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## ANOTHER ESCAPE! DRIVE FOR PRISON REFORM IS SPURRED ON BY SURVEY

One-Armed Man Walks Off From State Farm, Police Are Informed.

SPOILS SETUP FLAILED

Colorado, Ohio Show Success in Civil Service Plan for Prisons.

Substitution of a civil service system in appointment of officials for Ohio's and Colorado's penal systems in place of antiquated, political methods of naming such personnel has resulted in a distinct improvement of the management of penal institutions in those states.

This was learned today by impartial observers for The Indianapolis Times in its survey of prisons as the public received word here that still another criminal had added himself to the ever-growing army of men walking away from Indiana's penal and reformatory institutions.

This latest prisoner to escape is James Burke, alias James Reidy, 46, South Bend, a one-armed man, who yesterday walked away from the Indiana state farm, near Putnamville.

Ohio and Colorado have in successful operation a method of prison administration similar to that proposed by The Times for adoption in Indiana to correct conditions that have resulted in sensational breaks from the state's penal institutions.

Prison experts, shocked by the results of the political operation of prisons and jails in Pennsylvania, reported a determined effort will be made at the next session of the state legislature to create a unified, nonpolitical agency to supervise the penal institutions throughout the state.

### System Is Condemned

From New Mexico came condemnation of that state's politically-operated penal system. In New Mexico, as in Indiana, there is no central responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the prison system, prison authorities reported.

There is no civil service requirement for executives and guards in New Mexico and observers reported this has resulted in a personnel which is noted for brutality rather than efficiency.

The District of Columbia at present is planning to extend civil service requirements to include department heads. The District's prison guards now named are after competitive civil service examination.

Prison authorities declare the system has produced satisfactory results and anticipate further improvement through the addition of executives to the list of appointees under the protection of civil service.

### No General Requirements

Wardens of California prisons are appointed by the State Division of Prisons and Paroles. Superintendents of institutions are appointed by the director of institutions. Prison circles declared fitness enters into the appointments, but there are no general requirements.

Tennessee has a system of penal institution control corresponding in essential respects to that now in effect in Indiana. Civil service does not play any part in the appointment of officials and employees of state or county institutions.

There are no particular requirements for these jobholders, other than satisfactory political associations, it was declared.

In Pennsylvania officials of the penal institution are appointed by a board of managers subject to approval of the Governor. The Governor names this board.

### Civil Service Is Lacking

Employees of Pennsylvania prisons and jails are named by the officials of the institution to which they are assigned. In Lancaster County, the Times' survey disclosed that the warden of the county jail is elected by popular vote. In another county the board of managers names the head of the workhouse.

Civil service requirements are entirely lacking in Pennsylvania, and there is no central department for supervision. It is this system to which the Pennsylvania Committee on Penal Affairs has raised objection because of its inherent inefficiency, prison experts say.

There is no civil service qualification for penal institution employees in Oklahoma, according to prison authorities in that state.

The Governor, through the political state board of affairs, controls all staff appointments. He appoints the board of affairs which in turn appoints the institution staffs.

### Management Is Political

Trained observers in Kentucky characterized the management of prisons in that state as unsatisfactory and pointed to the system of appointment and management as the reason.

The management and personnel is political from top to bottom. County jailers are elected and appointed whatever help they need in

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## Drive for Nonpartisan Prison System Indorsed at Civic Clubs' Session

Nonpolitical Control of Indiana's Penal Setup Is Demanded at Mass Meeting of Societies at Vincennes: Times Campaign Is Given Support.

By Times Special

VINCENNES, Ind., Aug. 30.—Nonpartisan control of Indiana's penal and correctional institutions was demanded at a mass meeting of civic and luncheon societies here last night.

BEVERIDGE JOINS IN TIMES DRIVE

Candidate Now Touring East Studying Various Police Systems.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Albert J. Beveridge Jr. is in the city today as stopover on an eastern tour in which he is devoting his time to a study of state police systems.

Mr. Beveridge is a candidate for the Indiana legislature on the Republican ticket in Marion county.

He expects to gather data of value for formulation of legislation to put the Indiana state police on a civil service, nonpartisan basis if elected, he said.

"Al Feeney has done the best that he could with the state police department under the present setup," Mr. Beveridge asserted, "but politics must be eliminated completely and the entire force placed on an efficiency basis."

The Indianapolis Times has launched a worthy campaign in seeking to put penal institutions completely under civil service. Particularly insofar as our major institutions are concerned."

Mr. Beveridge already had visited the Royal Canadian mounted police and the Massachusetts state police and intends to visit the state police in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

He will report his findings in his personal column in the Lebanon Reporter. Mr. Beveridge has personal introduction letters to the various police chiefs from Mr. Feeney.

## CITY, STATE SCORE WATER CO. REPORT

Assessed Valuation Called 'Extremely Generous.'

Severely scoring the assessed valuation recommended for the Indianapolis Water Company by Albert Ward, its manager, as "extremely generous" to the water company, attorneys for the state of Indiana and the city of Indianapolis filed exceptions in federal court today.

The exceptions charge that Mr. Ward's evaluation of \$20,282,142 is \$2,368,705 in excess of its true value. The public service commission and the city are attempting to lower the evaluation in order that water rates may be reduced.

The exceptions object mainly to the including in the evaluation of \$18,000 for amortization of rate case expenses, \$9,808 for uncollectable accounts, an allowance of more than \$1,000,000 for the "going value," construction costs upon organization, water rights and right of land and an allowance for certain properties, public streets and public properties used by the company.

