

FEAR THAT LANDLORDS SOON CONTROL FARMS BRINGS ON AN INQUIRY

United States Commission on
Industrials Starts Investi-
gation to Get All Facts.

NEW NATIONAL POLICY

American Farmer Would Be Laborer
Under Efficiency System If Cor-
porations Control Farms Here.

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Dallas, Texas, March 13.—Is a pernicious landlordism springing up in America? Is a permanent tenant farmer class to be looked for as a development of the coming years? Or will corporations control farm operations and the real farmer class be unskilled laborers working in large gangs on "efficiency" systems? These are among the important questions that will be asked by the United States commission on industrials in the hearings on the American land question, scheduled to begin here Tuesday morning. The hearings will continue for five days and 26 qualified witnesses have been subpoenaed to appear.

Will Be Most Unique Hearing.

In some ways this will be the most unique of the commission's hearings. It is the first time that any official body of the federal government has recognized the importance of the United States developing a national policy with regard to the land just as other nations and the colonies of the British Empire have already done.

It marks the advent of the tenant farmer as a recognized part of the industrial struggle, classifying him with labor as a laborer. It calls for a realization by the general public that in the United States there is a rapid concentration of ownership of lands into the hands of a limited number and the absentee landlordism is growing apace.

It will develop with startling vividness the fact that it is not so much how to "get back to the land" that will trouble as how to get back the land.

The hearings have been set for the southwest, because in this section the land problem has reached its most acute stage in America, and a reaction against landlordism has already begun.

In the southwest also the tenant farmers have been increasing twice as fast as the home-owning farmers, and there are a number of counties of almost entirely white population where the percentage of tenant farmers to the whole will run higher than 68.

For several years Texas and Oklahoma have been the scene of a silent but bitter struggle between land and tenant classes, and a decided movement has come about to raise the rents. The tenants have resisted and formed class-conscious unions to resist what they have come to regard as landlord encroachments. In Texas alone there are about 236,000 tenant families, three-fourths of whom are native whites.

The commission will study the relation of the floating tenant farmer to the floating of the industrial population, also will take up such questions as the fleeing of the working population on farms by exorbitant interest charges, the prevalence of violence, strikes, peonage, interference with competition among whites, negroes, Mexicans and other immigrants of foreign extraction.

Many Questions to Come Up.
The movement of farm labor and better methods of distributing it, the influence of modern machinery, the possibilities of successful farming operations on large tracts of land, the subjects upon which the commission will seek light.

And in addition to the industrial relations the commissioners will obtain a vivid conception of the actual tenant conditions and the tenants' point of view, by means of the stories of tenant farmers themselves.

Witnesses have been chosen to represent the points of view of the militant tenant farmer, the conservative tenant, the landlord, the public official, the disinterested observer and the trained economist.

Administration of Old Estate Is Asked
To collect a bill of \$125, Attorney G. W. Stapleton yesterday petitioned for letters of administration in the estate of Mrs. Amelia Hosford, who died June 29, 1882, nearly 33 years ago. Mrs. Hosford's estate consists of \$115.50 due on an insurance policy made out in her name and due on the death of her husband, who died in 1912. Mr. Stapleton alleges that as a creditor of the estate he is entitled to appointment as administrator. Two relatives, nephews, O. W. Hosford and L. P. Hosford, are said to be the only kin Mrs. Hosford had in Oregon.

Returns With Prisoners.

City Detective John Goltz returned from Martinez, Cal., last night with Peter Smith, alias John Egan, who is wanted here in connection with the recall election signature frauds. Smith voluntarily surrendered himself to the California authorities.

Autoist's Speed Was High, Says Officer

Driving an automobile stripped of fenders and a Bankhead was arrested yesterday by County Motorcycle Officer White on a charge of speeding along Linnton road. White said that he followed Bankhead and was compelled to let his motorcycle out to 54 miles to overtake the car, catching Bankhead as the latter slowed up for a turn near the Linnton rockpile. L. W. Moon and G. A. Jones next Wednesday. Wood told White he was testing a carburetor on a Standard Oil company touring car when arrested.

