

IN "LIBERTY JAIL."

Visit to E. V. Debs and His Fellow Prisoners.

HOW THE TIME GOES WITH THEM.

"Co-operative Colony" Organized and Each Day Devoted to a Regular Course of Exercise, Study and Debate on Sociological and Other Questions—American Railway Union President Adopts the Profession of Teacher—Daily Bill of Fare.

CHICAGO, July 2.—The "Co-operative Colony of Liberty Jail"—that is the name by which the seven United States prisoners now serving a six months' sentence in the McHenry county jail at Woodstock, Ill., wish to be remembered by the hordes of curious visitors who daily flock to the quiet little town in the hope of catching a glimpse of the famous labor leaders. A reporter was one of the aforesaid visitors and was directed to the rear of the building by a bystander of whom he asked where the jailer was to be found. Following the directions which were given him the reporter made his way to the rear of the building and found himself in a small inclosure fenced in by the court house and small outhouses and surrounded by a high iron fence. Lounging around in easy, picturesque attitudes were a half dozen men, reading, smoking or exercising with chest weights.

Profiting by Their Imprisonment. They did not notice the approach of the reporter, but upon being asked one of them directed him to the jailer's quarters by a wave of his hand and a few words and immediately turned to his paper. The jailer found and being informed of the visitor's mission, he displayed no hesitancy in talking of the life and habits of the prisoners in his charge. "You want to know something about Debs and his associates," said he; "well, there is a good deal about them that is interesting. They are a fine lot of men, and they have marked out for themselves a course of study and recreation which will result in much benefit to them. They study and read most of the time, and when not engaged with their books they exercise and recreate in the jail corridor and court house yard."

Introduced to the Captives. At the wish of the reporter the jailer introduced him to the prisoners who were in the yard. Those who were there were James Hogan, L. W. Rogers, Roy M. Goodwin, and Sylvester Kellher. All were willing to talk and spoke entertainingly of their life in the jail, and practically reiterated what the jailer had said about the employment of their time. Jail life, they said, was not the ideal life, but was not half as bad as imagined. Through the open window Eugene V. Debs could be seen seated in the jail corridor. He was reading a Chicago paper and had his chair tipped back while his feet rested on the other prisoners' except Burns, who is suffering from a severe cold. All the prisoners, except Burns, have grown beards. After a short talk with the group in the yard the reporter was permitted to see the sheriff, George Eckert, who allowed him to enter Debs' cell. Debs was willing and anxious to talk and led the way to the dining-room, which the sheriff had suggested as a good place for an interview. Arriving at the room the famous labor leader pointed to a chair having broad arm rests, and said: "There is a place for your copy paper, and you can write while I talk. I suppose you want to know something about my life, so make ready and I'll fire away."

Debs Growing a Beard. A beard, sandy in color and cut in the imperial style, covered his face which was fuller than when he left Chicago some weeks ago. He looked the picture of health, as did all the other prisoners except Burns, who is suffering from a severe cold. All the prisoners, except Burns, have grown beards. After a short talk with the group in the yard the reporter was permitted to see the sheriff, George Eckert, who allowed him to enter Debs' cell. Debs was willing and anxious to talk and led the way to the dining-room, which the sheriff had suggested as a good place for an interview. Arriving at the room the famous labor leader pointed to a chair having broad arm rests, and said: "There is a place for your copy paper, and you can write while I talk. I suppose you want to know something about my life, so make ready and I'll fire away."

HOW THEY SPEND THEIR TIME.

A System That Embraces Their Ideas of "Reorganized Society." He then proceeded to relate the history of his life, and in a few moments had told the most interesting occurrences. "Since coming here," said the American Railway Union president, "we have lived a studious life. Separated as we are from the world we are enabled to concentrate our every thought on our studies, and I have accomplished more in that direction in a few weeks than I could in a year out in the world. . . . I know you will want to know how we put in our time. Well, we have a perfect system, one of our own invention and which carries out our ideas of reorganized society. We have elected officers for our community, which we call the Co-operative Colony of Liberty Jail. Our officers consist of an inspector, a colonel and a professor. "Mr. Elliott is inspector, Mr. Hogan the colonel, Mr. Rogers the professor and I fill the office of plain teacher. At 6 o'clock each morning Inspector Elliott calls the colony and all are required to rise at the word. After washing we have an hour in which to exercise. Colonel Hogan drills us and we have become quite proficient in military maneuvers. We have but one gun, Mr. Eckert's army musket, but we drill by turns. Mr. Elliott has become a very good soldier. At 7:30 o'clock we breakfast, our table being set in the sheriff's dining room, and at this meal we usually have a steak or chops, fried potatoes, bread, butter and coffee. "After breakfast we go back to the corridor, which we call our study room, and read and study until 12:15. Our studies are in the line of economics, sociology and history. We have about 200 volumes of the best works on these subjects and we are keeping them well thumbed. I conduct a class each morning and my charges are apt pupils. At 12:15 we leave off work and take our midday exercise in the jail yard. We run, walk and use the dumb-bells and chest weights. At 1 we have our dinner, and at that meal we usually have a roast, vegetables, pastry or pudding and coffee. After dinner we read and study until 5 o'clock, after which Colonel Hogan takes out his squad and drills it. Supper comes at 6:30 and we have cold meat, milk and bread. "Our literary exercises begin at 8 o'clock

