

Relief First, Aim of O'Ryan in Army Probe

Washington March 13.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover Monday named 16 members of a special committee which will inquire into agricultural export problems and summoned them to meet here March 24.

They are: W. G. Jamison, L. A. Veta, Colorado and C. W. Hunt, Des Moines, all officers of the American Farm Bureau Federation; T. C. Atkinson, Washington representative of the National Grange; Charles S. Barrett, director of the Farmers' union; James F. Egan, flour miller, Minneapolis; Julius Barnes, president Chamber of Commerce of the United States; George McCadden, cotton exporter, Philadelphia; Carl Williams, president Oklahoma Cotton Growers association; Ralph Merritt, president California Raisin and Rice association; Alonzo E. Taylor, director of the Institute of Food Research, Stanford university; James A. Broderick, vice president Bank of Commerce, New York; Adolph Miller, member of the federal reserve board; Thomas Wilson, president American Institute of Meat Packers; H. C. Taylor, Director of Agriculture, and Julius Klein, Department of Commerce.

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Will Classify Complaints.

A study of the complaints of the former soldiers will be made and the results obtained classified. Even before beginning the investigation, charges in the acquisition of hospitals and the purchase of supplies, an effort will be made to adjust the personnel so that every deserving veteran will get what he is entitled to, it was stated.

General O'Ryan said that within a month or six weeks he will have the results of his investigation nearly completed, that it will be possible for him to report to the special senate committee. At this time, it is planned to hold open hearings and give anyone the opportunity to make charges, which may not at this time be before the committee.

Some advice men also will be called before the committee and asked to specify instances in which they have not received proper hospitalization or compensation.

Question Forbes Publicly.

Col. Charles R. Forbes, formerly director of the bureau, and a number of assistants will be interrogated publicly so that "the country may know just what has been done and left undone for the benefit of the men who suffered as a result of service."

"I am entering the investigation without any preconceived notions," said General O'Ryan. "I hope to get to the meat of the matter in very short order. A very fortunate feature of the investigation is that General Hines is in no way involved. This relieves the situation of what an embarrassment. General Hines' past cannot be affected by this investigation.

Hotel Lessees Named in Ouster

Douglas Hotel Company, Fontenelle Owners, Files Suit Against Management.

Charging that under its present management the hotel Fontenelle has not only scandal and disrepute, the Douglas Hotel company, owners of the building, filed suit in district court yesterday seeking to oust E. C. Eppley, the Interstate Hotel company of Nebraska, F. B. Baylor, trustee in the matter of the bankruptcy of the Nebraska Hotel company, and Rome Miller, from their lease on the building.

The petition, filed by Monsky, Katieman and Grodninsky, attorneys for the plaintiff, also charges that under the present management the hotel has not been conducted as a first class hotel.

It alleges that a large number of sales of intoxicants have been made in and on the premises in violation of the federal prohibition law.

"I have paid a large amount of money for these properties and I went into the deal with the best of faith. I will defend my rights in the situation," said Mr. Eppley.

Alleged Box Car Thieves Arrested at Falls City

Falls City, Neb., March 13.—(Special)—Richardson county authorities ended a search that took them over a period of nearly a year with the arrest of Alva Roberts and Reuben Liberty, both of Rulo, on the charge of looting a Burlington freight car near Rulo last April.

Liberty was held to trial on arraignment, but Roberts waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court.

Cop Lookout for Swindler Gang

Woman's Spine Injured When Car Turns Turtle

Beatrice, Neb., March 13.—(Special)—Mrs. M. E. Wright was badly bruised and suffered a twisted spine when the car in which she and her husband were riding turtled on the highway near Superior as they were en route to their home in Beatrice from a trip to Phillipsburg, Kan. She was brought here on a Burlington train and placed in a hospital. The car was only slightly damaged.

So Charges Confessed Bunco Steerer in Trial of Ring at Denver

Denver, Colo., March 12.—Lou H. Blonger, 72-year-old defendant, and W. Duff headed Denver's alleged "million dollar bunco ring," George (Len) Reamey, confessed bunco "steerer" and bookmaker, declared on the witness stand in district court here yesterday, where 20 alleged members of the "ring" are on trial for conspiracy.

Blonger furnished the "ace" notes — 81 bills used to prepare fake "winnings" for victims and the bank roll for the use of the "steerers," while Duff, characterized by the prosecution as the chief lieutenant of Blonger, was the man of police protection, Reamey testified.

Divorce Suit Filed

Beatrice, Neb., March 13.—(Special)—Edith Pierce instituted suit for divorce against John Pierce in district court, charging embezzlement. Mrs. Pierce and children have been living in Filley for some time, while the husband and father remains on the old farm.

Bad Check Costs \$5 Fine

Beatrice, Neb., March 13.—(Special)—V. R. Green was fined \$5 and costs here by Judge Ellis for issuing a bad check for \$25. The case and making good the check amounted to \$23, which the young man's father paid. Green's home is near Odell.

Births and Deaths

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William K. Swisher, 74, hospital, Chicago, Ill., 10:30 a. m.; hospital, Chicago, Ill., 10:30 a. m.; hospital, Chicago, Ill., 10:30 a. m.; hospital, Chicago, Ill., 10:30 a. m.

Market, Financial and Industrial News of the Day

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Wheat closed 1/4c lower; corn was 1/4c off; oats were 1/4c lower, and barley remained unchanged.

There was good buying by commission houses of wheat, when it dropped in price to 114c. The market was supported from a local operator causing a moderate rally. Reports that a local elevator operator was contemplating increasing the public warehouse capacity in Chicago led to speculation that the market was fairly heavy in corn. Eastern houses were the best sellers during the day. The country offerings of locals and shorts. Country offerings of this grain remained generally steady. The northwestern wheat was the best. The market was credited with selling, while the demand was scattered.

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