

MAY USE CONVICTS TO MAKE WAR SUPPLIES

Georgia Senator Has Proposition to Equip Federal Prisons for Munitions Work.

Great Britain and Canada have already employed convict labor to manufacture war supplies. And now Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia proposes that the same thing be done in this country.

His idea is to equip federal prisons with necessary manufacturing machinery and utilize the prisoners to turn out the finished product. Other non-contract prisons may participate.

The introduction of the prison labor bill is the result of co-operation of the American Federation of Labor, the department of labor, the committee on prisons and prison labor. "It," so a statement says, "marks the taking of a new trench in the fight against the exploitation of the prisoner and free labor, in addition to freeing his labor for war work."

At its last session congress appropriated money for shops at Atlanta, Fort Leavenworth and McNeil island penitentiaries. This development was approved by the officers of the American Federation of Labor, which is now pressing the nation-wide extension of the state-use system. If this is done, the federal government can increase the nation's productivity, economize for insufficient labor power and benefit the prisoner and the free working man.

The bill authorizes the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy to employ military prisoners in the manufacture of war supplies and in the construction of military roads. Army prisoners are already used on road work within National army cantonments. The bill would make possible their use on roads leading to the cantonments.

In many instances the lack of good road connections with the railroads and main highways makes transportation of food and supplies a matter of considerable difficulty in bad weather.

SMALL, BUT A SCRAPPER

Major Bishop Has Been in 110 Air Battles.

Major W. A. Bishop is only twenty-three years old and five feet five inches tall.

He has been in 110 air battles in France, shot down 47 Hun airplanes, battled single-handed with four enemy airplanes simultaneously, wrecked three of them, and has been wounded only once.

For which accomplishments he now wears the Victoria cross, Distinguished Service order and the British Military cross. He was in action only five months.

Now he is at the United States Aviation school near Dayton, teaching aerial gunnery to American air cadets.

BRITISH SCULPTORS WORK

Aid in Manufacture of Splints for Wounded Soldiers.

Several prominent British sculptors are among the voluntary workers at a new war factory just opened in London to provide special splints and similar devices for injured soldiers.

The splints are made chiefly of waterproofed paper mache from plaster casts taken from the patients themselves and are light as air and perfectly fitting as compared with the old wood and leather splints.

In the surgical boot department voluntary women workers under the guidance of professional boot makers will turn out leather and metal reinforced boots for convalescents.

HAS SAVED FOURTEEN LIVES

Ohio Man Now Hopes He Can Take an Equal Number of Germans.

With a record of having saved 14 lives, Clifton Bickley of Sandusky, O., has enlisted and is stationed at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O. He hopes to get "over there" soon and try to pick off an equal number of Germans.

In the 1913 flood at Tiffin, O., Bickley lassoed a rowboat and used it to rescue ten old persons, caught in the torrent. A year ago he saw four boys break through the lee of Sandusky bay. He saved two and the other two drowned. Last autumn, at a pleasure resort near Cleveland, O., he saved a man and a girl whose boat had capsized.

BOY TRAVELS ALONE

Little Lad Made Long Trip to New York City.

Eleven-year-old Christy Stigmaler left Klamath Falls, Ore., the other day for New York city, where his father is awaiting him. The little fellow is making the trip all alone and carries a note with explanations regarding his identity and destination and requesting the aid of the train officials in getting him safely to his father. The boy came here two years ago with his mother to visit his grandfather, James Malone, postmaster of Langel Valley, and the mother died some time ago, so the boy has to make the return trip alone.

Read The Observer classified ads.

The Red Cross Drug Store The PRESCRIPTION STORE

IS SKATING BECOMING, LOOK



The young person with the excellent balance has on a sure-enough skating suit, made of heavy wool jersey in coffee blue. It boasts a row of delectable white bone buttons down the front and a broad belt of self material that ends in the back with a most festive knotted fringe.

The skating cap begins in a tight, little velvet turban of the same shade of blue as the suit, and then, lightly anchored by two wool buttons, dashes right off the side of the turban and winds round and round milady's throat

in warmth and beauty and brings up over her left shoulder in a distracting pompon of velvet and wool! The accessories are white-buckskin gloves and shoes with black stitching.

The demure young lady in the upper corner is a patriotic skater. Her sweater and cap are of dark blue—and you've guessed it—the angora wool collar and scarf ends are alternate red and white!

AUSTIN BROWNELL GLAD TO GET LETTERS

HOME NEWS IS APPRECIATED BY BOYS AT THE FRONT

France As a Whole Has Suffered a Lot—Farmers Do Not Have Efficient Machinery—Speed Is Not Considered—Lumber Is Scarce.

Somewhere in France December 23, 1917.

Dear Friend Pauline: I received your most welcome letter a few days ago. We boys sure appreciate letters from our friends more than you can possibly imagine. Your letter had so much good news in it that I really enjoyed it very, very much. In fact it told more La

Grande news than any I have received. So far I have not received the Christmas package from Phil with yours, but we expect mail tomorrow so hope I get it then. I thank you for your part in it. A person in the U. S. cannot realize how much we appreciate hearing and receiving things from our friends. I never thought it possible myself. This is Sunday morning. I intend to write at least three letters as I have to go to work for a while this afternoon. I will be glad to receive the La Grande paper you sent also.

Walter Pearson is in our regiment and occasionally he gives me clippings from the La Grande paper. He sure seems to be a fine fellow and I like him very much. So far I

have not been able to locate the La Grande Hospital boys. I try to at times for I sure would like to see them.

France is a very different country than ours. I wish I could describe it like I want to but that is impossible. However I can say a few things about it. France has suffered a lot. The part not touched directly by the war is quite pretty and interesting. The country as a whole is quite green and seems productive although they use very primitive methods in their labors. You still see the old oxen teams and very little efficient farm machinery. Old

chateaus and occasional castles are very interesting. They built everything here for permanency. Speed is not considered, in fact they are

very slow. Owing to the scarcity of lumber most everything in the line of building material is either cement or bricks, mostly cement. Some things the French are very proficient at but they seem slow for us. They are a very, very polite people and as a whole treat us quite well. Outside of grain, etc., the main farming industry seems to be grapes. The French think more of their wine than anything else. In fact bread and wine are their two main foods, if you wish to call them that.

I would like to tell you about our work for I am sure you would be interested but I cannot. As to war in general it is bad but you know as much about it as we do and know sooner than I can tell you. This will be the second Christmas that I have not been with father and mother. No one knows when the next will be so I can be with them, but I hope to see the war end before next winter, but it is hard to say. The sooner the better, but we must obtain victory first.

Pauline I want to thank you again for your kind letter. You cannot imagine how much I appreciated it. Best of wishes to you and to any of my friends whom you might see.

Your friend, AUSTIN BROWNELL.



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SOME TOM SAWYERS AND HUCK FINNS IN ENTERPRISE

ENTERPRISE, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special)—Three school boys played hooky from school last Tuesday and went on an exploring trip into the hill country northeast of this town. The boys did not let any one know they were going and caused their folks much uneasiness when they failed to return at night. Searching parties failed to find any trace of the boys and it was not until last night that the boys were found on their way back to town, having tired of their life of adventure and decided to return to school.

Somach Troubles.

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