

STORIES OF BRUTALITY TOWARD STATE GRANGE BELIEVE IN FREE ENLISTED MEN

SENATORS PROBING ALLEGED ILLEGAL HANGINGS IN FRANCE GET NEW LINE OF EVIDENCE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—Testimony relating to alleged brutality toward enlisted men in home and foreign prison camps was presented today in the Senate Committee investigating charges that American soldiers had been hanged without trial in France.

There was no evidence bearing on the charge of illegal hangings. Five of the 10 witnesses expected to testify concerning this phase of the inquiry were summoned, but they did not appear, a report by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate showing that four of them could not be located.

Harry K. Walmer, of New York city, told the committee today that while in the air service in France he was transferred to another station, the name of which he did not remember, and in passing through Paris was picked up and put in prison as "a lost and found person."

"Where you ever told you were under arrest, or what for?" Chairman Brandegee asked.

"No, sir."

"Were you given food?"

"I don't recollect."

"Did they give you water at the prison?"

"No; but we got some on the q. l."

Walmer related many alleged grievances, saying after he left Paris he was stopped at a village and put to sleep in a horse stall. Eager to get away, he said, he ate two bars of soap, which made him ill, and he was tagged as an influenza patient and sent to a hospital.

Walmer declared he was robbed of \$60 in francs, and his mother's picture, found with his money, was torn up and thrown in his face.

While his testimony had no bearings on illegal executions, which the committee had set out to investigate, Walmer was permitted to relate his grievances in detail.

Answering Senator Watson, Walmer insisted he had done nothing to warrant his arrest in Paris and that he had been given no opportunity to speak in his own defense.

"Why did they tear up your mother's picture?" Senator Watson asked.

"Just to aggravate me. They said I didn't need it."

Walmer declared he had a certificate of meritorious conduct from General Pershing.

"Have you any grievance against the arm?"

"Absolutely no. Only I don't want things like this to happen again."

Walmer wept as he told how the military police had robbed his baggage, stealing the little things his mother had knitted for him, and a Bible given him by his grandmother.

Champ E. Martin, of Seneca, S. C., standing 6 feet 7 1/2 inches in his socks, told of the shooting of Frank Ahenok, a prisoner, by a sentry in France. The man was shot as he started to turn over an order to shoot the prisoner if he moved was given, the witness said, by Sergeant William L. Horn, who was never tried.

"I saw and heard Horn tell the sentry if the prisoner moved to shoot him," said Martin. "I do not know if he meant moving a muscle or attempting to escape. A moment later I saw the man dead."

When Bruce Bennear, of Elk Garden, W. Va., took the stand, Senator Overman, Democrat, North Carolina, asked his business.

"I am a bum," Bennear said, but the Senator did not understand.

"I said I was a bum," the witness repeated. "That means I am out of employment—have no job."

His situation was not from choice, he explained.

A telegram to the committee signed by Bennear stated he had seen three men killed in France, but he disavowed this message today.

"That was wrong," the witness declared. "I said I had heard of three killings, but the telegraph operator made the change in cutting down the telegram to save some money."

"Well, you sent two telegrams to Senator Watson, saying you saw men killed," said Senator Shields, Democrat, Tennessee.

"I did not write it that way."

"On the strength of your telegrams," said Senator Shields, "we bring you here, and you say now you know nothing. That's all."

All he knew about alleged killings was "camp talk," Bennear declared.

"It was a shame the way men were treated at the guard house at Camp Merritt," said George C. Walters, of Danbury, N. Y., who enlisted at Pittsburgh. As he was proceeding to tell of brutalities, Senator Shields directed him to "get down to killings."

COURT ALLOWS FIRMS TO MANUFACTURE CIDER

GOT HIS NUMBER

New York, Jan. 26.—Federal Judge Learned Hand last night directed the Federal Prohibition Commissioner to issue permits to manufacture cider to the Duffy Mott Company and the Walter H. Hildick Apple Juice Company, both of this city.

The decision is regarded as of some importance because it means that the manufacture and sale of preserved sweet cider is not considered a violation of the Volstead act, even if the cider may later develop an alcoholic content of more than one-half of 1 per cent.

Secretary Mellon has made it possible to buy a \$25 third bond for \$29 but he does not advise where the \$29 may be procured.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

ALABAMA LADY WAS SICK FOR THREE YEARS, SUFFERING PAIN, NERVOUS AND DEPRESSED—READ HER OWN STORY OF RECOVERY.

Paint Rock, Ala.—Mrs. C. M. Stegall, of near here, recently related the following interesting account of her recovery: "I was in a weakened condition. I was sick three years in bed, suffering a great deal of pain, weak, nervous, depressed. I was so weak, I couldn't walk across the floor; just had to lay my little ones do the work. I was almost dead. I tried every thing I heard of, and a number of doctors. Still I didn't get any relief. I couldn't eat, and slept poorly. I believe if I hadn't heard of and taken Cardui I would have died. I bought six bottles, after a neighbor told me what it did for her."

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THE MEXICANS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THEY CAN KILL US OFF QUICKER BY SELLING US BOOZE THAN BY INSURRECTING ALL THE TIME.—Columbia Record.

JAIL INMATES HAD THEIR OWN PRIVATE POST OFFICE SYSTEM

West Chester, Pa., Jan. 13.—A most up-to-date system of communication between prisoners in the Chester county prison here and the outside world was discovered today by Warden Clower, of the institution, who had long suspected the plan, and as a result William Hill, 14, and Clifford Harmon, 15, negro youths will face a charge of assisting "Hen" Green, the "gold tooth" Welsh Mountain outlaw, in escaping from the prison yard on Monday, when he climbed the 15-foot stone wall and dropped to liberty on North New Street. It is believed every prisoner in the prison was aware of the plan, and many had been using it for months to good effect.

Hill was captured after he had given the usual signal to the prisoners at the windows above, three short whistles, twice repeated and was waiting for mail.

Hill said notes from "Hen" Green had been delivered to his wife, but were carried by Harmon, and in this manner she was able to arrange for the escape effected by her husband and afterwards met him at a rendezvous agreed upon between them.

HIGH ICICLES STOP TRAIN IN TUNNEL

TEMPERATURE THERE IN MYSTERY TO THOSE WHO MADE OBSERVATIONS.

Hugh icicles stopped a transcontinental train in a Cascade Mountain tunnel for several hours until the obstruction was cut away.

Water dripping from some mysterious source poured into the tunnel through the roof and was formed into icicles three feet in diameter, blocking the tracks.

The train moving at a small pace, was brought to a stop within a few feet of the blockade and delayed for some time while the ice columns were sawed off. During this operation the wheels of the engine froze to the rails and jets of steam had to be used to free them.

The temperature in this one tunnel has always been a mystery. The interior of most tunnels is usually warmer than the temperature at the portals, but in the single instance hoar frost sometimes forms on the steel rails several inches thick.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

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