

SMUGGLERS ARE FOUND

ARMED WITH ICE PICKS

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 5.—A variety of weapons are used by the liquor smuggler, but the ice pick is about as effective as any when it comes to a fight in close quarters, border patrolmen claim.

A collection of curious types of weapons has been seized by border patrolmen. They range from nail pullers to ice picks, with a small number of obsolete pistols. Occasionally, however, remarkably good firearms are taken from smugglers and persons seeking to enter the United States illegally. The ice pick is sometimes sharpened to a needle's point.

24 DOOMED SING SING MEN ALL EXPECT TO BE SPARED

Ossining, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Not one of the twenty-four deathhouse prisoners at Sing Sing believes he will go to the chair.

Somewhere between the cell and the instrument which will blot them out in 1-720 of one second, they believe there will come a staying hand. A higher court may intervene to give them a new trial. A reprieve may be allowed, to present new evidence. Finally, the Governor may find mitigation, somewhere in their records, or in their youth, or in the muddled brain that was the cause of their downfall, and grant them commutation.

This hope is allowed to linger with them until the night they go to the chair. It makes them, to outward appearances, the most content of Sing Sing's inmates.

The records show that until the end of 1929 the average age of the 282 prisoners put to death by the State at Sing Sing was 29 years. Now it has dropped to 27. Exclusive of a man who killed his wife and one "elderly" holdup man, today's average is 26, and a majority of the men are below that age.

Out of 282 convicted murderers in New York State, 114 were married, 28 were widowed and 1 was divorced. Single men numbered 133, a little less than half of the total. Only one was separated from his wife.

More than 800 of them attended the prison school, getting the rudiments of an education—reading, writing, arithmetic—during 224 school days last year. Some fifty-two determined characters, fired with ambition, applied for and obtained permission to take advanced correspondence school courses.

The average prisoner cares little about fiction, and least of all about blood-and-thunder novels, mystery stories, or detective tales, according to prison parsons. Instead, he asks for books on engineering, shop practice and technical work and for information that will help him learn a trade. Given regularity of work, food and clothing, and a few hours a day in which time hangs heavy, they soon turn to books.

With the prison sadly overcrowded, with a lack of laundry facilities and sanitation equipment, and with the State providing food for only 2,200—the population is nearly 2,600—Sing Sing officials are worried.

Burns Grain Fields And Saves His Money

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 5.—"Burn grain fields and save money," was the thought of Edward Herbert as he set fire to seventy-five acres of oats on his farm today.

After harvesting about five acres he found he could get only eleven cents a bushel for the grain which he said cost him forty cents to raise. So the rest went up in smoke to avoid adding four cents more a bushel for harvesting and thrashing.

TRIES TO KILL SELF AFTER LOSING JOB

Laundry Solicitor, of Fayetteville, Swallows Poison Tablets In Hotel.

Fayetteville, Aug. 5.—H. M. Snead, solicitor for a Fayetteville laundry, took three poison tablets, apparently with suicidal intent in the lobby of a hotel just one hour after losing his position. The manager of the hotel summoned a physician from the Pittman hospital and the young man was carried there for treatment. The poison was pumped from his system and he was able to go to his home half an hour later.

Dr. W. T. Parker, of the hospital staff, stated tonight that he thought Snead would recover. The young man walked into the hotel, where he is accustomed to solicit business, and told the manager, S. B. Prosser, that he was going to "leave this section, and wanted to say good-bye. Prosser thought he was joking until he collapsed. He made no statement as to his motive for taking the poison either to Mr. Prosser or to Dr. Parker.

At Snead's home on Raeford Lane it was said tonight that he was resting comfortably.

LADYBUGS FIGHT PESTS
Mt. Vernon, Wash., Aug. 5.—Farmers here made a strange request of entomologists. They asked for 800,000 ladybugs. The little flies will be used to fight aphids, the hay pest.

RAIL OFFICIALS CONFIRM REPORT NO CUT IN WAGES

Officials Reduce Own Salaries In Order To Avoid Wage Scale Slash.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The Southern Railway system today confirmed reports that it had no intention of cutting wages. Accompanying this announcement was the statement that the officials of this company had voluntarily reduced their own salaries.

The Southern statement said: "This company does not contemplate any movement for the reduction of wage scales covered by contracts with organized labor at this time.

"The press story to that effect doubtless had its origin in a recent voluntary reduction of salaries by officers of which no publicity was intended."

