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Will be Investigation of Treatment of Convicts in Pen and Prison Camps-About Dozen Scheduled to be Electrocuted-Governor to Hear Appeals of Attorneys and Relatives in Number.

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, May 2 .- With the exception of the municipal election for two of the three city commissioners of Raieigh next Monday, the matter exciting most interest here this week, and among many people all over the State, is the to write up the State occasions "investigation" into the various. cooked. But not every attendance and sundry charges of bad conditions and "inhuman" treatment of convicts by prison officials of blame for such excesses as Dudthe State Prison and prison camps. and especially of alleged "brutality," said to have long been practiced in the county convict camps by guards and others in many counties.

As to the latter charges, the general belief is that considerable of the complaints are true, for the killing of convicts sentenced for as low as thirty days for small crimes, including "vagrancy," when one makes an effort to escape, have become notorious f ets. The "flogging" of unruly and

desperate convicts is recognized as necessary in many cases, or else hings" disliked by Mr. Leak. the "management" might as well The welfare board will really inhand over the reins of control to vestigate. desperate negro criminals, and re-Machinery Ample And The Truth Detire from the field.

There should not necessarily be "inhumane treatment" of convicts in this connection, however, and since so many charges and insinuations of other bad conditions, and pratices have been given publicity, it is entirely proper that this investigation should be made -made in an impartial manner, however, and with the assumption aforethought that those in authority are premeditatively cruel to convicts, or that they even approve of some things that are sure ably satisfactory ... to be uncovered.

Rough-neck "guards," who experience no qualms of conscience in taking a human life and some other reprobates equally brutal and devoid of consideration or tolerance of the unfortunate (who are often to be found herded with the worst and most degenerate of department has been against the criminals, and treated on an equal county jail and convict systems, and frequently through its bulletin it plane with them) by the county convict camp guard and "over-seers," should be weeded out and has spoken of bad conditions existpunished for the infamies they

ing in them. Under the plan adopted for the have already committed. For, in some instances of recent years. they have shown themselves worse and find out exact conditions, and than the men sentenced to the

prison administration and the of its last two sessions would have State governing bodies. But they provided for the creation of a State told a story of great amusement. Board of Pardons. There were three of the de luxe For one, I am sorry it did not do prisoners down in Wilmington last so, and mainly for the reason that summer. The birds were on a this character of work devolving on pleasant mission, and while there our present Governor is literally two of them got gloriously drunk. wrecking his health, and may short-

hush publication of the story." scheduled, and at least three of the

The consciousness that such condemned men must be saved from his own party without disturbing things go on, and newspaper men the electric chair because of the con-the equality of the Democrats have heard it a long time, has fession of the principal in the crime, on this subject. That part of it made them substantially safe in who was executed last week. Apsaying that the prison manage-ment isn't cruel. Superintendent Pou is not a cruel man, no more so than newspaper men, who have to minimum construction of the prison ment is the resentment of pro-Leaguers in the Republican rank and file, it is thought here,

Capital Punishment when a human being is electrically Yet. I do not believe the time is ripe to abolish the punishment by is like George Pou. And the in-vestigation will help to place the death in at least the cases of malicious rape and murder in the first de-

ding seems to think he can prove. gree. The board of welfare will very likely have the acknowiedged chair does not stop murder. True Law does not entirely stop theft and prison authority of the country other crimes. But this writer rehere, though nobody has officially cently investigated the records of suggested such a thing. When Thomas Mott Osborne was here criminal conditions in States where the prison authorities did not death had been abolished and found bonor him as auditor. The head it true that a number had restored of the prison reform movement, capital punishment because of the increase of capital crimes, and that a very fine old preacher gentleman, was here, but the prison management did not greet him, jammed with the life-termers who, under the old system, were put out

indeed, the local paper quotes under the of Chairman James A. Leak of the of the way. Prison Board as minded "to fire There are There are too many devils and infamies in this old world to put away Georgie" if "George" ever showed any disposition to become a stu- the death penalty yet. But whether the chair or the gallows is preferable dent of crime or won reputation as a criminologist, "one of them is a question that has its partisans:

Short Course For Club Girls.

