

WAR OFFICE GRAFT IS THE RESULT OF BAD SYSTEM, DECLARES BRITISH PRESS

Civilians Escape, But Officers on Poor Pay Are Tempted to Accept Bribe Money for Contracts.

SCATHING COMMENT ON ALL SIDES

Soldiers Were Made Victims of Bribery, as They Had to Contribute—Government is Called Upon to Act.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, May 28.—A London cable to The Gazette says: While the majority of writers in this morning's papers agree in condemning the system which fostered bribery in the army for which the guilty were sentenced yesterday there is also criticism as to the differential treatment of the chief military and civilian offenders.

The Daily News does not believe that the punishments were severe enough in view of the gravity of the offences and points out that the first effect of the system of corruption was robbery of the soldiers who had to pay at the regimental messes and who were made victims of this association of the servants of the state in a flagrant dishonesty which injured alike commercial morality and the efficiency of the public service.

Two obvious consequences must follow. The War Office must see whether a system cannot be devised offering greater safeguards against bribery and businessmen must realize that illicit commissions and bribery are amongst the foulest excretions of industry.

LECTURE ON TOWN PLANNING

An Interesting Event of Great Interest to Brantford Citizens To-night.

Members of the Civic Improvement Committee, City Council, Board of Trade, Labor Council, and all citizens interested in the improvement of the city, should attend the lecture on Town Planning, by Thomas Adams in the Y. M. C. A. Hall to-night at 8 o'clock.

Belfast Dean Creates Sensation

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, May 28.—The London correspondent of The Gazette says the Dean of Belfast has caused a sensation by his utterance in the cathedral when he expressed the belief that the safe passage of the gun-running boat, Fanny, was accomplished in answer to Ulster's prayers.

A Case Where Watch Of Ingersoll Failed—His Daughter Eloped

[By Special Wire to the Courier] MONTREAL, May 28.—A special to The Gazette from New York says: Robt. H. Ingersoll president of Robt. H. Ingersoll and Brother manufacturers of the Ingersoll watch gave out a statement yesterday saying that his eighteen year old niece Naomi Noland had married his chauffeur Arthur Liberty denouncing the chauffeur and intimating that proceedings for the annulment of the marriage might be taken.

NOT LIKELY TO MOVE BRANT RESERVE FOR SOME TIME

Senate Kicked on the Bill Yesterday—Legislation is Plainly Not Intended to Affect Six Nation Indians.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] OTTAWA, Ont., May 28.—There was considerable opposition in the Senate yesterday to the bill which has passed the Commons to amend the Indian Act. The chief discussion was upon a new provision requiring the compulsory surrender of reserves by Indians in case of a "reserve which adjoins, or which is situated wholly or partly within an incorporated town or city or in the immediate neighborhood thereof or which is so situated as to materially retard the natural development of the surrounding country."

No Drinking Before 10 O'clock

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, May 28.—Beginning to-day, says a London cable to the Daily Mail, the "no drink before ten" law will be rigorously enforced in Scotland. The act is aimed at the "black squad," namely, the open-air workers in the shipyards, who are addicted to ante-breakfast refreshment, generally a pint of whiskey, followed by a glass of beer.

BRANT DEANERY IN CONVENTION

Considerable Attention Devoted to Increased S. S. Efficiency.

The annual meeting of the Brant Anglican Ruri-Deanery Chapter and Sunday School Association was held in St. John's Church yesterday. At 10.45 there was an administration of the Holy Communion with the rector as celebrant. At 11.30 the first business meeting was opened with Rural Dean Saunders in the chair.

Builders Again Reject Terms

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, May 28.—The men of the building trades have again rejected the terms offered by the masters by a large majority, says a London cable to the Daily Mail. The masons were the only union to vote for a resumption of work.

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That the United Rubber Manufacturing and Redeming Co. will commence operations early in the fall, employing 500 hands or more was made evident to-day when the contract was let for the remodeling of the old Farmers' Binder Twine Co. factory adjacent to the Grand Trunk tracks on Sydenham street.

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Another Grant For Post Office

HALF HUNDRED ARE OVERCOME

Detroit Fort St. Station Was Guttled by Fire Last Night.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] DETROIT, Mich., May 28.—Forty seven persons, including firemen, policemen and immigrants were overcome by smoke from a fire which broke out last night in the basement of the Fort street union station.

