

### WARDEN IN FAVOR OF HONOR SYSTEM

#### Plan of Trusting Convicts Is Said to Be Proved Success by Results.

### CHANCE FOR MEN URGED

#### Penitentiary Official Points Out That of 35 Placed Out as Trusties Only 37 Eloped, of Which Number 21 Were Recaptured.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Warden Murphy, of the State Penitentiary, today issued a statement in defense of the "honor system," declaring that if as much attention and publicity were given to the men who have "made good" under the system as the few who have gone wrong, the public would soon label the plan as a great success.

At present, he states, more than one-third of the convicts are working outside. Since he went into office he says that less than 10 per cent of the men placed out as trusties have escaped, and that more than half of the escapes have been returned.

He declares that the vaunted "honor system" at Michigan under Colonel Disque, made no better showing than has been made in the Oregon prison and he believes that a majority of the honor men have an honest desire to see the system work out successfully.

Michigan Results Compared. In his statement Warden Murphy says: "An article on the 'honor system' worked out in the Michigan State Penitentiary by Colonel Bruce C. Disque, while warden of that institution, which recently appeared in one of the newspapers, has come to my notice. It appears that Colonel Disque was able to use about one-third of the prisoners under his charge as honor men. This is indeed a large percentage, but no larger, I believe, than is to be found in a number of other similar institutions.

"Oregon can make as good a showing as Michigan in regard to honor men, notwithstanding the publicity that has been occasioned by a few 'honor men' violating their pledges. "Since November, 1916, at which time I became warden of the Oregon State Penitentiary, there have been 355 different men placed out as trusties. Of this number 21 have eloped, 21 of whom were returned. This leaves but 18 still at large. From this it will be seen that less than 10 per cent of the men placed out as trusties have escaped, and that more than half of those who were returned. At the present time our population is 312, and 117 of these, or more than 37 per cent, are working outside as trusties.

All Classes "Trusted." The 355 men placed out as trusties since November, 1916, include every class of men in the prison, from the best to the worst and, while the largest per cent of the men who violated their trusts were from what might be termed the worst class, still a surprisingly large number from this class made good on the honor plan. They were later paroled and are useful citizens today. I believe there is some good in every man if you can only reach it. Of course there is a certain per cent of prisoners so hardened that it is very difficult to do anything at all with them, and these are the ones that make it hard on the other inmates by trying to escape when trusted and by disobedience to the rules in general.

Outdoor Work Helps Men. "The Parole Board also recognizes the fact that before a man can make good on parole he has to be in the proper frame of mind when released.

### HAS THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF LIFE

#### Scott Finds Entire Relief With Tanlac After Suffering Ten Years.

"I actually gained ten pounds on two bottles of Tanlac and feel so fine that I am now able to work every day," said F. B. Scott, who lives at 648 East Oak street, Clatsop county. "For ten long years," he continued, "I suffered terribly from stomach trouble that got steadily worse all the time, in spite of all I could do. Everything I would eat fermented in my stomach and I would get up with gas that it interfered with my breathing, and then my heart would get to beating like a triphammer. Many a time I would have an awful pain to start in the pit of my stomach and work its way straight through to my back till I could hardly stand the misery I would have to suffer. I never dared to eat meats or fruits at all; I couldn't drink coffee, and I have seen the time when a glass of cold water would upset me. I fell off in weight and was so nervous that the slightest noise would wake me and I'd roll and toss the whole of the night, hardly able to sleep a wink. Then I would feel so bad in the morning that I could hardly crawl out of bed, and I had to get up and go to work for two whole months unable to do a thing. "I took all sorts of medicines, but got no better, and actually took as much as fifteen bottles of one kind, which only gave me a little temporary relief. When I read so much about Tanlac I decided to try it next, and after using half my first bottle I was never so surprised in my life as I was to find my appetite so much better and I was eating and enjoying most everything in sight. I never had the least bit of trouble with gas or sour stomach now. I sleep like a log all night and get up in the morning feeling fine. I am on the job now and am doing so fine in every way that I am bringing to all my friends about the way Tanlac has fixed me up." Tanlac is sold in Portland by the Owl Drug Co.—Adv.

### CODE LETTERS SEIZED

#### ALIENS IN AMERICA KEEP IN TOUCH WITH GERMANY.

### NEW YORK STATE OFFICIAL SAYS PITTSBURGH CONCERN COMMUNICATES WITH BERLIN OFFICE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Information is being transmitted to the enemy in apparently harmless letters of a social and personal character sent by German-owned concerns in this country to a letter box in Germany, according to a statement tonight by Alfred L. Becker, Deputy State Attorney-General.

While asserting that "at present it would not be consistent with the interests of justice to make public most of the communications under investigation" by his department, Mr. Becker cited one example of a style which he said was in vogue, discovered by comparison of scores of other letters.

The example made public is that of a letter from the Carnegie Trust Co. Company of Pittsburgh to Ornstein & Koppel, of Berlin, of which, according to Mr. Becker, the American company is a branch.

This communication takes the form of a purely personal letter from "Erich Bruceberg," and is addressed "care A. R. Bruce, Stockholm," most messages being sent through Scandinavian countries.

The Foreign Office is advised that the car company referred to as "Mr. Penaco" is "well situated" now, although on "physician's advice," said by Mr. Becker to mean a lawyer's instructions, letters are "not desirable."

Shipments of cars are referred to as "train rides every day" enjoyed by the "patient" and the regularity of such shipments, Mr. Becker stated, was implied by a display of pleasure over improvement in the "patient's" health.