Making a Stroll Of 14,000 Miles

Out for a stroll of 14,000 miles around the border of the United States, William Ferreri, Italo A. Monti and J. DeLuca dropped into Portland today while on their way. They called on Mayor Albee and obtained his signature to a letter acknowledging their visit. They started from New York city April 15 of last year. They have walked 4935 miles, and expect to finish the jaunt in three and a half days. Oregon is the nineteenth state they have reached. Each carries a knapsack weighing 35 to 40 pounds. From here they will go down the coast, visiting the exposition en route. They said another group started on the same trip, only taking the southern states first. They said a prize of \$5000 was offered by the Valley club of New York to the group which makes the trip in the shortest time. While in Portland they are staying with their countryman, Raffaele Bonfiglio, 641 Fourth street.

RESERVATIONS POUR IN FOR EXCURSION ON TUESDAY TO FLAVEL

Indications Trains Carrying
People to Welcome Great
Northern Will Be Taxed.

Business club committees reported yesterday 1000 reservations for the excursion to Astoria and Flavel next Tuesday when the celebration commemorating the beginning of the 26 hour Hill steamship service between the Columbia river and San Francisco bay will be held and the Great Northern will be welcomed.

As the excursion is also open to the general public, the great interest in the event, it is expected that the carrying capacity of the two special trains will be taxed. It was announced that seats for 1600 will be provided and that no tickets will be sold for which there are no seats.

A suggestion by C. S. Loveland that a Portland race be presented with Portland's compliments to each person arriving on the Great Northern, was approved, and Mr. Loveland was asked by the general committee to secure roses of various varieties and colors, and to take charge of their distribution at the train.

