

U. S. REACHES ITS CAPACITY OF CONVICTS

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The federal and state penitentiaries of the United States are jammed with more prisoners than at any time in history.

A survey by the United News in a dozen of the largest and most representative penal institutions shows that practically all are overflowing with record numbers of inmates, that most of them are holding more than their planned capacity and that some are so congested that conditions are admitted to be "serious."

This unprecedented condition is ascribed partly to prohibition law violations—especially in the Leavenworth and Atlanta federal insti-

tutions—but in some quarters it is indicated that other "new laws" and the much discussed post-war wave of lawlessness are also responsible.

The government's penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., was built to accommodate 1400 inmates. It now holds 2,229.

Six hundred new arrivals are expected to dress in by July 1, and Warden W. L. Biddle has asked the government for immediate relief. The capacity of the prison dining room is 1,240 and three breakfast, three dinners and three suppers are being served daily to accommodate the overflow. There is no room to build any annex within the prison walls.

Twelve hundred of the prisoners were convicted for violating the Harrison anti-narcotic act, according to Warden Biddle and liquor law violators are in a minority.

Twenty new arrivals at the Atlanta prison brought the record number there to 3,015, which is 1100 more than the institution was built for and a single batch of 50 prisoners from Cincinnati will swell the ranks on Tuesday. Prisoners are sleeping in bathrooms. Unless nearly all of the 100 paroles now under consideration are granted, the situation will become critical.

At Sing Sing, New York's famous prison there are 1,449 men, as compared with 1,314 one year ago and 1,270 two years ago. A new wing was recently opened, so the congestion is not serious.

But in California, state prisoners are sleeping in cots in the corridors and also eating in relays. The number of inmates has mounted rapidly since the war, according to Warden Frank R. Johnson of San Quentin prison where the women's wards are caring for more than twice as many female criminals as rooms was provided for and where the number of male prisoners exceeds accommodation by 25 per cent. Similar conditions are reported from the state prison at Folsom.

The warden of Joliet penitentiary in Illinois says he has 2,215 prisoners and that the buildings would be crowded with 2,000. A new prison, not yet completed is being built to take care of the overflow.

According to the last public report there were 967 people in the crowded Colorado prison—the largest number in a decade. The Ohio penitentiary seems in better condition than most having only 50 more than its official capacity of 2,000. The Marysville state reformatory for women also has a few too many. "House and other new laws" are held responsible.

The Oklahoma penitentiary at McAlester became so crowded that newspaper exposure forced a legislative investigation and resulting in an appropriation to construct a new women's ward. Crowded and immoral conditions surrounding white and negro women prisoners caused a sensation.

MIDLAND

MIDLAND, April 27.—Proprietor Hammett of the Owl cafe and his chef Roscoe Largent came out to the Largent ranch near Midland and spent Thursday afternoon fishing and they caught some fine trout.

Midland is proud of her number in the Klamath county best contest. One-fourth of the 20 children are from Midland. The contestants are: Bernard Hooper, George Burnett, Archie Spence, Pauline Burnett and Opal Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Burnett and son Amos were Klamath Falls visitors Wednesday.

Frank Sexton was a visitor at the Midland school last week. He organized the following clubs: calf, potato, poultry and garden. Midland has five clubs this year. The

children are all doing fine in their club work.

Mrs. J. D. Hooper and son John and daughter Opal were Klamath Falls visitors Saturday night.

James and George Flowers were visitors at the home of George Burnett Friday night.

Mrs. E. A. Calmire and sons Eddie and Raymond were callers on Miller Island Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers and family, George Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wynant and children Helen, Esther and Junior.

Mrs. Largent and family and Mrs. Gregory and family were staying at Ady Sunday.

Midland's Busy Sewing club met at the school house Saturday. Miss Opal Hooper was hostess.

Mrs. Edgar Furber's mother from Langel valley was a visitor at her home on Miller Island for the last week.

Frank Flowers was a Klamath Falls visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin of the Summers district, was a business caller on Miller Island last week.

George Burnett was a visitor at the home of James Flowers Saturday night and Sunday.

