

Asks Change Of Status For The State Prison

Governor McLean Recommends That It Be Made Regular State Department Instead of Separate Corporation and Policy Adopted Make Self-Supporting

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—In a special message to the General Assembly today, Governor McLean recommended that the State Prison be changed from the status of a separate corporation to a regular State department.

He urged that a policy be adopted whereby convicts can be worked upon the State highways and in other public projects in counties, and if found impossible to give employment to all prisoners under this plan to employ convicts in such other work as will enable it to aid in promoting the policy of making the prison self-supporting.

In urging that the prison be maintained upon an appropriation basis the Governor asked that appropriations for permanent improvements at the central prison and farms be granted.

The Governor said in part: "Of a total population of approximately 1,200 prisoners only about 500 are revenue-producing prisoners, even when steady employment is available. During the period beginning November 30, 1924, and ending December 31, 1924, covering three years and one month the total revenue from revenue-producing prisoners was as follows:

"Sale of farm produce, \$120,474.47; work in quarries, \$166,436.82; work on highways, \$286,709.46; work on Madison County road, \$48,904.35; sale of brick, \$31,304.93; sale of lumber, \$6,601.09; or a total income of \$1,105,421.13.

"During this period the revenue-producing prisoners not only paid for their own maintenance but produced an operating surplus of \$250,695.77.

"The cost of maintenance of the non-revenue-producing prisoners was \$437,012.90 and for operating the same \$1,105,421.13. The revenue-producing prisoners to the cost of maintaining the non-revenue-producing prisoners, there resulted an operating deficiency on January 1, 1925, for the period of three years and one month, of \$186,317.13.

"In addition to this deficiency of \$186,317.13 in the operating account the prison management accounts during the period under review, \$112,530.29, over and above the amount provided for permanent improvements, from bonds issued as authorized by the General Assembly. It will be seen, therefore, that the net debit balance on January 1, 1925, for which the General Fund of the State is ultimately liable, was \$328,847.42.

"From an examination of the report of the Legislative Budget Commission filed January 20, 1925, it appears that this amount was not included in the estimate they made of the debit balance as of December 31, 1924.

"The report of the superintendent further shows that there will be an additional deficiency from operations, estimated for the period from January 1, 1925 to June 30, 1925, of \$131,955.00 or a total debit balance of \$460,802.42 at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1925.

"From the estimate of the result of operations for the biennium beginning July 1, 1925, it appears that the total disbursements for each year during the next biennium will be approximately \$557,000.00 and that the total revenues from farms and all other sources will be about \$281,700.00 per year, resulting in a net operating deficiency of \$275,300 for each year, if the operations of the prison are conducted under the same general conditions that prevail at the present time.

"The unfavorable results thus indicated are due to a number of causes.

"The prison has at the present time only two principal sources of revenue; that from farm operations and that derived from contracts for labor in quarries and on highways.

"There are two farms in operation.

"Camp Polk Farm near Raleigh, purchased in 1920, is comparatively a good investment and appears to have produced a profit year by year since it was put in general cultivation.

"The Caledonia Farm, sold in 1919, largely on credit, was taken back by the State on account of the inability of the purchasers to meet their payments and because of their insolvency. This farm contains about 6,000 acres and was taken over by the present prison administration in February, 1923. This farm, when it was returned to the State, was run down and in such a condition that it entailed an outlay of something over \$70,000.00 to put it in condition to be properly cultivated.

"About 1,200 acres of the cleared land on this farm was still unfit for cultivation on January 1 of this year, but is now being rapidly improved and made ready for cultivation.

"The most profitable source of revenue in the past has been the

HOPEWELL MAN IS ARRESTED IN WEST

Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—William Chason, object of a nationwide search in connection with a \$200,000 payroll theft at Hopewell, Virginia, five months ago, today was reported in the custody of the sheriff here.

LLOYD GEORGE HAD COMFORTABLE NIGHT

Birmingham, England, Feb. 23. Former Premier Lloyd George was so forced to take his bed with a sore throat Saturday spent a comfortable night and his temperature bearing normal today his physician said, adding that he would be unable to travel for several days.

...on the basis of the General Assembly of 1923 and is to be included in the scheme of the Executive Budget System, I recommend that a law be enacted at this Session changing the State's Prison from the status of a separate corporation to a regular department of the State government.

2: That a Board of Directors, consisting of a Chairman and six others be appointed by the Governor quadrennially, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to be subject at all times to removal by the Governor and with power in the Governor to fill any vacancies.

3: That a policy of state-use be adopted whereby convicts may be worked up the State highways and in other public work in the counties and other subdivisions. If it is found to be impossible to give employment to all able-bodied convicts under this plan, the management should be authorized to employ convicts in such other work as will enable it to aid in carrying out the policy of making the prison self-supporting as contemplated by the Constitution.

