

DR. PHELAN DENIES NEGLECT OF PRISONERS

Patients Well Cared For in Prison Hospital.

WARM COMMENDATION

OF PRISON SURGEON FOR HOSPITAL OVERSEER WILSON

The Commission Decides To Hold a Friday Night Session in the Court House, As the Members and Lawyers Cannot Sit on Saturday.

A strong denial from Dr. Daniel Phelan, to the charges that dying convicts were neglected, and that the hospital was kept in an unsanitary condition, was the feature of the evidence submitted to the Prison Reform Commission, at the session held Thursday afternoon.

This was the first opportunity that Dr. Phelan, the penitentiary surgeon, has had of offering evidence in the way of rebuttal to the charges made, and he declared that the patients were given every attention possible, and that he had heard of no other complaints regarding the neglect of convicts apart from one which came from Guard Frederick Ingledew.

On the other hand, Dr. Phelan swore that patients had submitted letters, offering thanks for the good treatment received in the prison hospital.

W. D. Godkin, a guard who claimed that a sick convict had been neglected, could not give the name of the convict, and Francis King, who appeared for Overseer Wilson, of the hospital, declared that this was very strange.

The commission heard five witnesses on Thursday afternoon. Dr. Phelan was on the stand but a short time, but will be called later in defence of charges against him which have already been heard.

It is just possible that Major W. S. Hughes, inspector of prisons, will be called a second time to give evidence.

Guard Godkin Called.

W. D. Godkin, a guard, told the commissioners that he had called Overseer Wilson on July 5th to attend a convict who was ill, and that Wilson had refused to attend the convict.

Witness, questioned by Mr. King, said that he couldn't give the name of the convict, whereupon Mr. King remarked that it was very strange that the witness should remember the date, and not the name of the convict.

Witness declared that Wilson had told him he would get up to attend the convict. He had made no complaint about Wilson. He thought that Wilson should have attended the convict when he was asked.

Witness, when questioned by Dr. Platt, said he had reported sheets in his possession, but he did not make a report. There was no way of the surgeon knowing about the case unless the witness told him.

Dr. Platt asked the witness if he had reported the irregularities he alleged on the part of Overseer Wilson.

"No, I did not," was the reply.

Mr. King—"You knew it was your duty to report everything."

"I suppose I should."

Mr. Downey, witness said he was on friendly terms with Wilson, and had never had any disputes with him. Wilson had never asked him to do anything unfair.

One complaint witness had to make, was that the kitchen was kept locked at night, so that he could not get hot water, and it had to be made outside the kitchen on a gas stove.

Mr. King—"Did you not hear that?"

DAILY MEMORANDA
Olive Finance Committee, 3 p.m.
See top of page 4, right hand corner, for probabilities.

"The Parish Priest," at the Grand Theatre, matinee and night.
Rueber, Queen's Athletic Grounds, 2.45 p.m., Saturday, R.M.C. vs. McGill.
Remember Mission Circle sale in lecture room of St. Nicholas St. church tomorrow, from 3 to 5. Admission 10c.

To-day is—

Yes, to-day is the very best day in the year to get acquainted with what is going on in town.

A wonderful medium of information is the advertising in to-day's Whig. It is live news of the business world.

It tells what is going to happen as well as what has happened.

It puts you in touch with the world's work and it opens doors of opportunity to you.

Read the advertising! Get acquainted with what is going on.

Be an "I DO IT" man or woman rather than a "PERHAPS I WILL."

The advertisements are a pleasure to the eye and not infrequently a profit to the purse.

They are the lights lit to guide the feet of those who want to climb the ladder of success.

The quality of White Ross flour varies.

HE WORE A BARREL

Port Arthur Clerk, Lost When Hunting, Has Misadventures.

Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 24.—Attired only in a barrel packed with a small quantity of straw, Alfred Sara, a local clerk, was found, last night, wandering around in the rain twenty miles down the lake shore from here, and when found by a search party was delirious and in a serious condition. He went on a hunting trip and became separated from his friends. He wandered around in the bush two days, and then found a deserted camp, where he started a fire and removed all of his clothing, which he placed before the fire to dry. He went to sleep between a mattress and when he awoke found the building burning and all his clothes destroyed, whereupon he had to find shelter in a barrel. He is expected to recover.

BIG COAL LAND DEAL

Syndicate Said To Have Made \$50,000,000 Purchase.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 24.—According to advice here, negotiations have been closed by an English syndicate for the purpose of extensive coal land and mining property in the New River district of West Virginia, at a price said to approximate \$50,000,000.

About 530,000 acres of land and ninety-six collieries are involved in the transaction, including, it is understood, the New River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, the New River Coal company, the New River Coal company, the Nuttall and McKell estates, and the Guggenbain interests.

HOPE OF RECOVERING MATERIAL ON STEAMER

The Apparatus For Wireless System Is Especially Described.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—The department of railways and canals is in hopes that much of the materials contained in the steamer Comore, which was wrecked recently within sixteen miles of Port Nelson, may be recovered, as the vessel lies in only eleven feet of water at low tide. The ship was loaded with supplies for Port Nelson and also had on board the apparatus for the wireless system, with which it was hoped to connect Nelson with the Pas and with civilization by the New Year. It is believed that this latter may be recovered, and that with additional supplies brought in overland over the freeze-up the apparatus may be installed early next year.

In the meantime mail is already accumulating at the engineer's office of the department of railways here for despatch by dog train via Selkirk and Norway House after the snow has fallen.

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ONTARIO MAN KILLED

Head Touched a Wire Carrying 34,000 Volts.

Cornwall, Oct. 24.—George M. Pitts, a native of Wales, Ont., was electrocuted at Eau Claire, Wis., as a result of his head coming in contact with an electric wire while repairing a leak on the roof of the power house at the paper mill there. Pitts and a fellow-workman named Andrew Ramsdell were engaged at the work, and as Pitts attempted to rise to a standing position his head came in contact with the wire and 34,000 volts shot through his body, killing him instantly. Pitts leaves a wife, one daughter and two sons, three brothers and a sister. The latter is Mrs. Ellen Warner, of Cornwall.

BOATS ARE DELAYED BY COLD WEATHER

May Be Little Loading at Duluth After the 1st of November.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 24.—Vessels arriving in the Duluth-Superior harbor yesterday were covered with snow. Practically all of the delayed fleet is in port.

According to the vessel captain a dozen boats were sheltering in Portage during the worst part of the storm, and they waited from twelve to sixteen hours for the heavy northwester to moderate.

Fifteen boats were waiting to be loaded at the docks and would have been despatched had the ice not been frozen, making it hard to handle. This is exceptionally early in the season for the movement to be hampered by the cold. Predictions are being made that there will be little loading after Nov. 1st.

TWO DOLLAR HATS

The world-wide Waverly is the "King of \$2 Hats" George Mills & Co. are sole agent.

HAD NOT BATH

For Four Months, Testified a Convict.

MEALS ON HOLIDAYS

ARE ALL SERVED WITHIN SIX HOURS TIME

Another Convict Said That the Sick in Hospital Did Not Receive Proper Care—Alcohol Baths Not Given To Prevent Bed Sores.

Still more charges have been made in the penitentiary investigation. This time the charges are against Harry Begg, assistant overseer, at the "pen" hospital, and one made in the way of counter-charges through Francis King, acting for Overseer H. A. Wilson. Announcement was made of the charges, Friday noon, just as the commissioners were about to adjourn for the week.

The charges against Begg are as follows: Neglect of duty, falsification of records, leaving patients without food, carelessness in preparing prescriptions.

Mr. Begg had no intimation of the charges until he was summoned before the commission and informed.

The charges will likely be taken up next week.

Guard Frederick Ingledew informed the commission that he was ready to answer to the charges which had been made against him on Thursday, and the commission proceeded with the hearing of the evidence over the sessions resumed at two o'clock Friday afternoon.