DEBT INCREASE FOR A YEAR.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows the debt on June 30, 1895, the end of the fiscal year, to have been \$1,096,914,123, exclusive of \$579,278,933 in certificates and treasury notes in circulation offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury, and exclusive also of \$41,157,750 in bonds of the last issue, which have not yet been delivered to the London purchasers. The corresponding debt of June 30, 1894, was \$1,016,807,816, showing an increase for the year, including bonds not yet delivered to London, of \$80,106,307. The cash in the treasury, however, has increased during the year from \$17,084,436 to \$105,223,153, a gain of \$88,138,717.

The true public debt, including bonds not yet delivered, less cash in the treasury, is therefore \$928,839,717, an increase for the year of \$83,597,837. The present debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, \$716,232,000; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,712,500; debt bearing no interest, \$276,888,199; total (exclusive of bonds not delivered), \$1,000,832,699. The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold, \$155,895,631; silver, \$512,338,750; paper, \$123,925,883; bonds, disbursing officers' balances, etc., \$16,932,123, making a total of \$811,068,387, against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$493,824,253.

LIFE IN KENTUCKY WILDS.

Series of Tragedies in Which Death Claims Two Men and a Woman.

HOPKINSVILLE, July 2.—News has just reached here of a terrible tragedy in Trigg county late Saturday evening. Frank Colston, a desperate character residing in that county, had a difficulty with and shot and severely wounded John Rhodes, a farmer of his neighborhood. Another farmer, named Hammond, who is present and who was a friend of Rhodes, attempted to assist Rhodes. Colston then shot and instantly killed Hammond before he could render any assistance to his wounded friend. For some reason Colston, after wounding Rhodes, did not shoot him again, probably thinking him dead. Colston did not attempt to escape, nor did any one attempt to arrest him, but he went on where he was going when the difficulty was begun. A few hours later Colston in company with a prostitute went to the house of another farmer. The farmer ordered the desperado and the woman to leave his place. They refused to do so and attacked the farmer, who secured a weapon and succeeded in killing both Colston and the woman.

THE DEFENDER IS ALIEN.

BRIESTOL, R. I., July 2.—At 2:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon, under the direction of Captain Nat Herreshoff, the tug Right-arm began pulling three big havers fastened to the Defender. For over a quarter of an hour the efforts of the tug were without perceptible effect and then suddenly, a few moments before 3 o'clock, the boat slipped off the ways and floated into deep water under the towing of whistles and the shouts of the spectators. A diver examined her hull later and found that it was not damaged in the least by her forty-eight hours of "stuck in the ways."

Funeral of Gen. Green Clay Smith.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The funeral of General Green Clay Smith occurred yesterday afternoon, the remains being interred at Arlington after brief services at the Metropolitan Baptist church. The ceremonies were of the simplest character in accordance with a request of General Smith. Delegations from the G. A. R. and Union Veterans' union were present, and the Washington Centennial lodge of Masons had charge of the funeral.

Sentenced To Be Hanged Again.

ATLANTA, July 2.—Willie Myers, aged 19, who lured Forest Crowley, a country merchant, to a lonely spot in the suburbs of this city one day last September and murdered him for his money, has been for the second time sentenced to be hanged, his second trial having resulted like the first, in a verdict of guilty. Aug. 2 is the date fixed for the execution.

Play of the Base Ball Experts.

CHICAGO, July 2.—Following are the scores made by League base ball clubs: At Cleveland—Pittsburg 4, Cleveland 9; at Washington—Baltimore 13, Washington 3; at Louisville—Cincinnati 11, Louisville 5; at Philadelphia—Boston 3, Philadelphia 6; at Brooklyn—New York 1, Brooklyn 7; at Chicago—St. Louis 5, Chicago 17.

Wanted Gibbons to Stay at Rome.

LONDON, July 2.—A special dispatch received here from Rome says that the pope has invited Cardinal Gibbons to reside in Rome and take part in the politics of the Vatican. It is added that Cardinal Gibbons refused the offer of his holiness.

