

INDIANA'S POLICE LAUNCH QUIZ ON DILLINGER DEATH

Seek to Pierce Secrecy on Events Before Killing.

BY GEORGE WRIGHT.
(Picture on back page.)

The Indiana state police under Capt. Matt Leach are making plans, it was learned yesterday, to investigate the connection of Lake county, Ind., police and officials with the killing of John Dillinger. The notorious outlaw was shot to death by U. S. agents and East Chicago, Ind., police in a trap as he was leaving the Biograph theater, 2433 Lincoln avenue, on July 22.

Details of the shooting of Dillinger as he walked from the theater with Mrs. Anna Sage and Mrs. Polly Hamilton Keele, both former residents of the Lake county territory, have been suppressed by Melvin Purvis, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice in Chicago, and the East Chicago police, who operated in Chicago without notifying the local police. The secrecy, which has persistently been maintained by both federal authorities and the East Chicago police, has caused the Indiana state authorities to determine to investigate the rumors, which have become prevalent concerning the tracking down and killing of Dillinger.

Dealings between Mrs. Sage, former operator of disorderly houses in East Chicago and Gary, and Mrs. Keele, former wife of a Gary policeman, and Sgt. Martin Zarkovich, East Chicago police detective, who was on the Dillinger detail here, have been established by police investigators.

Indiana authorities admit that it was Sgt. Zarkovich, who obtained the information regarding Dillinger's whereabouts in Chicago and allowed the federal investigators to share in the glory of the killing of the much hunted bandit, without any notification to the Chicago police.

Mrs. Sage has been given credit for acting as the stoolpigeon for the East Chicago police. She and Mrs. Keele are credited with luring Dillinger to the theater so that he might be "put on the spot."

Sgt. Zarkovich was charged by his former wife, now a domestic in an East Chicago home, with being too friendly with Mrs. Sage as far back as 14 years ago. Divorced for 13 years, she now receives \$30 a month from the policeman for the support of her 14 year old daughter, Eva.

Mrs. Sage, who is being closely guarded by the government, is known at the time as "Katie from the Kostur hotel." When she fled from her apartment here, after Dillinger was slain, to the protection of the government, she left behind numerous photographs of herself and Sgt. Zarkovich.

Zarkovich Admits Old Friendship.
The police sergeant whose flashy jewelry and dress have won him the title of "police shiek," admitted last week, that he had been a friend of Mrs. Sage, but he said he had not seen her since 1923, until the night of the Dillinger shooting. Nor, says he, has he heard from her directly or indirectly. It was only a coincidence, he insisted, that his friend, Mrs. Sage, was with Dillinger when he was killed.

Neither Sgt. Zarkovich nor Capt. Timothy O'Neil, who had charge of the East Chicago detail in the Dillinger hunt, would admit a report that it was Sgt. Zarkovich, who fired at least one of the shots into Dillinger's body. The details of the shooting must come from Mr. Purvis, they said. Purvis refused to disclose any of such details even to the coroner's jury.

So many rumors have been current in the Lake county cities of Gary, East Chicago and Indiana Harbor regarding the Dillinger killing that the state authorities have decided to take cognizance of them and investigate through Capt. Leach and his state police.

"We want to get to the bottom of this whole mess in Lake county," said Capt. Leach as he attempted to suppress news of his pending investigation. "The Dillinger affair is only one incident among many things we have to investigate in Lake county."

Murders Included in Quiz.
Capt. Leach said that several murders, including the killing last May of two East Chicago police, presumably on a hunt for Dillinger, will be among the incidents investigated.

Policemen Martin O'Brien and Lloyd Mulvihill, an expert detective team of the East Chicago department, who had much information concerning the machinations of the gangs and their relationships in and around East Chicago, were slain on May 24 under circumstances never explained. The usual report that the Dillinger gang must have been responsible for their slaying was given out by the authorities after the bodies of the two men were found riddled with machine gun bullets in a police automobile on the old Gary road. The detective had left the police station only 15 minutes prior to the mysterious killing.

Rumors that the two policemen were killed because they knew too much about the interrelations of the gangs and politics have reached state officials. The Indiana gangsters and their allies go on the theory that dead men tell no tales, Capt. Leach admitted.

Trace Long Friendship of Pair.
Although Sgt. Zarkovich maintains that he did not receive the tip from Mrs. Sage, investigators have

LINKS IN MYSTERY OF DILLINGER SHOOTING



Photograph indicating close friendship between Mrs. Anna Sage, who was with Dillinger the night he was killed here, and Sgt. Martin Zarkovich of East Chicago police, despite his assertion he had not seen her since 1928. At left is Steve Chiolak, son of Mrs. Sage, with Sgt. Zarkovich.

discovered that the former owner of Lake county disorderly houses and Sgt. Zarkovich have maintained a friendship extending from the time she started to work in "Big Bill" Subotich's place on Guthrie street in East Chicago fifteen years ago. After Subotich died Mrs. Sage took over the place and operated it until she moved to Gary.

