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## PRISON REFORMS PROVE A SUCCESS

Warden of Country's Largest  
Jail Adopts New Tactics.

### PRISONERS TREATED AS MEN

Believes in Doctrine of Rewarding  
Convicts For Their Good Deeds In-  
stead of Punishing Them For Their  
Faults—Golden Rule Brotherhood  
Handles Cases of Misconduct.

New York.—When a wealthy philanthropist was made warden of Sing Sing prison, the largest jail in the world, and given a free rein to institute reforms which would better the standard of convicts, the nation watched closely, for it realized that another step in prison reform was about to be made.

Thomas Mott Osborne, long a student of modern jails, was particularly well fitted for the place. He himself had served a term in prison as an experiment. For about a month he lived the life of a convict, worked with them, ate with them and slept in a cell simply in order to gain an insight into the real conditions. And after several months' experiment he says:

"The prisoners are being treated like human beings. We have got rid of brutality because we realize that the prisoners are men, weak in spots perhaps, but we don't know what we would have done if we had been in their place.

"The prisoners' court, conducted by the prisoners themselves, does not send men to the dark cells, but suspends them from the League or Golden Rule Brotherhood for any disobedience. I



Photo by American Press Association.  
WARDEN THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE.

have found that the prisoners do not like to be disciplined by their fellow prisoners. They have a pride that makes them strive to avoid that. The punishment which from the league metes out is suspension from the league, shown by a black band on the prisoner's coat, which means that he is debarred from the entertainments provided under the auspices of the league.

"We have just smashed rules at Sing Sing—and I love to smash rules. The prisoners have done the rest. They have shown that they appreciate being treated with common sense, which means that they are being treated as human beings. They are allowed to do their work without constant surveillance that means slavery. They get every day an hour of recreation and complete freedom in the yard and are permitted to talk to one another without using the grunt language, a device resorted to by prisoners to speak to one another when the guards were near.

"Now, I want to show you that the men appreciate that sort of treatment." Mr. Osborne pulled two \$1 bills and a silver half dollar from his pocket. "You see that?" he asked. "Well, we had 140 members of the Brooklyn Civil club at the prison, and one prisoner was assigned to every two visitors to show them about the place. I told the visitors not to give the prisoners any money, as it is against the law. Well, here is \$2.50 which the visitors slipped to the guards and which was handed back to me by the prisoners themselves. At least twelve prisoners that I know of refused money that was offered to them. One prisoner said, 'Well, if you want to help us out, give it to the brotherhood.'

"We have taken the guards from their stationary positions in the work shops and have left the prisoners to work on their honor. The result has been that in the shoeshop, for instance, twice as many shoes were turned out by the same number of men last month as in the previous month. The same increase holds in the other shops. You see, when the officers were constantly on hand watching the men the prisoners were watching them, and they were keen enough to know ten minutes ahead of time just what those guards were going to do. They have the schoolboy love of bucking the teacher, and when you removed the guard you did away with the incentive for loafing."

### WIFE IS ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Mrs. Carlson of Colorado Will Look  
After Laws Relating to Women.

Denver.—Mrs. George A. Carlson, wife of the new governor of Colorado, has assumed her duties as "assistant governor," a position made for her by her husband. She will have charge of legislation pertaining to women and children. Her decision in such matters, the governor has announced, will result in his veto or signature.

Mrs. Carlson is well equipped for such work, as she was trained for teaching and besides has an intimate knowledge of law and political economics. She is at the statehouse each day and says that her husband appointed her his assistant because he thinks a woman's views are necessary on laws affecting women and children. In addition to handling this side of the government of the state, Mrs. Carlson holds conferences with women who are interested in constructive legislation. To reporters Mrs. Carlson said:

"I leave a large part of my boys' training to Mr. Carlson, and he leaves the training of the girls of the family to me. Following the same theory, he believes I am better fitted to look after the needs of the women and children of the state than he, a man.

"Don't you think that a woman who is competent to be the mother of four children is competent to have a hand in the affairs of a state? I do.