Raleigh, N. C., April 30.-Young in the club work conducted by they say, and that nobody pays The welfare department possesses the necessary machinery of the Home Demonstration workers attention to them any more. The College and State Detion and survey and the consum- partment of Agriculture will against the League is regarded as mation of the task that has been gather at Peace Institute in Ral- a humiliating indictment of the 31 undertaken is expected to prove eigh during the week of June 4th Republicans who signed a stateconditions in the State and coun-ty penal system. The department has made charges against county lence in their work during the making the United States a mempenal systems, and its last annual past year. Mrs. Jane S. McKim-ber of the League. It indicts them Mr. Pate recommends that the report deals at length with con-mon, chief of the home demon-for obtaining votes for himself following formulas be used on soils ditions it found in them. No com-plaint was made in the report of great event in the life of the little took two of them, Mr. Hughes and club girl is the chance to attend Mr. Hoover, into his cabinet. the State's prison or its camps, this state short course. The But it is 1 lain¹y evident that school will be held at Peace Insti-tute and only 200 girls can attend with President Harding f_r his inthis state short course. The however; and it was said the inspectors found conditions reasonthis year. By next year, however consistencies with respect to the Mrs. McKimmon plans to secure International Court, nor even to In the survey to be conducted, the camp or jails found in . unsatisaccommodations which will enable criticize them as long as he shows her division to care for very girl a willingness to stand by his

factory condition will be singled out, that should attend. She looks for expressed determination to urge and as a result it is expected steps an enrollment of about 400 next membership in the court. His will be taken by the state to see season. that they are put in acceptable shape. According to Mrs. McKimmon the plan of work outlined for the the position of his party with res-The chief complaint of the welfare

girls for this year, "includes in pect to the whole question of instruction in clothing and canning ternational co-operation. which they are expected to carry From the moment Republican home to their club-mates. They leaders decided late in 1918 to

will be taught how to cut and fit take the opposite side of every Under the plan adopted for the a simple dress from selecting the policy and principle, domestic pattern to basting and fitting the and international, for which the ord field out event conditions and one of their class-mates. Democratic administration stood, The grading, packing and steriliz- with the one object of securing ing of fruits and vegetables as control of the well as jelly making will be popu-lar projects for the well instructed party has been drifting from one lar projects for the well instructed party has been day position into like dried blood, cotton seed meal unsound and false position into like dried blood, cotton seed meal another. The general result was or tankage, which have to be acted mates. As a leader will be expect-ed to serve as an assistant to her that during 1919 and 1920, and county agent and demonstrate to during the first two years of the a home audience, what she has Harding Administration, the Relearned, she is taught methods of publican National leadership has presenting her subject as well as been floundering and unable to touch foot to the solid ground of how to do a practice. 'Last year doing over old fur- any sound principle or policy. niture, basketry, and serving a They jockeyed themselves in

here. They were friends of the the measure the Legislature at either PRES. HARDING DECLARES FOR WORLD COURT. advance when compared with a comprehensive and absolute necssary programme of practical

Unalterable Opposition League - Dual international cooperation in the Position Widens Breach in Party. light of existing conditions. Where the shoe pinches with them

Special Correspondence.

necessarily involves a concession and a recognition of the entire Washington, May 1st .-- Presi-dent Harding's New York speech The twain were arrested. The second state in a basic and may show was in good, may ise. - Freshen has been in the second state is to go through another nerve-racking week of or-were able, through influence, to deals. A dozen executions are proposal appears to have had the principle of international cooperation in theory which underlies all proposal appears to have had the effect of widening the breach in the fundamentals and essentials of the Democratic position and proposals. The division among the Re

is, that to take even this step

Fertilize Corn for Larger Yields.

"The factors that influence the

buplicans, it is believed here, will greatly aid the Democrats in declaring unalterable opposition Court ou better-terms than the President offers.

and this element is much more numerous than it was in 1920. according to all reports. All agree, however, that the President displayed more courage than he has fect corn. A well prepared seedever shown either in the Senate, or as a candidate or as Chief Ex-

ecutive. The reaction here in the National Capital among Republican these good culture methods will 105 it would mean ruined eggs more than the same amount of and much discouragement because line and phosphate when applied leaders was painful. The most not increase yields very material-important ones opposed to the World Court ran to cover, while de in their tents. Only here and there a thin piping Republican there a there there a thin piping Republican there a thin piping Republican there a there a there ther voice was heard in approval. Carolina Experiment Station. The speech was considered far