It was during the time that she was in East Chicago that Sgt. Zarkovich made her acquaintance. He was a member of the East Chicago police department and, as his former wife says, "with his swell clothes and good looks was quite a ladies' man."

"I only saw this woman a few times," said Mrs. Zarkovich as she took time off from her servant's duties to identify photographs as those of her husband and Mrs. Sage.

Operated Gary Hotel.
The records of the Gary police show that Mrs. Sage became known by the name of "Katie from the Kostur" when she moved to that city some years ago. She operated the Kostur hotel, 1349 Washington street, and the People's hotel in the same neighborhood. The Kostur hotel was a wide open disorderly house at the time, according to Gary police officials, and was the scene of many raids. In the basement of the hotel was operated an establishment called the "Bucket of Blood," which, police records show, was the scene of several shootings and stabbing affairs.

However, Mrs. Sage escaped prison terms, although she was arrested and fined several times. Records of her cases are incomplete, although they show several convictions. On Oct. 25, 1920, she was fined \$60 and costs for operating a disorderly resort, and on Nov. 16, 1921, and again on Feb. 8, 1921, direct criminal court action was taken against her in Crown Point. The records do not show the dispositions of these cases, but records at Indianapolis show two pardons on file for Mrs. Sage. She was granted the two pardons by former Gov. Harry G. Leslie on Dec. 15, 1922. The pardons were for convictions from Lake county for operating houses of ill fame.

Leaves Gary After Alien Quiz.
Mrs. Sage left Gary after the government immigration authorities started to investigate her status with a view of deporting her to Rumania. No action has yet been taken on these proceedings and it is assumed, in Lake county, that the pardons wiped out her record on which the proceedings were based. The government authorities,

INDIANA GOVERNOR'S AID SIFTING ESCAPE OF FIVE PRISONERS

Michigan City, Ind., July 29.—[Special.]—Arriving here this morning by airplane Wayne Coy, secretary to Gov. Paul V. McNutt, launched an investigation into the escape of five prisoners from the hospital of the state prison on Saturday.

Coy, who was dispatched from Mackinac Island by the governor, who is on a vacation trip there, was aided by Pleas Greenlee, executive secretary to the governor. Both men denied that any immediate demand for the resignation of Warden Louis E. Kunkel was contemplated.

"We are here to get to the bottom of the matter, to fix the responsibility for the escape, and to make a report on our findings to the governor," Mr. Coy stated.

Greenlee said about the same thing, adding, in connection with the rumors that Kunkel was to be discharged, that "it is not the policy of the state administration to desert a man when he is in trouble."

Already two men have been discharged as a result of the escape—W. C. Griswold, night captain of the guards, and W. F. Netzel, a guard employed at the prison hospital. Both were bitter about the matter, charging that they were being made "the goats" of the affair.

however, refused to discuss her status as a possible deportable alien.

The fact that Mrs. Sage is believed to have been the "tip off" on Dillinger to do her no harm with the government authorities, the Lake county underworld says. She had a triple motive for aiding in the death of Dillinger, the state authorities say: first to get the rewards of \$15,000, second to assure her stay in this country, and last to help her friend, Sgt. Zarkovich.

Mrs. Keele, divorced wife of Roy Keele, a former Gary policeman, was the "bait" used to lure Dillinger to the Sage flat as a hideout, investigators believe. Dillinger's weakness for women caused him to become attracted to the wife of the former policeman.

Mrs. Keele is an old time friend of Mrs. Sage and worked with her in the operation of the Kostur hotel, her husband said. At that time she was known as Polly Hamilton. Keele



Mrs. Anna Sage (left), said to have provided the information to her close friend, Sgt. Martin Zarkovich (right) of the East Chicago police, which led to the killing of John Dillinger. Snapshots of the pair were found in Mrs. Sage's flat here following her hasty departure after the Dillinger killing.

divorced her on last April 30 and has since remarried. However, he has not lived with her for over two years, he said. Before her appearance in Gary, Mrs. Hamilton was a dancer in a road show.

Think Pair Knew Outlaw Before.

Despite the assertions of Mrs. Sage and Mrs. Keele that they were not aware of Dillinger's identity, some of the Gary police officials say they feel certain that the two women must have met Dillinger while the slain desperado was operating in that territory and Mrs. Sage was operating her resorts, with Mrs. Keele as her assistant. Further proof of the association of Mrs. Sage and Sgt. Zarkovich is evidenced in photographs showing the policeman posing with Steve Chiolak, a son of Mrs. Sage by a former marriage.