"I am glad that my husband wants my help, and I hope I shall be of real service to the women. Of course he and I shall consult together. We always have."

### CONVICTS WORK AT OWN JOBS

Wisconsin Town Only Requires Them  
to Report at Jail at Night.

Racine, Wis.—The city's manner of handling prisoners detained at the county jail is attracting widespread attention. The Commercial club is in receipt of communications from various large cities in the middle west seeking particulars as to the novel plan now in force here.

The scheme is for the sheriff to allow prisoners to continue their daily pursuits, only requiring them to report for the night at the lockup. If the prisoner has a family his earnings are turned over to his dependents, but if not he is given his earnings at the end of his term of service.

The sheriff has been instrumental in procuring positions for prisoners who had no employment. The method practically leaves the jail uninhabited by prisoners through the day.

## AVIATOR GILBERT IS CHAMPION OF FRANCE

Three Times He Has Defeated  
German Dirigibles.

Paris.—An official report of recent aerial fighting given out by the French war office relates the exploits of M. Gilbert, the famous aviator. Gilbert gained fame in 1911 by fighting an eagle in the air when taking part in the Paris-Madrid race, in which he finished second. He also has held the records for altitude and long distance flying. The account says:

"Pilot Gilbert, with Lieutenant de Fucel as observer, was returning from a reconnaissance near Chalons on Jan. 10 when they caught sight of a German machine flying toward Amiens. They gave chase without being noticed.

"Not far from Amiens they overtook the German machine and cut across its path. The French observer fired four shots from his rifle, two of which hit the German observer, Lieutenant Falkenstein (not Lieutenant von Falkenstein, son of the German chief of staff, as previously reported).

"The third bullet wounded the German pilot, Miller, in the neck, and the fourth pierced the radiator. The wounded pilot went to the ground immediately and was taken prisoner.

"This is the third time Sergeant Gilbert, who already has received the military medal, has brought down a hostile machine."

German aeroplanes are said to be distributing the following manifesto on the Russian lines:

"God has abandoned your standard. The bloody sacrifices you have made are useless. Hundreds of thousands of your best and most valiant troops have fallen on the battlefield.

"Now a new enemy more powerful and dangerous has declared war on your czar. Islam has declared a holy war against you and your allies. You have lost the game. Four hundred million men devoted to the law of Mohammed today reply to the call for a holy war.

"Friends, demand peace while there is yet time."

### WELSH PHEASANT BY MAIL.

Custom House Men Pass Bird Twelve  
Days on the Way.

St. Paul.—A pheasant killed in Wales was examined by custom house men at the St. Paul postoffice recently. The bird was wrapped up in a wicker sack and was in fair condition, although it had been on the way twelve days. The English game bird was addressed to a woman in Minneapolis, and the custom house men, after finding no duty was due, hastened it on its way. The parcel was mailed in Carnarvon, Wales.

### LONDON FULL OF WAR SPIRIT.

Soldiers and Recruits March Every-  
where or Drill in Parks.

London.—Two months ago a London newspaper described England as "a nation half awake" and contrasted the untroubled aspect of London life with the transformation that war had cast over Paris and Berlin. Since then England has become fully awake. This awakening has been more of an inner than a surface change, and only those who know England from within can realize how great the change has been.

The most remarkable feature of recent British excitement with which the country has passed from a condition of profound and thoughtless peace to a military status which pervades all the activities of life and seems almost to have brought upon the scene a harder and soberer nation. Sports, politics, "society"—the three absorbing interests of the population three months ago—have disappeared from the columns of newspapers, from the talk of the people, and have almost vanished from existence.

All that is left of the absorbing passion for sport is the football games, and a majority of the first class professional teams are drilling in the territorial and Kitchener army.

And it would be a brave man of military age who would be seen carrying his bundle of golf sticks on the street these days.

Streets and trains everywhere are filled with soldiers. Khaki is conspicuous in all the restaurants, the glided and the cheap, and military equipment and uniforms fill the shop windows. Recruits are drilling in all the parks, in public squares, on the lawn of the Temple, where barristers work and live, in all the little open spaces among the stately law courts and in the courtyard of the National academy, sacred to art and science. Small boys accoutred with paper caps, wooden guns and tin drums also are everywhere.