John Hooper was a caller at the home of S. L. Burnett.

Miss Dalpha Spence was absent from school Friday on account of illness.

Mrs. Mathew DelFanti is slowly recovering from her attack of pneumonia a several months ago.

Alex. Shear and Mr. Bert Dawson were visitors at the Edgar Furber home Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Burnett spent Friday at the home of his sister-in-law Mrs. J. B. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Largent and daughter Helen May and Almond Gregory spent Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. S. L. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hooper and small daughter Virginia spent the week-end at the Hooper ranch. Mr. Hooper is putting the Jim Kern's land in grain this spring.

J. B. Burnett was a visitor at the home of his brother Sunday.

Miss Catherine Burnett returned home Friday evening on Miller Island.

Miss Naudens Gregory of Miller Island was a visitor at Klamath Falls Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burnett and daughter Anna were Klamath Falls visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Phelps spent the week-end in Klamath Falls.

Chin Lung, a merchant from San Francisco has arrived at Midland where he has a fine big ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Withrill were Miller Island visitors Sunday afternoon.

Tom Cumber was visiting on Miller Island Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wynant and family spent Sunday evening at the home of Hilbert Largent.

Miss Esther Archibson spent Sunday evening at Opal Hooper's.

WM. SLOUGH DIES SUDDENLY FROM HEART FAILURE

William Sewall Slough, 62, one of Klamath Falls' oldest residents and retired real estate man died suddenly of heart trouble at his home in Washington street, shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday. Funeral arrangements had not been announced up to early this morning.

Mr. Slough had been downtown just an hour before his death, and although he had complained of not feeling well, nothing serious was suspected. He died shortly after returning home.

Mr. Slough came to Klamath Falls in 1903, from the Puget Sound country, where he and his wife taught school. At one time he was principal of the Klamath county high school.

Since 1911 he had built the Slough building on Main street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and had been active in the real estate and insurance business.

Mr. Slough, since his arrival here, had been active in the Presbyterian church. At the time of his death he was an elder of the church.

He was born in Pataskola, O. He and his wife devoted the greater part of their lives to teaching both public and private schools. They taught in Kansas and also in Washington.

Funeral arrangements have been deferred until word is received from relatives.

SPORTSMAN AND NATURALIST MAY MAKE HIS HOME IN KLAMATH FALLS

Dr. D. R. McKay, sportsman and naturalist who has been in the Klamath country for the past week has become so enamored with the country that he has just about decided to make this his home. Mr. McKay came here from Curry county. Prior to that time he has done extensive game reserve work both for the United States and Canada. It was the Canadian government who gave him his title of doctor for his work in connection with wild bird and animal life.

Mr. McKay is making his entire life's work the study of photography of unusual species of wild birds and animals. He is a strong advocate of making Curry county a game reserve. On that subject he has this to say:

"It is not necessary for me, just a visitor in Oregon, to begin to tell you what you have in the line of game in Oregon, but I must say that the sportsman of Oregon is overlooking a very important point, and that is this. The sportsman of the present time must wake up from that old dream that has so often proved disastrous to the sportsmen, and also to the game. Let us wipe the mud from our eyes, and look into the future. Now is the appointed time to act, or otherwise the wild life of the future will be a thing of the past. Let us put on our real selves, get together, and do our bit in protection of what is left of the wild game within the state. A great danger is hovering over the several big game sections in Oregon; and it rests with us sportsmen to launch a concrete protection for future legal sports."

"I am not a resident of this state. I came to Oregon two years ago to look at the game and the



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The last Legislature passed a law requiring these for-hire busses and trucks to pay a moderate charge to reimburse the State and Counties in part only for the damage these heavy busses with the people.

The Motor Bus and Freight Truck Associations are circulating referendum petitions to hold up this law until November, 1926. If the people sign these referendum petitions, the private car highways without receiving substantial help or aid from these for-hire trucks and busses that are doing most of the damage.

When you are asked to sign one of these petitions remember that it is a commercial bus or truck company that is asking you to relieve them of paying for the great damage that they are doing to our roads.

Refuse to sign these petitions and advise your neighbors to do the same.

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