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AMAZING STORY TOLD OF PARIS PRISON ABUSE BY A TORONTO SOLDIER

Gives Evidence for Use by United States — Breaks Down While Reciting Story of Brutality Practised at "Prison Farm No. 2."

Special to The Toronto World.

Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., Aug. 13.—Appearing before a special board of inquiry, which is taking data for the congressional committee at Washington, who is to hear the direct evidence later, Charles A. Mannering of Robert street, Toronto, Ont., this afternoon told his own story of the abusive and brutal attitude of "Hard Boiled" Smith at prison farm No. 2, near Paris, where Smith was in charge. Mannering, who was originally in the Canadian army and transferred in 1917, and who is now a military prisoner here, completely lost control of himself toward the end of his recital, so intense were his feelings.

Speaking of his initial arrival in camp Mannering stated:

"They searched me and took out my mother's picture, tore it up and threw it into a waste basket. I said, 'That's my mother's picture,' and they said, 'You can buy a bum's picture for a couple of francs and it will look just as good.'" Mannering asserted.

"I saw them search another machine gunner and take off his revolver," he writes. "A marine pointed it at the man's heart and pulled the trigger, saying, 'If there are any bullets in it you are going to get the first one.' Fortunately, it was unloaded.

Fellow Prisoner Rescues.

"After I was searched, a young marine came up to me and smashed me in the face and said: 'Get into that room on the double.' The smash made my nose bleed, and I pulled down my hands to wipe it, whereupon he cracked me with his club. I rushed into the room and stopped inside the door. One of the prisoners grabbed me and pulled me further into the room. 'Never stop on the deadline if you want to leave the room alive,' he said.

"I saw men standing at attention for three hours at a time and every time their muscles gave out under the strain and they sagged, they were struck with a club.

"I saw them drag two sergeants out of the room and make them do torturing exercises for 40 minutes. When they dropped they were beaten with clubs. One was clubbed so strenuously that they could not bring him to. They dragged him away and we never saw him again.

"The boys said he died.

Scrubbed Flesh Raw.

"We had to sit on the concrete floor all day without resting against any support. If a man leaned back against the wall and the guards saw him it meant either the hospital or the grave.

"They had two colored men there and when a guard wanted to see how strong he felt he called one of them into the corridor and knocked him down. The job of the two colored men was to scrub soldiers brought in intoxicated. They did it with a stiff scrubbing brush and made the flesh raw and bleeding.

"I asked permission to explain my situation, and told Smith I was a wounded man there by mistake. Smith

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SEE VEILED THREAT OF FARMERS' STRIKE OVER WHEAT PRICES

J. K. McLennan of U. F. O. Warns Government — Says They "Are Cross Already."

Winnipeg, Aug. 13.—What might be construed as a veiled threat on the part of the farmer to go on strike if the government fixes the initial price of wheat at anything less than the $2.26 guaranteed by the United States to its producers, was made by J. K. McLennan, representing the United Farmers of Ontario, at the open session of the Canadian wheat board in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange today.

"We are facing a short crop," he said. "If the $1.75 initial price rules, we may find the crop returns still shorter. Strikes are popular, and the farmers might be inclined to catch on. The farmers are cross already."

Other outstanding features of the meeting were: An emphatic denial from the chairman that the initial price had been fixed by the government at $1.75. He declared that such a price had not even been considered.

A resolution from the grain growers of Little Souris, strongly condemning and denouncing the scheme as impracticable and unsound economics, and demanding that if the government is determined to handle the 1919 wheat crop, that the same price as last year be set.

Attacks Ocean Rates.

A violent attack on ocean rates was made by J. K. McLennan. He declared it now cost 60 cents to get a bushel of wheat across the Atlantic in comparison with six cents for pre-war days. Eighteen cents was the highest figure justifiable, he declared. A further statement was made by Mr. McLennan: "There are heavy millers, big men and freight men in this country who are taking advantage of their positions to rake in big sums of money."

An insistent demand was made by almost all the speakers that if an open market is denied the farmers and the government plan of handling the wheat is carried out the initial price be not made less than that of $2.26, now ruling in the United States.

