

### ENCOURAGES SOLDIERS TO ENTER AGRICULTURE

John Mitchell, in many respects the most admirable leader organized labor has produced in half a century, believes that the best and most permanent solution of the labor problem soon to unfold with the progress of reconstruction and readjustment will be found in encouraging returning soldiers to enter agriculture.

Of course, it is the best and most permanent solution. Agriculture is the one vocation that can absorb all the available energy in the world. It is the one vocation that doesn't produce breadlines and soup houses.

It is the most neglected of all by governments. That, however, is not because those who conduct governments have less regard for agriculture than for other occupations, but because agriculture is not organized and other occupations are.

The politicians are most concerned in the organized branches of labor—the branches that demand fewer hours, cheaper food and higher wages, and vote solidly.

When eight-hour legislation comes up before state legislatures care is always taken to exempt the farms and farmers from the operation of such laws.

When child labor laws are pending, care is taken that they shall not apply to the children of farmers or to products of the farm.

No legislature objects to sixteen hours of labor on the farms. Texas will not permit an employer to compel a female employe to work more than nine hours a day, even for extra pay, but the farm woman can put in sixteen hours a day and welcome.

The world apparently wants the farmers to work long hours, to produce an abundance of food and sell it for a low price—it doesn't care how low. And this will enable other branches of labor to work short days at big wages and have plenty of food at low prices in normal times.

But in the present confusion, labor conditions are so uncertain that all the big labor leaders, and the politicians, are sure that the only way to avoid danger, such as bolshevism, is to prevent low wages and nonemployment, and that to prevent low wages and nonemployment agriculture is the only hope.

Agriculture, like the mother it is, is ready to welcome all. Now let our statesmen do something substantial for agriculture, so that the new men who are ushered into its serene and patient life may not become discouraged. And, in order to encourage the statesmen, let organized labor, which dreads postbellum overcrowding with the possibility of low wages and non-employment, get behind the statesmen and compel them to do as much for agriculture as they have done for other branches of labor.

Statesmen must solve problems relating to marketing and distribution of agricultural products. They must find a way to control storage plants.

They must find a way to improve rural schools. They must find a way to construct permanent roads. Unless all these things be done, unless rural life can be relieved of its dreadful monotony and its fierce privations and hardships—for white and black—the new men will not remain on the farms and the farm-born children will continue to move to the towns.

And statesmen needn't think they are going to put soldiers on vacant land and tell them to "go to it." Problems of reforestation, conservation of flood waters, irrigation and drainage, terracing, and such other policies as may prevent crop failures, will have to be considered and provided for.

There are entirely too many non-workers in the cities. The cities are growing too fast. They are attracting population they can't assimilate. If our state legislatures and congress will consider some of the fundamental problems involving not only the prosperity, but the comfort and happiness of "Mr. Reuben Hicks," they will find that gentleman doing his part toward feeding the world, and directly and indirectly improving conditions in the industrial centers for organized labor.

But agriculture will not answer the question of what to do with the repatriated soldiers unless these problems are taken under consideration and our statesmen begin to realize that agriculture is the foundation upon which the whole fabric of our civilization and our nation rests.—Houston Post.

### FIRST CZECHO-SLAV DIPLOMAT HERE.



Charles Pergler, formerly of Chicago and later an Iowa lawyer, is credited with being the first Czecho-Slovak diplomatic representative to America. Pergler was secretary to the Czecho-Slovak president, Dr. Thomas G. Masaryk, before the latter's departure for Europe and his own country. Pergler spent most of his youth in Prague.

Mrs. Mary McAllister received a telegram a day or two ago announcing the death of her mother at Molesworth, Ontario, at the age of 71 years. She leaves a husband, seven sons and two daughters.

### GRESHAM LOCALS

On account of the influenza situation here there will be no meeting of the Gresham grange tomorrow.

Word has been received that Mrs. George Lusted, who was taken sick on Christmas at her home in the country, has fully recovered.

Mrs. Frank Wostell, who has been nursing in Portland, was called home on Monday to care for her daughter Helen, who is down with influenza.

Arza Smith has received word of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Charity Smith, at Kennewick, Washington. He is expecting to leave tonight for that place.

Judge George W. Stapleton, who began his new term as circuit judge on January 1, has been honored by being selected as presiding judge for the first six months of the year.

Miss Carrie Webster, of Seattle, superintendent of the Children's Orthopedic hospital, was here visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Marion Johnson during the holidays.

Miss Mizz is planning to go in the near future to Chicago and other eastern cities to buy millinery goods for the Gresham trade. She is expecting to buy also for several Portland houses.

Quarterly meeting services which were to have been held at the Free Methodist church tonight, Saturday and Sunday, have been indefinitely postponed on account of the ban on public gatherings.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elgin B. Kirkwood at a Portland hospital on January 7. Mrs. Kirkwood and the baby are doing well. Mr. Kirkwood, who is at Camp Lewis, is expecting his discharge soon.

The entire family of Frank Metzger, his wife and seven children, are down with influenza. Mrs. Henry Metzger, Frank's mother, has been taking care of the family for several days under quarantine regulations. All are recovering.

During the quarantine period the Gresham library will be allowed to remain open for the exchange of books, but no reading will be permitted there and but a very few persons will be admitted at one time. All the seats have been removed.

Mrs. Sarah Jones fell on the hard ground on Wednesday last while hanging out clothes and dislocated her wrist and cracked a bone. Her son Schuyler C. Jones was sent for her wrist and broke a bone. Her the house. Her condition is improving. Mrs. S. C. Jones and her son Hallie have both been sick with influenza and Hallie is still confined to his bed but all are improving.

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Last spring the Red Cross workers at home were busy arranging to care for the American soldiers who were taken prisoners by the Germans, and now the new exchange agreement means that Italians from Austria on their way back to Italy are being cared for in hundreds. They are a pathetic lot, these "grand blesses"—the hopelessly wounded men—but they are always delighted with the prospect of going home, even though it may be going home to die. Nearly all of them are tubercular.

The method employed is this: The Italian Government sends a train into Austria through Switzerland to gather up the men released under the exchange agreement. The train crosses the Swiss border and at Buchs is met by delegations from the allied Red Cross organizations, and under the present plan the food is furnished by the American Red Cross. To many of these men this is the first square meal that they have had for years. Clothing is also furnished them. Each man of the 300 which each train carries is given cigarettes and a small American flag, and many who have been in America, some of whom have taken out their first papers, are overjoyed at the bit of red, white and blue and most demonstrative in their delight.

The representatives of the Red Cross remain on the train until it reaches Zurich, then return to Switzerland again. It is the food which America has sent over which gives to these men their first meal—food which has been saved by eating smaller portions, and by going without.

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- 1 qt. cans Heath & Milligan Paint, ea. .75
- 1-gal. cans Northwest Paint, Ivory col. 2.25
- 1 qt. cans Barrets Furniture Varnish, .50
- 1 pt. cans Barrets Furniture Varnish. .30
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