiles.

They are sampling part of the 1,500 barrels of Mauser brew dumped at the Indiana Breweries, Inc. plant, 946 West New York street.

RELAY QUOTA IS HIKE BY STATE

Indiana's Share Will Be 40 Per Cent Henceforth, Says Coy.

In accordance with an edict of the federal relief heads, Indiana will contribute 40 per cent of the money needed for unemployment relief in the state during the winter and all of 1935, Wayne Coy, director of the Governor's commission on unemployment relief announced today.

The remaining 60 per cent will be contributed by the federal government. Although Indiana has been bearing slightly less than 40 per cent of the relief load since the plan of the state to raise it to the 40 per cent figure for 1935, Mr. Coy said.

He said that the federal government now is sending about \$2,500,000 a month into Indiana for relief while the state is providing another million. Until recently the figures were much smaller, but an increase was made in keeping with the state's desire to put as many men on relief work as possible.

"In order that Indiana may pay part of the relief bill, we have estimated the amount each county will receive during the next year from the FERA and the amount that must be raised by the counties themselves," Mr. Coy said. "The counties have been told that they may raise their share by two methods—either by a tax levy or by issuance of judgment refunding bonds."

Most of the counties will raise the money by taxation, Mr. Coy said. There are about 78,000 families on relief in Indiana. About 35,000 persons of this total are on work relief and the others receive district poor relief.

M'BRIDE SEES SPEEDY PROHIBITION RETURN

Anti-Saloon League Leaders in Parley at Warsaw.

By United Press
WARSAW, Ind., Aug. 28.—A speedy return of national prohibition was predicted by Dr. F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, in an address to dry leaders from six states here last night.

The conference was the first of a series to be held throughout the country to draft a campaign to bring back prohibition. Anti-saloon leaders from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana as well as many other noted dry organizers from other parts of the country are here for the session, which closes tomorrow.

Purse Snatcher Gets \$65
A Negro sneak thief seized a purse containing \$65 last night from Miss Christine Catiello, 2819 North Illinois street, as she was walking with a companion in the 3100 block, North Illinois street, according to police reports.

Cooking Demonstration Set
An electric cooking demonstration will be given at 7:30 Thursday night at St. Catherine's school auditorium by Miss Charity Couch, Indianapolis Power & Light Company home economist.

Attends Consumers Parley
Mrs. Frank Hatch Streightoff, chairman of the Marion county consumers council, was in Chicago today for a conference with Mrs. Mary Harriman Rumsey, Washington, national consumers advisory board chairman.

other police ought to be on a civil service examination, and a moral examination basis as well. The situation, as it is now, is a joke. The plan is something for which I have stood right along. The Democrats have discarded the civil service system."

John C. Kirch, 1633 Union street, Democratic candidate for state representative, said:

"The Times idea is correct. A board not controlled by politics is what this state needs."

William Harold Caldwell, 422 Eastern avenue, Republican candidate for state legislature, added:

"Words fail to express my sentiments toward the present system of handling prisons, jails and state police in Indiana.

"I favor every section of The Times' plan because I think that the best thing we could have, it seems funny that Michigan does not have trouble with prisoners that Indiana does. We might study their plan."

RICHBURG REPORT IS SCORED BY FLETCHER

Proves New Deal to Blame for Nation's Ills, He Says.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Chairman Henry P. Fletcher of the Republican national committee today turned the Richberg economic report to President Roosevelt inside out and declared it proved the NRA and AAA were to blame for the nation's ills rather than for their correction.

Mr. Fletcher maintained that the figures submitted by Donald R. Richberg of the executive council showed conditions were far worse today than when the NRA and AAA went into effect. Mr. Richberg claimed industrial and employment statistics showed worse conditions.

Mr. Fletcher's criticism came as Mr. Richberg was preparing to release a second report showing the benefits of the New Deal on agriculture.

ALLEGED CITY ARSON PLOT UNDER PROBE

Two Attempts Made to Burn Home, Is Claim.

Fire department investigators today were probing two attempts to destroy a double house at 217-19 North Keystone avenue last night. The house was saturated with kerosene, but the first blaze was extinguished without much damage. Fire equipment responded a second time but the fire caused considerable damage to the second floor.

The garage in the rear of the house was destroyed by an incendiary fire last week, Battalion Chief Bernard Lynch said.

KILLS CRIPPLED GIRL, MOTHER FACES TRIAL

Young Wife Fails at Suicide After "Mercy Slaying."

By United Press
CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 28.—Mrs. Lois M. Cotter, 27, attractive wife of an electrician, wants to die but will live to face prosecution in connection with the "mercy" killing of her 10-year-old crippled daughter, hospital authorities said today.

