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HOLMESBURG JAIL SCORED BY JURIST Judge MacNellie Tells Church Audience Inspectors Are "Respectable Polywogs"

Judge Raymond MacNellie, speaking before the members of the Episcopalian Church last night, announced he would never sentence a prisoner to a long term in Holmesburg County Prison, fearing the man would become insane or die from the prison.

System is Arbitrary "Long ago I learned something about conditions at the prison," Judge MacNellie, who is Judge of Juvenile Court, said, "and eventually I came to the conclusion that the system in vogue today is actually worse than that used in daily life a hundred years ago."

Innocent, unoffensive people are appointed as members of the Board of Inspectors and are being utterly misled as to the actual state of affairs at the prison. They are respectable polywogs.

Judge MacNellie also suggested that county prisoners be permitted to work at standard wages.

Joseph Diamonds. When he entered Holmesburg in February, 1918, he served eighteen months and weighed 228 pounds. When he was taken from prison to Philadelphia Hospital in December, 1916, he weighed eighty-seven pounds.

When Diamonds was sent to jail he was nineteen years old. He says seventeen months of the eighteen he was in Holmesburg were one continued course of ill treatment and torture.

"They did their best to kill me," Diamonds said. "When I arrived in the prison they shaved my hair off and gave me a haircut in a cell in B. Block. The keeper who put me in solitary" pointed to the rules hanging on the stone wall and said, "read them, kid, and they'll show you why you don't have a way up here to make you behave."

"The next day I was examined by Dr. Keiser, the prison physician. He pronounced me sane and sane and sane and then they locked me in solitary. There I stayed three months, spitting blood. When I put down for the doctor, he said, 'You're dying. You're dying. You're dying.'"

Deprived of His Milk "I told Lloyd that I was giving up a pint and if I had given up any more it would have killed me. They took it away from me. Dr. Keiser noticed that I was getting weaker and when he asked if I was getting my milk and eggs, he said, 'No, you're not getting your milk and eggs. You're not getting your milk and eggs. You're not getting your milk and eggs.'"

Denounced as Outrage "Then I announced that I was going to get word to Superintendent Cooke and asked that he be sent to my cell. Instead I saw Dr. Morrison, who was substituting for Dr. Keiser. I told Dr. Morrison what had happened and he said it was an outrage to treat a man in my condition as I had been treated and ordered my removal at once to the open cells. There I remained until my death in December, 1915, when I was sent to the Philadelphia Hospital. Afterward I managed to go to a tubercular camp.

At Holmesburg most of the prisoners are kept in enforced idleness and solitary confinement. The men are given employment and diversion, and solitary confinement imposed as punishment is rare.

Nothing Is Concealed Calling one of the keepers to guide the reporter, McKenty instructed this man to show the visitor everything in the place.

Judges Knew of Prison Brutality Continued from Page One man's health, or to any educational or charitable institution receiving aid from the Commonwealth.

He calls us his boys and we are glad to know it. He says every body likes him out here because he is good to us—because he believes that a man has gone wrong can come back. That is why we all root for him.

The next stop was in the tubercular department. They have about thirty patients in this place which are recently was somewhat similar to the open-air cells in the County Prison. Except in the "pen," the sick, and for that matter the well, can roam about as they want. Many of them have flower pots.

They also have a new solarium for the treatment of tuberculosis. This sun parlor, on the roof of Block B, is situated on the corner of the building and is about thirty feet in diameter.

Always Treated Kindly "How do you find it out here?" McKenty was asked. "I've been here more than five years and I have always been treated kindly," he said. "You know when I came here I could not speak any word or two of English. The warden made me go to the kitchen and work for a while. He said, 'But I guess you will be able to fix you up.'"

Then the warden took the visitor in hand and made him see just how he looked after the convicts in his charge. "Look down the end of each block, and you will see the screen. There is one down the women's block, too. That is where we show the men and women moving pictures. They look forward to this weekly event with much pleasure and we do not know if it is something the convicts want and it is something they should have."

All Get Chance to Work "The only complaint I have to make at all is that I am unable to provide work for all of those here. I have about 700 working at various jobs and about 300 who are not working. I am doing such things as work in the cells, making beds, and so on. We have one man who is an artist.

Sub-Committee Will Conduct Hearing on Confirmation as Justice Washington, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—Arguments opposing confirmation of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court probably will be heard tomorrow before the sub-committee on the Judiciary.

HURT STEALING A RIDE Boy Thrown From Tailboard of Truck and Badly Injured Joseph Henderson, fourteen years old, 1310 South Twenty-second street, was seriously injured when he fell off a truck on the tailboard with his hand catching the side.

WILL MARK OPENING OF LANCASTER AVE. Auto Parade and Fireworks Feature Program of Business Men's Association

An extensive program, including fireworks, an automobile parade and a banquet, will mark the formal opening of the extension of Lancaster avenue between Fifty-sixth and Sixty-third streets tonight.

Parade and Fireworks The formal exercises and the fireworks display will take place at Fifty-eighth street and Lancaster avenue upon the arrival at that point of the parade.

New Highway to West The opening of the new highway is one of the most important road improvements of the present Administration, and fills a need for which residents of the section have been clamoring since the late nineties.

ROBBERS THREATENS STENOGRAPHER WITH KNIFE An intruder threatened a stenographer with a paper knife and took \$8.08 from a desk of the Willard Candy and Chocolate Company, Jasper and Willard streets, this morning. Benjamin Nagel was arrested shortly afterward.

WELLESLEY FIRE THREATENS STONE HALL WELLESLEY, Mass., Dec. 6.—Fire that threatened to spread to Stone Hall, one of the largest buildings on the Wellesley campus, today swept through a cottage occupied by maids employed at the college.

SENATORS TO HEAR WORD AGAINST PIERCE BUTLER Arguments opposing confirmation of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court probably will be heard tomorrow before the sub-committee on the Judiciary.

FIFTEEN DOUGHERTYS CUT IRELAND'S QUOTA TO U. S. Family From Donegal to Settle on Pennsylvania Farm New York, Dec. 6.—The population of Old Erin was substantially reduced when the Dougherty family left Donegal and came to the United States. Four of the thirteen children came in advance. Katherine, twenty-six; Charles, twenty-five; Daniel, twenty-four; and Susan, twenty-three, and Anna, twenty-two, were the last to arrive.

UNKNOWN SOLDIER HONORED BY TIGER Clemenceau Lays Wreath on Grave of America's Heroic Dead

Washington, Dec. 6.—The dignity of the United States War College was shattered for a moment today when major generals, brigadiers, colonels and officers of lesser rank gave Georges Clemenceau three cheers and a "tiger."

Major General McLaughlin, commander of the college, acted as cheer leader, massing his rosters on the front steps of the college building as the Tiger of France emerged after delivering a thirty-minute address.

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WANTS U. S. TO OPERATE MUSCLE SHOALS PROJECT House Gets Bill for Government-Controlled Corporation Washington, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—A Government-controlled corporation to produce nitrate for war purposes and cheap fertilizer for farmers was proposed today as a solution of the Muscle Shoals question by Representative Dickenson, Ind., a leader of the "farm bloc" who introduced a bill to put his plan into effect.

NEW SERUMS CREDITED WITH TWO UNIQUE CURES Diabetic Coma and Gangrene Are Treated Successfully New York, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—With the recording of what is believed to be the first case of diabetic coma to be successfully arrested in the annals of medicine in this city, medical authorities today expressed high praise for the treatment used—the insulin serum—recently developed by discovery of Drs. F. G. Bantlin and C. F. Best, two University of Toronto graduates.

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