4: That the Prison be maintained upon an appropriation basis, appropriations to be made from the General Fund and to be included in the Budget Appropriation Bill for the biennium beginning July 1, 1925, so that it may be financed upon the same basis as other institutions of the State government.

5: That the request of the Legislative Budget Commission contained in its report of January 30, 1925 for permanent improvements at the Central Prison and at the Prison farms, amounting to \$250,000.00 be authorized and included in the Institutional Bond Bill to be enacted at this session.

6: That the Board of Directors of the Prison, by and with the consent and approval of the Governor and Council of State, be authorized to purchase such machinery and equipment as they may deem necessary to enable the Prison management to provide employment for the prisoners confined in the Central Prison, to be financed by short term notes issued by the Treasurer until the meeting of the General Assembly in 1927.

7: That there shall be transferred to the General Fund the accumulated deficiency of \$298,847.42 as of January 1, 1925, and the \$40,000.00 due for fertilizer and whatever deficiency may occur between January 1, 1925 and June 30, 1925, in the operating account of the Prison to that date be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury.

8: Under Chapter 271 of the Public Local Laws of 1923, the Prison was required to furnish prisoners to complete a certain road in Madison County. Under that statute a large number of prisoners were worked for a period of about eight months up to February 1, 1925, for which the General Fund of the Treasury paid to the Prison \$55,944.35.

"Since this law was enacted the State Highway Commission has included the Madison County road in route 20 of the State Highway System and construction is now continuing under direction and control of the State much as the State Highway Commission has assumed control of this road I believe that the Commission should reimburse the General Fund for the amount paid to the State's Prison up to March 1, and should also pay to the Prison the amount due for the labor of the convicts on said road until the work is completed, which, I am informed, will cover a period of probably 12 months from March 1.

"I recommend that a statute be enacted carrying this recommendation into effect.

"I am in mind, and intend to consummate a plan, whereby by all the prisoners, not needed upon the Prison farms, may be worked upon to State Highways. It seems advisable to employ the prisoners who are less effective physically upon the farms where the work is lighter, and the very able-bodied prisoners in highway work, in order to utilize the man power to the best advantage.

"I am preparing for your consideration bills covering the more

Where Was This Chair?



Helen Elwood Stokes, pictured seated in an arm chair, says the chair was in her mother's home in Denver when the photo was taken. W. H. Stokes says it was in the notorious Everleigh Club in Chicago. Mrs. Stokes says it will produce the chair in court to prove her husband guilty of maliciously defaming her character.

WILL CLEAN STATE OF ITS DOPE FIENDS

Charlotte, Feb. 23.—A drive against narcotics, which Dr. R. R. Rhies of the Narcotic Division of the Department of Justice declared would be continued until North Carolina had been cleared out, resulted in the arrest of 21 persons here during Saturday night and Sunday.

Mitchell A Peace Hater And In His Element Now

Nothing Could Suit Him Better Than a Martyr's Crown but Outlook Poor at Present for Flying General to Get One

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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Washington, Feb. 23.—The trouble about General "Billy" Mitchell is that he hates peace. Peace in any form is abhorrent to him. He would rather be blowing up a battleship or a general or an admiral than to sail serenely on in his temporary grade of brigadier.

The "flying general" is growing more and more worried, too. He is not worried because he thinks something is going to happen to him. He is afraid it won't. The martyr complex is strong upon him. It is the cross he is striving for. He wants to add it to the rare collection of decorations, foreign and domestic, that plaster his many chest today.

General Mitchell is being aided and abetted in his desire to take a nose dive out of the star class by the aircraft investigating committee of the House of Representatives. The committee calls the general before it. He is asked all manner of questions, he is led into denouncing all and sundry whom are in power. Then the committee and its one-star witness sit back and wait for the threatening storm to strike. Nothing happens. The committee is disturbed. So is the general. What next? The general is summoned once more. Again he soaks the higher ups. But nothing happens.

General Mitchell carefully has gone through all the general officers of the Army and Navy. He has attacked the only two cabinet officers of whom he has any slight knowledge—the Secretary of War and the Secretary of Navy. Still nothing happens.

There is only one shining mark left for the "flying general," who says that the malefactors of great ignorance in the two services would take the "f" out of flying. President Coolidge remains to be

CONTROL FINANCES FOR WORLD PEACE

Washington, Feb. 23.—Control by the Federal government of all American banking and investment funds would be a means of promoting world peace, Senator Shipstead of Minnesota, former labor member of the foreign relations

CONTINUE ATTACK DEAD MAN'S LIFE

Richmond, Feb. 23.—The second week of the trial of Edward Bottom charged with slaying of Howard D. Brown, opened today with the defense continuing its efforts to present testimony attacking the dead man's character.

ANXIOUS GROW A FARMER WIT

Florida Farmer's Report of the Wonderful Garden of Nation Fruit of the Philippines.