Mrs. Cotter killed the child, paralyzed from birth, with illuminating gas at her home Sunday, and then tried unsuccessfully to end her own life with the fumes, it was alleged.

2 DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

Fireman, Brakeman Are Killed; Injured Hurt Seriously.

By United Press
GREENVILLE, S. C., Aug. 28.—Two men were instantly killed and a third injured seriously when a freight train was wrecked on the Southern railway near Piedmont, twenty miles south of here today.

The dead are Elvin Neese, 50, fireman, and Henry Park, 50, Negro, brakeman. P. C. Carter, 50, the engineer, was brought to a hospital here with a broken leg and probable internal injuries.

Car Hits Guard: Two Hurt
An automobile driven by Mrs. Eileen Todd, 42, Greencastle, crashed into a safety zone guard at Michigan street and Arsenal avenue last night and caused injuries to Mrs. Todd and her 11-year-old daughter, Marilyn Todd. They were treated for cuts.

Suffers Arm Fracture
Miss Clara Bell, 46, of 822 Bates street, was leaning out of her window yesterday trying to reach some clothes hanging outside. She leaned too far and fell out the window, fracturing her left arm. She was treated at city hospital.

Success May Depend on Your Food!
How fast you go ahead in the world, how much money you make, depends very largely on how wise you are about your choice of food.

If you are tired out by 11:30, if you're dull after lunch, if hot weather gets you, it's probably because you just haven't learned to eat the right things.

It's very simple, too. Try eating one meal a day of Shredded Wheat, milk, and fruit. This happy combination will make almost any one

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SLOT MACHINES ONCE MORE IN OPERATION HERE

Hijack Suspect Is Arrested by Police: Branded 'Key Man.'

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been unable to find any machines Thursday night, Aug. 9. The "beat" had gone on that afternoon.

Proprietors, for the most part, were as loath to discuss the situation as they had been then. Those who would talk indicated that they missed the income from the machines and that they felt the happy day when machines again could be placed in the open was not too far away.

"We expected to get the word to bring them out last Saturday night," said one talkative proprietor, who a minute before had complained that having the machines in a side room where none could see them was costing the place at least \$100 a week.

"Over at —" this proprietor confided, "they got 'em back with the groceries and you've got to go through the store to play 'em. Down to B. B.'s they have 'em in a side room the place is so small. So, they had to put 'em out in the outside. It's not modern plumbing, but some people play 'em, even out there."

"If He Looks All Right"

This proprietor's three machines were available to those who appeared to be "all right."

At another establishment, four machines were in a curtained booth off the dance floor, the door to which was plainly labeled: "No Stags." Despite the label, a Times reporter walked on the dance floor and to the machine booth. He found another "stag" there, busily playing the quarter machine.

At one of the most widely known dance-and-beer spots in the county, slot machines could be heard in operation in a rear room when the dance music stopped.

"Is it all right to tell a customer where the slot machines are?" a pretty waitress asked the head bartender in this establishment.

"Sure, if he looks all right," he replied.

A Times reporter, overhearing the conversation at the bar, moved toward the back room. Apparently suspicious, the head bartender sent a blue-shirted, sleek-haired assistant to the room by another route. This man closed the door on the players just as The Times reporter started to enter the room.

The City Tightens Up

There were at least three machines in the place.

A cabinet large enough to hold two machines was out in the open, chained to the floor, apparently to guard against "hijacking" in a smaller establishment on Keystone avenue.

The tinkle of machines could be heard from the road at one of the best pretention establishments on the western part of the county, but the machines were not in sight. The noise appeared to be coming from the women's rest room.

It was in the northwestern part of the county that the machines were out in the open. One grocer had a nickel machine defiantly on the counter. A beer spot nearby had two in a dimly lit front hallway, through which all customers necessarily must pass. A little farther north an inn had two machines prominently displayed in its main dining room.

These, however, were the only machines found out in the open in a night's search which covered most sections of the county.

The sheriff's office apparently was taking no action in the matter to date. Sheriff Charles (Buck) Sumner is out of the city and his chief deputy, John Boyce, was out of the office at noon. Other deputies, however, said that Chief Deputy Boyce had planned another investigation for this afternoon and that they knew of no contemplated action on slot machines.

PROTEST SCHEDULED ON SPEAKERS' ARRESTS

The Times Editor to Be Among Those to Address Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting protesting arrests of speakers in military park recently will be held under auspices of the provisional committee of action for free speech at 8 Thursday night at 116 East Maryland street, fourth floor.

Speakers will be Talcott Powell, The Indianapolis Times editor; C. Null, representing the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, and Helen Layton, International Labor Defense organizer.

