

GOVERNOR CERTAIN TO URGE SENTENCING COURT IN PENAL REFORM PROGRAM, IS BELIEF

McNutt Convinced of Soundness of Idea of Making Punishment Fit Criminal Despite Stand of Commission.

BY JAMES DOSS
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Gov. Paul V. McNutt's determination to institute sweeping changes in Indiana's parole and pardon system has aroused a great deal of conjecture among social welfare students and all social-minded citizens as to what form forthcoming legislation will take.

He has been supplied with voluminous recommendations by the governmental reform commission. Some of the commission suggestions almost are sure to be incorporated in the

able an accurate and careful diagnosis of the inmate's possibilities, both those which would concern him personally and those which would indicate his future sense of responsibility to society.

The central sentencing, parole and pardon court would substitute the theory of uniformity of policy and consistency in treatment of the criminal for that of uniformity of sentence for the same offense.

The Governor has set out five weaknesses which have hampered the development of such courts. These weaknesses briefly are: Prevalence of perjury in courts and institutions, bargaining which grew out of guilty pleas in lieu of trials, poor quality of many institutional officers and employees, interference of politics and unwillingness of state Legislatures to appropriate necessary funds.

In light of his publicly-expressed ideas on modern penology and acceptance of advanced thought on readjustment of the criminal, it appears certain that many of the foregoing convictions will be embodied in legislation.

SURVEYING BILL IS OFFERED IN HOUSE

Administration Act Would Set Up Board.

A bill designed to regulate the practice of land surveying and professional engineering was introduced today in the House by Rep. Carl E. Wood (D., Indianapolis) and Rep. Balthasar Hoffman (D., Valparaiso).

Bearing the administration stamp, the measure calls for a five-man board, to be appointed by the Governor, to examine and certify engineers and surveyors. A \$25 fee, \$10 to be payable at the time of application and \$15 when the certificate is issued, will pay salaries and expenses of the board. Annual renewal of the certificate would cost \$5.

Board members would receive \$10 a day and expenses for each day of service. Heavy penalties are prescribed for engineers and surveyors who attempt to practice their profession without a certificate. The measure does not interfere with the practice of architecture.

POSTOFFICE BRANCH IS LOOTED BY BURGLARS

\$75 in Stamps and \$17 in Cash Recovered From Safe.

Burglars who entered the pharmacy and United States postoffice sub-station operated by W. S. Kerch at 4406 W. Washington-st last night worked the combination on the postoffice safe and escaped with \$75 in stamps and 75 cents in cash.

The robbery was discovered this morning by William Ervin, a clerk, who found that a window at the rear of the store had been broken open. The safe, whose combination was known only to Mr. Kerch and his employees, was open.

Deputy sheriffs and postoffice inspectors are investigating.

ROAD GROUP ELECTS

City Well Represented in Officers of State Association.

Indianapolis today was well represented in the officers of the Indiana Highway Materials and Equipment Association. Among local persons named as officers yesterday at Lafayette were: Don Ward, president; Art Lacey, vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Allison, treasurer, and W. K. O'Neal, director, all of Indianapolis.

In addition, in considering recommendations from the classification center, the center superintendent could be a member of the court, and the superintendent of the institution wherein an inmate might be confined could be an ex-officio member of the court in passing on paroles.

Thus, such a court would have the continuous services of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and vocational advisors. This technical staff would study the man, assemble their information and present it to the judge with a recommendation for preliminary sentence. No definite sentence would be given. The man might be given a minimum sentence of one year with the understanding that he would come up for parole hearing at the end of that time. During the year, further study of the man could be made and careful records of his development in the institution prepared. Thus, there would be available

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2 ABOVE—YOU JUST SHIVER LOOKING AT 'EM



Shoulders hunched in a futile attempt for warmth against the bitter, raw wind which flapped their overcoats and bit their faces, this group of Indianapolis residents waited for a street car this morning at Washington and Illinois-sts as the mercury registered 2.

Whole Atlantic Seaboard Crippled by Raging Blizzard; Nation's Death Toll Will Reach 80 or 90, Is Belief

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traffic accidents or over-exertion of men laboring as emergency snow shovellers.

New Jersey concentrated highway workers on the stretch of highway between Trenton and Flemington where the Hauptmann trial is in progress. Most witnesses are quartered in Trenton and a snow-blocked highway might force a delay in the trial.

Flood Menace Abates

By United Press

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—Freezing temperatures abated a flood menace in the Pacific Northwest today, permitting scores of lowland residents to return to homes they had evacuated in the face of rising waters.

Rainfall slackened and gales which had harassed shipping subsided.

Rail and highway communication was interrupted over a wide area. Shipping and telephone wires provided Vancouver, B. C., with its only contact with the outside world. Major highways in western Washington were under water or were blocked by slides.

furniture and rooftops to feed fires. Only enough food to last until nightfall was on hand, Mayor H. G. Pryscock reported.

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Boston Is Hard Hit

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—Eastern Pennsylvania was blanketed under 17 inches of snow today and in the grip of the worst winter storm in 20 years.

In Philadelphia, the temperature skidded to 8 degrees above zero and a further drop was forecast for today. At least 7 deaths were attributed to the storm.

Ship, train and bus services were paralysed. Thousands of late commuters were forced to remain at hotels, most of which were taxed to capacity.

More than 1000 automobiles were buried under huge drifts in downtown Boston.

At least two deaths were attributed directly to the blizzard.

Thousands of men were at work in railway yards and along tracks, working to keep routes clear for commuters. Trains and trolley cars were delayed, some for hours.

The Gulf of the Boston & Maine Railroad was snowbound near Lawrence for several hours.

Schools throughout Greater Boston and other sections of New England were closed.

The gale reached an unofficial velocity of 80 miles along Cape Cod. Although temperatures did not touch the zero mark here, walking was near-temperature as result of the hard-driven snowflakes.

Fire, starting from hot ashes near a wooden partition, swept St. Mary of Ostrobrama Church. A priest, accompanied by three firemen, put on a gas mask and brought out the sacrament and holy vessels. Damage was estimated at \$20,000.

The fishing fleet was forced to remain at docks, only one boat, the sloop Victory, put out, but returned with decks high with snow.

75 Below Forecast

By United Press

IROQUOIS PRESS, Ont., Jan. 24.—Unofficial thermometers approached the Canadian record for low temperatures today after reaching 73 degrees below zero yesterday.

Forecasts indicated 75 below today, 3 degrees from the lowest recorded mark.

11-Inch Snow in Capital

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Fair and colder weather was predicted today as the Nation's Capital dug out from under an 11-inch snow, the season's record.

Snow which fell for 12 hours slowed down traffic and caused scores of minor accidents. The city put 5000 men to work clearing the streets. Government offices closed early to allow workers to get home.

Sleet which preceded the snow today down power lines and pulled limbs from trees. Many highways were impassable and hundreds of

last night when a mother and baby were found frozen to death in a cotton sheet near home, and the bodies of six Negroes were recovered from the flood waters at Crenshaw.

Red Cross officials, however, estimated many more deaths in the outlying districts. Many small towns in the area are entirely isolated and communication lines are down.

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