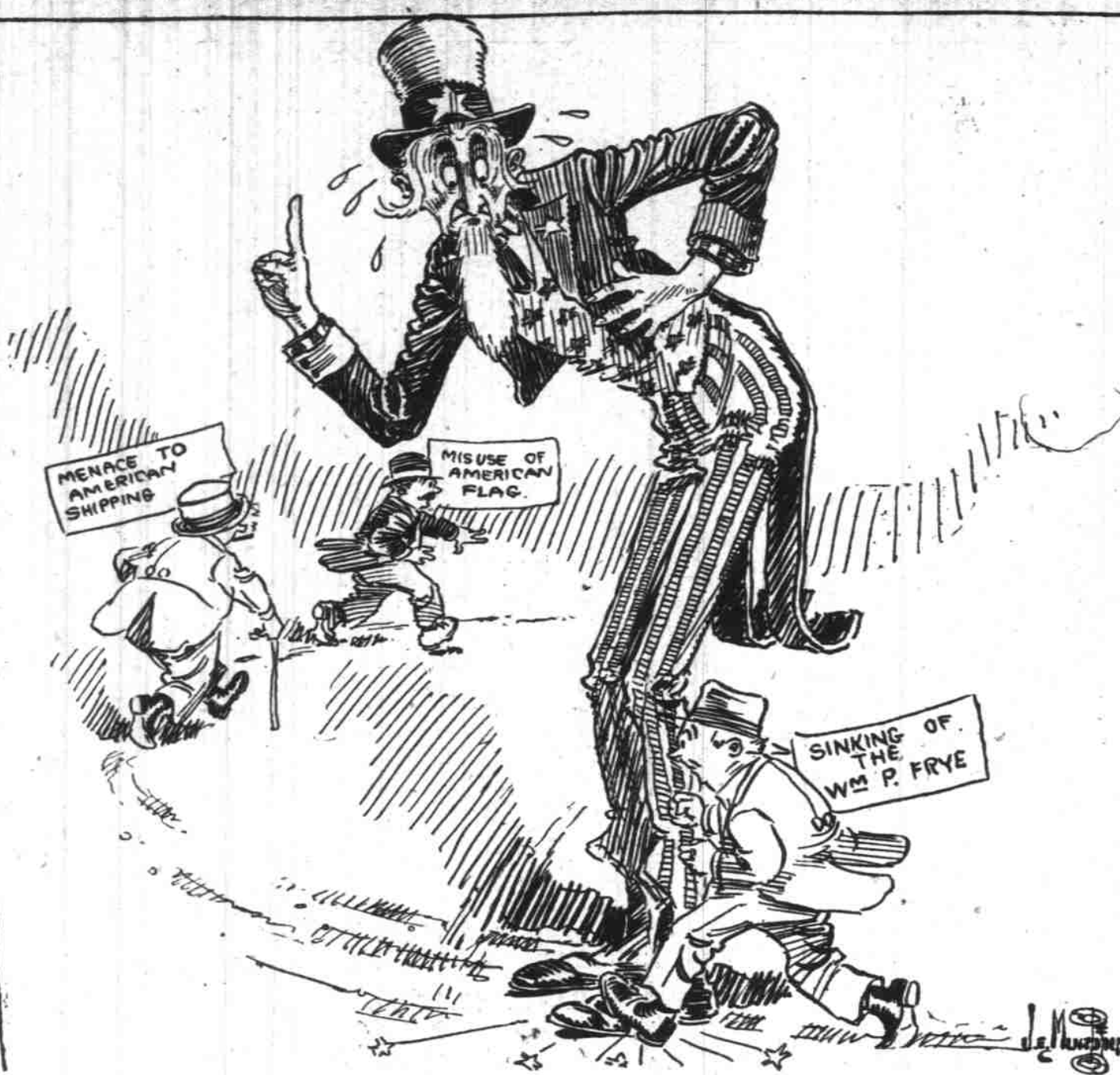
Dr. R. M. Emerson, chairman of the music committee, reported that the Elks' band of 40 pieces would travel with the excursion, and the Rosarians' band of 10 pieces would travel with the excursion. At Flavel the Rosarians' band will lead the people in the music of the "Star Spangled Banner" after the close of the Astoria race. The excursion will be a musical event. The Rosarians' band will constitute one of the most striking features of the program. Miss Mabel Ryder, junior girl tennis champion of Oregon, as the bride, will take the part of the "Bride" and Oscar Collins, as the groom, will take the part of "Groom." George L. Baker will officiate at the ceremony, the words for which were written by S. S. Hewitt. J. E. Werlein of the "yell committee" announced that he had organized a yell squad of 20 men who would be heard at appropriate times. J. P. Jaeger, who had been appointed chairman of a committee on badges recommended that a badge be provided for every Portland excursionist, as it will be necessary for identification when lunch is served by Astorians at Flavel.

Trains Leave at 8 A. M.

The excursion trains leave Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock from the North Bank depot and arrive at Flavel in time for lunch before the arrival of the big new steamer. After the return and the inspection of the ship and the Hill terminal at the mouth of the river, there will be a 20 minute stop to inspect Astoria's municipal docks on the way back to Portland. The excursionists will arrive in Portland again about 6:30 p. m.

Much of the prospective success of the excursion is due to the enthusiastic work done by committees of the Ad. Rotary Transportation, Commercial, East Side Business Men's, and Progressive Business Men's clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, Royal Rosarians and the Realty board.

JUST ONE BLAMED THING AFTER ANOTHER!



Patrolman Finds Sympathy Misplaced

"There's a man out here who's that sick, destitute and who hasn't had a thing to eat for five days." This startling information over the telephone last night at police headquarters, sent Patrolman J. H. Reid hurrying to the rescue. He found Alex Powone in a shack at 794 Tacoma avenue. Alex was apparently too weak to even converse in Russian to a sympathetic countryman. In all tenderness, Reid called the patrol wagon to take the man to the emergency hospital.