Benjamin McCutcheon Dead
By Times Special
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 28.—The body of Benjamin McCutcheon, 59, former newspaper and publicity man who died in Chicago yesterday, will be buried here tomorrow. He was a brother of John T. McCutcheon, Chicago cartoonist, and George Barr McCutcheon, author.

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Further Budget Slashes Will Be Demanded

Chamber of Commerce Praises Administration for Its Financing of Last Year.

The school city and civil city budgets will face their severest critics tonight at meetings in the school board offices and the city hall.

Representatives of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and Harry Miesse, Indiana Taxpayers' Association secretary, will attend the civil city meeting, and Mr. Miesse will make a plea for a further cut of 3½ cents in the school city budget.

The bureau of governmental research of the chamber, although patting the city administration on the back for its financing in the last year, will seek to have the civil city tax rate cut to around \$1.18, from its last year's figure of \$1.31.

The civil city budget as studied last night at a meeting of the city council in the city controller's office calls for a tax rate of \$1.18.

Officials Defend Rates

School board members will consider the possibility of reducing the school city budget to a figure below the .91 cents fixed in the proposed 1935 budget. Last year's tax rate was 99 cents.

It is the opinion of both the school city and civil city officials that the tax rates of 91 cents and \$1.18, as fixed in both the proposed 1935 budgets, should be kept and that further slicing would be harmful due to rising costs of commodities and fuel.

The only controversy at last night's meeting of the council came when Fred C. Gardner, Republican member, demanded to know why "item after item" in the 1935 budget is identical with the 1934 figures.

"Why don't you bring a budget down so a fellow can understand it," pressed Mr. Gardner, as he showed the council a comparative budget which he had prepared through balancing figures in the 1934 budget against the 1935 proposed financing of the city.

Three Methods Offered

Evans Woolen Jr., city controller, and Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan then explained certain "items" questioned by Mr. Gardner and pointed out that although the city budget showed only an approximately \$900,000 reduction in operating expenses under last year, that in actuality the budget had been reduced \$257,000.

In the Chamber of Commerce's summary of the city budget it recommended:

1. Greater use of balances in the city general fund and park department to finance next year's budgets, in the amount of at least \$120,000.

2. Actual budget reductions in the city general fund of \$30,000 or more.

C. of C. Praises Officials

3. Further use of the gasoline tax income to finance street maintenance costs.

"These three methods," says the Chamber's summary, "should make it possible for a further reduction of the city tax levy of several cents."

The Chamber also pointed out that the city's general fund balance of \$240,000 in the general fund of the city at the end of 1933, the Chamber said:

"To change the position of the main operating fund of the civil city from one of huge annual deficits to a substantial balance is extraordinary, especially in times of unusual business depression."

"Part of the reason for it is the new revenues coming into the fund from intangibles and excise taxes, and an additional reason is the exercise of control over expenditures by the city controller, with monthly allotments for each department and requiring the department to live within the allotments."

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PAIR ACCUSED OF CAR THEFT AND ROBBERY

Girl and Escort Kidnaped Him and Took Auto, Victim Says.

A man and a woman who are alleged to have kidnaped Otto Barker, 55, of 2342 North Dearborn street, and then robbed him of his automobile and \$5 were arrested early today by police.

They gave their names as Burns St. Clair, 29, of 412 North East street, and Alice Goff, 27, same address. Both are charged with robbery, automobile banditry and vagrancy.

Mr. Barker told police that he picked up a man and a woman in the 200 block East Walnut street and that the couple threatened him with a knife and forced him to allow the man to drive the car thirty-five miles out to the country.

There Mr. Barker was thrust from his car and robbed.

Acting on secret information, police raided the North street address and said to have found possessions belonging to Mr. Barker. Mr. Barker positively identified St. Clair as the bandit, police allege.

Five other holdups occurred last night. Thomas B. Eddy, 1202 North Capitol avenue, a taxicab driver, reported that a Negro passenger slugged and robbed him of \$3. The same Negro is believed to have been the one who robbed Lewis Wilson, 228 North Temple avenue, a taxicab driver, of \$3 earlier after threatening him with a razor.

A thief robbed Dick White, 27, of 2226 Carrollton avenue, a taxicab driver, of \$2 at the point of a revolver. A carelessly dressed bandit held up and robbed John Thomas, 57, of 29 North Gibson street, street car operator, of \$11 and 100 street car tokens, according to police reports.

Samuel Osborn, 637 West Eleventh street, a taxicab driver, was robbed of \$4 by a Negro passenger, he informed police.

LIGHT CO. WORKERS TO HAVE TRAINING COURSE

Prominent Experts to Conduct Classes Here.

Indianapolis Power and Light Company will hold a four-day training course for the science of illumination for its engineers and service workers, Sept