## EDUCATE ONLY THE FIT, SAYS DR. BUTLER

President of Columbia Urges  
Physical Examination.

New York.—If you would be a university student first prove that your muscles are good, your heart action right and your lungs sound.

This is the new idea advanced by President Nicholas Murray Butler of



Photo by American Press Association.  
NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER.

Columbia university in his annual report. It is more than a suggestion. President Butler presents the physical examination as an obligation in these words:

"The university is expending each year out of its endowment income immense sums to supplement the fees paid for tuition, in order to provide the best possible facilities for college and university instruction.

"The university owes it to the public and to itself to see to it that these colossal expenditures are made only upon and in the interest of those who are really fit physically, as well as mentally, to take advantage of the opportunities the university has to offer and to make appropriate return to the community in the form of personal and social service."

A certificate of good health is now required in Columbia college, but President Butler favors a more rigid physical examination. He likens it to "that insisted upon in the case of candidates for admission to the military and naval academies maintained by the government of the United States."

As is well understood, a relatively large proportion of the applicants for admission at Annapolis and West Point are refused as not physically fit.

Pumpkin Weighs 100 Pounds.  
Atchison, Kan.—S. J. Blythe, a farmer, living just across the river, brought to this city a 100 pound pumpkin that is now on exhibition at a local bank. The pumpkin is as large as a bushel basket.

## QUAKE VICTIMS DRIVEN INSANE

Soldiers Worked Day and Night  
to Rescue Those Alive.

### BRAVE CHILDREN ARE SAVED

Survivors Menaced by Madmen, Wan-  
dering Aimlessly Around the Ruins.  
Young Woman's Fiance Worked All  
Day to Rescue Her, but Was Gradually  
Driven Insane.

Rome.—Maniacs roaming aimlessly about, menacing the sane survivors; half wild dogs and bands of wolves prowling amid piles of bodies, men tearing frantically but in vain at heaps of wreckage from which came the faint and gradually weakening cries of their loved ones, women and children dying of starvation and exposure, scores of old and young perishing beneath great heaps of ruins from which the utmost efforts of the rescuers were unable to drag them in time—these were some of the terrible stories from the government officials in charge of the relief work in the area devastated by the recent earthquake.

One of the men made mad by the catastrophe killed an injured survivor who reproached him for looting a ruined wine shop. Scores of men and women, crazed by grief and hardship, wandered about the country, a danger to the living, for whose adequate protection even the thousands of soldiers on the scene were insufficient.

One of the most pitiful cases reported here is that of a young man, whose fiancée, buried in the ruins, called out to him to save her if he loved her. All day he had been digging desperately at the wreckage, aided by the soldiers, who were moved to tears by his grief. Despite their great efforts there was no hope of saving the girl, and her voice gradually became inaudible. The same young man had previously saved himself, his mother and his sisters from underneath the walls of his fallen home, but could not find his aged father.

Strangers were not allowed to approach the towns and villages in the stricken area, where the work of rescue went on without cessation. The task of digging out those alive in the ruins and of taking care of the injured survivors and feeding those who are unhurt was so great that attempts to bury the thousands of bodies were abandoned, and they were piled up in great heaps awaiting the moment when there were no more to save.

A royal commissioner assumed charge of the earthquake area and ordered the soldiers not to dig into the ruins unless they heard the moans or cries of victims. Officers were specifically detailed to find out the most likely spots for excavation. In Avezzano as a result of systematic exploration fifteen survivors were rescued. They were all thoroughly exhausted and badly injured, and several had to be operated upon, crushed arms and legs being amputated.

The ruins are now terribly silent. The burial of the dead was hastened for sanitary reasons.

Various reports from the soldiers show that scores of persons had the most marvelous escapes from death in the catastrophe. Under wrecked houses little children have been found alive, although nearly dead from exposure and cold, but absolutely unhurt by the crash of timber and masonry. The endurance of women and babies was remarkable, for many of them were in need only of food when saved after long ordeals, imprisoned in wreckage and with the dead bodies of their families buried in debris near them.

