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## NATIONAL POLICE BUREAU WOULD DECREASE CRIME

### FAVORS BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS

Head of New York Police  
Says No Notice is Given on  
Discharge of Criminals.

(Written for the Andover News)  
By RICHARD E. ENRIGHT

In my opinion, the greatest step toward the elimination of crime in this country which can be taken is in the establishment of a National Police Bureau at Washington, D. C. It is obvious that under existing conditions criminals of the most desperate sort are able, under clever aliases, to go from one state to another and to get, if caught, only prison terms meant for first offenders.

Not only is there this danger, but foreign criminals of every description can migrate to this country and operate for months sometimes years without being caught. This is in the preventative I know for this is in an International Police Bureau. Such an institution should, and I hope, eventually will, be established.

It may surprise you to learn that the prison authorities in this and other states give the police no notice of the discharge of prisoners. The most desperate of criminals, sometimes men with murder laid at their door, are set free without the men who are charged with the protection of the lives of citizens having any opportunity to check up on them or watch where they settle down. Until we come upon them in some new lawless outbreak we usually do not know whether they have resumed their old criminal associations or not.

There is a cure for this lack of co-operation among the police forces and it lies in the adoption of a bill now before congress for the establishment of a National Police Bureau, a central office in Washington where fingerprints for the whole nation would be compared and such deceptions as practiced would be impossible.

Every European country has one, Canada has one, only the United States lags. And today, with motorized criminals leaping at will from state to state, it is an absolute necessity if we of the police are to fully protect you, the citizen.

**Criminal History**  
I recite this bit of criminal history to illustrate a condition that needs correcting:

"The Wallabout Kid" was one of our most promising young gangsters and pickpockets when he made the mistake of trying to slit a policeman's handbag in a Subway crush. The resultant sentence to Sing Sing amazed him. Always before he had been able to buy off the complainant, "beat the charge" or get a suspended sentence, or, at most, a thirty-day term in the Tombs. He felt at home in that prison in the city, but to be sent "up the river" because this complainant could not be bribed nor bullied nor coaxed—that was something else again.

He was a smart lad, and had not been in Sing Sing six hours before he began to learn and to apply what he learned. First he set himself to win the very shortest term possible by means of the parole system; next he set out to gain the favor of the officials as a well-behaved prisoner. His success was great. Came a day two years later when a prison "trust" was being discharged on parole. The warden, in whose service he had been, took enough special interest in the man to speak a final word.

**Warden Gives Advice**  
"Kid, you've seen what you get into by being crooked. Don't ever come back here—you know what you're apt to get as a second offender—a long stretch."

The "Kid" took the advice in part. He went to a new place, but the reason in the back of his head was that he didn't mean to be convicted as a second offender. He crossed the Hudson to Nyack, journeyed to Trenton, New Jersey in security, used up the money the war-

### Headlight Director Devine Finds Conditions Are Bad

#### WHITESVILLE HAD DISASTROUS FIRE

Seven Buildings Burned.  
Andover Truck Got There  
in Less Than 40 Minutes.

A most disastrous fire occurred at Whitesville Sunday morning when seven buildings were destroyed.

The fire originated in the Evaporator plant. Workmen noticed a fire on the roof at about 2 a. m., and called out the local department. The plant is owned by the Taylor Bros. of Webster, N. Y. The plant was constructed of pine and was very dry and in only about ten minutes the entire building was in flames. The plant is close to the N. Y. & R. railroad tracks and right in the middle of store houses and barns. The fire spread quickly to W. A. Teater, Sr.'s, store house then to Lichard's and that of Hazlett & Chase's; part of the last was saved, but the barn of W. A. Teater, Sr., his garage and the barn of Mrs. Marion Allen were all burned to the ground in less than an hour. The houses of W. A. Teater, Sr., and his son, Will, Jr., Mrs. Allen, D. C. Chapin's feed mill and C. L. Crittenden's store were saved by hard work on the part of firemen and citizens. Several of these buildings were but a few feet from the fire.