The commission has still much work to do. An adjournment will be made to-night, but this work will be resumed next week.

The commission will hold one session in Toronto, in order to secure the evidence of some witnesses who have to be heard. It is understood that this evidence will be of an expert character, including evidence of the warden of Central Prison and Inspector Bruce.

H. W. Wilson, overseer at the penitentiary hospital, was on the stand at the Friday morning session and gave a most emphatic denial to the charge made against him, that he had neglected to wait on dying patients when called.

Francis King conducted the defence in the case and after all the evidence had been taken stated that the commission should declare the evidence inadequate to substantiate the charge.

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HE KNEW OF ONE CONVICT WHO HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN A BATH FOR EIGHT WEEKS.

Questioned by Dr. Edwards, witness stated that he had been refused antiseptic dressing by the hospital overseer.

Dr. Edwards was about to question the witness about the medical examination given convicts upon their entering the prison, when Dr. Etherington called a halt, stating that the commissioners were convinced already that the examination of convicts on entering the "pen" was inadequate.

"I have been convinced of that for some time," said Dr. Edwards, "but I had no way of knowing the opinion of the commission."

"There is no doubt about it being inadequate," remarked Mr. Downey. Mr. Stewart stated that all the evidence had been submitted in regard to the charges against Overseer Wilson.

Mr. King then addressed the commission, claiming that on the evidence which had been submitted the commission must find that there was no evidence to show that Mr. Wilson had neglected his work. He felt that the commission should now make such a finding. Three men had given evidence against Wilson, that of one man, Godkin, being very inadequate, as he could not even give the name of the convict claimed to have been neglected. He was prepared, however, to place Wilson in the stand, and let him tell all the circumstances.

Mr. Stewart said that it had been shown that the conditions at the hospital were not satisfactory and there was the question of responsibility to be decided. He felt that the matter should be cleared up.

"We are in duty bound to hear the evidence," remarked the chairman. "I think Mr. King had better call Mr. Wilson, and allow him to give his explanation."

"Very well, then," remarked Mr. King, and Overseer Wilson was then called.

OVERSEER WILSON TESTIFIES

Overseer Wilson, asked concerning his qualifications for his position, said he was a graduate druggist of the Ontario Pharmacy College. He had taken a medical course at Queen's University, and had three years hospital practice. He was appointed to his present position April 22nd, 1912. Witness told of his duties, stating that he was called upon to sleep at the hospital every night.

Witness, referring to the charges that he had neglected to get up to wait on patients, gave it a most emphatic denial. Guard Ingledew had sworn that he had called the witness twice one night to wait on Convict Bunyan. Witness said he was only called once, and that he responded. Bunyan was in the final stages of disease, and was resting well at the time. Witness had talked to the surgeon about the case and had been instructed that there was nothing to be done, that had not been done.

Witness declared he had not been called to wait on a convict named Hamilton, as charged by Guard Ingledew. He was positive about this matter. Hamilton was never in pain. Wilson, another convict, was insane and shouting everything which was being done for his man that could be done.

"I get up in all cases where it is necessary, after being called," said Mr. Wilson.

Convict Brown was attended regularly. Witness said he was given a bath every morning. He was sure of it as he was present.

Witness said that he believed that Guard Ingledew wanted to make things so uncomfortable for him that he (the witness) would have to leave.

Mr. Stewart, in his cross-examination, asked witness if he had ever taken part in the dressing of wounds or sores.

Witness said "no," but he had watched the orderlies make the dressing.

Dr. Witness asked witness how much whiskey was used in the hospital.

"Not very much," he replied. "Not more than one quart in three months."

Dr. Etherington said he thought he did not think it was right for convicts to be dressed and asked the witness for his opinion on the matter. Witness said that under present conditions it was necessary for the convict orderlies to do this work. A great deal of time was taken up in routine work by the witness.

