At the Stone Pile.

who usually wrote his reports for

him was in the hole he was unable

There was no classification of pri-

soners. The most hardened crimin-

a's were put to work next to youths,

and some of the officials seemed to

take a pleasure in seeing the older

I will show you how the supposed

criminals corrupting the novices.

men were seldom reported.

"Six Years in Hell and What I Saw There" An Article by a Prisoner Recently Released.

Railroaded to Prison---Brutal Treatment Given Prisoners in Punishment---Word of Guards Always Taken --- Bible With Notes Stolen---Horrors He Endured For Six Years.

serve a seven years sentence, having office. There everything was taken which he did. For three days this I reported the matter to the Warden, most unpopular officers in the institorting twelve dollars and fifty cents hair cropped, moustache shaven off, ther being bitterly cold. He would was the would and have found them an excellent from two men. I was convicted given prison clothes, not a single ar- go in with the gang at dinner time sed it a number of times and had to as he had a wife and children. They grain either. upon the evidence of the police who ticle of which was new. One leg of had brought the charges against me. the underpants was about twelve in-This was allegally done to prevent ches longer than the other, the shoe my bringing forty-two charges-again- were old and patched, and fairly st the police. Handcuffed and shack- stank. Some years previous I had led, in charge of the sheriff and a my back injured in a raid I was makdeputy, I left home and all I held ing on an immoral resort, and was dear, to undergo six years of the compelled to wear a wide linen binmost horrible cruelty conceivable. der to prevent my back giving way.

It was a bitterly cold morning but This was taken from me and alnot so bitterly cold as the world though I pleaded to be allowed to reseemed to me. . For twenty-five tain it, and explained why I was oryears I had fought for law enforce- dered to wear it, still the doctor rement, and against graft and corrup- fused to allow me to keep it. tion, In most instances I had fought I was given a cell No. 13. first C. single-handed; I had sacrificed every- and for nearly five years I occupied thing in the world for the sake of my the same cell.

In the States and Canada especially I had to fight with little support. The day after my arrival I was and generally with so-called Christ- taken to No. 1 stone pile to break ians ranged on the side of the thug, stones. The officials tell visitors the grafter, and the immoral ele- and the authorities at Ottawa that ment. I know that in all probabili- men are only put on the stone pile ty the time would come when the until they can be allotted other work. grafters, airded by the police and a This is a lie pure and simple, I mycorrupt judiciary, would, because of self was on the stone pile the whole their fear of exposure, endeavor to of the time I was in the penitentiary. trump up a charge against me, sup- From December 15th, 1908, until ported by perjured evidence; but November 14th, 1914, and although that fact did not prevent me from I asked fifty-two times to be given a

change I was every time refused. carrying on my work. On the 12th, of December I heard I had only been there a few days the judge, whose conduct I had ex- when I saw very clearly that all the posed for over two years, both in the officials, with the possible exception press and on the platform, pass the of three or four, were discriminating most extraordinary sentence ever against me. imposed for any such offense that I At one time the guard on No. 2 was charged with, in the history of stone pile, where I was British jurisprudence. I was inno- working, wanted to report a cent; the public knew I was innocent man for insolence, but but I was railroaded to Portsmouth could not write and as the convict

for seven years. I had heard much of the horrors of this penitentiary, and I knew I to report him .. would have no consideration shown me by the officials, owing to my lifelong attacks upon grafting officials. On the way from the station I saw the dome of the penitentiary loom up in the distance. Oh, how my heart ached; I looked around, I saw all nature clad in white, children playing silent system was used to the disadmerrily with their sleighs, laughing, the Warden told all the prisoners on happy couples in cutters, sleigh bells their arrival that although the silent ringing, the stores decked out in system was the rule, still the guards

I thought of my wife and children, I cursed the hyprocritical churchgoers who, by their indifference, had allowed such a state of things to be possible; that corruption was given a free hand, because the so-called Christians were too busy piling up their gold to care for the morals of even their own children.

The Silent System.

When I arrived at the penitentiary eat their food like wild animals. my shackles and handcuffs were tak- Let me explain what the hole is if he did not speak too loud, or al- victim, about two feet wide, to lie on ches him in the stomach, knocking lowed the talking to interfere with no covering of any kind, no pillow, all his breath out of him. He is held

purposes. It was emptied once ev ery twenty-four hours. Two slices of bread were given every twenty-four hours and some water. No matter how long you were sent to the hole for, you never had a wash, you never were allowed even to wash your

The following cases I also brought A man named Eldridge, was refused admission to the hospital by the

times, and then he is sent to his cell, sent him. and sometimes is left naked in his