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REFORMATION, AND NOT PUNISHMENT, IS THE BROAD POLICY OF ONTARIO IN DEALING WITH THE PRISONERS OF THE PROVINCE

SNAPSHOT OF VINCENT ASTOR AND HIS BRIDE



Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor made one of their first appearances in society since their marriage at the wedding in Hyde Park, N. Y., of Miss Anne Pendleton Rogers to Mr. J. Griswold Webb, having motored over from Ferncliff, their place at Rhinecliff. Felicitations were extended to them on all sides. Although Mr. Astor is steadily improving in health, he and his bride, as far as can be learned, have made no arrangements for their honeymoon trip aboard the yacht Noma.

TOWNSHIP OUGHT TO PUT A STOP TO THIS HOLD-UP

Autoists Are Being Held Up Daily Near Langford on Account of the Bad Condition of the Road.

A little game is being worked on the Brantford and Hamilton road which may result in County Court proceedings. Yesterday, particularly with the ball game between the rival cities, many autoists used the road and were stung for a dollar. The method is this: A neatly covered hole into which autos slip, a nearby team of horses, and a dollar for their use. Several parties yesterday were using the road and in succession, as they approached Langford, about eight miles from Brantford, their cars were suddenly jolted into a deep rut.

PRINTERS VOTING

Sixty Thousand in Canada and U. S. Are Electing Union Officers.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, May 28.—Sixty thousand printers throughout the United States and Canada, associated with the International Typographical Union are balloting for International officials to-day. It is expected that the result will be known approximately in two days. Although it will be much longer before all the ballots reach Indianapolis the headquarters of the International Union.

WHAT WAS IT?

Citizens Had a Look Last Night at Some Kind of Air Craft.

Numerous citizens last night about 9.30 p.m., noticed a bright light appear from the north-west of the city and travel with great rapidity towards the south-west. The light appeared to be about 200 feet above the city and seemed to be from a balloon. It is supposed though that it was a toy balloon, although some thought it was an aeroplane.

Industrial Farms to Supersede County Jails is Plan of Hon. W. J. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary.

PRISONERS TO EARN FOR THEIR FAMILIES

By Outdoor Work and Wholesome Surroundings it is Hoped to Work Reform in Those Who Have Fallen.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] TORONTO, May 28.—The Ontario Government in a new policy of conducting industrial farms in the province is aiming to do away in practical fashion with the deprivation and want suffered by the wives and families of indigent men who have been sent to jail for idleness.

The main object of placing these institutions on a new basis of efficiency is to provide open-air employment with moral and physical reformatory methods for persons otherwise lying in idleness in a common jail. Jail maintenance will also be cut down materially by making the industrial farms self-sustaining.

The whole program is presented as another phase of a progressive social reform policy and Ontario is the first place in the world to attempt the substitution of these reformatory institutions for the common prison.

The regulations are prefaced by extracts from the acts relating to industrial farms, showing what persons are eligible for custodial care thereat and referring to the section which states that any person convicted of being found drunk or disorderly in a public place within three months after a prior conviction for a like offense may be committed to an industrial farm for an indeterminate period not exceeding two years.

The objects of an industrial farm are defined as follows: 1.—To provide open-air employment with moral and physical reformatory methods for persons who would otherwise be kept in idleness in a common jail.

2.—To lessen the expenditure hitherto made for jail maintenance by making industrial farms self-sustaining.

The regulations are 67 in number and cover most comprehensively every detail in connection with the management of an industrial farm. The provincial secretary is determined that order and discipline must be maintained, and anyone who imagines that great freedom of conduct is to be permitted is under a false impression. Work is absolutely essential and the superintendent is given authority to compel everyone to be employed. Facilities are to be provided for every form of farm work for both summer and winter.

The dietary is prescribed with the object of providing plain, wholesome nourishing food, suitable for persons employed in the open air. Vegetables grown on the farm are to be provided in abundance, but the nitrogenous foods, such as meats, are limited in quantity.

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GERMAN FLAG TORN TO PIECES AT BERLIN

Incident in the Canadian City Arouses the Ire of the Concordia Society.

BERLIN, May 28.—It was discovered yesterday that the German flag, which was hoisted on Victoria Day at Victoria Park as usual, and which mysteriously disappeared, had been cut down and mutilated. The flag was donated to the park by the German citizens of the city 18 years ago, and has been floating below the Union Jack on all public holidays ever since. The Concordia Society is offering a reward of \$25 for the apprehension of the vandal, and the attention of the Government at Ottawa has been drawn to the unfortunate occurrence. The remnants of the flag were found near the boathouse, a considerable distance from the flag pole.

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