

# CORRUPT GUARDS 'PAID OFF' IN DELIVERY OF DILLINGER MOBTERS, PROBER IS TOLD

Officials, Inmates Differ Only on Amount Paid, Ranging From \$5,000 to \$10,000: Battle Between Old, New Regimes Blamed.

BY BASIL GALLAGHER  
Times Staff Writer

No one at the Indiana state prison—officials, guards or inmates—seriously doubts that a large sum of money was passed to loose the Dillinger gangsters on a shocked populace.

Only the amount paid to corrupt guards, officials and trustees differs. Reported sums range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Just why the guilt for allowing Harry Pierpont and nine other desperado characters to walk armed from the heavily guarded penitentiary to launch a series of outrages which cost a score of lives and millions of dollars never has been fixed on individuals is one of those mysteries which one finds nicely bound up in political red tape.

More than forty old-time guards are reported to have been dismissed by the present administration and new men substituted. The former deputy warden was fired shortly after the delivery of the Dillinger gangsters, along with several guards.

Penal experts refuse to allow all the culpability for the escapes of Harry Pierpont and his pals to be placed on the old administration. "The new administration should have known that things were bound to be bad with two warring factions among the guards and officials," said an Indian penal expert who has investigated the prison many times, "and taken steps to clean house before the trouble started."

## Battle Between Old, New

The fundamental cause of the delivery on Sept. 26, 1933, is given by reliable penal experts as a personal enmity between the old order officials and the new when the present administration took office. That and money supplied through John Dillinger.

Penal experts point out that had a civil service system of selecting and retaining competent officials been in effect in Indiana, such as The Times proposes for adoption, the likelihood of such conditions would have been reduced substantially.

Governor Paul V. McNutt repeatedly has said in speeches that officials expect to prove a pay-off in connection with the big break. But a year has passed and no satisfactory explanation ever has been made.

The Times has unsolicited affidavits in which former convicts give names, dates and places which trace the whole history of the amazing plot. But because they are statements of convicts who may bear malice, The Times hesitates to place too much credence in the affidavits.

## Former Guard Involved

The writer talked to D. C. Stephenson and other prisoners about the "big break." He also asked officials about their version.

Discrepancies cropped up in the course of the interviews concerning the names of guards who received the money. "No, he didn't figure in that way," or "I don't think he got that much" were the usual answers to questions concerning the guilt or innocence of individuals.

Stephenson named a former guard of the prison as the chief plotter in the escape of the gangsters.

He, with scores of other prisoners and guards in the institution, knew that "something" was coming off, it was learned.

## Officials Knew of Plot

There is no question that certain officials in the prison also knew about the proposed escape. The Times has been informed.

But there the story ends so far as official verification is concerned.

A former convict who told The Times that he had been working in the office of the prison for several years prior to the delivery of the Dillinger gangsters, gave a new version of the sensational escape.

He stated he was sitting at his desk near the warden's office one night several weeks before the break, when a trusty came in and handed an official of the prison a package wrapped in newspaper. The official, according to the affidavit of the former convict, opened the package in front of him and produced two pistols, a .45 and a .32.

## Guns Near Shirt Shop

The official made no effort to hide the guns, the former prisoner declared, and attempted to stuff them in his coat pocket, but they bulged.

Next day, according to The Times' informant's affidavit, he found the guns lying near the shirt shop. He says he recognized them as the guns he had seen the night before in the warden's office, because they were wrapped around with cartridges and \$28 in cash was tied to the trigger of one gun.

The prisoner did not touch the pistols, he stated, but told an official of the prison, since dismissed, of his find.

The former prison employee is alleged to have told the prisoner to keep his mouth shut if he wanted to keep his "soft job."

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# The Coming American Boom

By Major Lawrence L. B. Angas

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THE experiment may be compared to the boiling of a liquid. For some time the observer can detect no change as he gazes upon the surface of the water. Just as he is beginning to discredit the efficacy of the fire, the pot begins to bubble and boil.

This is what I venture to forecast is about to happen with credit expansion in America.

The chief economic feature of Roosevelt's recovery policy— even though some people venture to say it is that since his government borrowing gives rise to bank credit currency expansion it will set in motion the irresistible economic force of the so-called redundant money balance; namely, that people who have more and more money pumped into their passbooks gradually begin to feel richer, become more confident, spend money more freely and thus revive trade.

The various phases of this monetary action are as follows:

1. Roosevelt has devalued the dollar and thus widened the gold basis for bank credit.

2. This enables the banks to increase their investments and also their loans to industry.

3. Since, however, lack of confidence may delay investment by the banks and also borrowing by industry, Mr. Roosevelt is hastening the whole process on by arranging that the government shall borrow from the banks (either on short term or by getting them to subscribe to long term loans) for the purpose of public works, etc.

4. The expenditure among contractors, etc., of this borrowed bank money is itself a direct improvement to certain industries. But of even greater importance is the indirect effect, namely, that such borrowing increases the bank money in the passbooks of the public and creates the important condition of monetary redundancy.

5. To start with, the public, although they hold extra money, may not increase the speed of their expenditure. But if the procedure is progressively continued, the policy will at last reach flash-point and begin to take effect; especially as the cheapening of money, which results from the banks having surplus reserves and consequently buying more investments, gradually makes all securities rise and makes people in general feel richer on paper—and, therefore, more willing to spend their surplus bank balances.

IT is true that lately there has been a temporary lull in trade after the recent sharp increase since March, 1933, but it is economically certain that the continuance of government borrowing and expenditure will, by further increasing the balances of the public with the banks, lead to an increase in the volume

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New Terms Start:  
Classes Tomorrow.

City households were in a jitter  
today.

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Marys got a last ear inspection, a  
final clothes-brushing and a parting  
reminder of "No monkey-shines."

Do as your teacher tells you!" as  
city schools swung their doors wide  
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# TWO YOUTHS ESCAPE FROM STATE FARM

Prisoners Flee From Work  
Detail, Is Report.

By United Press

PUTNAMVILLE, Ind., Sept. 10.—

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work detail at the Indiana state

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