

PRISONERS CRUELLY TREATED.

Prisoner at Leavenworth, Kan., Scolded and Beaten To-Day by the Warden—The "Alaskan" and "Water Cure" Forms of Punishment Described.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 8.—Allegations of graft and corruption and an affidavit of an ex-prisoner charging that convicts had been scolded and beaten to death were made today in the hearing in progress here.

Among affidavits presented today by Miss Barnard was one from Mrs. M. Terrill in which she testified that prisoners had been scolded to death and beaten to death while in the Kansas state prison.

On the subject of punishments Miss Barnard said: "I hereby dare the warden and deputy warden, who have testified that the punishments are not cruel or painful, to lie down here on the floor in the Alaskan position on their stomachs before this committee for nearly an hour."

An exemption of the Alaskan degree was permitted by the committee.

Miss Barnard brought in Dr. G. S. Ashby, an ex-convict. He was a healthy man and had a full set of teeth.

Joseph Ruppel told of the first administration of the water cure at which he had suffered. Two pitchers of water were poured into the mouth of Martha Moore.

"What was the effect?" he was asked. "None at all. She just kept on talking."

No Cruelty at Lansing. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 8.—A committee, appointed by Governor Kohn to investigate charges of cruelty toward the penitentiary convicts at Lansing, made public its report today.

The committee finds little substance in the charges made by Miss Kate Barnard of Oklahoma, and the report exonerates Warden Haskell. Another recommendation is that at least as much be spent for educational purposes as for tobacco.

THE SHOCKS CONTINUE. Light Earthquake Shocks Are Still Being Felt in Southern Italy—Orphan Boys Find Homes Easily But the Girls Are Abandoned—Children Buried Through Debris Like Mice.

Reggio, Jan. 8.—The sun shone again today in all its splendor, emphasizing the beauty of nature in the surrounding country—along the mountains covered with green, and the vineyards and lemon groves and a smiling shore where it reflected in the opalescent sea.

Proportionately with other towns, Reggio gave the highest percentage of orphan boys as a result of the earthquake. The boys were eagerly taken care of by relations, but the girls were mostly abandoned.

All the wounded have been removed from Reggio, and 5,000 refugees have departed from the town. One thousand bodies have been dug from the ruins of fallen buildings and buried in improvised cemeteries.

Among others who escaped uninjured when the shock came were the children who, after having been buried in the debris of their homes for seven days, got out unharmed, burrowing like mice.

A man and his wife also have been found uninjured beneath ruins where they had lain for eight days, subsisting on a bit of olive oil.

The safe of the bank of Italy containing 12,000,000 lire, has been found at Sibondi and three built after the earthquake in 1902 of hollow brick with a wire passing through them and uniting them in a vertical line which at the top another wire united the different lines horizontally, thus making the whole building a compact.

Fresh earthquakes also are being felt here, at Brindisi and Messina each night. They are probably the explosions, and buildings that were not totally destroyed in the big shock are being further damaged.

BOB EVANS IN NEW YORK. Former "Bulldog of the Navy" Describes His Cruise Around South America—Prates the Men Who "Boiled the Water and Perked the Potatoes."

New York, Jan. 8.—Rear Admiral Robert D. Evans, who gives a most welcome to New York to fight in the Navy League members of this city, whom he had come to address at Carnegie Hall.

Evans' lecture was one of the most interesting in American history. Rear Admiral Evans made his way on crutches to the front of the stage and stood for a moment under a wave of applause and cheering.

Tag Lost on Nicaraguan Coast. New Orleans, Jan. 8.—News was received here tonight that the steam tug Edna, owned by George D. Emory Company, went ashore on January 1st near Bluefields, Nicaragua, and that the crew was saved with difficulty.

A HORRIBLE HOLD-UP. About ten years ago his brother was held up in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless Consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb of Washington, N. C.

FOR DISTRICTS BETTERMENT.

President Wants the Physical, Social and Moral Condition of the District of Columbia Improved—The Leasing of Pawn Shops and Prohibiting the Sale of Tobacco and Intoxicants to Minors.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Sweeping restrictive legislation, including suppression of pawn shops, making drunkenness a misdemeanor and greater regulation of noxious trades, all measures designed to promote the general welfare of the people of the district of Columbia, is recommended in the report of the President's home commission, transmitted to Congress today by President Roosevelt.

While conceding the necessity, in order to improve the physical, social and money-lending concerns, the commission declares the system now in vogue is attended with gross abuses, absolute starvation and financial distress which require remedial action.

Prohibition of the sale of tobacco and intoxicants to persons under 21 years of age, greater restriction in the sale of property, including land, and the closing of saloons in residential and manufacturing districts, making drunkenness a misdemeanor, playing habitually, and drug habitues under legal restraint and the closing of play grounds and athletic fields to promote temperance, and hostility are strongly recommended.

TO FIX COTTON GRADES. Secretary Wilson Selects Experts to Establish the Nine Official Grades—Charlotte Among Cities Furnishing Copies of Their Standards.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Experts to establish nine official grades of cotton which Congress directed to be prepared, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson today announced the appointment of half a dozen business men to act as consultants to meet at Washington on February 1st.

