

THERE'S A STORY IN LOW WHISPERS AT BIG U. S. PEN

RUMORS SAY CHANGES IN OFFICIALS MAY BE MADE AS RESULT OF INVESTIGATION.

WICKERSHAM HAS REPORT?

Rumor Relates Examiners Have Made Recommendations—Gossip Asserts Four Officials Were Mentioned Unfavorably in Report.

[The APPEAL's headline last week seems to have taken effect. Three days after it was from the press the following appeared in the Leavenworth Daily Times...

Many rumors were about yesterday in the city and at the federal penitentiary alleging that changes were to be made among the officials of that institution...

The rumors yesterday had it that extracts from the examiners' report were sent to the officials in question and that several of them had employed attorneys and were getting up answers to send to Washington...

It is known that Mr. Lemon was very busy yesterday and it is said that he is hot on the trail of several persons who testified against him...

It is said that three other officials, E. E. Hinds, superintendent of construction, T. N. Williamson, steward, and William F. Rauser, foreman of the tailor shop, heard from the investigation...

None of these officials would affirm or deny that they had received any communication and they declined to make any statement for publication.

Every one about the penitentiary, including officials and prisoners, seemed to be on the qui vive yesterday and expecting something to "break".

Kansas City Interested

Kansas City, Mo., July 19.—Although the Star and Post have remained silent as to the expose of conditions at Leavenworth, the people of Kansas City are arousing to the infamy and are demanding to know more of it.

Yesterday, on invitation, I talked at headquarters of the Kansas City Iride brigade at Central street, sixty-one persons being present. From the chief down they were all interested in this exposure.

I took the last copy of the APPEAL to the city editor of the Post and asked him to help the cause a little.

Nelson of the Star is digging into the Italians of this city. I had they are becoming very much interested in the prison expose of the APPEAL and in Socialism itself.

Liberal Laws for Co-operation.

Under the constitution of Oklahoma. Every municipal corporation shall have the right to engage in any business or enterprise which may be engaged in by a person, firm or corporation...

Facts Boiled Down.

Interest, rent and profit will not exist under Socialism. Without them there can be no idle aristocracy.

The conqueror, whether by the use of money or the sword, must divide the plunder among his necessary followers to preserve power and peace.

The Bible for It.

Thou shalt not lend upon interest to thy brother; interest of money, interest of vituals, interest of anything that is lent you interest.

COMMUNE.

And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee, then thou shalt relieve him; yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner, that he may live with thee.

An Imitation World

From the New York Sun—A Satire on Capitalism.

Henry Wickwire was his morning toilet with a cake of unadorned soap, a near-linen towel and a hairbrush having imitation bristles.

His trousers were made of imitation wool. His waistcoat had a white edging sewed underneath the V.

His shoes were seconds, but they had been given a finish like that of the most expensive custom shoes.

In his waistcoat pocket he carried a rolled gold watch. He fastened his necktie with an imitation pearl pin.

On the floor was an imitation Turkish rug. An imitation French clock ticked on the mantelpiece.

Henry Wickwire had a cup of coffee. This coffee was largely an imitation.

The bread was full of alum and the loaf had been short weight.

Henry Wickwire went to work. His all-wool overcoat was 90 per cent cotton.

He reached his office at a quarter past 9. He had been due at 9 o'clock and had thus short-changed his boss a quarter of an hour.

Henry Wickwire was a claim clerk. Customers often claim that their shipments are short or that some other mistake had been made against them.

Henry Wickwire went to work. His gloves were imitation buckskin.

He glanced at the second claim. "Another fake."

He read them all and, as the first step toward an adjustment, he consulted the ledger clerk to find out whether the claimants were liberal buyers.

At noon Henry Wickwire went to lunch. He made his way to a buffet parlor.

The walls were lined with imitations of marble. The electroliers were finished in an effect that gave the appearance of old bronze covered with verticis.

The production of life's necessities is now done almost entirely with machinery.

The ownership of the machinery of production and distribution by the capitalist class makes the vast majority of the people the servants of that capitalist class.

Henry returned to the official and gossiped with the bookkeeper and the stenographer.

Henry dressed for dinner with unusual care and called on a girl in the West Thirties.

"I've heard of a new French table d'hote," said Henry Wickwire, "an awful bohemian place. Shall we try it, Doris?"

"Awfully jolly," said Doris. Doris' godmothers and godfathers had given her the name of Henrietta, but she had preferred the name of Doris.

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Trust Busting Fiasco.

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