

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

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

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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 desperate 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 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.

Prison 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."

The prisoner stated that the plot-

# The Coming American Boom

By Major Lawrence L. B. Angas

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as if money is expected to depreciate, owing, say, to credit expansion, holders of money balances tend to spend them more rapidly on goods and industrial securities. In this way factors relating to money itself, and to changes in its quantity and in its expected future value as compared with goods, may largely influence its short-run flow and thus affect general business.

**THE** crucial question with which this book deals is whether a government can, by deliberately fostering changes in the supply of money, hasten the end of depression? Can, in fact, an artificially created redundancy of spending power in the pockets and pass books of the public terminate the present industrial stagnation?

Such a policy is, I am convinced, the consistent underlying theme of the Roosevelt recovery plan. By devoting and then revaluating the dollar he has widened the basis of credit to an extent that would permit, were it fully used, a level of prices and a volume of business many times that even of the boom period of the late 1920's.

The significance of his enormous scheme of public works financed mainly by heavy borrowing from the banks, is that it meets the need not only for expanding the bank credit currency, but also for forcing it rapidly into active circulation. Many claim that in America "inflation" has already failed; the truth is that it has only just begun. It has, in fact, taken a year to prepare the groundwork for the great and necessary expansion of credit which is now being maneuvered. Though a rise of say 10 per cent in the money balances held by the public may not immediately prove effective, a rise of 25 per cent, and of 50 per cent almost certainly will have the desired effect of forcing the possessors of idle balances to spend them and thus start the virtuous circle of rising prices, rising wages and rising profit margins, which constitute recovery.

## MISSION'S HOSPITAL DRIVE IS LAUNCHED

Dr. Benson Ascertains City Can Finance New Tuberculosis Unit.

"Indianapolis has the ability to finance not only industrial enterprise, but philanthropic and moral enterprise as well," Dr. John G. Benson, general superintendent of the Methodist hospital, declared today at a luncheon at the Columbia Club at which the Flower Mission tuberculosis hospital campaign was launched.

Frank B. Flanner, campaign chairman, presided. Others speaking were Mrs. David Ross, Flower Mission president; Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan and William J. Mooney Sr., campaign vice-chairman.

## SIX GO TO MEETING

Indianapolis Florists in Denver for Convention.

Six Indianapolis people are attending the annual convention of the International Florists Telegraph Delivery Association, meeting in Denver. They are C. R. Greene, Irwin Bertermann, Clara Aulvach, A. G. Aulvach and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Steinkamp.

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# SCHOOL DAYS RECALL 70,000 CITY CHILDREN

Pupils End Vacations When New Terms Start; Classes Tomorrow.

City households were in a jitter today.

Seventy thousand Toms and 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 open for the beginning of the first term.

Enrollment in elementary grades and high schools was expected to reach 62,000 with parochial school registration bringing the registration toll to 70,000.

The grade schools opened at 8:30 with recesses at noon, following a morning of registration. Formal classwork will begin tomorrow.

High school pupils registered and had short classes. Their schools also were dismissed at noon. New pupils registered in the afternoon.

All-day sessions begin tomorrow in all schools. Half-day sessions will be in order if the weather becomes too warm.

Parochial grade school pupils attended mass at 8 today and began school work at 8:30.

"Registration in its entirety will not end in the city schools for two

weeks," said Paul C. Stetson, school superintendent.

All city high schools, with the exception of Technical high school, held registration for upper classes at 8:30, with freshmen and new students reporting at 1:30.

High school principals addressed the new pupils.

At Technical upper classmen reported at 9 while freshmen and new students registered at 1 with convocation at 2:15.

Cathedral high school, St. John's academy, St. Agnes' academy, St. Mary's academy and Sacred Heart academy held morning sessions today. Ladywood academy will not open until Sept. 18.

Indiana Central college also opened today.

## In the Air

Weather conditions at 9 a. m.: South southwest wind, 8 miles an hour; barometric pressure, 30.22 at sea level; temperature, 68; general conditions, clear; ceiling, unlimited; visibility, four miles, smoky.

# What a Break! FOR ALL INDIANAPOLIS IT RAINED LAST THURSDAY

for further announcements see tomorrow's papers



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## Fur Jackets

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15¢

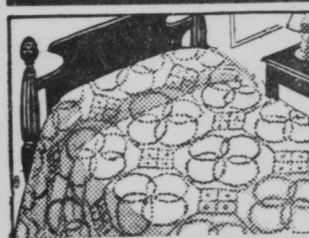
Children's fine or wide English ribbed hose in new fall colors. All sizes. Buy them now for the coming school year.

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Boys' Blue Corduroy KNICKERS

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Boys' Blue OVERALLS

Blue denim. Sizes 8 to 16 years. 44¢

Jr. Boys' Corduroy OVERALLS

Cuff button. Sizes 8 to 16 years. \$1.19

Boys' Tweed SCHOOL CAPS

Brown, tan or gray tweed. 21¢

## Girls' Smart Wash FROCKS

Sizes 7 to 16½

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Plaids, Checks, Stripes

Girls' new fall wash dresses in a wide assortment of adorable styles. Gay new plaids, pretty dots and smart checks and stripes. Sizes 7 to 16½.

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SIZES 7 TO 16 YEARS

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GIRLS' Princess Slips

Girls' pink or white princess slips. Sizes 6 to 14 years. 19¢

GIRLS' New Sweaters

Girls' long sleeve red, blue, brown or green sweaters. Sizes 6 to 14 years. 49¢



## A Timely Sale Women's Warm KNIT UNION SUITS

Sizes 36 to 44

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39¢

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SIZES 6 TO 16

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Men's Zipper Blue Melton Lumberjack

\$2.44

Cossack Style

Men's heavy blue Melton cloth lumber jacket with two large muffs pockets and full zipper. Cossack style. Sizes 36 to 48.