"Fighting Charlie" a Candidate.

LONDON, July 2.—It is rumored that Lord Charles Bessford has become a candidate for parliament from the central division of Birmingham. Lord Charles Bessford has held seats in parliament on former occasions in the Conservative interest.

Good Hunting in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, July 2.—In a fight on Morris creek, the widest section of this county, Joe Cook shot and killed Joseph Morris and fatally wounded Morris' brother, the number of deer.

PLOTTING MURDER.

Latest from the Scene of the Winnebago Land Fight.

SETTLERS HOLD A SECRET MEETING.

And, so it is Alleged, Plan Another Infringement Similar to the Barrett Scott Case—Objectable Men To Be "Removed"—Project for Mob Law in Kentucky Over an Attempt to Collect an Old Debt—Wisconsin Fabricsmen Enraged.

SIoux CITY, Ia., July 2.—A special from Pender, Neb., to The Journal says there is fear of a repetition of the Barrett Scott tragedy there as a result of the Winnebago land trouble. A secret meeting of settlers, it is claimed, was held Sunday night at which a plot was entered into to "remove" two persons obnoxious to the settlers on account of their activity in the land trouble in favor of the Indians. The proceedings were absolutely secret, but enough leaked out to make the Pender people apprehensive. Captain Beck, presumed to be one of the objects of the alleged conspirators' vengeance, is in the city and was interviewed. He declared he discredited reports of any plots to do violence to himself or any one else, but even if such a conspiracy existed he was not worried and will carry out his intention of disposing of the illegal leases.

Another Spec at Not So Gory.

OMAHA, July 2.—A special to The Bee from Pender, Neb., says: Yesterday was the time the war department and Captain Beck, the Omaha and Winnebago Indian agent, had agreed upon to begin the eviction of 230 settlers whom Captain Beck claims are illegally occupying the Indian lands. The settlers were expecting trouble, but not prepared to resist the armed Indian police with arms. It developed that a large number of them had been over at the agency to make leases with Captain Beck for the land which they are farming this year.

Will Give Speculators a Warm Greeting.

They state, almost without exception, that Captain Beck informed them that their lands had been already leased to M. Knight, Ashford, or some other land speculator. As a result the renters have practically decided to stand together and make no leases with land speculators. They have organized to protect themselves and crops and will use all legal means to hold possession of the land they now occupy. The land speculators will surely meet a warm reception if they attempt to dispossess the tenants.

KENTUCKIANS READY FOR WAR.

Will Resist to the Death, of the Other Fellow, Collection of a Debt.

ASHLAND, July 2.—In Carter county there is intense excitement because of the appearance of strangers, who acknowledge their mission to be to collect the famous railroad tax that has been in dispute for forty years. This tax grows out of the land issue of \$75,000 to the Elizabethtown and Lexington and Big Sandy railroad, from Lexington to Chattanooga. For some time after securing the bonds, abandoned the project, selling the bonds at a liberal discount to David Sinton, a millionaire at Cincinnati.

Through a mistake of the county attorney in drawing up the contract the road occupied the liability for construction, and their refusal to meet their agreement gave rise to the contest that has ever since been successfully maintained. All who voted the bonds, save a single resident of Carter county, are dead, and 2,500 of the new generation have organized to resist the collection. Numerous attempts have failed and it is now regarded as worth a man's life to attempt the collection.

Two months ago a deputy collector, after making a levy upon the property, escaped being lynched by 500 people only by slipping off in the night. The men are determined that no collection shall be made and openly announce it. If Beck and his deputies resort to imperative measures there will be bloody scenes. All that holds the matter from a crisis now is a doubt of the sincerity of the collector and his allies.

Fishermen Swearing Vengeance.

ASHLAND, Wis., July 2.—Game Warden Woodley went to Chequamegon Point and captured seventeen barrels of white fish under one pound and arrested four fishermen. Woodley is causing a great stir among the fishermen and hunters. They are swearing vengeance. The seizure was made under the fish law passed by the last legislature.

Johnson Wins Over Sanger and Tyler.

TORONTO, July 2.—Five thousand people saw the triangular match race on the Toronto Ferry company's new board track between John S. Johnson, Walter Sanger and Harry Tyler. The match was for a purse of \$1,500, best two in three heats. In the first heat Johnson won by less than 8 inches over Sanger, with Tyler half a wheel further back; time, 1:59 1/2. Second heat, same; time, 2:01 1/2.

Representative Roman's Condition.