SIX MONTHS ADRIFT ON ICE IN ARCTIC

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 13.—Six months adrift on an icefloe in the Arctic Sea, cut off from all civilization by miles of deep water, such was the experience of Stoker T. Storkergen, who arrived here last night. Observations of great scientific value were made while the party was on the icefloe, but these will not be fully discussed until Storkersen meets his chief, Vilhjalmar Stefansson.

TWO MORE THEATRES CLOSE IN NEW YORK; INJUNCTION KILLED

Supreme Court Judge Pronounces It Invalid, and Principals Walk Out.

New York, Aug. 13.—Striking actors tonight closed their twelfth theatre in this city.

The New Amsterdam, at which Ziegfield Follies was billed, was filled this evening when announcement was made that five principals—Eddie Cantor, John Dooley, Gus van Joseph Schenck and Phil Dwer, all members of the Actors' Equity Association—had "walked out." Their action followed revocation today by Supreme Court Justice Lydon of an injunction obtained by Florenz Ziegfield, restraining "unionists" from "interfering with" his production by stepping from the cast.

Grumbling despite restoration of their theatre money, the audience filed out into the rainswept streets.

In the Ziegfield case Justice Lydon held that no actor could be legally restrained from breaking his contract.

The eleventh playhouse to close was the Maxine Elliott, which was compelled to close its doors this afternoon, thru the walking out of the company just before the matinee performance was scheduled to begin and most of the audience had been seated.

ACTORS IN CHICAGO HAVE CALLED A TRUCE

Chicago, Aug. 13.— Performances were held tonight at all the big Chicago playhouses by virtue of a truce in the actors' strike, which last night closed the Cort Theatre and Cohan's Grand Opera House and threatened to spread to other houses.

Both sides in the controversy agreed to halt hostilities pending hearing on an application for an injunction to restrain the company playing "Up in Mabel's Room" from striking. Application was filed by A. H. Woods, proprietor of Woods Theatre. Testimony in the hearing on the petition was begun before a master in chancery.

Francis Wilson, president of the Equity Association of Actors and Artists, intimated tonight that if the injunction is denied the fight would be renewed and every theatre in Chicago closed.

THRONE IS OFFERED TO CZAR'S RELATIVE

London, Aug. 13. — A Bolshevik wireless message received here asserts that after a meeting of Russian manarchists in Siberia, the Russian throne was offered to the Duke of Romanowsky, a member of the cadet, or younger, branch of the Romanoff family, headed by former Emperor Nicholas. The despatch adds that the duke accepted the offer.

The Duke of Romanowsky referred to above probably is Prince Alexander Romanowsky, head of the house of Beauharnais and son of the late Duke Georges Maximilianovitch and Therese, Duchess of Oldenburg. He also bears the title Duke of Leuchtenberg. The Romanowsky family is connected with the nobility of Italy, Bavaria and France. Prince Alexander is 39 years of age.

THE "TIGER" OF FRANCE IN AN AMIABLE MOMENT.

Not the least interesting sidelight at the Paris victory parade was the kissing of a fair Alsatian by Premier Clemenceau. The young lady had presented the "Tiger" with a huge bouquet.

CONTEMPLATING A MASSACRE OF ALL FOREIGNERS IN MOSCOW

Letts Said to Have Wrested Power From Lenine, Who Is Now a Ruler in Name Only---Are Reddest of Jacobins.

Copenhagen, Aug. 13.—Dr. Martini, head of the Danish Red Cross in Russia, has returned. He says there are some reports that Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, has not really ruled in the last three months.

"The ultra-radicals have taken power from him," Dr. Martini told The Politiken. He continued:

"Russia—that is Moscow—at present is governed by the Letts, Peter, Oderschenski and Antonoff, who probably organized the Hungarian Bolshevik regime. They are the reddest of Jacobins and will, as soon as possible, carry out a massacre of all the foreigners in Moscow. George Tchitcherin, the Bolshevik foreign minister, admitted to me that the government was unable longer to protect us. I believe that Lenine is now residing at Tula, outside of Moscow. Trotzky has more power. He is believed to be with the army."

START PROSECUTING FOOD PROFITEERS

Federal Convictions in Each State of U. S. Expected to Reduce Prices.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Important new developments in the government's fight to reduce the high cost of living came today. One of the most interesting was the announcement by Attorney-General Palmer that a federal conviction for profiteering had been obtained. District Attorney Lucey telegraphed from Binghamton, N. Y., that a retail grocer had been fined $500 for selling sugar at 15c a pound. No details were given and the law under which the case was brought was not known here.

