

# Board Wants State Prisons On Wage Basis

## Survey Committee Would Make Sing Sing Receiving Station Where Offenders Would Be Classified

## Segregation Is Proposed

## Cost of Maintenance of Each Inmate Would Be Deducted From Earnings

Sing Sing Prison will be used only as a receiving station for offenders, where they will be classified after being subjected to mental and physical examinations, if recommendations made yesterday by Governor Smith by the Prison Survey Committee are carried out. Adolph Lewinsohn is chairman of the committee.

This plan was outlined in a statement issued by the committee to explain its proposal to make prisoners who are mentally and physically normal self-supporting. The committee was appointed by Governor Smith last year and has spent more than twelve months in the investigations on which its report is based.

### Actual Wages for Inmates

The report recommends that prisoners be paid actual wages, instead of the nominal rate of one cent and a half a day which prevails at present. From the wages will be deducted the cost of maintenance of the prisoners. The report says, in part:

"It is impossible to pay prisoners wages that will enable them to reimburse the state for their maintenance and at the same time permit them to care for their dependents unless the output of the present prison shops and factories is greatly increased. It is impossible to increase this output without offering to the prisoner incentive, both in the form of a wage and in time off for good industrial performance.

"Manufacturers employing free labor would hire three men of sub-normal or abnormal mentality to work beside two normally intelligent persons in his factory. This is being done in effect under our present prison system, which puts in one institution and often in the same shop the constitutional psychopath and the normal inmate.

### Segregation Proposed

"Until we learn to distinguish between these and to segregate them in separate institutions all hope of industrial progress in the prisons must be abandoned. It is useless to introduce new methods and new machinery unless the 40 per cent of normally intelligent and physically sound prisoners are grouped in specifically chosen institutions, and there be aided in working out their industrial and moral salvation unimpeded by those whose care is a separate study."

The report recommends that normal or nearly normal prisoners be assigned to the prison where they may receive the greatest benefit from work training, education and general prison activities. Those who have remedial diseases, the report says, should be retained in the receiving station (Sing Sing) pending recovery. The insane should be sent to Dannemora or

Mattewan hospitals, while mental defectives requiring institutional care should be sent to places equipped to care for mentally defective criminals. The report urges that prisoners with incurable physical diseases be kept at Sing Sing in order that the fully equipped hospital facilities may be used in their treatment and the other prisons relieved of the burden of their care.

# The Stage Door

Four openings, one this afternoon and three this evening, will start the week's theatrical bull rolling. They are Mme. Borgny Hammer in "Hedda Gabler" at the Little Theater this afternoon and "Jim Jam Jams" at the Cort, "Mecum" at the Century and "The Treasure" at the Garrick this evening.

"Enter Madame," after seven capacity weeks at the Garrick, moves today to the Fulton Theater. To conform to the policy of the Fulton the management has decided to change the mid-week matinee to Wednesday. The cast remains the same as on the opening night, featuring Gilda Varesi and Norman Trevor.

F. Ziegfeld jr. is in receipt of a cablegram from Mischa Elman in London in which the violinist says that he is sailing on the Olympic with the completed score of the opera which will be written for Mr. Ziegfeld and which will be produced in America in December. The opera is based on Richard Harding Davis's story "Soldiers of Fortune" and the adaptation was made by Augustus Thomas. Elman wrote the opera in Belgium.

Although Waggenhals & Kemper are already considering two other British producers for the production of "The Bat" in London, Gilbert Miller is negotiating with them for the English rights in the Mary Roberts Rinehart-Avery Hopwood mystery play now at the Morosco. He hopes to have completed arrangements before he sails for England next Saturday.

The Shuberts announced yesterday that they have placed Eddie Cantor under contract for several years. By the terms of this contract Mr. Cantor will be starred in all productions in which he appears. A new play is promised for him in January. Meanwhile, he is to continue in "Broadway Brevities" at the Winter Garden.

The Bohemians, Inc., announce the engagement of Cyrene Dahl, a young French sculptress, for the Greenwich Village Follies 1920 at the Shubert Theater. Miss Dahl has only recently arrived in this country from Paris and last June won a first prize in Paris for her sculpture.

Vera Paul has joined the cast of "The Night Boat" at the Liberty Theater.

Charles Dillingham announced yesterday that arrangements have been perfected whereby the Hippodrome is to participate on Wednesday in the tribute to the memory of Jenny Lind, "the Swedish Nightingale," the one hundredth anniversary of whose birth will be celebrated on that day. The spirit of Jenny Lind is to live again in Belle Story, the prima donna of "Good Times," who will appear at both performances at the big playhouse, singing her famous songs and dressed as the greatest soprano of all time was dressed when she first made her American debut seventy years ago at Castle Garden, now the Aquarium.