The inhabitants of Balsorano and Raccaviva fled in a panic because of the immense crevasses splitting lengthwise the crest of Mount Pizzodetta, 6,100 feet high, due to the earthquake.

The estimate of the number of dead remains in the neighborhood of 36,000. Fifty towns and villages have been destroyed. The following list of dead in damaged but not destroyed villages in the Sulmona district is now available: Scanno, 200; Villalago, 25; Ralano, 4; Popoli, 5; Pentina, 4; Barrea, 12.

The mortality in the country, where many farmhouses and buildings collapsed, has not been ascertained.

St. Avezzano three babies only slightly injured were taken from the ruins. Four other children, the eldest eleven, also were found. Although exhausted, they kept shouting until they were saved. They promised the soldiers who dug them out that their father would pay them, but he was found dead in the ruins near by. A girl who was saved uninjured from a neighboring building asked the soldiers whether it was dawn. She said she felt that she had slept a long time, but could not see the light. Eight rescues were the result of an entire day's work by 20,000 soldiers, which shows the enormity of the task which confronted the government.

At Isoladell'Isle the main church collapsed, but the statue of St. Restituta, the town's patron saint, was untouched and is intact, even to the finger on a hand which is raised in blessing.

Turks Surrender For Food.  
Petrograd.—The Russians engaged against the Turks frequently move their kitchens to the first line, and at the first smell of food the Turks throw down their arms and surrender.

### HE WAS GUNNER FOR VILLA.

Hoosier, Who Quit When United States  
Forces Came, Says Job Was Placed.

Kokomo, Ind.—George Hart, a Hoosier county youth, formerly of the United States army, veteran of the Philippines and who saw service in China, is home from Naco, Ariz. He has been operating a machine gun for the Villa forces across from Naco at \$25 a week and board. He decided when Uncle Sam's guns were trained on the Mexican trenches it was time to leave.

Wading the river, he was captured by American sentinels. General Bliss made arrangements for him to leave. Hart served under Villa in the battle of Torreón, but does not think the general as great a man as his troops, who idolize him. Hart says the Mexicans fight at long range, shoot awhile and rest, but refuse to come close together. Hart regards his service in the nature of a picnic.

### ENGINEERS LIVE 11 YEARS.

Vital Statistics Presented at Western  
Railroad Wage Hearing.

Chicago.—Dr. Henry J. Harris, a statistician of the Library of Congress at Washington, testified at the western railroad wage arbitration hearing that "the occupations conspicuous for their high death rates are, first, the miners and workers in stone and clay; second, the locomotive firemen; third, structural ironworkers; and, fourth, the locomotive engineers."

Where the normal expectancy of death is 100 the actual deaths among firemen is 190, the witness said, and among engineers 160.

Opposing counsel disputed the average life of engineers as engineers, but it was finally shown that it is between eleven and twelve years.

## JAPANESE TROOPS TO RE-ENFORCE ALLIES

France and England Will Wel-  
come Aid From Far East.

Paris.—The Japanese "foreign legion" now being raised voluntarily in Japan to re-enforce France on the firing line will be very welcome.

It is admitted that such a volunteer force of the "little yellow men" tendering their services, as Lafayette and his men did in the American Revolu-



THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

tionary war, will solve a knotty problem. Official participation by the regular Japanese army, under their regular officers and in every way on the same basis as the British, French and Belgians, might result in a serious complication. They might have to be paid, and Japan would be in a position to claim much of the credit for victory should her sons aid in finally crushing the German empire. But with the "foreign legion" coming at least one objection would be solved.

These men are reported to be picked veterans of the Russo-Japanese war. They are to be equipped as few Japanese troops ever have been. It is rumored here that at their head will come one of Japan's greatest military geniuses, a man whose name will mean much to the allies.

