

Police Chiefs Confer Upon Crime in Cities

Delegates Are Welcomed to Washington Conference by George W. Wickersham

Washington—Crime conditions in the big cities were discussed at a conference held here by Chief August Vollmer, the expert on police for the National Commission of Law Observation and Enforcement, with a special committee of the International Association of Police Chiefs, made up of chiefs of police of cities of the United States and Canada. It is an interesting coincidence that the meeting should have been held at the moment of the President's declaration regarding making Washington a model city.

The committee which came to Washington to confer with the National Commission was especially selected because of the experience and information of its members regarding conditions in the cities they represent. George W. Wickersham, chairman of the National Commission, greeted the chiefs, who immediately went into executive session with Chief Vollmer.

Members of the special committee present at the opening of the session at the commission's offices were: Philip T. Bell of Kearny, N. J., president; James M. Broughton of Portsmouth, Va.; William Funston of Schenectady, N. Y.; Jacob Grant of Cleveland, Ohio; James W. Higgins of Buffalo, N. Y.; S. W. Ironmonger of Norfolk, Va.; Walter Kavanaugh of Fort Wayne, Ind.; William Prutledge of Detroit, Mich.; Maj. Richard Sylvester of Wilmington, Del.; Charles Wheeler of Bridgeport, Conn.; and Bernard Flood, former inspector of New York City.

As consultants in the field of police there were also present Lawrence B. Dunham, Bruce Smith, Leonard V. Harrison and Dr. E. L. O'Rourke. Problems of police work, the outlining of program of investigation and the study by the commission's staff and debating the merits of various police methods occupied the first day.

Information which the chiefs were able to give was of value to the commission in the wide range of the investigation program it has undertaken and the interchange of views was equally valuable to the chiefs.

Many of them welcomed the opportunity to sit down and talk things over with Mr. Vollmer, who has original and advanced ideas about dealing with crime.

Even during the lunch hour, when the visitors were the guests of Mr. Wickersham, the discussion which had begun at the morning executive session was continued and later was resumed at another executive session continuing throughout the day.

Mr. Dunham, former deputy police commissioner of New York and now director of the Bureau of Social Hygiene, brought to the conference not only his New York experience but also that gained from his study of the European police, his work as intelligence officer for the Government in the signal corps and part of embarkation during the war, and his connection with narcotics problems. Leonard V. Harrison directed the police section in connection with the Cleveland and Boston surveys and was temporarily assigned for the early organization work of the National Commission on Law Observation and Enforcement. Contributions to the discussions were also made by Dr. O'Rourke, who is a Civil Service Commission expert who has extensively studied the problem of national and local governmental investigation services. Mr. Smith is director of the committee on the uniform crime records of the National Association of Chiefs of Police, who has made surveys of police forces in the United States and other countries and is the author of a work on state police.

ARE WE SHEEP?

The revelation that a big navy propagandist in the pay of ship-building companies was at Geneva in 1927 striving to break down the naval limitations conference initiated by President Coolidge—a conference that did break down—is the kind to make a citizen scratch his head. It is just another example come to light of that widespread, secret, sub-surface effort to lead American by the nose. It is some more of that selfish propaganda which had already been shown to have penetrated even into our public school textbooks.

It is astounding what money is spent and what labor is lavished in this country just to make us think certain ways. It is a distinct insult to our intelligence. It is assumed as a starting thesis that people do not think for themselves—that they can be led in any direction. These propagandists undertake, for a certain consideration, to form public opinion, in the public taste. What a low estimate they have of the public! And their success too often confirms them in their estimate.—"Pathfinder."

NAVY OFFICER MISSING

Charleston, S. C.—Announcement of the disappearance of Lieut. Charles Musel, supply corps, U. S. Navy, disbursing officer for the Fortieth division of the destroyer squadron with approximately \$50,000 of government funds, was made Tuesday by Capt. W. R. Sexton, commanding officer of the destroyer squadron. Captain Sexton said Musel had been missing eight days. He had obtained leave of absence over Sunday and left his ship, the U. S. S. Giffmer, Saturday, Sept. 28. To have been captured Sexton said, was to be money, Captain Sexton said, was to be money, used for paying off the officers and men of the division.

ABORIGINE MOUNDS 15 CENTURIES OLD

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 8.—California's earliest inhabitants lived 1,500 years ago. Their homes were in the region of Lodi and Stockton, Cal. Evidence supporting this belief has been gathered by W. Egbert Schneck and Elmer J. Dawson of the University of California, through excavation of Indian mounds near the two cities. The investigators expressed the opinion, in announcing their findings, that the great central valley of California existed in those early days much as it exists today.

Storms Kept the Airmen from Reaching Tokio

Coste and Bellonte Made Ready to Leap When They Met Terrible Gale.

Tsitsihar, Manchuria, Oct. 8.—With a new world's record for long distance nonstop flights safely made across two continents, Dieudon Coste and Maurice Bellonte explained today that only terrific gales and snowstorms in the region of Lake Baikal, Siberia, had prevented their reaching Tokio from Paris.

