

Officer Admits Conditions Were "Rotten," but Says He Merely **Obeyed Superiors' Orders.**

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE

Congressional Investigators to Go to France and Learn What Prisoners Forced to Endure.

New York, July 30 .--- (I. N. S.)---Lieutenant Frank M. (Hard Boiled) Smith, executive officer of the notorious A. E. F. prison camp near Paris, admitted Tuesday before the congressional investigating committee which opened hearings here, that conditions were rotten.

Smith is now serving an 18 months sentence at Governors island. Smith asserted that he was made "the goat" in the matter. "I was ordered to treat the prisoners

with severity and told to treat them as general prisoners," he told Chairman Johnson, who was himself a soldier in the A. E. F. "I was told that I would be held personally responsible if anyone escaped

CONDITIONS BAD

"I told the adjutant, whose name was Hanson, that someone would be Leavenworth before we got through. I realized that someone would be the goat. I simply carried out my orders. "I believe that if anyone is guilty of

wrongdoing, then everybody who had authority in the camps is guilty, too. I do not know why I was singled out to be prosecuted."

While Smith admitted that living conditions at farm No. 2 and at "The Bastile" were "rotten," he denied most of the stories widely circulated that men had been brutally beaten up and clubbed at the camps.

ficer was Colonel Grimstead, he testi-

come down?" Representative Johnson asked.

TREATMENT PERMITTED

"Did Colonel Grimstead or the inspector ever make any objection to the

about it. I was not getting the full army ration."

Smith said the prisoners received by him came through the military police of the Paris district. They were mostly A. W. O. L. cases.

bars. As I was going to supper 16 or 15 of them jumped on me and beat and kicked me until I was unconscious." Smith declared that Major General F. S. Strong, commanding the Fortieth (Western) division; Major J. Noble, per-sonnel adjutant, and Colonel C. E. Grim-stead of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth nfantry, all knew of the conditions at the camp and did not disapprove

water buckets through the

COMMITTEE TO GO TO FRANCE Representative Royal Johnson of South Dakota, chairman of the committee announced that the committee will go to France on August 7 to investigate the

Smith declared that conditions at "the Bastile" and St. Annes" near Paris were as bad as at farm No. 2. "Who was in charge of the district of Paris?" asked Congressman Bland, "Brigadier General W. W. Hartz."

"Did the conditions you speak of ontinue after the armistice?"

General Hartz was formerly military aide at the White House in Washington and had charge of President Wilson's reception in Paris. Who was responsible for these con-

> "The commanding general of the disrict of Paris."

COURT MARTIAL URGED Colonel T. Q. Donaldson, who inspected the prison camp which Smith commanded was also a witness. He said he had recommended Colonel Grimstead a courtmartial after his inspection. No attention was paid to this recom-mendation, he said, and Colonel Grimstead was honorably discharged after the prison camp had been discontinued Sergeant Clarence E. Ball, one of Smith's subordinates at the farm, told

the committee that he had beaten up so many prisoners that he had lost count of them. "I simply carried out orders," he said. "If I hadn't I would have been courtmartialed. We beat 'em up until they bled. If the inspectors didn't see what was going on they must have had bad eyesight."

CRUELTIES NOT FICTION

"I was absolutely astounded," said Colonel Donaldson in his testimony, "to find such conditions existing in American army." "Then," said Chairman Johnson, "there no doubt in your mind that cruelties existed ?"

"None," replied Colonel Donaldson.

Kiwanis Banquet in Secretary's Honor

Kiwanians will meet at the Benson



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charged.

Leniency Granted Mrs. Dunn Will Be Urged as Legal Precedent in Case of Harry New.

Los Angeles, July 29 .- The case of Gladys C. Dunn, who was sentenced to a year in the house of correction at Pittsfield, Mass., for the murder of her 3-year-old son, will be used as a legal precedent by attorneys defending Harry S. New,

Jr., confessed slayer of his sweetheart, Freda Lesser, it was learned today

As a result of the decision in the case of Mrs. Dunn, New's attorney will de-mand that a mansiaughter verdict be included with the blank verdict papers

given the jury in the New case. Mrs. Dunn was granted leniency be-cause it was held she was temporarily

Insane when she shot and killed her son. She was charged with manslaughter, it being agreed that she fired "in the heat of passion" and was therefore in an irresponsible condition New is charged in the grand jury in

dictment with murder in the first degree in that the slaying of Freda Lesse was deliberate, intentional and premedi-

While it is impossible to have the charge against New changed to that of manslaughter, the defense attorneys hope, by means of the precedent estab lished by the Dunn case, to be able to allow the jury in the New case an alter-native of finding the crime to have been

manslaughter. A manslaughter conviction means that the prisoner may be sentenced to from one to 10 years in

prison only. Marshfield Court

Grants Two Decrees

Marshfield, July 30,-Alex B. Wilson of Marshfield has been granted a divorce rom Gussie Wilson, who resides in Portand. The wife contested the case, ask-

Sightseeing Trips On New River Boat Are to Start Soon Sightseeing trips around Portland's outcome. arbor are being arranged by the owners of the Willamette Flyer and will defeat of any attempt of the radicals City Votes Share

not permit such a decree.

is now employed as a bridge carpen-

ing for alimony, but made no appear

rom service in the army and allege

that while he was at war his wife was

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. The Willamette Flyer is a new vessel placed on the

ago.