"A few good cases of profiteering in each state will settle that trouble," Mr. Palmer remarked.

In order to bring to book persons guilty of raising prices exorbitantly or hoarding food to advance prices, Mr. Palmer submitted to the committees of congress the draft of an amendment to the food control act extending its provisions to clothing and containers of foods and feeds, and providing a penalty of $5,000 fine or two years' imprisonment, or both, for violation of the law. Chairman Haugen of the house announced that the amendment would be considered immediately by a sub-committee and that a report might be made tomorrow.

Reports of excessive stocks of food held in storage have been received from at least six states, Mr. Palmer said. He declined to be more specific, but it was indicated that New Jersey was one of the states.

Reports to the department showed that organization of fair price committees in counties was proceeding rapidly.

The cost of living continued to color much of the debate in congress today.

Returning Soldiers

S.S. Metagama docked at Quebec yesterday with troops on board for Toronto and Hamilton. These men are now en route by special train, the time of arrival of which is not yet specified.

Lists will be found on page 10.

JOSEPH ANNULS SOVIET DECREES

Orders Return of Clerical Property and Art Works to Their Owners.

Budapest, Aug. 13.—The new Hungarian administrator, who is called "the Royal Prince Joseph" by the official Hungarian news agency, had a conference with the political party leaders today and ordered them to work out a plan for restoring conditions to normal. The leaders immediately went into session and will report later to the administrator.

The ministry has ruled that the property of clerical institutions seized by the Soviet government shall be immediately returned to the owners. The Soviet ruling under which objects of art were made public property also has been annulled and the art works are to be returned to their owners.

War Minister Schnitzer has issued an appeal for the creation of a national army. Soldiers have been forbidden to discuss politics. The regulations which were in effect prior to the October revolution again have been put in force.

Of the Chloroformed Press.

The Thin Man: Not a drum was heard;
The Thick Man: Not a funeral note.

MACKENZIE KING TO ACCEPT NOMINATION BY GLENGARRY

Special to The Toronto World.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—The Liberals of Glengarry and Stormont at a special meeting at Alexandria, Ont., on Friday, August 15, will formally present the party nomination to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the new leader chosen at the convention last week to succeed the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Hon. Mr. King will accept the nomination and later go down, when he will deliver his first campaign speech after the convention in Ottawa. The Glengarry delegates were called together at the Russell Hotel by President F. T. Costello of Alexandria and Secretary C. H. Cline, K.C., Cornwall, of the Glengarry association, when it was agreed to offer the nomination to the new leader. After consulting the home members of the organization a hitch was threatened thru the interference of certain Ottawa ex-ministers and others, presuming to speak for the Glengarry executive, but they were brushed away and the coast cleared for the new chief, who will most likely be elected by acclamation. There would be no compromises with the Union government. Glengarry has been vacant since the last election, in 1917, when the late John McMartin, the widely-known contractor and mine operator, was chosen by acclamation as a Union government supporter during the war.

CHURCH OF ADVENT DEFIES BISHOP; JOINS REFORMERS

Two-Thirds of Congregation Seek Pastures New — Remainder Stay at Home.

An official of the ex-congregation of the Church of the Advent stated yesterday that, following the action, or rather lack of action on the part of Bishop Sweeny, two-thirds of the church members will join forces with the Reformed Episcopal Church, and that the remainder, disgusted with the brand of treatment meted out to them by "ecclesiastical autocrats," have decided to spend Sunday in their homes. It is also alleged that a curate, accompanied by a small congregation, still visits the Advent each Sunday and holds service.

Since the removal of the Rev. Herbert Naylor against the wishes of the congregation, the people held open air services conducted by the lay reader, but such services are now discontinued. At present the members of the church are waiting until a small hall, now under construction in the vicinity, is completed, when they will rent the building for Wednesday evenings and Sundays.

The trouble between the members of the Advent and the church authorities is not due to parochial jealousy as is common in church quarrels, but arises from the alleged unwarranted removal of a popular incumbent, and the refusal of repeated pleas for a commission of inquiry.

Sold Mission.