"I'm all right now," said Alex in good plain English, when the station was reached. "I guess I'll go back home." But the indignant Reid would not let him go. He was taken to the emergency hospital, where he was given a vagrancy charge and Judge Stevenson this morning sent him back to jail for three days to meditate on the evils of laziness.

Blood Transfusion

Proves Successful

After the operation in which a quart of blood was transfused from the body of D. M. Horn of Ironbrook, Cal., to his brother-in-law, Alfred Johnson, performed at the St. Vincent's hospital yesterday, Mr. Johnson was today reported to be on the road to recovery. Mr. Johnson is the husband of Mr. Horn's sister. A civil engineer by profession, he has been ill for several years with anemia. The veins of the two men were connected for more than an hour. The operation was performed by Dr. A. Sommer. Mr. Johnson is the brother of Frank S. Johnson of 30 East Twenty-fourth street, and has been living at the latter's home recently.

CAPTAIN SCHRADER DIES

Tillamook, Or., March 13.—Captain Paul Schrader, major years captain of the Sue H. Elmore, died last night, age 65. He was formerly captain of the Augusta and the Harrison. He was born in Germany. He had the reputation of never having lost a pound of freight or a passenger.

A remarkable case is puzzling Philadelphia doctors. It is that of a child in whose head a sound resembling the ticking of a large watch can be distinctly heard.

BLESSED MAN HAS HEART OF BOY AND THE FACE OF A SAINT

This Is Characterization of
Father John Flinn as Given
by Dr. Fletcher Homan.

"That blessed man with a boy's heart and a saint's face," was Dr. Fletcher Homan's characterization of Father John Flinn who, hale and hearty at 88 years old, was guest of honor with Rev. Henry Moore, 80 years old, at the meeting of the brotherhood of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church last night. The occasion was a birthday celebration for the two pioneer Methodist preachers.

Father Flinn responded to Dr. Homan's loving tribute. He told of his conversion when he was 17 years old. "I am a Methodist," he said. "I have been a Methodist in Oregon for 67 years. Oregon! I love Oregon. I love to be with you people in Oregon. And I can truly say I have not an enemy in the world. Now that may sound strange for a man who has lived as long as I have, but it is true. I am an Irishman. But I am an American, too."

Father Flinn told of his early work in Methodism. Rev. Mr. Moys, responding to a toast to him, told of many interesting experiences he had when he was sent to Kansas as a Methodist circuit rider when there were only three houses in Emporia, one a hotel, one a printing office and the other a rough plank structure. His work spread until he was covering every four weeks a circuit 300 miles around and having 21 preaching places.

A number of others spoke.

MRS. HUMASON LOSES

County Judge Cleeton yesterday once more decided against Mrs. Margaret Humason in her attempt to secure from B. P. Orr the estate of her husband, Mrs. Mollie Burke Orr, valued at approximately \$75,000. He held that the findings of fact in the divorce suit of Orr and his first wife, Hannah M. Orr, were sufficient grounds for the decree. Mrs. Humason had attempted to have the divorce set aside on grounds that the findings did not justify the decree with the idea of making his marriage to her sister valid and thus becoming her sister's heir. An appeal is expected.

Boy Admits Theft Of Number Hides

Admitting participation in the theft of 1600 pounds of hides from the Frank L. Smith packing house on the Linnton road, Charles Beggs, a 16-year-old youth residing in South Portland, was arrested on a larceny warrant this morning by City Detectives Moloney and Swenne. The hides were sold to local hide dealers for \$75. The thefts took place February 1 and the detectives are looking for two other men who are said to be implicated in the case. Beggs will be taken before the juvenile court.

ASHAMED OF HER BAD COMPLEXION

Many an otherwise attractive girl is a social failure because of a poor complexion. If your skin is not naturally fresh, smooth and glowing, or has suffered from an unwise use of cosmetics, Resinol Soap and Resinol Ointment will almost surely clear it in a normal, healthy way. It is so easy, too.

Just bathe your face for several minutes with Resinol Soap and hot water, working the creamy leather into the skin gently with the fingertips. Then wash off with more Resinol Soap and warm water, finishing with a dash of clear, cold water to close the pores.

