

U. S. FARMERS REBEL AGAINST LORD SCULLY

AUTOCRATIC CRAB IN STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE MAY PUT STOP TO "FEUDALISM" OF FOREIGN LORD

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Morris, Illinois, May 12—You have heard about "feudal estates," and lord who ruled over the people. Well—

Grundy and Livingston counties in Illinois are American counties, but they have a lord who rules over them. Rules them from his castle across the Atlantic. And rules them with a rod of iron.

He is Lord William Scully. He rules because he owns most of these two counties. He owns whole townships of valuable land. He's the biggest farm owner in this country. He rents his lands.

Just now his tenants in Grundy county are up in arms. They are protesting against an increase in rent.

Lord Scully has told them they must pay \$10 an acre instead of \$6 each year.

And he has the whip hand over them. The state legislature may help them. A bill is being prepared to do that. Governor Lowden has indicated that he will sign it if it passes.

And here are 70 free-born American farmers, as honest and hard working men as you ever saw any place. They are married and have families. Nearly every farmer has at least one son in the service of the United States. Most of the boys are "over there" and in camps here. They have been patriotic to the core.

But these 70 American farm families are "subjects" of Lord Scully. And this is how it came about.

Lord Scully Bought Land at \$3 Acre Seventy years ago Lord Scully came to the United States. He had acquired much wealth as a land owner in England and Ireland.

With \$300,000 Lord Scully bought 100,000 acres of fine Illinois land. That was \$3 an acre. Remember the cost!

Lord Scully didn't not do anything to the land. Never built a barn. Never put up a fence. Never planted a tree or cut one down. Just bought the land and sailed back to his European castle. But he rented the land. At first he got but a few cents an acre as rent. He agreed with his

American tenants that he would permit them to sell improvements they made to the new tenants if they ever gave up the farms.

So they built houses, barns, sheds, fences. They drained the land. Planted orchards. Graded roads. And they paid taxes on their improvements. They paid more in taxes than Lord Scully did on the land. Now there are 70 Lord Scully farms in this county alone.

"The first Lord Scully was all right," William Halpin, one of the 70, said. "He kept raising the rent on us but not much at a time, usually about 25 cents an acre. We got along pretty well."

Then the old Lord Scully died, and the young Lord Scully, known legally in Illinois as William Scully, took charge of the estate, which includes also 200,000 acres in Nebraska Kansas and the south. He owns nearly a third of a million American acres. And lives in the grand Scully castle.

Young Scully Lacks Sense Justice This young Lord Scully got the idea that his American subjects were not paying him enough tribute. So he raised the rents on them quicker than his dad had done. Last summer they had got to \$6 an acre. That's twice the old Lord had paid for the land.

Then young Lord Scully came over last winter to see his American farm subjects. He found them prosperous, living in fairly good homes, and most of them road to town in small automobiles.

But he was disappointed. Nary a one of his American subjects took off his hat to the lord. Why, they acted like they thought they were as good as a lord. Treated him like he was a fellow man.

"He had expected to find poor, cringing peasants of the type who starved in Ireland in the infamous days of the 'rack rent' system," said Editor Sackett of the Morris Herald. "Instead he found sturdy, upstanding, independent Americans, satisfied with their lot, owning the buildings on their land."

"They didn't cringe before this gilded nobleman. "So he undertook what he regarded as the job of putting these 'American peasants in their place,' of teaching them the respect due a member of the British autocracy."

Edict Is "Pay or Get Out" Lord Scully raised the rent from \$6 to \$10 an acre.

The farmers said they couldn't pay that. Said it would bankrupt them. Lord Scully said, "pay or get out." He said he knew lots of peasants in Europe he could bring over here to work his land.

But 70 American farmers had put

improvements on his land, under their leases. They couldn't sell their improvements at their actual value if the rents were suddenly raised to \$10. The rent raise cut their values.

Young Lord Scully said he would let them move their houses off his land, if they wanted to. But you can't move a house, barn, fences, silo and orchard around like you would furniture.

Young Lord Scully thought he had them where he wanted 'em.

He insisted that they pay or get out.

He's still insisting. The lord of many millions went back to his castle and left orders with his agents in America to collect the high rent.

Illinois After Bill to Stop Scully The farmers protested. They held meetings. They went down to the state capital to see the governor about it. A bill is being framed to get young Lord Scully. It will be introduced this month. It is proposed to make farm improvements put on by a farm tenant a lien on the place and compel the owner of the land to Galley 2

Autocratic Grab in State of Illinois pay the actual value of the improvements to the tenant before he can be evicted.