VANDALIA, Ill., July 2.—Along with the other complications which have arisen in Congressman Roman's condition is the reappearance of Bright's disease, which has troubled him at intervals throughout his illness. It is doubted very much if he can stand another attack, as he is much weaker than when this trouble first made its appearance.

Whisky Trust Granted Incorporation.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 2.—The secretary of state has granted a license for the incorporation of the old whisky trust under the name of the American Spirits Manufacturing company.

Condon's Step Progressive Enchere.

MEMPHIS, July 2.—Dr. John A. Brooks, pastor of the Linden street Christian church, has resigned his charge as a result of an unsuccessful crusade against progressive euchre.

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ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Hui Kin, a Chinese, was ordained a minister of the University Place Presbyterian church, New York.

"Colonel Bob" Strong, executioner of Guiteau, died in Washington in his 80th year.

Frederick Young, aged 12, took an involuntary ride upward a mile and a half in a balloon at Neshaury Falls, Pa. He hung by his feet most of the way, being entangled in 2 ropes.

The Stamford case decision will be carried to the court of last resort, if need be, the government's attorneys say.

Truman Stewart's Indiana scheme for colonizing 5,000 persons on 200,000 acres of land in Tennessee has failed utterly.

Last Sunday was the "dryest" Sunday the New York barrooms have ever known.

The World's Students' conference is in session at East Northfield, Mass.

Venezuelan rebels have taken Merida and shot the government commander, Colonel Garza.

Heirs of Louis Donoy have begun suit to obtain heart-of-town property in St. Louis, valued at several millions. This is claimed through French and Spanish grants and includes Shaw's gardens.

Wesley McVey, aged 23, drowned while bathing in Skunk river, near Hedrick, Ia.

Dr. Seaman, of Detroit, charged with the murder, by mispractices, of Emily Hall, an English girl, has been granted a new trial, the jury disagreeing.

Judge Goggin, of Chicago, adjourned court and discharged jurymen and witnesses because he did not believe the new indeterminate sentence law constitutional. Other Chicago judges and lawyers don't seem to agree with Goggin and say they are not making laws, but enforcing them.

Three unknown Huns were killed by the cars near Phillipsburg, N. J.

Two masked men held up Hudson & Peters' gambling house at Telluride, Col., took all the money in sight, and escaped on horses.

T. M. Hyde shot and killed a burglar, Charles Taylor, at Omaha.

Fifty-five millions of money is lying idle in the banks of the City of Mexico.

Gladstone has returned from London to Hawarden.

The board of health is advised of two additional cases of smallpox at Villa Ridge, Pulaski county, Ills.

L. W. Oids and his wife, of Galesville, Wis., were probably fatally injured in a runaway accident.

Lincoln Monument Transfer Postponed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 2.—Yesterday was the day when the transfer of the national Lincoln monument was to be made by the Monument association to the state, and arrangements had been made for a public meeting in Representatives' hall last night, at which the transfer should be made, but the ceremony was postponed to tonight of July 4.

Cases Against Strikers Dismissed.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—The cases against all the strikers, who were indicted by the federal grand jury last September for obstructing the United States mails and interfering with interstate commerce, have been dismissed in the United States district court.

"Rubbing It In" on the Socialists.

LONDON, July 2.—According to a dispatch received from Rome King Humbert of Italy has bestowed the title of prince upon Premier Crispi as a protest against the repeated attacks made upon him by socialists and others.

International Union Congress.

PARIS, July 2.—Mr. Randall was elected vice president for America at the session of the International Penitentiary congress, now sitting at the Sorbonne. General Brinkerhoff, of Mansfield, O., is among the vice presidents of sections.

Mrs. Lense in a Syrian Costume.

WICHITA, Kas., July 2.—Something of a sensation was caused in this city by Mrs. Mary Ellen Lense swinging into the main thoroughfare of the city riding a bicycle and elaborately dressed in Syrian costume, including large trousers buckled.

Organized to Build Street Railways.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 2.—The secretary of state has granted a license for the incorporation of the Chicago-Western Electric Street Railway company; capital stock, \$5,000,000. Its object is to erect and operate electric street railways in the counties of Cook, DeKalb, Lake, Kane and Will.

Site for a New Normal School.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 2.—The trustees have completed a tour of inspection of sites offered at Rockford, Oregon, Polo, Fulton City, and DeKalb for the location of the new northern Illinois Normal school. The board will meet July 15 in Chicago and decide on a site.

Retired Minister Killed by a Train.

BLISSFIELD, Mich., July 2.—Rev. H. N. Brown, a retired M. E. clergyman, prominent in Detroit and other Michigan cities for forty years, was struck and instantly killed by a locomotive while walking on the Lake Shore railroad track last evening.

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