Mr. Pate finds that the soils of North Carolina are very deficient from a strong presentation of the President's case. He invoked the in the foods that corn plants like. 103 degrees with the clinical ther-Republican platforms to show Of the many types of soil studied that his party had long favored by the Division of Agronomy all same with the incubator theran international judicial tribunal, respond by increased yields of mometer. If there is as much as but this was a confession that crops when nitrogen, phosphoric a degree of difference the thersince his party came into power acid, and potash are added. For mometer should not be used. in 1919 it has ignored those plat-form declarations, and that he Plain Mr. Pate states that nitrogen from the top of the egg compart-

has ignored them during the two and potash are very essential and with its bulb suspented so that it in conjunction with phosphoric is just at the top level of the eggs years of his administration until acid large yields can be secured, is the best, finds Dr. Kaupp. now. He also declared in effect On the Clay and Clay Loam states that the bulb should not

soils of the central and western part of the state, phosphoric acid, mometer is not likely to be broken The President's declaration and nitrogen, when used with or left out of the tray when the and nurses, small percentages of potash, also show large and paying yields, eays Mr. Pate. Mr. Pate. Based dering the results temperature of 103 degrees temperature of 103 degrees

secured over a long period of years with the use of fertilizers on corn,

of average fertility.

Coastal Plain Solls

taining the following: 6 to 7 per cent available, phos phoric acid.

ment in th

5 to 6 per cent ammonia and 2 to 3 per cent potash.

> Pledmont and Mountain Solls 400 to 600 pounds per acre, of

position has not been any more inconsistent in this respect than cid, 4 to 6 per cent ammonia and

"Corn is a quick growing crop," says Mr. Pate, "and the fertiliz-ing materials used should be available when needed. Many experiments have shown that materials that furnish ammonia, such as Sulphate of Ammonia, Nitrate of proof tomatoes of the Norduke,

at least that this is not a great INCUBATOR THERMOMETERS Lime and Fertilizer SHOULD BE ACCURATE.

> **Inaccurate Ones Cause Poor Hatches** -How to Test and How to Place Them-The Proper Temperature.

Raleigh, N. C. April 30.-Inac-

College and State Department of Agriculture. When acid phosphate is put on sour land, they urate thermometers are often the cause of poor hatches, which mean explain, the phosphorus forms a weak chicks that have a heavy strong chemical union with iron death rate after they are taken and aluminum compounds in the from the incubator. Therefore soil. If lime has been put on bebe sure the thermometer is certi- fore the acid phosphate, there is fied and where the poultry raiser a tendency for the soluble phoswill greatly aid the Democrats in gaining admittance to the World plan to test them all at one tem- of the lime. This lime phosphate perature, says Dr. B. F. Kaupp, seems to be more readily availin charge of poultry investigations able to crops than the iron and for the State College and Depart- aluminum phosphate.

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Called Tandem Team.

On sour soils, the tandem team

of lime and fertilizer should be

driven with lime in the lead, say

agricultural workers of the State

for the State College and Department of Agriculture. This can This is shown by results from be done, he says, by putting them the Ohio Experiment Station. all in one incubator and reading Limestone alone gave crop inthem at the temperature of 105 creases worth \$6.80 per acre, yield of other field crops also af- degrees F. A thermometer that while acid phosphate alone gave fect corn. A well prepared seed-bed is necessary; thorough and Dr. Kaupp has found such, may When both lime and acid phosfrequent cultivation pays; organic matter incorporated in the soil is thermometer reads 103 degrees land the increased yield is worth land the increased yield is worth beneficial; but, the use of all when the temperature is really \$11.40 an acre, or \$1.40 an acre lime and phosphate when applied

He

which is known to be correct

mometer it should also read the Sugar is now 55 per cent dearer than it was in May, 1922, before the Republican Congress enacted the Fordney-McCumber profiteers law, which put a tax of two cents a pound on every bit of sweetening used in American homes.

In the last days of April, 1923, the average retail price of sugar was 10 cents a pound. This means that in May, 1922; a housewife could get 15 pounds of sugar for a dollar and now the same quantity costs \$1.57.

This increase is due to the Republican tariff, which has given the profiteers a license and an opportunity to exploit the con sumer.

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lours: 2 to 3 and 7 to 9 p. m., and

If the bulb rests upon an egg the temperature will not be regis-tered accurately, says Dr. Kaupp. If it rests against an egg containing an embryo it will register too high, and if the egg is infertile or 400 to 600 pounds per acre con

Plant Something This Spring.

planted. A few carrots, parsnips

and ground cheries may be start-

ed or a few plants of the improved

blue-berries along with raspber-

ries and dewberries will give a

He says, "Locate some good flowering shrub in the words.

start with small fruits.

Raleigh, N. C., April . 30. Those who let last week pass with-

out doing anything more definite about Garden Week than reading the notices, should determine to plant something this spring anyway, says F. E. McCall, Garden

Kind of Fertilizing materials To Use

urges that something should actually be planted so that the grower may feel that he is help-ing North Carolina take her place as a leading horticultural State. He suggests that some good blight

fertilizer analyzing: 10 per cent available phosphoric

from 1 to 2 per cent potash.

