

Why Not Also Execute Fort Henry Revolters?

If Private Lonsdale Must Die Men at Kingston Should Get Same Justice

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Kingston, Ont., May 1.—Discussing the revolt on Thursday of the war prisoners at Fort Henry, when several of them made a concerted attack on their guards who were obliged to defend themselves with bayonets. The Daily Standard in a first page editorial to-day points out that the news of this revolt was made public on the very day that Germany officially announced confirmation of the sentence of death upon Private William Lonsdale for his attack on a non-commissioned officer in a German military prison camp.

The Standard then goes on to say:

"Considering the callousness of the German official heart, perhaps it might not be amiss if it were quite frankly and officially stated by Canada and Great Britain to German officials that if a prisoner like Lonsdale is to suffer death for a revolt against the inhuman treatment accorded him by his captors, no less a punishment must be accorded the men who participated in the concerted revolt at Fort Henry.

"Especially so when, as United States Consul Johnston, the acting German consul, testifies in his interview with The Standard, the men have been more than considerately treated, and not only have nothing to complain of but have much to be thankful for.

"If Lonsdale, revolting because barbarously treated, must die, why not Count von Riesenenthal and the other Fort Henry revolters who turned against and attacked their guards with no legitimate excuse. If there be justice according to the military law in Germany's condemnation of Lonsdale, shall Canada be any less just to the revolters here?"