Not only will the "foreign legion" fight on French soil, but it is expected that the Japanese government will finally enter the war in the west as an active ally of Russia and England. There is said to be a growing sentiment in England to ask Japan to take over the protection of Egypt and India, thus releasing for active service against Germany the many British regiments now held idle in these two countries. Russia is said to have suggested that she would welcome an alliance which would permit the Japanese to take a position with the Russians on the firing line in East Prussia in Galicia. In Hungary and elsewhere along the miles of battle front extending across the continent of Europe.

No Honor Guard at Burials.  
Amsterdam.—The Kaiser has ordered that untrained German reservists no longer act as guards of honor at the burials of prisoners of war because they need all their time to complete military training.

### CUTTERS SAVE 476 LIVES.

Good Work of Revenue Service Told in  
the Annual Report.

Washington.—Revenue cutters of the United States saved 476 lives and gave assistance to 210 vessels, valued, with their cargoes, at more than \$9,000,000, during the last fiscal year, according to a report to congress by Commandant E. P. Bertholf. For every dollar expended by the service it aided in saving property worth \$3.72.

Commandant Bertholf urges congress to appropriate \$350,000 for a new cutter for the California coast, \$110,000 for an anchorage patrol boat for use in New York harbor and \$350,000 for a vessel for duty on the Panama canal. He renews his recommendation for the consolidation of the revenue cutter service and the life saving service into an organization to be known as the coast guard.

"There is a consensus of opinion," he says in this connection, "among all parties interested that this will add greatly to the efficiency of these humanitarian branches of the government."

The report points out that although there were no serious floods in the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys during the year the previous recommendation for three light draft cutters to be used there in flood times should not be overlooked by congress. The appointment of twenty-one cadets for the fiscal year 1916 is recommended instead of fourteen, as at present.

### LEAP RESTORES MAN'S MIND.

Insane Prisoner Jumps From Third  
Floor and Shock Cures Him.

Superior, Wis.—When John Anderson, a laborer, leaped from the third floor of a local hospital recently he was a lunatic.

When he got up, carefully brushed the snow from his clothes and sauntered back into the hospital unharmed he was sane.

Anderson was being detained in the hospital awaiting transportation to the State Hospital for the Insane. He worked his way out of a straitjacket before he made the leap.

The shock restored him to normal mental condition.

## NOTE IN SOCK'S TOE WON SOLDIER'S BRIDE

Atlanta Girl Gets Reply to Let-  
ter Sent to Firing Line.

New York.—Probably the prettiest Cupid that ever participated in a love affair stepped down the gangway of the steamship Orduna the other evening. Later this Cupid, who, strange to say, is a girl and is known in real life as Jane Gail, set out for the sun south on her mission of love, a mission that brings to light a pretty romance.

Many weeks ago Miss Ethel Chapman of 82 Peachtree street, Atlanta, Ga., knitted some socks for soldiers. In the toe of one of the socks she placed a note giving her name and address and the words "I'm homesick." A few weeks later a Tommy Atkins, a wit, Sergeant Wallace Munro of the Black Watch—while attempting to don a new pair of socks in the trenches—discovered the note. A short time later the sergeant fell with a bullet in his shoulder.

In the hospital some days later he unearthed the note and determined to write to the girl in Atlanta. He received a speedy reply, and in a short time Sergeant Munro and Ethel Chapman were not only in love, but engaged. It was at this point in the problem that Miss Gail of New York paid a visit to the hospital and met the wounded sergeant. He confessed his love for the Atlanta girl and asked Miss Gail to be his proxy in the affair. He entrusted her with an engagement ring and a message. Miss Gail gave her word and will take the ring and the message to Atlanta. At the conclusion of the war, if he is still alive, Sergeant Munro is coming to Atlanta to claim the sweetheart who had won him through the medium of a sock.

"It's the grandest romance I ever heard of," said Miss Gail. "I can hardly wait until I meet Miss Chapman and deliver my message and the ring. And I am not going to tell you what the message is, either."

### PERILOUS TRIP OVER ICE.

Ohio Motorists Make Exciting Winter  
Ride Across Lake Erie.