It was further stated yesterday that St. John's had sold a house and mission situated on the corner of St. Clair, and partly owned by the Advent Mission. It is said the congregation of the Advent could have sold that property for a sum sufficiently large to clear debt and mortgages and still leave a balance of $400. It is also stated that the two buildings sold only realized $400 when sold recently by St. John's.

In reply to a question as to their immediate plans, it was stated that Bishop Brewing, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, has been approached and, on the bishop's return from England, he will be asked to provide a curate for the congregation at present unattached and that later they will build a small church.

HYDRO CONSIDERS KINGSTON RADIAL

Kingston, Aug. 13.—E. F. Hinch of the Hydro radial engineering department of the Hydro-Electric Commission, was here today interviewing the merchants and shippers with a view to ascertaining the possible revenue there might be in freight and express in the event that a Hydro radial line was put in here.

Chatham, Ont., Aug. 13.—Important Hydro developments locally and in the district may result from a visit here yesterday of J. J. Jeffrey, assistant chief engineer of the Ontario Hydro Commission. The official met the city council in caucus and discussed a proposition, which cannot be made known at present, but which will have a beneficial effect on the local Hydro system.

INVOLVED QUESTIONS REQUIRE ATTENTION OF NEW AMBASSADOR

VISCOUNT GREY,
Who will temporarily occupy the post of British ambassador to the United States.

Will Include Complicated Financial Relations Between Britain and United States, and Also Adjustment of Mexico Difficulties.

Washington, Aug. 13. — Questions arising out of the peace settlement which Bonar Law announced in the house of commons today would require the attention of Viscount Grey, the new British ambassador to the United States, are understood here to include a readjustment of the complicated financial relations between Great Britain and the United States growing out of loans and credits advanced by America. There also must be an almost immediate recasting of many existing treaties between the two countries, necessitated by the radical changes following the war. Many of these conventions date back for more than a century and were said by officials to have been applied to modern conditions only by the exercise of the greatest liberality of construction. The La Follette shipping law swept away completely one treaty relating to the rights and duties of sailors and port authorities and this never has been replaced.

In the early days of the war there were many issues between the state department and the British foreign office growing out of interference with American commerce by British warships and British orders-in-council and the many claims for damages by American shipowners and merchants pending when the United States entered the war still technically are open. Lord Grey was the British secretary for foreign affairs when these issues arose and conducted the negotiations for his government.

Conditions in Mexico.

There has been a suggestion, too, that conditions in Mexico were such as to demand consideration on an international basis in view of the large interests of foreign investors, and especially British, in that country. For a number of years the British government has refrained from enforcing demands upon Mexico for reparation for the killing of British subjects and for heavy monetary losses inflicted on British individuals, preferring to leave to the United States the adoption of measures to meet these conditions. It is believed now that one of the first duties of Viscount Grey will be to attempt a permanent settlement of the British issues with the Mexican government after reaching a satisfactory understanding with the American state department.

The announcement that Lord Grey was to come to Washington was received with keen gratification by Secretary Lansing and other American officials, who had dealings with him, either personally in Europe or thru correspondence. There was regret, however, that Viscount Grey's service in Washington was to be only temporary, as it was felt that the successful treatment of the many important international subjects which will devolve upon the new ambassador could be best assured only thru a reasonably permanent tenure in office of the negotiators.

MINERS TO UNITE WITH RAILWAY MEN

U. S. Alliance to Be Completed Next Month, Modelled on British Triple Alliance.

Hazelton, Pa., Aug. 13.—Alliance of the forces of the United Mine Workers of America and the four brotherhoods of the railroad workers will be perfected at the international convention of the miners in Columbus, Ohio, next month.

This fact was revealed here today by Thomas Kennedy, of this city, district president of district No. 1, U. M. W. of A. The preliminary steps for the uniting of these two forces of labor in this country have been completed in recent conferences between the leaders and the steps will be reported on at the coming convention. Full ratification of the movement is confidently expected.

The movement is modeled after the lines of the triple alliance of labor forces in England and is designed to give full weight to labor forces of the country.

MINISTERS START WEST

Ottawa, Aug. 13. — Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. J. A. Calder, in accordance with their previously arranged plan, left for the west tonight with the object of looking into the situation arising out of crop failures, more particularly in the province of Saskatchewan.