The committee, still incomplete, follows: J. A. Allen, New Orleans; Joseph A. Allen, Atlanta; F. W. Crump, Memphis; J. H. Martin, Paris; T. S. George, New York; W. W. C. Lewis, New York; G. W. C. Lewis, New York; G. W. C. Lewis, New York.

Night-Riders Will Be Sentenced To Jail. Union City, Tenn., Jan. 8.—Today at Union City passed practically without incident the motion by the defense asking a new trial for the seven convicted yesterday for putting to death Capt. Quentin Rankin who was killed in the battle of Shiloh.

Smuggling Chinamen and Opium Into This Country. New Orleans, La., Jan. 8.—That smuggling of Chinamen into this country along the Gulf coast has been going on is the declaration of Immigration inspectors who yesterday caused the arrest of one of the suspected aliens in New Orleans.

Chinese Ambassador Revealed. Washington, Jan. 8.—That Ambassador Tang expects to leave Washington very soon is confirmed at the State department. The ambassador has addressed a note to Secretary Root asking for an audience with him in order to make his plans to visit the United States.

Two Children Killed by Explosion of Kerosene Can. Mobile, Ala., Jan. 8.—As a result of an explosion of a can of kerosene two children, aged 2 and 3 years, are dead from terrible burns received late yesterday at the home of their mother, Rosa King, of this town.

Three Negroes Killed in Explosion. Clifton Forge, Va., Jan. 8.—As the result of an explosion of a carload of powder at Liggett, a mining town, on the Craig valley branch of the Chesapeake and Potomac rivers yesterday, three negroes are dead and four others seriously injured, one probably fatally.

Aeromant's Body Picked Up at Sea. Hamburg, Jan. 8.—The body of Lieutenant Forstsch, the German aeronaut who lost his life at sea last October, was picked up in the North sea two days ago by the fishing steamer Orion.

North Carolina Indian Pardoned. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 8.—Noah Oxendine, a Croatan Indian, after serving 18 years of a life sentence in the State penitentiary for the murder of a fellow tribesman, James Jones, was today granted a full pardon by Governor Smith.

British Steamer Ashore on Crave Island. New Orleans, Jan. 8.—Advices received here late today state that the British steamer Kassala, bound for Glasgow, with a mixed cargo of 6,500 tons, has gone aground on Crave Island near the mouth of the Mississippi river. The vessel left New Orleans yesterday afternoon.

Alabama Oppose Reduction of Tariff on Coal and Iron. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 8.—The commercial club of Birmingham today passed resolutions protesting against the reduction of the present tariff rates on coal and iron.

Beware of Frequent Colds. A suspicion of frequent colds is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover.

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RICH AND POOR ALIKE

A Case Where a Difficult Matter to Make a Choice Between the Lot of Either—Where Classes Meet on the Same Footing.

We live to eat and eat to live, and strange as it may seem there is one round which both rich and poor meet, one trying to obtain an appetite, and the other trying to satisfy a healthy one, which is generally kept in a healthy state by the efforts that he makes to satisfy his appetite.

Unfortunately, indigestion is not confined to any one class. Stomach troubles, which both rich and poor suffer, are the most prevalent of all forms of disease, and one to which the efforts of medical science has been directed for years.

For the present at least this apparently disposed of the reported offer of \$100,000 made by a number of Massachusetts men for a fight between Johnson and Jeffries for the championship.

Jeffries Will Not Fight. Denver, Jan. 8.—The following telegram was received today by the sporting editor of The Denver Times from James Jeffries in response to a message asking the former champion under what conditions he would re-enter the ring to fight Jack Johnson for the championship.

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Had Already Learned the Ropes.

Durham Herald. State prohibition does not go so far with Durham, as we had already learned how to work the thing.

Comfort



SOUTHERN QUEEN GRATES SAVE FUEL. J. H. WEARN & CO. Charlotte, N. C. Write for Mantel Catalogue.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

In Equity at Greensboro, N. C. All vs. Southern Cotton Mills

By order of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, made at Greensboro, N. C., on the 27th day of January, 1909, the following order was made:

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SACO AND PETTEE MACHINE SHOPS COTTON MACHINERY

Advertisement for Saco and Pettee Machine Shops, listing various types of cotton machinery like pickers, revolving, flat cards, railway heads, and frames. Includes an illustration of a machine and the name A. H. Washburn, Southern Agent.

Southern Railway A PHYSICIAN'S ADVICE TAKEN Individuality

Advertisement for Southern Railway featuring a testimonial from a physician about a child's recovery from illness. Lists various train routes and schedules between major cities like Washington, Atlanta, and New Orleans.

Advertisement for Elizabeth College and Conservatory of Music, highlighting its high-grade education for women in music, art, and business. Located in Charlotte, N.C.

Advertisement for King's Business College, offering a combined course in business and English. Located in Raleigh, N.C.

Advertisement for Presbyterian College for Women, offering the second term of education in Charlotte, N.C. Special rates for those entering after Christmas.

Advertisement for Flowers, featuring Dilworth Floral Gardens. Promotes beautiful and blooming plants for Christmas and New Year.

Advertisement for Standard Ice & Fuel Co., offering standard coal and fuel. Includes contact information for phone 19 or 72.