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Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight and tomorrow, with possibly showers tomorrow.

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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 appointed 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 discloses 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 staff.

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 appoint whatever help they need in (Turn to Page Three)

Convinced that the state penal and law enforcement systems must be revised to insure a minimum of prison escapes and a maximum of efficient law enforcement, The Indianapolis Times is presenting a series of articles on such reform. Today, improvements made by Ohio, Colorado and other states in the management of their penal institutions are discussed fully as a possible basis for changes here.

The Times urges selection of a central department of correction, its officials to be chosen on a civil service basis; appointment of all wardens and their executive assistants from civil service lists; removal of county jails from the control of politically named sheriffs; operation of the state police force on a civil service basis.

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.

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.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Albert J. Beveridge Jr. is in the city today as a 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 Peeney 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. Peeney.

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, master in chancery, 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 \$2,388,705 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 expense, 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

Indianapolis taxpayers are practically certain to receive a reduction of 54 cents in the combined 1935 tax rates.

This was indicated today when it was announced the county council next Tuesday will adopt a budget fixing the new Marion county rate at 26 cents lower than the levy now in effect.

Charles A. Grossart, county auditor, said a reduction of almost \$1,000,000 in the budget would make the county tax rate 30 cents on each \$100 of taxable property.

The school city levy has been fixed at 8 cents lower than for the current year.

The meeting was for the purpose of organizing a Knox county committee of the Indiana committee, formed several months ago to work for better law enforcement.

Placing the penal institutions under the management of non-political bodies was urged in an address by Walter Myers, prominent Democratic attorney and political leader, in a three-point program for establishing a public opinion that will "demand a prison management that will know neither politics nor party."

Times Proposal Indorsed

Charging that desperate convicts walk away from or bluff their way out of penal institutions, the former Speaker of the state house of representatives indorsed The Indianapolis Times proposal for elimination of political control through civil service regulation of both penal and law enforcing agencies.

Mr. Myers declared that along with police, wardens, prison and jail authorities and guards should be named under civil service rules and removed only for cause by the same body that made the appointment.

Referring to a "general breakdown in character throughout the world" which, he said, had brought the current crime wave, Mr. Myers criticized delays in criminal justice and attacked "crime-fed" lawyers who "trifle with and impose upon" courts.

Attacks Legal Tactics

"If a British barrister monkeyed around like some of our criminal lawyers do, or if a British prosecutor fiddled with the facts like some of our prosecutors do, he would go to jail along with the guilty," Mr. Myers declared.

The anti-crime group should have three purposes, the speaker said:

1. Re-education of criminal subjects to compel prompt trial.
2. A police force picked for efficiency and honesty, freed altogether from political interference.
3. Nonpartisan control of penal and correctional institutions.

Of the 90,000 families on relief, 50,000 are expected to be cared for during September through work-relief jobs, Mr. Coy said.

Up until now, the work-relief projects have been confined to the urban unemployed, but \$500,000 will be spent on jobs in the rural districts, he said. Urban work-relief will take \$1,500,000.

The township governments will provide the materials and supervision. Direct relief rural rehabilitation, education and drought relief will absorb the remaining \$497,300. Counties getting drought relief are Benton, Jasper, Porter and Lake.

U. S. BOARD ACQUIRES LOGANSPOUT PLANT

Takes Over Unit for Slaughter of Drought Cattle.

A third meat packing plant, that of the W. C. Routh Company in Logansport, will be taken over at once by the Governor's commission on unemployment relief, it was announced today.

All three plants will be used for slaughter of beef from the drought-stricken states, which will be distributed to Indiana's needy during the coming winter.

The meat will be canned in the northern part of the state. The first two plants taken over by the commission are located in Indianapolis.

Bandits Steal Two Cars

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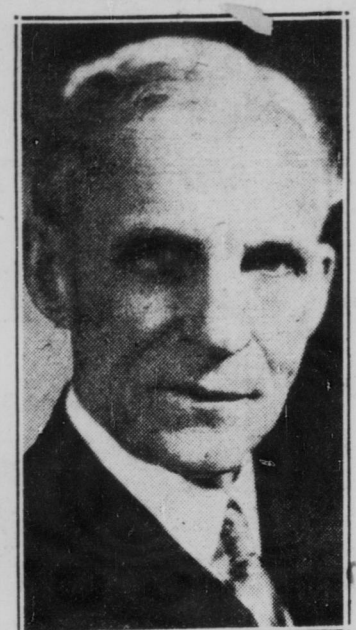
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FORD TO EXPAND



Henry Ford

\$12,750,000 FOR FORD EXPANSION

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

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 plant 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.

Work nearly has been completed in sinking caissons for the foundation of the steel mills at the Ford plant. The mill to the east will be continuous cold-strip plant capable of turning out sheets up to eighty-four inches wide; the mill to the west a continuous hot strip mill turning out strips forty-eight inches wide.

"The two plants will add 1,500 tons of finished steel a day to the capacity of the steel producing industry here. The buildings for the new mill cost \$650,000. Equipment will cost more than \$6,000,000. The plants will employ 500 men."

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

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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.

Attendance Mark Set by County Schools

First Day Enrollment Figures Exceeded 13,000.