Mr. Becker added that thousands of "cover" names and addresses are used in sending communications via Stockholm.

There was sorrow among employees of the Barnum & Bailey circus yesterday. The casualty list of the day previous contained the name of Sergeant Jerry Clayton, one of the most popular men who ever did "stunts" in the sawdust ring. And at last night's performance there gleamed on the circus service flag a bright gold star, showing that "Jerry" had made the great sacrifice.

He was killed in action on the western front and his golden star stands beside the set James Shea, one of the first employees to enlist after war was declared, who was killed in action four weeks ago.

The service flag of the Barnum & Bailey circus appear 322 blue stars, representing men in service of their country. Nine of these are stationed at Vancouver Barracks, and when they showed up at the barracks yesterday there was a family reunion with the men in khaki as the honor guests.

It is a boast of the Barnum & Bailey management that every employee is 100 per cent American, and the activities in behalf of the Red Cross, war savings stamp campaign and the liberty loans are set up in proof of the claim.

The Barnum & Bailey Red Cross auxiliary-at-large plans for breaking former records in the fourth liberty loan drive.

### SANTA CLAUS WILL COME DESPITE WAR

#### Campaign Against Christmas Buying and Giving Was Started Too Late.

### RECENT RULING MODIFIED

#### Change in Announced Policy Is Brought About Through Action of Members of Oregon State Council of Defense.

Through presentation of facts that evidently had been overlooked, Oregon State Council of Defense leaders have persuaded the Council of National Defense to modify the announced policy of curbing Christmas giving.

The big argument of William F. Woodward, chairman of the Council of Defense, on behalf of the organization and the dealers of the state, was that the campaign against the buying and giving of Christmas gifts had been started too late—after the manufactured goods had already been ordered or actually received by the merchants.

The logic of this contention won instant recognition at Washington, and notice of a modification in the announced policy has just come from Arthur H. Fleming, of the Council of National Defense.

Statement of the modified Christmas buying policy of the National defense body has been mailed from Washington, but has not yet reached here. The tenor of the statement is given in these sentences from one of Mr. Fleming's telegrams to the State Council of Defense.

Merchants Will Co-operate. "Council has adopted resolution qualifying Christmas giving and anti-Christmas buying policy. Representatives of merchants have agreed that no extra labor will be hired in connection with the Christmas trade, also that they will co-operate in promoting purchase of useful articles, except toys; also early buying further curbing of deliveries. We shall rely on state councils to see that merchants carry out their obligations and to push general publicity."

Portions of the message sent from the Oregon Council of Defense which started the Washington officials on new lines of thought are here quoted: "Recommendations discussed regarding Christmas giving should be modified to conform with existing conditions in our own and other states. Merchants have purchased in a large degree and have on their shelves Christmas merchandise and are depending upon its sale to meet necessary war demands of our Nation. Any discouragement of a time-honored custom evoking the spirit of sacrifice should not be wholly rejected at this time. A modification to harmonize the following resolution is earnestly requested: 'Resolved, that we discourage the giving of useless or extravagant Christmas presents, but encourage Christmas shopping and that all gifts by mail or express be so started to destination not later than December 5, and that due publicity be given to this action by our department of publicity and Education.'

Resolution Is Indorsed. "This resolution is indorsed by merchants of our own state as a measure of duty and patriotism at this time, and conforms with the action of State Councils of Defense generally in other states."

This message was supplemented subsequently by a longer and more detailed statement sent to Mr. Fleming by Mr. Woodward.

Speaking for the merchants who have purchased Christmas goods, Mr. Woodward said: "We see before these merchants a most serious situation. If loyal people, anxious to observe the rules and regulations of the council, follow your order, these merchants will, in many instances, face not only heavy loss, but ultimate bankruptcy. As a body they are loyal, unselfish, anxious to serve the country, and respond liberally to the Nation's needs. How are they going to comply if one of the principal sources of their income is suddenly taken away from them?"

"We do not believe it would be wise to suspend the order or regulation, but that it should be qualified, and we make this statement after consultation with our merchants."

Such were the contentions from Oregon which brought about the general order designed to make Christmas observance sane instead of practically eliminating the giving of gifts.

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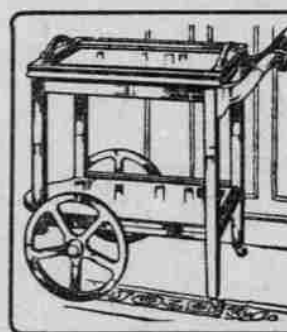
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THIRD AND YAMHILL

### BRITONS HOLD RALLY

#### Gompers Warmly Received at Labor Congress.

### WAR, PEACE AIMS DEFINED

#### English Toilers Declare for Continued Fighting Until Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs Have Been Overthrown.

### D. P. MASON WILL ACCEPT

#### Albany Democrat to Take Nomination for State Treasurer.

### MUCH LANE WHEAT SOLD

#### Farmers Rush Grain to Mill After Government Fixes Price.

### LIBRARY CONFERENCE OPENS

#### Seattle, Wash., Sept. 2.—The ninth annual conference of the Northwest Library Association opened here today with approximately 200 members in attendance. President John B. Kaiser, of Tacoma, presided.

### ALLEGED SEDITIONIST BOUND OVER

#### Pendleton, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Burton Hawks, formerly member of the Oregon Military Police, dismissed from the service for "the good of the service" and arrested later at Condon under the espionage act on a charge of uttering seditious statements, was bound over to the Federal grand jury after a hearing here and was taken to Portland.

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