Whitesville's water supply in their reservoir was low so they called Andover and Wellsville for assistance. In less than forty minutes the Andover Brookway La France pumper had a stream of water on the burning buildings, arriving before Wellsville fireman and had the fire so under control before the Wellsville boys reached the scene, that they did not start their pump.

The Whitesville firemen did splendid work and could have handled the proposition without outside help but their water supply from a small reservoir on the hill was running low and the aid of the pumping engines from Wellsville and Andover was asked for.

The loss is not yet known. There were thousands of bushels of potatoes and hundreds of bushels of apples destroyed. How much insurance was carried is not known. Finished product of the evaporator was stored in another building which was saved.

den had handed him, tried ineffectually and then found himself penniless. He tried to "lift a leather"—pick a man's pocket—got into a fight and was caught.

Jersey justice is reputed stern, but "The Wallabout Kid" had long ago found ways to beguile judges. He told the court that he had never done anything wrong in his life before—and he won a suspended sentence. Imagine—at the moment he stood guilty of violation of parole—in leaving New York without permission—and was doubly a second offender.

**Gets Ten Years Term**

"The Kid" next stole a motor car and journeyed across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania. Turning north he went to Easton, tried twice to find jobs that were easy enough to suit him, and then reverted to theft. He was now a fugitive from justice in two states, yet by giving his age as nineteen and working on the sympathies of the complainant, he managed to "beat the case" and escape into the interior of Pennsylvania.

But why continue the story! "The Kid," under half a dozen clever aliases, kept this up for eight months before a New York detective, who was in Cleveland, Ohio, to get a prisoner, recognized him as one of a group of gangsters brought in by the police. The investigation of his record and comparisons of fingerprints between cities resulted in "The Kid" starting a ten-year term in the Columbus penitentiary as a confirmed criminal.

the street in front of the home of her mother-in-law where the shooting occurred. Neighbors who ran to her assistance say that she screamed, "Mother shot me." Mrs. Elmira Backus is under police guard in her home but she goes about her housework as if nothing had happened and refuses to discuss the shooting.

Mrs. Backus was shot with a .32 caliber bullet. Police have not found the revolver.

#### NATIONAL FATHER AND SON WEEK

Telling of the Many Worthy  
Objects of Such an  
Organization.

November 9-16 is National Father and Son week. The need is a great one. The idea of stressing the home relations as a means of building manhood is fundamental. The program suggested by a national committee is full of inspiration and help for men who would aid the community in which they live.

The Allegheny County Y. M. C. A. is organized and ready for service in co-operation with every community within the bounds of its territory. In order to give guidance and help to every section where it is desired. November will be known as Father and Son Month, thus extending the period of emphasis on the home as an important factor in the building of manhood.

Speakers can be furnished.

Special printed matter is available.

Song leaders provided.

The county secretary will aid in the organization of local committees.

The objects are as follows:

To keep alive the very best in American home life for the growing boy.

To get fathers to renew their interest and re-consecrate themselves to their paternal obligations.

To lead sons to deeper respect and appreciation for their fathers and for their homes.

To lead both fathers and sons to recognize the church and Sunday school as necessary to the finest development of their character and to co-operate in the work and support of the church in extending and making effective in every-day life the will of God.

To acquaint fathers more intimately with simple principles of boy psychology.

To encourage fathers and sons to accept in a larger way their privileges of citizenship.

To emphasize the necessity for the home's beginning early with the boys the training in physical, mental, spiritual, social and economic activities.

To create interest on the part of fathers and sons in nature study, woodcraft, and God's great out-of-doors.

To advance the cause of World Peace by creating among the fathers and sons of the world a spirit of Christian Brotherhood.

Last night my little boy

Confessed to me

Some childish wrong;

He knelt with his knee

He prayed with tears:

"Dear God, make me a man,

Like Daddy—wise and strong;

I know You can."

Then while he slept,

I knelt beside his bed,

Confessed my sins,

And prayed with low bowed head,

"O God, make me a child,

Like my child here—

Pure, guileless,

Trusting Thee with faith sincere."

—Rev. A. Gillies.