TNEW UNION PLAN IF REDS CONTROL **CENTRAL COUNCIL** in France several weeks ago, read his own name in the official casualty list under the heading of "killed in action" a few days ago. The explan-atory note said that he had previously been reported missing in ac-tion. Muscott was wounded in one of the battles with the Germans last summer and spent several months in hospitals, but has fully recovered and

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Along Sane Basis if Destruction Threatens Organization.

ter by the Southern Pacific railway SETBACK FEAR OF UNIONISTS

Cruelty and infidelity were d. Reaonus Cochran also was Council Composed of Few Agitators Wouldn't Receive Long granted a divorce. He recently returned the Support of Federation.

unfaithful. He asked that Mrs. Cochran be made to give up his name, bu the court explained that the law does Massing their forces for a fray of allots that is promised as a specacular feature of the regular meetng and election of the Central Labor ouncil on Thursday night, "radical" nd "conservative" elements in organized labor in Portland are gar-

nishing the hours before the meeting with hopeful predictions of its The prediction of the conservatives is for the unqualified

to gain control of labor administraikely be started next week with trips tion in the city. Arming for the clash, labor unions

several instances have increased their membership considerably, and the fact Portland-Oregon City run several weeks has been greeted with the announcement that delegations from such unions

will be required to pay fees on The vessel, which has accommodations per capita basis in the proportion of one delegate to each 100 members. for 200 people, is owned by John Gardner, ticket agent for the Southern Pa-

per for the vessel. It is a speedy vessel, the tax of three cents a month per the county commissioners. being able to make the trip to Oregon member will make some difference, it The new hospital will be City in 45 minutes. Mr. Gardner has is said. One of the weaknesses of Kelly Butte and will account

asked permission of the dock commission the Central Labor Council. its offor the use of the municipal dock at the ficers say, has been its inability to foot of Stark street for the sightseeing compel a union to pay a per capita The vessel now docks at the foot tax on its full membership. Strong ylor street, trips. of Taylor street,

ing one or two delegates and paying on two or three hundred members a per capita tax of three cents a mouth. Should the "Reds" win out this time it is considered certain by officers that a number of the older and saner union would withdraw entirely, perhaps to form a new delegate body.

A Central Labor council composed of a few of the "Reds" would not long re-ceive the support of the American Fed-eration of Labor, and in time a new del-egate body would be formed, the predic-tion is. The impracticable aims and, ir-rational leaders of the "Reds" would

soon rack it to pieces, in the opinion of the conservatives. The conservatives re-gard any such victory as the radicals are striving for as a setback to organized labor, but not a breaking up of the labor movement

conservative elements have aroused the unions that have made agreements with employers to be fully represented, and it is thought that a decisive majority can be secured out of total vote of 250 to 300 delegates.

A hint of the attitude of the alleged Red" wing of the council is contained in a resolution which will be presented at the election meeting Thursday night by R. V. Sefton, delegate from the ship-wrights' local to the metal trades and the Central Labor councils. The resolu-tion, said to have been indorsed by the shipwrights' and carpenters' locals and by the 17 locals of the Metal Trades coun-

cil, will ask that the council officially condemn C. M. Rynerson, editor of the Labor Press, for printing in that organ an editorial which is held to have precipitated most of the fuss between the two factions. The editorial, Sefton will declare, makes assertions which Ryner-son "or no other man can prove," for the purpose of influencing the council as a body for purely personal reasons.

Of Money for New Smallpox Hospital

Seventy-five hundred dollars to pay for construction of a joint smallpox

spirit. The new hospital will be erected at

Recently patented garters for men

"There is need of an industrial sur-vay of Fortland for example. I don't think such a work has been done yet and it would be a great help here." Miss Wold has just come from San Francisco, where she spent soveral months. She will go from here to New York, stopping at a few dities along the way, and arriving there about Sep-tember 1. ORGANIZATION IS ONE STEP IN ADVANCEMENT, SAYS WOMAN LEADER

Having Obtained a 'Group Sense' Women Will Obtain Big Results, Says Miss Wold.

Women, having achieved equal suf-frage, must now remain banded to per-fect and extend their industrial organisations to gain an equal footing with men, believes Miss Emma Wold, former Portland school teacher, who is visiting

"Women are coming to have a group ense," explained Miss Wold. nave seen the results to be obtained by working together, and they will now go on working together to place them selves on an equal footing with the men industrially. They worked to se-cure suffrage, and now men expect them to work to obtain industrial quality.

"The labor union is not the ultimate in industrial life. It is a stepping tone, however, and I believe we should advance one step at a time. Organization is at present the only thing that seems able to produce results. Through men are coming more and more t be paid the same wages as men for doing the same work. They have gained

this equality in many places already and it is only a mater of time till it will be universal. "It is interesting to see how well women are standing together now.

was in some of the California cities and t was wonderful to see the cooperation. College women and women in various ines of work took it on themselves to see that the girl strikers were fed. They made sandwiches and served hot cof fee and did numerous little things of hospital by the city and county, was | that sort that showed remarkable progreas in the development of a group

"One thing that seems to me particu-NICOLL The Tailor larly necessary with the entrance of women and chances for advancement. WB Jerrems' Sons (Women must learn trades and, this being comparatively new, must have some guidance as to what may be con-

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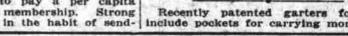
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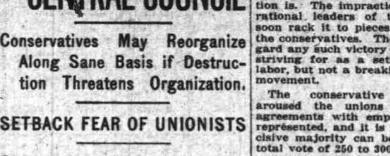
Just how far back this per capita voted this morning by the city cific, and J. K. Larsen, who also is skip- tax will be required is uncertain, but cil. The sum is to be matched by

said. One of the weaknesses of Kelly Butte and will accommodate 60 people. It is to be a wooden struc-



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