

Fenton Pleads to Keep Convicts on State Road Work

Challenges Private Contractors—Says Camp Builds Health and Morale for Prisoners.

Lincoln, March 20.—(Special)—A plea for working convicts on the roads this summer was made public today by Warden W. T. Fenton.

The warden challenged the statement reported to have come from contractors anxious to gobble up all the state's road work to the effect that free labor contracts will be cheaper than convict labor contracts.

However, dollars and cents shouldn't be considered in the opinion of Warden Fenton. The convict road camp is a health and morale building establishment for the men which, in his opinion, will, in the restoration of manhood to the convicts, be an economic saving to the public worth much more than the dollars and cents involved for the time being.

Advocates Free Labor.

George E. Johnson, state engineer, announced last week that due to the drop in wages he believed contractors could build roads cheaper this summer with free labor than with convict labor.

The overhead in feeding prisoners and guards, borne by the state, added to the \$1.12 1-2 paid convicts for labor last summer, would, Johnson believes, amount to more than contracts made with men employing free labor.

"That certainly will be a blow to the morale of this institution," the warden said. "We are willing to do anything practicable to continue road building as it is a paying proposition for the state both from an economic and manbuilding standpoint."

"Convict gangs have worked on state roads two years now. The first year there were a few escapes but last year not a man escaped."

"Then under the present law a man who works on the roads gets an extra day on his time for everyday he is in the camp. That is in addition to the 75 cents per day he received for his labor. The state obtained 37 1-2 cents a day for the labor of each man."

Says Story Ill-Founded.

"The story that with our new shirt factory there will be no men available for the road camp this summer is ill-founded. Today, the penitentiary population is 575 and it will remain at about the same figure all summer."

"We need 100 men here to do chores around the institution, 250 will be employed in the shirt factory and 100 in the furniture factory. This leaves 100 men available for the road camp. Last year there were 55 men on road gangs."

"The department of public works must feed the men and we clothe them from the 37 1-2 cents a day which comes out of their wages. There were two guards at each of the three camps last summer who received \$100 a month. At the most I don't see how convict labor will cost more than \$2 a day. I don't believe there is any labor that could be obtained so cheaply."

The yelping about competition isn't necessary because of the relatively small amount of competition the convicts afford. I hope the contractors, for the small amount of profit they may receive by getting convict labor abolished, will retain sufficient of the milk of human kindness to help the state in rehabilitating these men, who need that 75 cents a day and need the fresh air and the extra time it gives them on their sentences."

Water-Logged Frisco Ship Is Abandoned Off Mexico

San Francisco, March 20.—Abandonment of the San Francisco-bound steam schooner Fairhaven, waterlogged off the southwestern coast of Mexico near Manzanillo, state of Colima, was described in a radio message received here by the marine department of the chamber of commerce. The message said the crew had been picked up by the steamer Katrina Luckenbach and landed at Manzanillo. The cause of the accident was not given.

The Fairhaven, owned by J. E. Davenport of San Francisco, was on its way north from Port Arenas, Costa Rica. It became waterlogged, according to the wireless, at latitude 19.40 north, longitude 105.50 west. The Fairhaven had a tonnage of 1087. It was built in 1908.

Arrest Boxer at Beatrice on Statutory Complaint

Beatrice, Neb., March 20.—(Special Telegram)—Johnny Fife, wrestler and boxer, was arrested near Diller on a statutory charge preferred by Rose Vyrick. Fife was arraigned before Judge Ellis and pleaded not guilty. His case was set for hearing April 5, and in default of \$750 bond he was remanded to the county jail.

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Joe Shanley.

Once saved by the distinguished service cross and croix de guerre he won in France from going to the penitentiary on charges of stealing an automobile belonging to Robert O'Dell, October 24, Joe Shanley, who police say confessed he stole the car to support his wife, a former Ziegfeld Follies actress, again faces the prison gates, this time on charges of violating his parole by leaving the state.