**MANY NEW FIRMS  
ARE INCORPORATED**

State Comptroller Thinks  
State on Verge of a  
Waffle Craze.

Albany, Nov. 12.—Judging from the number of companies incorporated during the past month, New York state is on the verge of a waffle craze. An unusually large number of companies incorporated during October, furnish the southern delicacy. Secretary of State Hamilton's report for the month also reveals that one company incorporated to engage in whaling and hunting, while another will turn out some sort of a device to protect pay-rolls.

During the first ten months this year a total of 15,955 companies incorporated in New York state or 260 more than in the same period during 1923. There were 411 real estate companies incorporated last month, 27 motion picture concerns and 59 garment-making companies. Only 292 companies out of the 1,396 incorporated last month were located outside of New York City.

#### BIG CONCRETE DAM WAS ACCEPTED

Belmont is Now Protected  
From Damage by  
High Water.

(From Belmont Dispatch.)

The big dam across the Genesee river at the foot of Schuyler street in Belmont, built by the state the past summer for the purpose of protecting the state highway on Greenwich street, has been completed and tools and machinery removed to another job.

Construction was begun by the Oatko company of Warsaw, the 26th of May last and Major T. M. Ripley, division engineer of the State Bureau of Public Works for the Hornell district, after checking up as to compliance with plans and specifications, formally accepted the work October 31st in behalf of the state.

The dam is of concrete, a circular arch affair, known to engineers as the U-Gee type and impounds, when full, approximately 70,000,000 gallons of water. It will care for 41,000 cubic feet of water per second at flood stage. The big basin was 12 hours in filling after the coffer was dropped into position and it is that many horsepower may be developed with proper turbines from the immense storage. The cost of the completed work to the state will approximate \$50,000.

The state was represented on the job by Smith O. Steere, an engineer from the Hornell office, who has had much experience in railroad, canal, dam, reclamation, highway, etc., construction. He was ably assisted by Chester P. Aldon, a civil engineer, graduating from Howard University at Washington, D. C.

The dam was put to a severe test a short time after its completion, when, after a thirty-six hour rain, the water rose to flood tide and backed up its immense volume far beyond the old mill factory. An inspection at the time disclosed the troublesome current along the Greenwich street embankment, the source of much property loss in the past, to have been abated and as a consequence the dam functioning properly.

#### BURCHARD IS HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Charge of Receiving Stolen  
Property is Made Against  
Canisteo Man.

Canisteo, Nov. 8.—Everett Burchard, a resident of South Canisteo, was held under \$500 bail to await the action of the grand jury yesterday, when arraigned before Justice George Potter on a charge of having received stolen goods. He waived examination and quickly secured bondsmen.

The arrest of Burchard was the outcome of a complaint of a man named Carl Oakes, who resides a few miles from Canisteo. According to Mr. Oakes, he was driving along the back road between Hornell and Canisteo on September 29th when he broke a wheel off his car. This of course, put an end to the driving of the machine at that time and he had to leave it standing beside the road.

When he returned for it he found a tire and two robes gone. Thru a man named Earl Van Skiver the police finally traced the two robes to Burchard, so it is said, and his arrest resulted. According to the police, Van Skiver had the tire but surrendered it without question.

**George Was Easy**

George Kenyon had an unpleasant experience Monday. He was picked up by a passing motorist and given a ride. The driver said he was going to Baltimore and would like to go to Florida if he had some one to go with him. George allowed that he was game and would accompany him. The motorist allowed he had no funds, so George helped him with a new tire to the tune of \$7.00.

The pair put up at a hotel in Hornell over night. They got the car out to make the start Tuesday morning. George went into the hotel to get his overcoat and when he came out his travelling companion was gone and he has not been able to locate him since.

#### MANY HEADLIGHTS NEED ADJUSTING

Says Immediate Steps Must  
be Taken to Educate  
the People.

Albany, Nov. 8.—Alfred W. Devine, new director of headlight enforcement work for the state motor vehicle bureau, has started a survey of conditions in the state preliminary to a campaign that will be directed against glaring lights.