Sgt. Zarkovich emphatically denied some of the stories which have been circulated regarding his recent friendliness with Mrs. Sage. He, like other Lake county officials, also denied that any clemency ever had been extended to Mrs. Sage because of her friendliness with the police.

"It is not true that I went on a trip to the old country with Mrs. Sage," said Sgt. Zarkovich when asked about reports to that effect. "Neither did she buy me my present automobile. In fact I can take you to the place in Hammond where I bought it and can show that I fell behind in the payments several times. I have not seen Mrs. Sage since 1923."

State's Attorney Robert Estill of Lake county, who was defeated at the recent elections, said that although he was a friend of Sgt. Zarkovich, the latter never had approached him in behalf of Mrs. Sage.

The prosecutor as well as Judge William J. Murray, who presided over the Lake county criminal court, praised Sgt. Zarkovich's ability as a detective.

"But," said Judge Murray, "I never could understand why Zarkovich was so active in the grand jury investigation into the escape of Dillinger from the Crown Point jail. He practically won a path between the grand jury room and Estill's office."

Prosecutor Estill, however, said he asked Zarkovich to come up from East Chicago to Crown Point to help in the inquiry because of his detective ability. Mr. Estill said he thought he needed the sergeant's assistance, though his chief investigator was James Regan, former chief of police of East Chicago.

Grierson Breaks Wing in Attempt to Leave Iceland

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]
REYKJAVIK, Iceland, July 29.—The seaplane of John Grierson, British aviator flying the Atlantic by the northern route, collided with a boat in the harbor today as the aviator attempted to take off for Greenland. A wing and pontoon were damaged. He will be delayed at least a fortnight and may possibly abandon the flight. He was defeated by a similar crack-up in this port last year.

GERMANY'S WAR DEAD HONORED BY OLD SOLDIERS

Ex-Kaiser's Second Son Attends Ceremony.

BY SIGRID SCHULTZ.
[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

BERLIN, July 29.—High army officers and detachments of the regular army today assembled at the parade grounds at Doberitz, from where, almost 20 years ago, Germany's crack regiments of guards started straight from a parade to a railway station to be entrained for the world war. They gathered to pay tribute to the memory of the war dead and to the army, "whose young men are carrying on the tradition of the old great regiments."

The old village church has been turned into a war memorial. A huge wooden cross replaces the altar to symbolize the ultimate sacrifice. Only the names of the old regiments are inscribed on the walls. The 1st Guards regiment, founded in 1680, was given the highest laurel wreath. This regiment had an outstanding battle history. It participated in the wars concerning the succession of the Palatinate, the wars against the Turks, the war of the Spanish succession, and so on up to the world war.

Ex-Kaiser's Son Attends.

Former Kaiser Wilhelm was represented at the ceremonies by his second son, Prince Eitel Friedrich, who had distinguished himself in battles by fighting side by side with his guardsmen. The prince has grown stout and he loomed enormous beside many wartime generals who have kept their martial figures. All participants wore the old imperial uniforms with spiked helmets.

On Thursday at Lustgarten the parade ground opposite the castle balcony from which the Kaiser read the proclamation to his people at the outbreak of war, deputations from most of the veteran regiments will assemble to commemorate the outbreak of the conflict.

Meanwhile alarmists see danger of a new armed conflagration in threats uttered by the Italian press and the Italian troop movements.

Indignation Runs Higher.

The wave of indignation "against those who dare to assert that Germany had anything to do with events in Austria," is running higher. Authorities insist that no amount of "foolish provocations will induce Chancellor Hitler's government to leave the plane of realities." The Boersensmutter in this connection says the Berlin government is convinced that "peace in Austria will never be achieved by military intervention, but only by a peaceful understanding."

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PARK STOREROOM BURNS.
A vacant storeroom on an island in Marquette park burned to the ground yesterday, with damage of \$50. The small one-story shack had been used formerly by the south park commission as a storeroom.

KIN GET NO WORD OF POLLY KEELE; PURVIS IS SILENT

Relatives of Polly Hamilton Keele, 26 year old divorcee who was the last sweetheart of John Dillinger and who was with him when he was killed, declared yesterday they had received no word of her or from her since she disappeared last Monday night. Melvin H. Purvis, head of the Chicago office of the department of justice bureau of investigation, declined to say whether or not she was in his custody or if he is seeking her.

The federal detective chief had closed up all avenues of information, even to the Chicago police, and he would not tell them whether he has arrested the doctor who performed a face lifting operation on Dillinger. The police had been given the name of a doctor, an ex-convict with gang affiliations, as the man who changed Dillinger's facial appearance. The doctor, however, was not to be found and police were at a loss as to what should be done: seek or forget him. Purvis was not confiding in them, Capt. Thomas Duffy of the Sheffield avenue station declared.

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