The water company is expected to file its exceptions in a short time.

## City Taxpayers Given 54-Cent Slash in Rates; County Budget Sliced \$987,227

The civil city budget, providing for a reduction of 13 cents, is practically assured of adoption by city council Monday night.

Based upon reasonably definite figures, the 1935 rates for taxpayers in Center township will be:

Civil city ..... 1.18  
School city ..... .91  
County ..... .30  
State ..... .15  
Township ..... .05  
Total ..... \$2.59

Auditor Grossart pointed out that the county budget provides for a reduction of \$987,227. Actual oper-

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### FORD TO EXPAND



## \$12,750,000 FOR FORD EXPANSION

Program to Be Doubled by Plant; Giant Order Already Given.

By United Press

DEARBORN, Mich., Aug. 30.—The Ford Motor Company today announced the doubling of their expansion program to the point where capital expenditures will reach \$12,750,000 in the next eight months.

Several weeks ago an order was made for \$6,000,000 worth of equipment to generate more power. Added to this is approximately \$6,750,000 for two new steel mills for the operation of which the additional power output will be used.

When the point power house and steel mill program is completed Mr. Ford will be independent of private steel mills, being able to manufacture in his own plants all the thirty-six kinds of special steel needed for the manufacture of his cars. He will be able to operate at capacity without purchasing a pound of steel in the open market.

Supporters of Justus Wardell, one of the original Roosevelt men, who ran a bad third in the Democratic race, grumbled privately and said nothing publicly. Their silence even to the extent of withholding congratulations from Mr. Sinclair.

George Creel, Mr. Sinclair's opponent, congratulated the winner, but made no promise to support him.

Support is Pledged

Two Roosevelt appointees, both supporters of the McAdoo wing of the Democratic party, however, pledged their help to Mr. Sinclair.

They were H. H. McPike, United States district attorney, and George Vice, United States marshal, in San Francisco.

Mr. Sinclair laughed at the future of deserted opponents.

"Their discomfort is the people's joy," he said. Meanwhile, he prepared to leave for Hyde Park, or Washington, to meet President Roosevelt, who sent word he would be glad to see him.

He also took comfort in the mounting figures of his vote as late returns came in. The figures were: 9,771 precincts out of 10,703 in the state.

For Governor, Democratic ticket—Mr. Sinclair, 371,064; Mr. Creel, 229,387; Wardell, 36,742.

For Governor, Republican ticket—Mr. Merriam, 298,041; Mr. Young, 190,703; Mr. Quinn, 116,766; Mr. Height, 73,075.

G. O. P. Is Gleeful

The situation presented in the Democratic party has caused glee among Republicans, who recall how the Democrats profited in the years from 1910 to 1920 when Hiram W. Johnson was cavoring through the state disrupting the regular Republican leadership and winning in every battle.

Whether Mr. Sinclair will prove the Johnson of the Democratic party remains to be seen. His tremendous following, built in a few months since he emerged from the position of a little known and not very popular perennial Socialist candidate for something or other and became the state's best vote-getter in the primary, can not be discounted.

Rairdon faces two charges of keeping gambling devices and a charge of receiving stolen goods, the latter consisting, according to police, of slot machines "hijacked" from private clubs here. Police insist they have a good case against Rairdon.

The other two whose cases came up today are Miss Rebecca Orlarius, 39, of 1201 Nordenkye avenue, who supplied Rairdon's \$300 bill when he was arrested Tuesday and who is said by police to have admitted that a machine seized at the Nordenkye avenue address belonged to Rairdon, and Prince Weathers, Negro, in whose home several empty and broken machines were found, according to police.

At the time Weathers was arrested, police said they suspected the machines might be among those "hijacked" a short time before from the private clubs.

Those against whom Judge Myers ordered police to turn over evidence to the grand jury are Arnold Stallings and Clarence Frenzel, arrested when several slot machines were seized in a raid about three weeks ago on an establishment in the basement of the Eastgate hotel.

The defendants requested a postponement of the case until Sept. 14, when Judge Myers granted.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 52 10 a. m. 69  
7 a. m. 57 11 a. m. 71  
8 a. m. 62 12 (noon) 72  
9 a. m. 66 1 p. m. 73

ATTENDANCE MARK SET BY COUNTY SCHOOLS

First Day Enrollment Figures Exceed 13,000.

More than 13,000 pupils were enrolled on the first day of registration for Marion county schools yesterday, establishing a new all-time record for county schools, according to J. Malcolm Dunn, superintendent.

Final exact figures on enrollment will not be available for several days. The semester's course will begin Tuesday.

WILEY POST IS POISED FOR RECORD ATTEMPT

Famed Flier May Seek Altitude Mark Today.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Wiley Post, globe-circling aviator, expected to take off late today from Curtiss-Reno airport in his famous Winnie Mae for an attempted flight into the stratosphere in quest of a new world altitude record.

Post said his equipment was in shape and that he was awaiting definite weather reports. He hopes to attain an altitude of 50,000 feet, or about three thousand feet above the present record.

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Just three little votes separate Dr. Will H. Smith Jr., president of the Cosmopolitan Democratic Club, and Fred W. Steinsberger, president of the Indianapolis Retail Meat and Grocers Association, in the battle today for the Brown Derby.

Now you see it, now you don't.

One minute "Dentist" Smith leads and in the next it's "Grocer" Steinsberger.

By chop-time tonight it may be

Dr. Paul Kornel, president of the Hoosier Athletic Club, or "Walgreen" Fred W. Krueger.

Pick your winner! Get yourself a favorite! Three ballot days are left.

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