You Cannot Vote on Election Day if you are not Polls open to-day from 5 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.

# Offers House to Negroes To Spite His Neighbors

Dr. Julius Schlein, a physician whose neighbors vexed him by interfering with his plans to build a garage in the basement of his home at 382 Union Street, Brooklyn, has sought to retaliate by offering the house for sale or rent to negroes. His wife said yesterday that if they could find new tenants who were black inside as well as outside they would be the better pleased.

"The worse they are the better we'll like it," she said, adding that her husband would ask \$1,000 more a year if whites tried to rent the house.

The Union Street Property Owners' Association, which Dr. Schlein's neighbors organized to prevent the construction of the garage, appeared to be unopposed by the prospect of having negroes in the house and gave out the following statement:

"To the person imbued with proper human qualities the color of one's skin is a secondary consideration. There are persons in our midst whose habits and practices no colored person would think of imitating."

# Ruhr Plants Seek U. S. Coal At Seven Times Own Price

THE HAGUE, Oct. 3.—A dispatch to the Handelsblad from Düsseldorf says some of the big metal industries in the Ruhr district have been unable to get local coal, owing to the enforcement of the Allied rule for coal deliveries under the peace treaty. As a result, says the newspaper, these concerns are negotiating for the purchase of American coal, imported through Rotterdam at a cost seven times greater than that of the coal produced in the Ruhr region.

# Felix Diaz and Huerta Seek a Reconciliation

VERA CRUZ, Oct. 3 (By The Associated Press).—Negotiations looking toward a reconciliation between General Felix Diaz, nephew of former President Diaz of Mexico, and the De la Huerta administration are to be opened as a result of a conference last

Thursday between Diaz and General J. Guadalupe Sanchez, chief of operations in the State of Vera Cruz, at the former's hacienda near Martinez de la Torre.

The conference followed a somewhat difficult march by General Sanchez and his bodyguard to the residence of Diaz. After the conference a message was addressed by Diaz to General Alvaro Obregon, the President-elect, stating that he believed a union between the elements which had overthrown the Carranza government was possible and specifying certain terms which would have to be incorporated in an agreement.

# Boston Port Strike Ends

BOSTON, Oct. 3.—The strike of the longshoremen, which was directed at transatlantic shipping from this port for several weeks, was officially declared ended to-day. The men will return to work to-morrow prepared to handle cargoes on all ships, union officials announced. The wage agreement reached in New York last week was approved at a meeting of the men.

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## The Aftermath

The Past

THE American boys were trained to the minute to do their job in France. They made good. The price was paid. The Armistice was signed. Then came the reaction—physical and mental.

### The Public

The public must be educated to understand that the overseas men who have not been gassed or injured may be normal, but many of those who were gassed, injured or were in hospitals are not normal. Many of the boys who were discharged as physically well, because they wanted to get out of the service, and thought they were well, now find it was a mistake and they need medical attention and financial help.

### Two Roads

When the soldier leaves the Government hospital, still needing medical treatment, or is temporarily or permanently unable to work, he should be directed to the office of the War Risk Bureau, at 23 West 43rd Street. Here his physical condition will be attended to and his claim for compensation will be acted upon. Any time after being discharged, if he finds himself in need of medical attention, he should apply to the War Risk Bureau the same as if just discharged.

### The Other Road

The Government believes in the rehabilitation of the ex-service man. Congress appropriated \$90,000,000 for this purpose, for the year 1920-'21, and has placed on the Federal Board for Vocational Training the responsibility of carrying out the plan. Any honorably discharged ex-service man, who is found by the Board to be vocationally handicapped as a result of a disability traceable to service, may, if training is feasible, receive such training, at the expense of the Government, as will overcome his handicap and restore him to employability; and during the training period he will receive at least \$100.00 per month in Metropolitan New York, for his living expenses, with additional allowances for dependents up to a maximum of \$170 per month. The office is at 23 West 43rd Street.

### The Public

should also understand that when the boy is restless, impatient, discouraged and unable to concentrate and hold his job, it may not be his fault, but a result of what he has gone through. Give him time and he will make good here as he did over there. He does not want charity nor sympathy, just a square deal.

### The Business Men

of this city should and will meet these boys to help them solve their problems and act as vocational advisers. This contact between the business men and the sick, injured or disabled ex-service men will be of mutual advantage. These post-war problems are being backed by business and professional men, representing every line of business endeavor. What can you do?

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