That would hold young Lord Scully He would have to pay these American farmers for what they have done for his land, buildings, fences, etc. That's all these farmers want—simple justice.

That's what they asked for in a meeting at the court house here during the winter. In this same court house yard the people of Grundy county have erected a big "Welcome Home" sign. It is directed to "Grundy County Boys" in our army and navy. The boys are coming home now.

Their fathers and mothers are doing their best to make the welcome warm. Lord Scully welcomed them by raising the rents to a bankruptcy point.

There's an "Over There" and "Over Here" Angle, Too

And while this young Lord Scully was coming over here to raise the rents these Grundy county boys were going "over there" to aid Lord Scully's own country in the great war for freedom. Lord Scully didn't fight. Now he's willing to fight the farmers to get \$10 an acre a year for his American farm land.

Looks like he'd get his fight, all right.

If the state legislature doesn't help these Grundy county farmers, I wouldn't be surprised to see many of them tear down every stick they put on the farms they rent, and haul it off rather than try to pay the \$10 an acre.

"In the new classification the property valuation will be much higher but the rate of assessment will be much lower. For instance, the Burleigh county tax rate will be reduced from 44 mills last year to 19 mills this year and the Grand Forks county rate from 43 mills last year to 17 mills this year.

Asked By Business Men "The re-classification has affected a new distribution of burdens and is different than anything we have had before. One of the objections oftenest urged against the new classification is the fact that business buildings are taxed on a hundred per cent of their value. The business interests of North Dakota are principally to blame for this classification. They made strong representations against any reductions on business buildings on the ground that it would cause a depreciation in the values of their properties."

Hits Big Land Speculators A certain well equipped farm of 160 acres in the county, the taxes on which was \$48.79 last year, will pay \$2.65 more than this sum this year. Another farm not so well equipped will pay an increase of \$5 this year. Four absentee landlord companies, whose combined holdings are 125,000 acres will pay an increase of \$10,000 this year. These companies are the Patterson Land company of St. Paul, the Boynton Land company of St. Paul, the Hackney Land company of St. Paul, the estate of Mr. Hoerr of Mankota, Minn.

City lots will show an increase where there are no improvements and a decrease where there are residences. Five lots owned by the International Harvester company on which are warehouses show an increase in taxes of \$300 to 30 per cent higher than last year.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage hereinafter described by which the power of sale therein contained has become operative, and no action or proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and upon such default the mortgagee having elected and hereby declared the entire mortgage indebtedness due and payable as authorized by the said mortgage, now therefore

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the certain mortgage, made, executed and delivered by Joseph Evans and Nancy C. Evans, his wife, Mortgagees to T. L. Beiseker, Mortgagee, dated the 20th day of December 1913 and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Williams and State of North Dakota on the 4th day of March 1914 at 2:15 o'clock P. M. and there recorded in Book 498 of Mortgages at Page "457" will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such mortgage and hereinafter described at the front door of the Court House, at Williston, in the County of Williams, in the State of North Dakota at the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the 15th day of June A. D. 1919, to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage on day of sale.

The premises described in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are situated in the County of Williams and State of North Dakota and are described as follows, viz: Lots Three (3) and Four (4) and the East Half of Southwest Quarter (E1-25W 1-4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township One Hundred Fifty Three (153) North, Range One Hundred Three (103) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, containing 160 acres, more or less according to the Government Survey thereof. There will be due on such mortgage at the date of the including the first mortgage of \$1,000.00 due January 1, 1919, and recorded in said County and State in Book "112" of Mortgages at Page "472", also two delinquent interest coupons on said first mortgage each for the sum of \$60.00 and due January 1st, 1918 and 1919, respectively, and interest on said mortgage and coupons, also including the real estate taxes on the said premises for the years 1918 and 1917 in the sum of \$73.34, and interest thereon, which mortgage, interest coupons and taxes the mortgagee herein has been required to pay and has paid in order to protect his interests in the mortgage under foreclosure, the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars, exclusive of costs, disbursements and attorney's fees allowed by law.