Specialist for the Agricultural Extension Service. Mr. McCall

oads, and over bility of sensationalism that might the gun and lash.

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To Remedy Conditions

There is a line of talk about the invessigation that is being handwhere the department as a board,

ed out from Raleigh, but for which this writer does not vouch, in its entirety. It was shown here that request or not some members of the State Welfare Board organization were going to demand it, and that somebody who knows something about prisons would be directing the movement. The board has heard of 2 various and by law, and the survey to be undersundry things charged to the dis- taken is looked upon as intensifying cipline of the institution which the activities the law specifies for did not look well.

The Lewis and Dadrick instances, which were chronicled in the invetigation, and the welfare board Greensboro Daily News, were cas- meeting with a quorum after postes in point. Old political cronies ponement of its first session from, of the pair have talked about when only two members were their most gentlemanly and leis- present, signified its approval and urely service to the State. These same friends now say they are at work on the State farm. Henderson people were not averse to their and correcting law-breakers. sible, but these, fellows did the things which no necessitous cir-cumstances impelled. They were port the guilty persons and I will getting all the consideration posgetting along well and their sins see that they are prosecuted by the were long stretched out. But their State. I will hire special counsel prison citizenship was so early won that everybody talked about it.

Prisoners Drunk

One an hority says that "last week Wilmington people were

at the same time avoid the possithreaten under an investigation and heard the prosecution. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, com missioner of public welfare, will be in charge, and her inspectors will likely go into all the State's camps and those county camps and jails where conditions have been unfavorably described. Investigative work is required of the department

the organization. Governor Morrison requested the willingness to begin at once on a comprehensive survey of North school. Carolina's system of punishing and

The Governor is being quoted as reasured memories. and spend some more money on high-priced lawyers to see that persons responsible are put behind the bars themselves."

Need of a State of Pardons Had Governor Morrison approved home.

meal were taught. "The whole school will receive olation which they have occupied

instructions in how to conduct a during the past four years, meeting, parliamentary regula- ring a faint gesture now and then tions, personal hygiene, and eti- in the direction of international

cooperation This explains the quette "Thirteen home agents will feeble efforts of the Harding adcompose the faculty and Miss ministration to take some concrete Maude Wallace, Assistant State steps in pratice towards intemna-Agent, will act as dean of the tional cooperation without at the

The afternoons will te same time appearing to adopt the given to sight-seeing. Many ru- broad principle of same, practical of potash. ral girls have never seen their international cooperation and its

capitol city, or any city for that application to the existing condimatter, and the personally con-ducted tour which Col. Fred Ofds ocratic method and programme of

provides for them is one of their international cooperation during 1919 and 1920.

pratice into the field of hermit is-

A garden will grow in most any could not be better illustrated time and therefore, it is applied knee and waist high. On elay spot where weeds will grow says than in the recent proposal to too late. On all soils the phos-workers of the Agricultural Ex- take what is in effect a minor step phoric acid can be applied before difference in yields if the nitrogen workers of the Agricultural Ex-tension Service. Reduced food costs and better field in are the results of growing vegetables at home. **DENTIST :: DENTIST ::**

Ammonia Nitrate, Maryel and Norton varieties be Soda and which are soluble in water give greater yields than other materials on by bacteria before the ammonia can be used by the plants. For the last four years these soluble materials have also been cheaper per unit of ammonia.

Prune the roots now by taking a "Acid Phosphate is probably spade and cutting away all lateral the best source of phosphoric acid roots about eighteen inches out to use, especially so, if large aeach way, from the main stem. mounts of organic matter are not Leave the plant to develop new incorporated in the soil; with the roots this summer and transplant organic matter, rock phosphoric it next November. Lawn grass could be used successfully.

weed will grow better if some "The potash requirements woods mould is mixed in with the the soil and crop can be supplied top soi!." by Kainit, Manure Salt, Muriate of Potash, or Sulphate of Potash.

These suggestions by Mr Mc-Call are in line with the live-at home program of the Agricultural Generally Muriate of Potash is a triffle cheaper per unit of Potash Extension Service and the effort and is as good as the other forms being made by horticultural work-Time To Apply Fertilizer To Corn.

"Many people apply fertilizer, year garden.

especially the nitrogen, when the corn starts to bunch for tassel. and along with the phosphoric The corn plant takes up a greater acid, and potash and the other This impossible undertaking portion of its nitrogen before this part when the corn gets between

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