

PRISONERS WEAR SOLDIER'S BLUE

RETIREE OFFICER SAYS UNIFORM OF ARMY IS PROSTITUTED.

Asserts Desperate Convicts Dragging Ball and Chain and Wearing Regulation Suits Create Erroneous Impression of All Men in the Banks in Minds of Visitors at Fort Snelling.

The problem of caring for general prisoners or convicts, is a serious one at Fort Snelling. Over sixty prisoners are confined there. Visitors frequently see men in the uniform of soldiers at work under guard, and some of the prisoners carry ball and chain. This dismal sight has caused strangers to frequently exclaim that the treatment of the men by their officers must be very severe, and to make other erroneous remarks from their ignorance of things military.

As a matter of fact, these men are not soldiers, but convicts, sentenced to terms of imprisonment after conviction of crimes, equal in military ethics to the felonies of criminal law. Chief among these, of course, is the crime of desertion, which is a most serious one in military law, exposing the offender to imprisonment for long terms of years, but usually only to a term about equal to an enlistment; but there are some serving sentence for other serious crimes, actual felons, by a standard of law, and among them are some very desperate characters.

These men are in a status exactly like that of a convict at a penitentiary, the only difference being that they come from the army instead of civil life. Among so many men as there are in the military service there are bound to be some criminals from time to time; and it is to the credit of the army, not its discredit, that these criminals are caught and punished.

Provides No Prison.

The United States government does not provide any prison for these criminals, who are therefore confined at various military posts designated for that purpose. Fort Snelling is one of these posts; in consequence of which the guards there continually perform the same duty as the regular guards of a federal penitentiary, without any special notice being taken of this trying duty. These prisoners are used for whatever labor there is to do about the fort, hence they are sometimes in evidence to visitors.

The government provides a very suitable uniform for convicts from civil life. There are two classes of that uniform, one of a neutral gray, the other of stripes, which indicate desperate characters. But it does not provide any such uniform for these military convicts; in consequence of which there is no mark by which a visitor can distinguish them from honorable soldiers, as the authorities are compelled to issue soldier's uniform to them in order to prevent suffering and relieve destitution.

"Uniform Is Prostituted."

"This practice, brought about by economy, is without doubt a great detriment to the military service," asserts a retired army officer, "since it gives visitors a poor idea of the discipline of the soldiers to see so many men in confinement, and some in chains, wearing the uniform."

"If the government expects soldiers to respect their uniform, as a badge of an honorable calling, and to take pride in it," continues the officer, "the government should not prostitute that uniform by giving it to convicts serving sentence for crime. It is enough to make any soldier ashamed of his uniform to see it used in that way. Nor ought such characters to be confined at post guardhouses, where they come continually in contact with soldiers on guard and other military personnel."

"Such contact cannot in any way be beneficial to the soldiers, and cannot tend to reform the convicts. They should be segregated from the military and placed in a reformatory nature. But, above all things, they should not be clothed in military uniform, allowed almost free association with young soldiers, and placed in contact with the thousands of visitors from all over the country who frequent such army posts as Fort Snelling."

CANADIAN NORTHWEST

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Something like 70,000,000 acres remain in the possession of the Canadian Pacific road, and it is proposed to put this property on the market; possibly to dispose of it in block. The effect of opening this immense territory will be not unlike that of unsealing our Indian reservations, save that there will be no rush of "sooners" to acquire the best places. The initial settlements are already made, and the population of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia will proceed steadily, unseasonably and will be delayed only by the speculators who have done so much to keep back lands about Winnipeg from public use.

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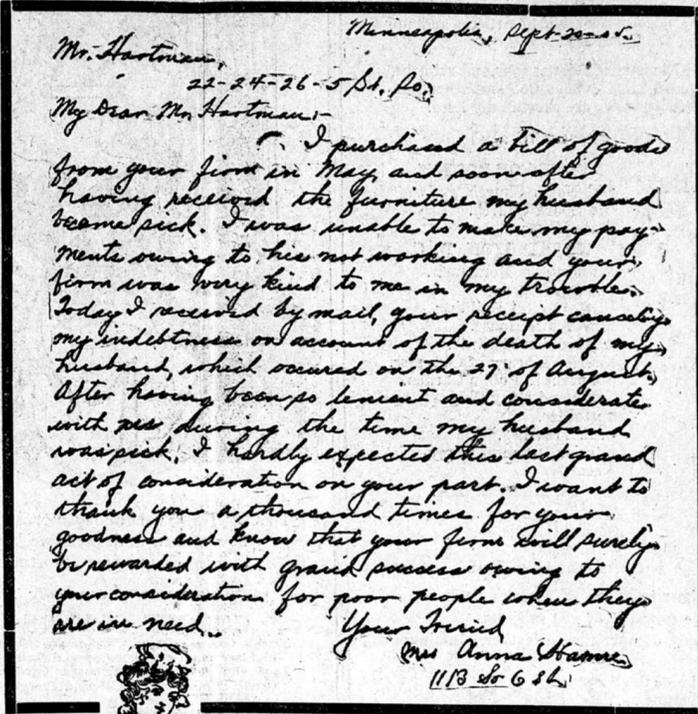
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