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PLAN OF BUSINESS ENABLES PATRONS TO SHARE DIVIDENDS

"The Key to Economy" Is
Launched Under Name of
National Service Company

MERCHANT MEMBERS AID

Company Now Has 300 Members;
Prizes to Be Given Those Getting Largest Dividends.

With its motto, "The Key to Economy," a new enterprise begins business today in Portland under the name, National Service company, having as its object the promotion of trade by the people of the city with the company's merchant members. The company's plan of business is a simple one and provides for cash dividends to be returned to patrons every

90 days in proportion to the amount of purchases. The National Service company, acting as a solicitor for those merchants listed as members, will seek business for these members. It will distribute books full of coupons, the book to be presented at the time a purchase is made. The merchant will tear out the coupon, recording his member number and the amount of purchase and filling in the same data on the coupon stub. The merchant returns the slips to the company at the end of each month and at the end of each 90 days percentages will be figured in accordance with the amount of sales. Dividend percentages range from 3 to 25 per cent, one-half going to one patron and the other half to the National Service company for its service. Difference in dividends is fixed according to commodities, as for example on safety deposit boxes the return is 25 per cent, 12½ going to the box renter, whereas on groceries, meats and the like the dividend is 3 per cent, the customer getting 1½ per cent. The company now has some 300 members, a complete list being contained in each booklet. The booklets are free and holders may permit others to use them in their stead. To stimulate interest \$75 in prizes will be distributed on June 1 to persons receiving the largest dividend checks.

National Service had its inception in Tacoma and is being carried on in Oregon as an Oregon corporation under the direction of C. A. Weigel with offices in the Morgan building. Speaking of National Service, Mr. Weigel said yesterday: "All of the usually designated 'premium propositions' heretofore advanced have appealed chiefly to the housewife, who through such means has attempted to supply small articles needed for household equipment. By the new plan advanced by the National Service company, however, the housewife, the business and professional man, the old maid and the bachelor are all treated alike, each one possessing the company's dividend purchase booklet, receiving a cash dividend quarterly on all purchases they make from merchants who are members of the company." The principles underlying the scheme are sound, according to Mr. Weigel, and in its legal phase the plan does not fall under the recently enacted trading stamp law.

Hoppickers Fail To Recover Wages

Mrs. Angelica Peters and the 160 other hoppickers whom she represented failed to recover wages for the 11 days picking they alleged Dorcas Bros. had promised them and failed to make good. A jury in Circuit Judge Morrow court yesterday returned a verdict for Dorcas Bros. Mrs. Peters asked for \$27.50 wages for herself and each of those she represented of a total of \$4420. The crew worked nine days on the Lively ranch near Quincy, Or., last fall.

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\$1.29; 1/2-gallon cans, 65c
HAMS, sugar cured, fine quality, closely trimmed—lb. 16c
PEACHES, sliced, superior quality, No. 2 1/2 cans, dozen for \$1.65; 15c
BEANS, string beans, Oregon cut green, No. 2 cans, dozen \$1.10; can. 10c

PEAS, dimple, 20c regular value, dozen, \$1.70; 15c
BEANS, 25c imported Beans, Lima or string, 15c
BUTTER, Butterfat brand, very popular, 55c
VINEGAR, cider vinegar, Blue Grass Belle, 15c
RAISINS, cluster, Delmonico fancy quality, 95c
5-lb. cartons
60c TEAS fancy Ceylon or Japan—lb. 49c

NAPTHA SOAP, 39c
Victor brand, 10 bars for...
WHITE SOAP, Premium brand, 7 bars... 25c
GLOSS STARCH, Kingsford's 6-lb. wooden boxes... 59c
BALL BLUEING, put up in 1/2-lb. boxes... 10c
LYE, 10c cleaning Lye, Banner brand, can... 7c
BROOMS, 60c Brooms, "Little Lady" make, each... 50c

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