The French airmen said the snowstorms nearly made their flight end in disaster. They lost their way in the blinding snowfall, which also interfered with the proper functioning of their motor.

"Thought We Were Doomed." "During the worst of the storm, I thought sure we were doomed," Coste said.

"We brought out our parachutes for the first time, adjusting the harness to our shoulders. The snow made visibility almost impossible, and the wind was the worst I ever experienced."

Bellonte had the greatest difficulty in keeping the motor running. The wind and snow continued violent for hours, and we had to use much gasoline in climbing to higher altitudes and endeavoring to dodge the storm.

Walked 60 Miles. "I believe that if it hadn't been for the bad weather at Lake Baikal we should have reached Tokio."

The aviators, after being forced to land at Muliart, a village 60 miles north of here, walked that distance in three days. They had to make many detours because of flood conditions along the river Nonni.

It has been unofficially estimated that Coste made a flight of 6,158 miles from Le Bourget to Muliart. Coste's own records show that his flying time was 51 hours.—World-Herald.

Abrupt Ending Seen in Hearing of Albert B. Fall

Precarious Health of Former Secretary May Force a Calling Off of the Trial.

Washington—An abrupt ending of Albert B. Fall's trial on bribery charges is being threatened by his precarious health. During opening arguments in the case arising from the notorious Elk Hills, Calif., oil lease he was excused from the courtroom because of rising temperature, increased pulse and coughing of blood. The former interior secretary, who is sixty-eight years old and suffered a bronchial attack last week, was helped home by his family and the trial continued under agreement of counsel.

Testimony was begun intending to show that he accepted a \$100,000 bribe from Edward L. Doheny for the oil lease. Owen J. Roberts, government prosecutor, obtained a favorable ruling for introduction of evidence bearing on the Fall-Sinclair Teapot Dome scandal. He said he did not just go into that phase "until just before we reach the end of the trial."

"I do not expect that we will reach the end of the trial," commented Justice Hitz. Dr. H. T. Safford, of El Paso, Tex., asked that the hours of court Wednesday be made shorter and counsel for both sides expressed the opinion that the former cabinet officer would not be able to continue the trial more than a few days at the best. Fall has insisted that he would go thru with the trial.

The documents from the department witnesses. They first produced all of the documents from the department of the Interior and Fall's letters, together with those of Secretary of the Navy Denby, which bore the subject of the Elk Hills lease. They also called Graham Young, formerly treasurer of Blair & Co., New York, who told of Edward L. Doheny, jr., with drawing \$100,000 in cash, which later is expected to be shown to have been brought to Washington.

After the jury had been excused for the day, Roberts offered evidence of leases granted by Fall prior to that given the Doheny company.—State Journal.

GOVERNOR DECLINES TO PROBE STRIKE

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 8.—Governor O. Max Gardner Tuesday announced he had reached the conclusion that he has no authority to make an investigation into conditions in the strike torn Marion area.

Children Seek Mother Gone for Nine Years

Last Heard From When Letter Requested \$100 Be Lent; Said 'Life or Death' Matter

North Platte, Oct. 8.—A disappearance shrouded with mystery behind which there is a feeling that tragedy might stalk, already more than nine years old, has been brought to light here by Catherine Maher, who is seeking some information concerning her mother.

In 1919 Mrs. George T. Maher, the girl's mother, wrote a letter to a brother in California in which she asked for \$100.

"It is a matter of life and death," a sentence read. The brother turned the correspondence over to an uncle who more financially able, turned over the desired amount. The giver has since died.

Whether the amount ever reached its destination has never been known.

Never Heard From Mrs. Maher dropped out of sight and has never been heard from since. Three anxious children and a brother here uneasily await word that has never come. Within the last few weeks an attempt is being made to locate the woman who so suddenly died from their daily life.

Two likely clues remain which point out mediums that may be drained for valuable information. Both represent individuals who played a part in the life of the lady who is now being searched for. One of the persons is known as Charles Ward and the other George T. Maher. The latter was last heard from Canyon City, Utah, while Ward was last seen in Lincoln.

Catherine Maher, 19 years old, has written to the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, to the State Sanitarium, and to the state penitentiary for a possible clue to her mother's present location without avail.

Staying With Uncle She, with a 15-year-old sister, is staying with their aunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Truitt of this city while a brother, who is old, is working on a farm near here.

The beginning of the perplexing situation dates back many years. Mr. and Mrs. Maher found it impossible to live together and Mr. Truitt of this city, having lived with his sister and her husband, following the death of his mother, felt obliged to care for the children on his farm at Grant, Neb.

To keep her little trio together, Mrs. Maher worked and paid for their clothing and necessities. The children remember her to have gone with the Charlie Ward and to have said at one time that she would come back after the children. She was very affectionate toward the children.

Sent to Omaha Then the girls were put in a boarding school in Lincoln and the boy was sent to Omaha. Mrs. Maher became lost to the world until her mysterious letter asking for money. Meanwhile Mr. Maher arrived on the scene and transferred the two girls to a Catholic home in Pueblo, Colo., while a certain Mr. Newman adopted the boy from his Omaha home.