"I don't think it was right to place a race track man in the hospital," said Dr. Etherington.

Witness, when asked, stated that he agreed with the commission that there should be some changes made in the sanitary conditions at the hospital.

Convict F 408 was also called. He said he had been a patient in the hospital under Overseer Wilson and had always received proper treatment, and had not been neglected.

MRS. C. W. FAIRBANKS DEAD

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Charles Warren Fairbanks, wife of the former vice-president of the United States, and well known in Canada, where she has toured several times, died early this morning. She had been suddenly stricken with pneumonia.

BRITAIN TO CEDE ZANZIBAR

Zanzibar, Oct. 25.—It is rumored here that Great Britain will shortly cede Zanzibar to Germany in return for territory or concessions elsewhere. Zanzibar has been under a British protectorate for years.

DIAZ IS QUARTERED IN THE U. S. CONSULATE

May Create A Further Very Serious Breach.

DEPARTURE OF DIAZ

NOT INTERFERED WITH BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES

Mexican Port Authorities Still Detain Steamship Morro Castle With Mrs. John Lind Aboard, Despite Vigorous United States Protests.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Oct. 24.—General Felix Diaz, candidate for the presidency of Mexico, whom General Huerta wants out of the way, was today quartered in the United States consulate, under United States protection. This looks like a further serious breach between Mexico and the United States.

Diaz was taken from the home of his brother-in-law by the United States Consul and John Lind, President Wilson's special envoy to Mexico. They were accompanied by one marian, and though Mexican soldiers guarded the house, the departure of Diaz was not interfered with.

The Ward Liner, Morro Castle, with Mrs. John Lind aboard, was still detained by the Mexican port authorities today, despite vigorous United States protests. It is believed that this may form the basis of United States intervention.

STEAMER GOT AWAY

Vera Cruz, Oct. 24.—Following the vigorous protests of the United States government, Mexican gunboats drew away from the steamer Morro Castle, detained here since morning, and she departed for Havana and New York.

KING GEORGE TO DINE WORKMEN

London, Oct. 24.—King George will give a dinner to the 400 workmen who have been putting a new front on Buckingham Palace when they have finished the work next week.

HOPE IS ABANDONED OF RESCUING MORE

The Dead Are Just Blackened Corpses and Cannot Be Identified.

Dawson, N.M., Oct. 24.—All hope of rescuing more of the 250 miners entombed here, was abandoned to-day, and search parties devoted themselves to searching and identifying the dead. Nearly all are merely blackened corpses and it is impossible to tell who they are.

SALDO \$2.00 CORSETS, DUPLEX STEEL, NON-RUST, \$1.50

"McConkey's wrapped caramels." Gibbon's.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG IS ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING CITY STORES

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Frontenac Hotel ... Ontario St.
Gibson's Drug Store ... Market Square
McAuley's Book Store ... 83 Princess
McCall's Cigar Store ... 254 King St.
McCall's Cigar Store ... 68 Princess
McCall's Grocery ... 51 Union St. W.
McCall's Drug Store, 208 Frontenac
Pam's Cigar Store ... 78 Princess
Parker's Drug Store ... 212 Princess
Vallance's Grocery ... 208 Montreal

DIED

BATES—On October 24th, 1913, entered into rest at her residence, Hales Cottage, Elizabeth Mary Bates, widow of the late Henry Bates of Birmingham, England, in her eighty-fourth year.

OBERTORFFER—In Kingston, Oct. 24th, 1913, Simon Obertorffer, aged 82 years.
Funeral notice later. (Please omit flowers.)

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JAMES REID The Old Firm of Undertakers, 224 and 226 York, Phone 147 for Ambulance.

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2 1/2 lb. tins, 35c.
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Don't buy a cheap piano that is always out of tune. The "Norcombe" has "Howard" patent straining rods to keep strings in tune. Dutton's music store.

ASQUITH COMMISSION WILL BE REVOLUTIONARY

In Its Powers With Regard to the Oversight of British Railways.

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