A Washington newspaper today said Southern directors had approved a cut in the pay of "white collar" workers above the \$2,500 class. It added that organized labor was not involved in the reduction.

Southern officials said the majority of their workers were union members but added it was felt no move should be made to cut the pay of unorganized wage earners without including the organized employees.

It was explained that wage earners were ordinarily classified as those who have an hourly pay scale, but that the voluntary reduction would not apply to salaried men who were not company officials.

The amount of the reduction was not announced but it was said the saving would be very little. Officials said that since Southern shopmen were on a five-day week and many other employees were on a part time basis, it was felt the officers should contribute toward the economy program.

Published reports that the offices of transportation superintendent at Knoxville, Tenn., and Charlotte, N. C., would be abolished were denied, although it was said office forces there and at other places might be reduced.

Representatives of organized railroad labor in warning yesterday that they would resist any attempt to reduce wages, said the question had no part in the freight rate case.

\$1 WEEKLY RENTS

London, Aug. 5.—Under a bill introduced by Arthur Greenwood, Minister of Health, but not yet passed, 40,000 houses would be built in rural England to rent for less than \$1 a week.

PRAY FOR DELIVERANCE

Elk Point, S. D., Aug. 5.—More than 1,200 persons of Union county yesterday sought divine help for deliverance from grasshopper hordes which have been ruining the crops. They gathered in a special religious service on the same spot where their fathers prayed for help for the same reason sixty years ago.

JUDGE, ASSAILANT KILLED

Calcutta, India, Aug. 5.—Ralph Reynolds Garlick, senior District Judge at Alipore, was shot dead in court today. Police officers immediately shot and killed his assailant.

MAN SMOTHERS IN DEEP WELL

Marion Resident Moans And Cries As Life Ebbs Away and Crowd Stands By Helpless.

Marion, Aug. 5.—Moaning and crying as poisonous gases choked his life away, Robert Logan, 45, of Marion, was slowly suffocated at the bottom of a 60-foot well here while a horror-stricken crowd stood by helpless to avert the tragedy.

He had been lowered into the well on the end of a rope so that he could dig it deeper in seeking water. When at the bottom he felt the effect of gas that had gathered in the well, long unused, and called to be lifted out. He got stuck in the shaft when men at the top tried to raise him, and as his strength had ebbed away he was not able to maintain his hold upon the rope.

For about an hour his moans continued before becoming too weak to be heard at the top of the well. At 1 o'clock Ralph Gardin, young Marion man, went down on a rope and tied another about Logan's body. When the body was hauled to the top, all life had been smothered from it and attempts at resuscitation were futile. No inquest will be held, Dr. J. F. Jones, coroner, declared.

FORMER SPENCER SCHOOL HEAD TO WADESBORO

Frank R. Richardson Resigns As Marion School Head After Two Years Service.

Marion, Aug. 5.—Frank R. Richardson, for several years superintendent of the Spencer schools, and recently head of the Marion schools, has resigned this latter position to accept the superintendency of the city schools system of Wadesboro. Mr. Richardson was superintendent of the Marion schools for two years and had been re-elected for the 1931-1932 school year.

Mr. Richardson's action was a big surprise to the people of Marion and to no one, he says, more than to himself. He was called to Wadesboro where the school board unanimously elected him to head the city schools. The offer was such a generous one and came in such a way, Mr. Richardson said, that he felt constrained to accept, and thereupon immediately resigned his post here. The enrollment in the four schools comprising the Wadesboro system numbers around 1,800, with approximately 40 teachers and three principals, it is understood. The compensation offered was very attractive, Mr. Richardson said.

Coming to Marion in 1929 from Spencer, Mr. Richardson has been prominently identified with local affairs while conducting the city school. He is a steward in the First Methodist church and has been a teacher in the Sunday School during his residence here. He was a member of the Marion Chamber of Commerce and the Marion Lake Club, and has been one of the most active members of the Kiwanis Club. For the past two summers he has conducted a camp for boys at Cove Echo, sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. It is just now closing its second successful year.

The son of Rev. N. R. Richardson, a Methodist minister, Frank Richardson lived in many parts of the State in his youth, wherever his father's charge called him. He is a graduate of Duke University, and has been connected with State schools since finishing his education, teaching in some of the best known schools.

RUN-DOWN and WEAK

"I began taking Cardul when in a weakened, run-down condition," writes Mrs. F. S. Peritt, of Wesson, Miss. "I took one bottle, and I seemed to improve so much that I sent for six bottles. After I had taken the six bottles, I seemed entirely well.

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