In giving the hose treatment, the that it ears the clothes off the vic- recaptured. tim, The stream of water is worked The first case was that of a French in less than a year? up and down the body, bruising it man, who escaped from the asylum terribly. After the punishment has He cut his way through the steel been inflicted the body of the victim, bars of his cell, and also through the were all jumping into the air shoutis fearfully swollen, and is black and bars of the outside windows. He was ing that work should be undertaken blue. The effects lasts for weeks, captured after being away some for the benefit of the unemployed. and in some cases the victim never weeks. Some two years afterwards Yet as soon as the spring comes the fully recovers. The victim is general- he again cut his way out, and hid in Lampman notes that they are mak-

doctor. This man worked in the One night a guard came to my cell cell. -It was in the depth of and while I was asleep put a broom-

LADY LONDONDERRY NOW A COLONEL.

England is organizing women volunteer reserves. The women are would allow them to talk if they did taught signalling, despatch riding, telegraphing, motoring, and camp cooknot speak too loud. This resulted in ing. It has been explained that the corps was for use only in the event the very best conducted men being of an invasion of England. It is not intended to use the women for agconstantly reported. The quietest gression, but, as the authorities state, "to arm them for their own demen would so conduct themselves fense in the last extremity is very different and justifiable." Four comthat it was impossible to report them panies have already been formed, with Lady Londonderry as colonel.

for anything excepting talk. It is a remarkable fact that the toughest and at night. On the night of the lance it twice. I shall carry the scar third day, Guard Tatton, the scout, to my grave. The food was cooked in such a saw his condition, and took him over I wrote a letter to the inspectors filthy, careless manner that often the to the Chief's office and got an order of penitentiaries, on one occasion, men refused to eat it. No knives or to take him to the liospital. He died complaining of the brutal conduct of forks were allowed, and men had to a few days after.

en off and I was taken into the war- like. There are eleven cells under The water cure, which has been the Warden, telling him to make an den's office. After asking my age, ground. They are about eight feet abandoned in every other prison, was my nationality, my profession, etc. wide and ten long. They have a still retained in the Portsmouth Basthe Warden told me that if I wished gate made of steel bars, also a blind tile. The manner of inflicting this to get along with the men I must not door made of thick wood. This blind terrible punishment is as follows: A up before the Warden. He said that let them think I was their superior, door is often closed, sometimes for large bath, specially made, is filled and that if I had no reports against days together. It is dark as midnight with ice cold water. The victim is me I would only have to serve five when this door is closed. There is stripped naked, his hands are strapyears and six months. Then, to my nothing to sit on only the damp stone ped to his side; his feet and legs are surprise, I was informed that the sil- floor, over which loathsome insects also strapped together. He is then take the guard's word, ent system was in vogue, and that crawl. The walls were often wet placed by the side of the baths one the convicts were forbidden to speak and the floor, which was made of of the guards then knocks him over to each other, but that the guards stone, was always damp. At night into the bath. He is then held under would not report a convict for talking a piece of old carpet was given the the water while another guard pun-

a guard toward me. The letter was a most respectful one. I had over thirty witnesses. The inspectors wrote to investigation. The Warden asked the guard if my statement was true. Or course he denied it. I was brought the guard denied the whole thing. I asked the Warden to call my witnessand question them, regarding the matter. He refused, saying he would

Getting Their Tobacco

Tobacco is barred from the penitentiary. The officials are opposed to the convicts being allowed tobacby the government. The reason for to obtain tobacco that they will do truck with a convict whom he can trust. This convict drums up trade. He will go to the other convicts, telling them that he can get a letter out to their friends asking them to send them some money in underground, That is, through one of the guards. The convict will agree to write to his friends, asking them to send them some money to a certain address in Kingston. Their friends send- it, the guard gets some one to call and get it. He then informs his trusty that it has arrived. The guard keeps half of the money for getting it in, the convict has to give the trusty somedone paying yet. He has got the money "to get tobacco, but the guard who got the money for him, will not that he does not make a habit of getting tobacco for the convicts, but that another guard will get it for

The convict sees another trusty, who is a go-between, and he arrangbacco. For a dollar the guard gives the convict either six or seven plugs of tobacco, instead of ten. This guard thus makes thirty of forty cents on every dollar. But the poor convict has not done paying even yet. He has to

dead; he is then pulled up for a mi-regive the go-between some of the to-nute; as soon as he gets his breath, bacco for his trouble. Before he get he is again held under until he is thoough he finds he only gets a litalmost dead. This is repeated several the more than a third of the money

> Any sane person can see why the officials are against the government providing tobacco for the prisoners.

Escapes.