Dated this 14th day of April 1919. ARTHUR L. NETCHER, Attorney for the Mortgagee, Fessenden, North Dakota. T. L. BEISEKER, Mortgagee 46-61

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that certain mortgage made executed and delivered by Benjamin I. Slagle and Florence A. Slagle, his wife, of Williams County, N. D., to F. P. Bergman of Williston, N. D., dated October 27, 1914, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds in the County of Williams, State of North Dakota, on October 28, 1914, at 2:21 o'clock P. M., and there duly recorded in Book 114 of Mortgages on page 167, will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in said mortgage and hereinafter described, at the front door of

the Court House, at City of Williston, Williams County, State of North Dakota, on the 10th day of May, 1919 at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The premises described in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are in the County of Williams and described as follows, to-wit: The East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Eleven, and the Northwest Quarter of Section Twelve in Township One Hundred Fifty four North of Range One Hundred West of the 5th P. M.

There will be due on said Mortgage on the date of sale \$221.20. (Signed) F. P. Bergman, Mortgagee. Usher L. Burdick and John J. Murphy, Attorneys for Mortgagee, Williston, N. Dak. C. C. Mackenroth, Sheriff of Williams County, N. D. 42-61

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Williston, N. D., April 14, 1919. NOTICE is hereby given that John Ira Brant, of Williston, N. D., who on Sept. 13, 1916, made Homestead Entry, serial No. 021679 for Lot 4, Sec. 29, and Lot 4, and NE 1-4, Section 30, Township 153 N., Range 103 W., 5th P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the Fifty four acres described, before the Register & Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Williston, N. D., on the 23rd day of May, 1919. Claimant as witnesses: Andrew Desjerlaise, George Sanderson, Leroy Ott, Henry Renville, all of Buford, N. D. W. E. Byerly, Register. 44-61

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Mikal O. Haugsvær, Deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Northwestern Trust Company, Administrator of the Estate of Mikal O. Haugsvær, late of the Township of Hebron in the County of Williams and State of North Dakota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said Administrator at Grand Forks, N. D., or to the County Judge in the City of Williston, in said Williams County. Dated April 18th A. D. 1919. Northwestern Trust Company, Administrator. First publication on the 24th day of April A. D. 1919. 45-41



"Jacqueline of Golden River," a serial story by Victor Rousseau, will commence in an early issue.

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Farmers Protest Against 'Rack Rents'



Seventy farmers of Grundy county, Illinois, met at the courthouse, in Morris, Ill., to protest against the attempt of the owner of their farms, Lord Scully, foreign landlord, to increase the annual rents from six to ten dollars an acre. They call this increase "rack-rent," and declare it means bankruptcy to them. In the courthouse yard the people of Grundy county have erected a large sign welcoming home their boys who went "over there" to fight for world democracy.

EXPERT ANALYSES NEW N. D. LAWS

MINNESOTA TAXES GO UP 13 PER CENT MORE THAN NORTH DAKOTA'S

Grand Forks, N. D. May 6—Taxes in North Dakota this year will not go up any higher than in other states and much less than in some states. In spite of the improvement program, and the appropriation for soldiers, the tax increase here will be at least 13 per cent less than in Minnesota. This is the authoritative opinion of Prof. W. G. Roylance, who has made a life study of taxation problems. Prof. Roylance, Nonpartisan league

research expert, has been in Grand Forks this week studying the problem of how best to finance the schools and public roads.

"The new tax laws will increase the taxes this year slightly," he said. "The increase cannot be much, for the reason that the new tax laws set a limit of twenty per cent increase above which the taxes cannot go. These taxes will be so distributed under the re-classification that the burden will fall more evenly on those who are more able to pay it, and many will not experience any perceptible increase.

"State taxes have gone up everywhere and in most cases the increase has been greater than in North Dakota where an extraordinary program of public improvement has been planned," he continued. "The total increase will not average 20 per cent unless the local taxes are raised by the local authorities as along with the state tax. Many states that

have no special program of improvement have raised taxes this year 20 per cent and more. The increase in Minnesota is 33 1-3 per cent, although no provisions were made for the returning soldiers in that state and the only extra expense undertaken was appropriations for fire damages and services which should have been much more than they were. Minnesota's taxes this year will amount to \$32,000,000.

Cut from 43 to 17 Mills

"Taxes have gone up necessarily all over the United States on account of the increased cost of government growing out of the increased cost of living. In spite of the great public undertaking authorized by the last legislative, North Dakota provided more liberally for its soldiers than any other state. The new enterprises will not be paid for by taxpayers but by themselves out of their own profits after they have been established by the sale of bonds.

Thrift and Waste

Economists say that France would grow rich on what America wastes.

German strength is based on efficiency and efficiency is thrift.

Every other person in Japan has an account in a savings bank.

England, the richest of all nations, produces the greatest amount of capital through savings.

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