He has just taken over supervision of this sort of enforcement work for the Motor Vehicle Bureau having arrived in Albany Wednesday from Boston where, for four years he was chief headlight enforcement officer for Massachusetts. He was retained for this special work in New York state by Chas. A. Harnett, Motor Vehicle Commissioner and will be attached to the inspection division of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, under Deputy Commissioner Wm. F. Dinneen.

Mr. Devine started his survey on the Albany-Troy main highway, one of the most traveled roads in the state, being assisted in the work by a squad of motor vehicle bureau inspectors and state troopers.

One hundred and sixty-two cars were stopped the first night this unit began its work, and the headlight conditions which were revealed led Mr. Devine to declare that immediate steps must be taken to educate the public in the matter of headlight adjustment, if quick results are to be obtained in the proposed campaign.

It was found that most of the cars stopped had more than one defect. For instance, if the headlights were not properly adjusted, the lights were glaring in virtually all cases and at the same time the driver was hindered by lack of sufficient driving light. A tabulation made by Mr. Devine of headlight defects found on the opening night of the survey showed these results, the totals indicating the number of cars examined and the percentages of all cars examined:

No approved device	27	17%
Lens twisted	21	13%
Defective reflectors	63	39%
Not properly adjusted	129	80%
Glaring	126	78%
Insufficient light	54	34%
No defects	12	7%

Mr. Devine pointed out, that in the above tabulation, the item "insufficient light" does not refer to the distribution of light at the source on account of weak or defective batteries, bulbs, defective wiring and connections.

"This survey," said Mr. Devine, "was conducted for the purpose of determining, as nearly as possible, the conditions as they exist at this time. No action will be taken against the owner of cars which were stopped during the conduct of this investigation. The result will prove useful in laying out the enforcement work, and also for a comparison later on with conditions that may develop in the future."

The operators of cars which were stopped indicated a ready willingness to co-operate by having the headlights on their cars adjusted and

#### HOW TO ADJUST AUTO HEADLIGHTS

Here are five rules for the adjustment of automobile headlights, given by Alfred W. Devine, Headlight Inspector of the State Motor Vehicle Bureau:

1—Place car on a level surface so that the headlights are 25 feet from a wall or screen.

2—Examine the bulbs and reflectors and see that they are clean and that the bulbs are of 21 candle power, no more or less.

3—See that the lenses are installed right side up so they cannot be twisted.

4—Cover one light at a time and focus the other by turning the focusing screw which projects thru the back of the lamp case. When properly focused, the beam of light on the wall or screen will be concentrated into a narrow band.

5—Tip or bend each lamp until the top of the beam on the wall is no higher than the center of the lamp, with the car fully loaded.

When this procedure has been carefully followed, the headlights are properly adjusted.

without exception, were pleased that some steps were about to be taken to correct the intolerable situation on roads of the state at night.

"One of the most important conclusions which may be drawn from this survey is that immediate steps must be taken to educate the public in the matter of headlight adjustment. To this end, the co-operation of motor clubs and other interested organizations will be requested in a few days when printed matter now in the process of preparation is available."

#### ATTEND PARENT-TEACHERS' MEETING

We are making an appeal to you, people of Andover, to come to a Parent-Teacher meeting, Tuesday evening, the 25th of November, at eight o'clock in the High School building.

Last year the organization had to be disbanded on account of lack of interest on the part of the people. It is important that this co-operation between the parents and teachers be carried on, but it has come to the point where something vital must be done if it is to be continued.

Whether you have children in school or not, if you have an interest in the welfare of the school and the advancement of your village, please come and bring your friends with you.

An interesting program has been arranged. Mr. MacGowan and Mrs. Watson will talk on the subject, "Shall the Country Child Have a Fair Show in Education?" There will be musical numbers and a reading by Miss Wright.

Do not forget the date, and try to be there, EVERYONE.

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#### AGED WOMAN IS ACCUSED OF MURDER

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 9.—Mrs. Marie Backus, 85 years old, was shot and almost instantly killed here Friday afternoon, but before she died she accused her 85-year-old mother-in-law. Mrs. Backus died in