During my stay there were several man is placed'in a cell, then a three escapes. Portsmouth is known all the "movies" and you will feel it. inch hose is called into requisition. over the American continent as the The hose has a three-quarter inch strongest prison on the continent. It nozzie. A stream of water is wurned has the reputation for being the har- ion six months to conclude a little on to the poor victim, the pressure dest upon the prisoners. Notwith- peace treaty with John M. Campbell of the water being eighty pounds to standing its supposed strength, men about power supply, how, asks the

ly left in the cell in his wet and tat- the binder twine shop for two days, ing efforts to curtail labor by doing but was found and returned to his away with the road scavengers and

An amusing attempt to escape ocwinter. The guard who had charge stick through the bars of my grate curred soon after I went to prison of the quarry gang, seeing how ill and struck me on the forehead with Three men were working outside the he was, told him to get up into the it, There was a nail in the end of walls. A guard was with them. One On December 14th, 1908, I was After getting through with the loft over the stable and cover him- the broom stick; the nail made a of the men took the guards rifle taken to Portsmouth Penitentiary to Warden, I was taken to the Chief's self with some old horse blankets, deep wound in my forehead. When away from him. He was one of the been convicted on the charge of ex- from me. I took a bath, had my poor fellow laid in the loft, the weather and the destar does not to burn him something that would counteract the laid in the loft, the weather and the destar does not to burn him did nothing to the guard, but made off as fast as their legs would carry The Portsmouth Philosopher tells thing-once a mother has used the

tional one, yet it was not withstand- downpours. out its humorous side. Four men who in the prison of isolation, m solitary scraps of bread, potatoes and cloth. confinement, had arranged a "get away" to be "pulled off" in August.

week. Only one man cleans his cell at a time, a guard standing at the cell door while he does it.

The guard on duty this morning was an especially unpopular officer. While convict 1000 was cleaning his remarks to the convict, which rattl- in a way that does them credit. ed him. The officer turned his back for a minute, and the convict The Lampman does not wonder 0 ye by wandering tempest sown head, knocking his senseless. He monarch.. then took the keys from him and liberated the other four convicts. They quickly donned it.

Just at this time the doctor came to make his daily visit to the soliuniform answered the door. He soon as the doctor entered he was stripped of his uniform, and placed in a

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The Man on Watch

The Lampman rises to remark that the immigrants distributed among the Frontenac farmers by Col. Hunter are not the only people who need a bath, Just take note at

If it takes the Utilfties Commissthe inch. The pressure is so great have got away and have never been Lampman, can people expect the Allies to conclude one with the Kaiser

substituting the man with the hose.

There could not be any worse odor around the Utilities property on AN EXCELLENT REMEDY Queen and Barrack streets than the gas which saturates the atmosphere thereabouts. The residents should welcome the establishment of a garbage incinerator if it will give off writes: "I have used Baby's Own

them. They were recaptured and the Lampman that the sock and lin- Tablets she would use nothing else. were given an additional six months. en "showers" held for the soldiers They are pleasant to take; the result The next escape was a most sensa- were more than that. They were

had been transferred from Stoney Germany may not honor a scrap Mountain Penitentiary, and another of paper, but the Lampman reads convict, all of whom were confined that it is paying a lot of respect to

The Lampman recomments other But although it was only April, an clergymen to take the harbor bath unexpected opportunity arose and tonic as the Union Street Church By William Watson. they decided to take advantage of it. preacher did last Saturday. Perhaps She stands a thousand-wintered tree. The prisoners in solitary confine- they will excuse themselves by say- By countless morns impearled. ment mop out their cells twice a ing that he is a Baptist and takes to Her broad roots coil beneath the water like a duck.

done more for the soldiers being sent overseas than any place near its size | Clothe the remotest strand while convict 1000 was cleaning his people of this garrison town has been cell this officer was making sarcastic very great, and they have responded New nations fostered in her shade,

wrenched the iron leg off his bed. He that the Salvation Army when it 'Neath every alien star, then asked the guard to look at the heard of the fall of the old elm tree Forget not where the breath was water pipe at the back of the cell. on Gore street last Sabbath hastened The officer went into the cell and to the spot and held a service over then the convict struck him overthe the remains of the fallen highway For ye are still her ancient seed

The Lampman thought the G.T.R., To whom the Mother in her need then went to the end of the corridor had moved up to Williamsville when Perchance may one day call. and overpowered the other guard, he approached that neighborhood and put him into a cell. Then then last Sabbath afternoon, but when he took the uniform off one of the came in view of the noise he saw that guards, and one of the convicts it was only an old locamotive bell glican church edifice. The bell does deep lines to pucker between your

The Lampman cannot give his Unless a garment is uncomfortcell and locked up. One of the other support to Town Councilman New- able, you can't convince a woman convicts clothed himself in the doc- man's proposal that Kingston adopt it is stylish. whole country adopted it, better doing good.

leave it alone, for it would be confusing. Let Kingston worry over the question as long as it has worried over that of church union, and at least as long as the Utilities Commission has taken to make an agreement over a little bit of water power at Kingston Mills.