About a year ago Mr. Truitt of this city was informed of the boy's location on the Newman farm and took it upon himself to see the lad. He had since grown. He readied went with his uncle and three months ago the trio moved to this city. Last May the girls were located in Denver at a Catholic home where they had recently been transferred from Pueblo.

The girls were given over to the care of Mr. Truitt who has united the little family together again. All of them are at work, as Mr. and Mrs. Truitt are not financially able to support them alone.

Threatened Children The eldest daughter has been much concerned about her mother and believes that her father might talk if he was offered a sufficient sum of money. Some anxiety has also been expressed, as the mother of the children was very fond of them and would not have left them.

Mr. Maher, Mrs. Truitt said, had threatened the children on one occasion. Mr. Maher although he had not provided for his children, has not approved of their stay with the Truitts here. Mrs. Truitt expressed some fear of harm to her husband because of Maher's dislike for the children living here.

Catherine Maher has expressed a hatred toward her father, as she distinctly remembers of him mistreating her verbally at one time. The only boy heard from his father several weeks ago, he having written from Canyon City, Utah. Nothing has been heard lately.

TO AID OUTSIDE TOWNS The great interest that is being taken in the forthcoming presentation of the oratorio, "The Messiah" at the auditorium at Omaha on December 16th, has led N. J. Logan, director of the production and dean of music of the University of Omaha, to make special arrangements that the residents of the smaller cities of the state who are aiding in the production by forming groups of the vocalists to secure tickets now. Mr. Logan has arranged that the best seats will be blocked off and offered to the residents of the smaller cities before they are placed on sale for the Omaha residents. The seats are ranging now from 50 cents to \$2.50 and the local representative will be L. O. Minor and who can now secure seats for those who desire them and all who are planning to attend the oratorio should bet in touch with Mr. Minor at once.

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A. G. BACH

Sam Souder Pleads Parole Action Monday

Former Lincoln Treasurer Denies Burning of Courthouse—One Protest Received

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 8.—Sam Souder, 43, former treasurer of Lincoln county and convicted destroyer of the old courthouse there, stood before the state pardon board this morning and pleaded for clemency.

Many North Platte residents were present to favor his release. He was sentenced in 1924 to serve 15 to 20 years for arson.

Attorney General Sorenson asked Souder his motive in burning the building.

"I did not burn the courthouse," replied Souder.

"Didn't Know Where Money Went." "Do you deny the embezzlement?" Sorenson asked.

"No sir, I don't," the former county treasurer answered. Sorenson then asked the amount embezzled.

ENGINEER CORPS CHANGED

Washington—The army engineer corps was reorganized Monday by Major General Brown, the new chief, to make effective the administration's plan to fix on selected officers the responsibility for carrying out projects in the development of intra-coastal, inland and great lakes waterways.

The setup carries out President Hoover's desire to decentralize authority from Washington by creating eight geographical divisions. Each division will be headed by an engineer who will control locally the development of projects in his area.

The division chiefs will be responsible to General Brown for the efficient, expeditious and economical conduct of work in their divisions.

The existing engineering districts will be continued after some regrouping, according to geographical locations, and the district engineers will be responsible to the division engineers.

THRESHING COMPANY MUST PAY FARMER

Lincoln, Oct. 8.—Affirming a Red Willow county decree, the supreme court commission Tuesday decided that an Illinois threshing machine company must reimburse Charles W. Moore, farmer, to the extent of \$2,300 for a harvester he purchased from them but which failed to function.

The commission also affirmed a Douglas county decree awarding George Page, decorator, \$198.95 from Mary E. Miller, apartment owner, for work done for the latter.

\$269,915 Paid to Depositors of 12 Banks

Overton Institution Given Highest Payment; Six Receive Dividends Under Guaranty.

Lincoln, Oct. 8.—Dividend payments amounting to \$269,915.27 have been made to depositors of 12 closed state banks by the department of trade and commerce since Aug. 24, last, Clarence G. Bliss, secretary, announced Tuesday.

The banks participating in the payment: Citizens State of Giltner, \$10,856.01; Farmers State of Stromsburg, \$21,269.80;

Minutaire State bank, \$10,383.27; Overton State bank, \$63,507.86; Lindsay State bank \$17,321.21.

Farmers State bank of Polk, \$21,241.50; First State bank of Nacora, \$22,529.88; Security bank of Ponca, \$46,519.36; State bank of Bileed, \$14,039.48; Farmers State bank of Newcastle, \$24,059.87; Perkins county bank of Grainton, \$14,209.59;

Brady State bank, \$3,977.44. Six of the 12 banks received their first payments in this dividend, Mr. Bliss stated, the others having been paid varying amounts as follows: Giltner, none paid; Stromsburg, none paid; Minutaire, \$29,668.82, paid in receivership by commission.

Overton, \$106,582.79; Lindsay, \$11,650.66; Polk, none paid; Ponca, none paid; Nacora, none paid; Gilead, \$54,915.65; New Castle, \$82,543.24; Grainton, none paid; Brady, \$91,059.03.

—Omaha Bee-News.

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