STILL ANOTHER MEMBER COMES OUT IN FAVOR OF A PARTY CONVENTION

Dr. A. R. Rykert, M.L.A. for North Wentworth, Says That Party Gathering Cannot Be Held Too Soon.

Dr. A. R. Rykert, M.L.A., Wentworth North, speaking to The World over the telephone yesterday, said:

"You may quote me as being very much in favor of a convention.

"I have as a matter of fact been all along in favor of a convention, but in view of the present conditions of unrest all over the country I wish to say it is essential for Conservatives to tell the people where we are and what we have to offer.

"The convention cannot be held too soon."

This is another voice from a new direction on the burning question of the day in provincial politics. The authorities in Queen's Park are hard to convince. The machine politicians and ultra-partisans who do not believe in trusting the people talk about treachery to the party and disloyalty to the leader. The High Self-Appointed are unable to accept the evidence of their senses in contradiction of the whispers of the official scouts.

North Grey a Catastrophe.

The news from North Grey is absolutely catastrophic. The issues that should have been settled in a provincial convention were not to be ignored in the local gathering, and the nominee of the High Self-Appointed, the sitting member, a lawyer, and opposed to a convention, was turned down by 129 votes against 107 in favor of a farmer, Alexander S. Donald, living at Kilsyth, eight miles from Owen Sound.

Hon. Mr. McGarry was there representing the government, but the government's prestige is not what it has been. Ministers are not too sure of their seats. Hon. Mr. Lucas, even, has been canvassing his constituency, and the premier himself dreads a competitor in his home town.

All this could be avoided by the frank, straightforward course of trusting the people, and there isn't a constituency in the province in which plain speakers and plain speaking are to be heard endorsing the views that have been so explicitly expressed by leading Conservatives.

Hon. Mr. McGarry made a gallant attempt to rally the North Grey convention, speaking of what the government had done. Everybody was agreed about what has been done. The premier and the opposition leader are at one on these matters. What the people are interested in now is what the government purposes doing, and the people want to have a hand in that themselves. A convention at which they can tell the government what to do and what they want done is the only remedy for the situation. But the government is still unconvinced that the democratic policy of trusting the people is the best, and Mr. McGarry carefully refrained from committing himself on the subject.

Convention is Essential.

Every day brings a new voice in support of the view that a convention of the Conservatives of the province is essential. Toronto itself is fairly sizzling with the suppressed feeling in favor of it, and the struggle between the desire to have what is seen to be so necessary and right and the other desire to be loyal to the party is only tempered by the hope that the leader of the party will shortly announce some wise acceptance of this popular policy. The resolve to force on an election before a convention is held, in the face of recent by-elections, of such incidents as North Grey, of the statements of independent and trustworthy members of the legislature like Col. Pratt, Col. Machin, Mr. George Sulman, Dr. Rykert and others whose testimony is forthcoming, is regarded as political folly by the real workers of the party.

Put Wires Underground, Says Drayton, in Judgment

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—That in congested areas of large urban centres telegraph wires should be put under ground is the opinion expressed in a judgment handed down by the railway board today. The judgment deals with the application of the city of Montreal for an order directing the C.P.R. and G. N. W. Telegraph Companies to place their lines and wires under ground on certain streets. Sir Henry Drayton wrote the judgment before his retirement from the chairmanship of the board.

YORKSHIRE MINERS WILL RESUME WORK; SITUATION BETTER

Legislation May Be Introduced Making Strikes Illegal Without Notice.

London, Aug. 13.—The coal miners of Yorkshire, where more than 200,000 men have been on strike since July 21, decided today to resume work. This action was taken at a mass meeting at Barnsley.

The Yorkshire miners are not all willing to resume work. Ten thousand men on the Pontefract district voted today against resuming work, and it is said that in other districts the miners have not yet reached a decision as to whether they will return to their labors. The belief prevails, however, that a majority of the miners will start work on Monday.

The five weeks' strike already has cost the Yorkshire Miners' Association over £300,000 in strike pay and other expenses, while the loss in wages has been in the neighborhood of £5,000,000.

With the fear of direct action by the "triple alliance"—comprising the railroadmen, miners and transport workers—in balloting on a strike removed, and the prospect of a speedy resumption of work in the Yorkshire coal fields the labor situation was distinctly improved today, and the government and parliament breathed easier.

Labor Situation Improved, According to George Nicoll Barnes.