Sandusky, O.—Dr. J. B. Robinson and ex-Mayor T. B. Alexander, in an automobile owned by Mr. Alexander, and Emil Ruh, Captain L. E. Bickford and William Haas, in a machine owned by Mr. Ruh, narrowly escaped drowning several times while motorizing over the frozen surface of Lake Erie from the mainland near Port Clinton in Put-in-Bay, where they reside.

Several times the ice gave way under the machines, and but for the fact that they were driving fast all would have gone to the bottom, the men say.

Raising Funds in Russia.  
Petrograd.—The Russian minister of finance expects to raise \$7,000,000 by taxing nonfighters, those exempted for physical disability to be taxed if their incomes are over \$500 and others no matter what their incomes.

## SUNDAY TELLS OF MODERN WOMEN

Baseball Evangelist Condemns  
Styles of Today.

### HIS OPINION OF NEW YORK

Society Leaders Criticized, but Beautiful Tribute Is Paid the Old Fashioned Mother—His Peculiar and Sensational Tactics in Pulpit Have Moved Many to Join the Church.

Washington.—The Rev. Billy Sunday, baseball evangelist, who has recently conducted revival services in this city and in Philadelphia, is perhaps the best known and most sensational pulpit orator in the country today. His addresses, always filled with slang, appeal to many persons, and many have been moved to join the church after listening to his sermons. Sunday's tactics in the pulpit, too, are different. Frequently he removes



Photo by American Press Association.  
THE REV. BILLY SUNDAY.

his coat and collar during the discussion of some existing evil and jumps all over the platform, going so far as to mount the pulpit. In a most remarkable interview the other day the former professional baseball player discussed modern woman, modern man, modern customs and modern fashions, saying in part:

"Some of the grandest, noblest women the world ever saw are alive and at work today. They make you think that the rib he lost was the choicest little corner lot in Adam's whole body. They're way up front on the firing line against the devil, and they potshot him every time he shows his head. They've got God in their hearts, and it's mighty lucky for the rest of us that they have. I believe if the motherhood of this country were no better than the manhood God would dump the whole thing in hell.

"Even in New York, that's going to hell so fast you can't see it from the dust, there are good, fine Christian women that go down on their knees every night in the good homes they've made and pray God to get after their city before it's too late. He can do it, you know. He can get it dead to rights, rotting, corroding, corrupt, devil ridden town that it is. He can move it, and how he will move it!

"The mere society woman is the most useless being on earth. She has no occasion to use brains. All she thinks her body is for is to be a fashionable frame on which to hang fashionable garments and a digestive apparatus with which to gorge herself upon all the vices that a rich husband gives. Her daughter runs to dancing and embroidery and painting her face. If you kiss her you'd die of painter's colic.

"About women of the smart set who are merely that, little can be said in justification. They are silly, frivolous, extravagant. They have thrown to the winds all modesty, prudence, religion and the virtues that are so attractive in women and have allowed themselves to be flattered, cajoled and bamboozled by a lot of fluted jays with cracked characters. They turn their homes into third rate gambling dens and booze joints.

"The steel blue eyes opened widely, a wrathful spark glinted in each.

"The way in which a lot of women are permitted to dress today throws the spotlight squarely on our degeneracy," he exclaimed. "What with silk skirts and slit waists and transparencies and the rest, women act like they were trying to imitate the daughter of that old souse, Herod, who didn't wear clothes enough to make leggings for a humming bird. The dance craze is another thing I'd like to rip from hell to breakfast and back again. All dancing comes from the devil, and it's responsible for at least three-fourths of the immorality of women."

And then Billy Sunday's eyes softened as he turned them in the direction of the untiring, capable and affectionate woman who has worked with him for so many years.

"The true Christian woman who is her husband's companion and helpmate and her children's loving, conscientious mother, she's about the best," he said simply.

"The modern girl and woman need to get right with God," said the Rev. Billy Sunday soberly. "God is outside the lives of too many girls of today. Their attitude toward religion is that they should worry—and they should, too, in the way that they don't mean. Let them get wise to themselves—and get right with God."