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500,000 ARE ORDERED TO STRIKE SATURDAY NIGHT

LOSERS TURN ON SINCLAIR, BOLT PARTY

Disgruntled Democrats Go Republican; Victor Is Unperturbed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—California's Democratic party stood shuddering today in fear of a schism such as it has not known in recent years as a result of Upton Sinclair's dramatic victory in his campaign for the party's gubernatorial nomination. The ballots hardly were counted when the first strident notes of discord echoed through the state.

John B. Elliott, southern California Democratic chairman, issued a militant statement making clear that he would not support Mr. Sinclair and hinting very broadly that Raymond Haight, who failed to win the Republican nomination, but goes on the ballot as a Commonwealth candidate, would be his man.

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 went 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.

Two Roosevelt appointees, both supporters of the McAdoo wing of the Democratic party, however, pledged their help to Mr. Sinclair. They were H. H. McKie, United States district attorney, and George Vice, United States marshal, in San Francisco.

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STOP ESCAPES AND WHOLESALE PARDONS, U. S. CHIEF DEMANDS

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 30.—The ghost of John Dillinger walked before the nation's lawyers today as J. Edgar Hoover demanded a halt in prison escapes and "wholesale" pardoning of desperate characters.

Head of the criminal investigation bureau of the department of justice which brought an end to Dillinger's bloody career, Mr. Hoover, made the demand before the criminal law section of the American Bar Association.

Malfessance or nonfeasance on the part of prison officials too often is responsible for the escape of major criminals, he declared. Conditions that render escape possible should be remedied immediately, he added. He also denounced lawyers and psychiatrists who work to free criminals.

As deterrents to the spread of crime Mr. Hoover suggested selection of higher type officers, more thorough training and state-wide crime detection agencies.

Slot Machine Case Delayed

Important Developments Are Expected Soon, Police Indicate.

Indications that the Indianapolis police department expects important developments in the slot machine racket, which within the next two and one-half weeks were seen in municipal court today when Ray Rairdon, 41, of 1033 Willow drive, alleged "key man" in the racket, was arraigned along with two lesser slot machine figures.

When the cases against the three were called, their attorney, Tom McNulty, asked the court for a continuance.

"I understand this slot machine business is being investigated thoroughly," Mr. McNulty told Municipal Judge Dewey Myers, "and I believe this case should be put over until they investigate everybody and not just this man (Rairdon)."

Judge Myers, who yesterday ordered police to present evidence in two slot machine cases to the grand jury, remarked that he understood a grand jury investigation was in prospect and asked the prosecuting police witnesses what date would be acceptable to them for a continuance.

Sergeant John Eisenhut and Detective Louis Fossatti, the complainants, set Sept. 18.

At the courthouse, Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson said that he expected he would receive the police evidence within the next few days and added that it would be presented to the grand jury at once.

Rairdon faces two charges of keeping gambling devices and a charge of receiving stolen goods, the latter continuing, 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 Nordyke avenue, who supplied Rairdon's \$300 bail when he was arrested Tuesday and who is said by police to have admitted that a machine seized at the Nordyke 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 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, which Judge Myers granted.

Charles Dillingham III

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Charles B. Dillingham, movie producer, was seriously ill in his suite in the Hotel Astor today. Physicians barred all but his closest friends from the sick room.

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Smith Holds 3-Vote Lead in Brown Derby Chase

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 a Brown Derby leader; 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 Kernell, president of the Hoosier Athletic Club, or "Walgreen" Fred W. Krueger.

Pick your winner! Get yourself a favorite! Three ballot days are left. The last vote will be printed Saturday and it will be due in the Times office at 7 p. m. Monday night.

35,000 STATE WORKERS WILL BE AFFECTED

10,000 Employed in Mills, Balance in Allied Industries.

Between 10,000 and 12,000 workers in garment and dress goods factories of Indiana and an estimated 25,000 employees in factories closely allied with the textile trades may be thrown out of work or at least lose pay because of the threatened nation-wide textile strike.

"The strike," declared W. H. Arnett, managing director of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, "vitally will affect, if it is called, one of our most going manufacturing businesses in the state."

"A strike of this caliber will touch every home, every bank, every merchant," he asserted.

"My opinion is there will be no strike except sporadic walkouts in a few communities in the country. The employees in the textile trades want to work. It probably will end like the automobile and steel strike," contended Mr. Arnett.

One company, the Reliance Manufacturing Company, with headquarters in Chicago, has eight plants in Indiana making cotton garments and dress goods and employing approximately 6,000 workers.

Concern Affected Vitally

"This one concern will be vitally affected by a strike," Mr. Arnett pointed out.

Five of the company's plants and number of workers follow: Kokomo, 800; Columbus, 200; Seymour, 200; Bedford, 400; Michigan City, 800.

Mr. Arnett said that the other three plants will bring the firm's total employees near the 5,000 or 6,000 pay roll mark.

One of the largest garment companies in the state is that of the M. Fine & Co., New Albany, which employs between 800 and 1,000 workers.

Michigan City also has the Hoosier Manufacturing Company, closely allied in the textile trades, which employs 100.

Other major companies, outside of Indianapolis, to be directly affected by the textile strike and the number of employees that may be forced into idleness, follow:

Ft. Wayne, Wayne Knitting Mills, 1,000; General Hosier Company, 1,000 to 200; Marion, McLaughlin Manufacturing Company, 300; Indiana, police producer, was seriously ill in his suite in the Hotel Astor today. Physicians barred all but his closest friends from the sick room.

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