The Lampman has received a letter from "A Friend of Children" asking him what he thinks of a townsman who will not allow children to play in front of his place and who, calls upon the police to chase them home. The Lampman sympathizes with the "kiddles" so long as they are not causing a real annoyance, and he for one would not thinkof stopping them at their play. There is nothing like having the streets full of children and their joyous laughter. The Lampman thinks that one of the Prophets had something to say about this. It would be a poor and staid old town that will not put up with child-play on the highways, for nowadays land is too expensive and too limited for every householder to have playgrounds.

-THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

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England And Her Colonies.

Her branches sweep the world: Kingston, says the Lampman, has Her seeds, by careless winds convey-

in the country. The call upon the With forests from her scatterings

And linking land with land.

That wafted you afar ! On younger soil let fall-Children of Britain's island-breed

Unconscious Frowns

Don't narrow your eyes when you clanging on St. Luke's Hall, which wish to be impressive. If you draw was once the deceased All Saint's An- your mouth into a button and allow tary prisoners. When he rang the bell for "Tom" McAuley to do a good cross expression. Is anything more one of the convicts in the officers deed by presenting St. Luke's with a unpleasant than an angry face with its features tied in veritable knots?

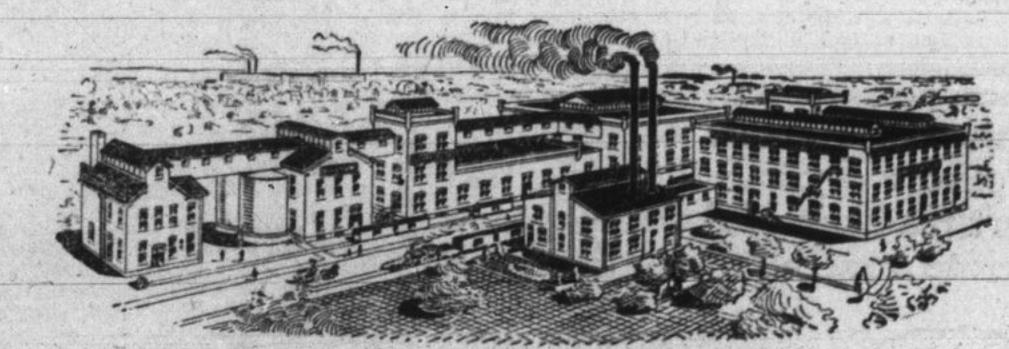
tor's clothes.. The five convicts, two the "more daylight" scheme. It He who stoops to brush a banana in officer's uniforms and three in would be a nice thing, but unless the peel from the sidewalk is bent upon

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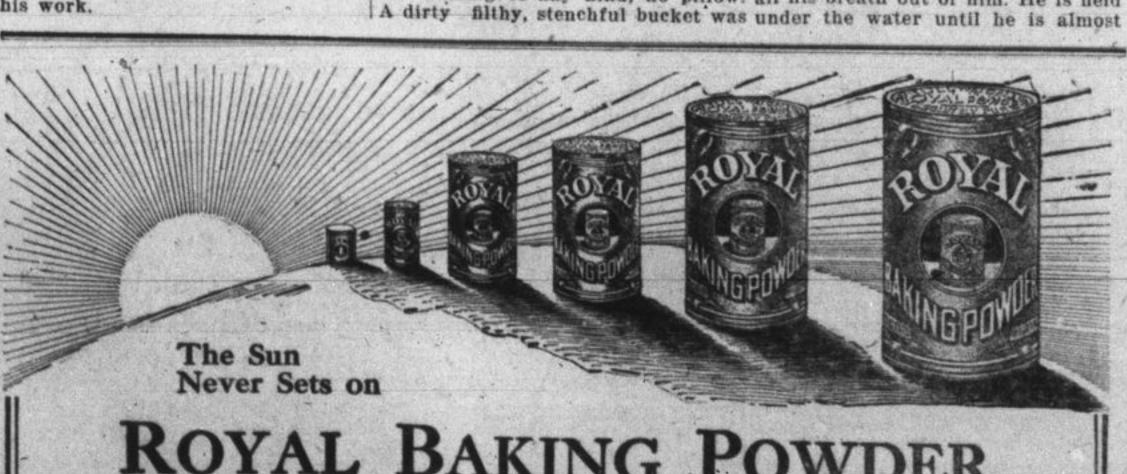
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