He was arrested in Indianapolis, according to Probation Officer Moses P. O'Brien, and is now held in Lincoln on a grand larceny charge. Shanley claims to have once jockeyed for William Vanderbilt.

All U. S. Troops Ordered to Leave Rhine by July 1

Washington, March 20.—Orders directing the return to the United States by July 1 of all American troops now on the Rhine were issued today by Secretary Weeks.

The order includes the return by the end of the fiscal year of the entire force of approximately 2,000 men excepted from the previous order of several weeks ago, under which the homeward movement of the majority of the American Rhine contingent is now in progress.

The action of the War department was merely a continuation of policy previously announced for withdrawing the American forces from the Rhine territory as early as possible. Mr. Weeks said. It was indicated that the status of army legislation in congress in no way influenced the department's decision and also that the controversy over payment by Germany for the maintenance of the Rhineland troops was not involved.

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"Female Fagin" in Chicago Faces Charge of Murder

Woman Accused by Boy Member of Alleged Criminal Gang of Forcing Youths to Be Criminals.

Chicago, March 20.—Through the arrest of two boys and the mother of one of them, the police today believed they had broken up the most unusual and unscrupulous group of criminals in the city. The boys, Charles Shader, 19, and Frank Lee, 16, were held with Shader's mother in connection with crimes ranging from larceny, criminal assault on a mute woman, to murder. Mrs. Shader was declared by the police to be a female Fagin, who directed the vice activities of the youths and forced them into a life of crime.

Shot to Death.
Some time ago Mr. Shader, the woman's husband, was found shot to death in his home, a large pistol by his side, a few days ago. Margaret Shader, 16, sister of Charles, was found shot to death with the same pistol by her side. Margaret's mother said the girl killed herself when she was refused permission to marry Lee, the boy arrested with Shader and his mother. Lee and the Shaders are white.

Lee, sitting in his cell today, told the police, they said, that Margaret had met her death through her re-

luctance to obey Mrs. Shader's orders that she join the others in their crime activities.

"She was a good girl—that was why she is dead," said Lee.

"She didn't kill herself. She was murdered. She didn't want to marry me, as they said. She just wanted to be good."

"Voo Doo" Woman.

Lee was quoted by the police as saying that Mrs. Shader made him and Charles become criminals. He told the police he thought she was a "voo doo woman" and that he was afraid to disobey.

She was going to put a spell over me if I didn't obey her," Lee said.

In the Shader home the police found more than \$25,000 worth of goods, which they said had been stolen. There was enough to stock a fair sized department store.

The two boys signed confessions, the police said, that they had committed more than 200 burglaries,

Policy Body of U. M. W. Called to Strike Meet

Washington, March 20.—The general policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America was called today to meet Friday in Cleveland to formulate a policy to be followed by the bituminous miners when work is suspended April 1. The call was issued by John L. Lewis, international president, and announced here today.

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Trapped Beavers, Pays \$1,000 Fine

Superior Man Given Drastic Penalty for Violating Game Laws.

Lincoln, March 20.—(Special)—The state's heaviest fine for breaking the game laws was imposed by District Judge E. D. Brown at Nelson last week on William A. Thorlton, a resident of Superior. Thornton was fined \$1,000 and costs for

catching five beavers in a trap.

Deputies in the office of George Koester, state fish and game warden, learned that the traps were laid to a man at Beloit, Kan. They went to Beloit and returned today with the hide.

Sam Long, proprietor of a hardware store at Superior, was fined \$25 and costs for trapping an oppossum, and Frank Reed, Superior poolhall proprietor, is out on \$500 bond on five counts charging him with breaking the migratory bird law.

Other fines assessed as a result of actions in Koester's office follow: Gifford A. Smith, West Point, \$15 and costs, fishing without a license; Leslie Mason, Fullerton, \$15 and costs, hunting without a license; Charles Wickman, Pierce, \$15 and costs, hunting without a license, \$15 and costs, killing three ducks; Herman VonDorho, Pierce, \$15 and costs, hunting without a license, \$15 and costs, hunting after dark, \$15 and costs, killing one duck.

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