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FANNY ROGERS OFFERS NEW NAME FOR HOOSH

...heard it called lots of names, including belly wash, but the first time I have ever heard of it called 'hoosh,' said Fanny Rogers. Fanny Rogers in her new book, 'The Hoosh Book,' published Monday morning, says that the word 'hoosh' was first used in a two-volume book of recipes found in her home on Park Street, extended Sunday night had been brought there by her mother, a Welsh for her mother's name. Fifty dollars and a bottle of 'hoosh' cost \$2.50. White is an employee of a dress-making shop and has a good record.

Radio Prepares Broadcast Coolidge Inaugural Speech

Two Sets Microphones With Announcers on Speakers' Platform and Radio Fan May Get Parade Features and Incidentals as Well as Speech

By ROBERT MACK.
Washington, Feb. 23.—Radio engineers made a survey of the steps of the national capitol today to fix up on strategic points for the microphones that are to carry an inaugural ceremony to the entire country for the first time in history.

By mutual agreement between the Radio Corporation of America and the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, two sets of microphones with announcers will be placed on the temporary platform, now nearing completion on the capitol steps. From these mikes, the inaugural ceremony on March 4 will be broadcast to two chains of between 20 and 30 stations extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Stations which already have been booked for the inaugural broadcast are: WRC, Washington; WEA, New York; WJZ, New York; WGY, Schenectady; WEEI, Boston; WJAR, Providence; WTIC, Hartford, Conn.; WOO, Philadelphia; WCAE, Pittsburgh; WGR, Buffalo; WEAR, Cleveland; WLW, Cincinnati; WWK, Detroit; WMAQ, Chicago; WDAF, Kansas City; WGO, Des Moines; WCCO, Minneapolis-St. Paul; WSB, Atlanta; KFI, Los Angeles; KPO, San Francisco, and KIX, Oakland, Cal.

Other broadcasters are expected to link in for the ceremony between now and March 4.

The A. T. and T. chain of stations, which includes all of the above mentioned except WRC, WJZ and WGY, will take the description of the parade and the incidental features of the inauguration from the lips of Graham McNamee, veteran announcer of political conventions, football games, philharmonic concerts and what not. The announcer for the Radio Corporation group will be named within a few days.

According to arrangements made with the Congressional committee, the inauguration ceremonies on the air will begin at 11:15 Eastern Standard Time with McNamee's introduction of the Marine Band. The band concert will last until 11:45 after which a feature of trumpets will herald the arrival of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the President and the members of his cabinet. Following the administration of the oath of office, President Coolidge's inaugural speech will be given to the country.

SENATOR HEFLIN OFFERS SOLUTION

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Senate would go on record as opposed to state laws discriminating against products peculiar to a section, under a resolution offered today by Senator Heflin of Alabama. The measure went over one day under the rules.

HALF MILLION LESS THAN THE BUDGET

Washington, Feb. 23.—A deficit of \$490,000,000, or nearly half a million less than the budget estimates, was reported today by the House appropriation committee.

SPENCER INVITES FEDERAL INQUIRY

Washington, Feb. 23.—An inquiry into the charges that he has practiced before the Federal departments in connection with the fur dyeing industry was invited today by Senator Spencer, Republican of Missouri in a letter to the Attorney General.

HINES GETS READY FOR ANOTHER WAR

Washington, Feb. 23.—Things women can do during war in order to release men for heavier and more dangerous duties are being studied by the War Department, Major General Hines today told the American Legion Auxiliary.

He also declared that the Army should now hold maneuvers on a large scale and that more munitions should be manufactured.

ON LEE HIGHWAY INSTANTLY KILLED

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 23.—Joseph D. Kimmerly, 23-year-old, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon when his car turned turtle on the Lee Highway near Hollins College six miles north of Roanoke.

THIRTY PERSONS KILLED IN FLAMES

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 23.—Thirty persons were killed in a fire at Bahmansya today.

TWO MEN DEAD IN SUNDAY GUN BATTLE

Martin Junction, Ky., Feb. 23.—Two men were killed, including a deputy sheriff, and five others were wounded during a gun battle here Sunday.

AMERICA THE ONLY PLACE TO LIVE IN

New York, Feb. 23.—Convinced that America is the "only country to live in during this generation," Major Hamilton Gibbs, author and his brother, Sir Philip Gibbs, war correspondent, have given up their British citizenship to become Americans. Major Gibbs has been a resident of this country seven years and married an American.

UNION OFFICER DEAD

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 23.—Major General James Harrison Wilson, retired, last of the corps of commanders in the Union army during the Civil War, died today.

WOMAN'S FEDERATION HOLDS MEETING TUESDAY

The Woman's Federation will hold a prayer meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. All women of the town are invited.

FOUNDER OF KLAN STILL IN DANGER

Chick, Ga., Feb. 23.—W. J. Stone, founder and former emperor of the Ku Klux Klan, who was seriously injured in an automobile wreck here Feb. 10, is still in danger.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 23.—The Cotton Exchange is closed today in observance of Washington's birthday.