

WILL CITY EVER HAVE A MANAGER

Legislature Expected to Take Action on New Form of City Government

WILL Hammond seems day be controlled by a city manager?

The question is not without import. While state laws do not at present permit this form of city government there has for some time been a bill before the legislative bodies providing for it and although either voted down or tabled on several occasions, the same bill, revised and well sponsored, is soon again to be presented for consideration, this time with more than a fair assurance of success.

Optional for Cities.

The bill provides for an option between two forms of city government, each of which has been successfully tried. The one is the commission form, the other, the commission manager form. Singularly enough, it was a great disaster that introduced the first of these forms of government—the Galveston flood of Sept. 8, 1900. Galveston, prior to that time, had the usual mayor and aldermen type of city control. No one was directly responsible. Consequently, under the strain of the flood conditions, the mayor and his council was helpless, and it remained for business men of the community to carry on the real rescue and reconstruction work. Finding what they could do in such a crisis, once it was over, these men drew up a commission form of government and it was approved by the Texas legislature. It provided for five commissioners, chosen irrespective of politics, direct by the people, and to these five were given both the legislative and executive powers, only the judiciary being outside their province. The five commissioners, with a directly-elected "mayor-president" as the presiding officer, each has charge of specific tasks divided into that of finance and revenue, public works, public affairs, public health, and safety and commissioner of supplies. Each man is directly responsible, and is comparable to the various department heads in any well ordered big business.

Details from Galveston.

Galveston's success was so immediate and so far in advance over the form they had had before that the recovery of the city from the flood has been one of the most remarkable instances in the history of any American city. Five years later Houston applied for and received a charter largely on the lines of the Galveston form. There was felt among other cities, however, that so few men in such autocratic control, left no adequate system of checks and balances, and it was left to Des Moines, Ia., to inaugurate an improved plan for the larger cities. This Des Moines plan calls for the entire time of the commissioners, provides compensating salaries and adopts the initiative, referendum and recall as checks upon its city officers. Three hundred cities over the country now run under this plan, electing their officers under non-partisan conditions.

Plan Then Travels.

Lockport, N. Y., then added one more to the five commissioners of the Des Moines and Galveston plans—a city manager. While New York state did not grant the charter, the plan has since been adopted in other states, the

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3 pounds for .77c

MISCELLANEOUS

Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour—
3 packages for .47c
Flour—4 lb. bags, for .48c
Buckwheat—package, 3 for .52c
Buckwheat, 4 lb. bags .53c
Peanut Butter—Pure—
5 pound pail for .1.19
Red Karo—5 lb. pail for .41c
Macaroni or Spaghetti—Red
Cross, 3 for .25c
Yeast Foam, 3 for .25c
Pure Apple Butter, qt. jar 45c

Navy Beans

New Michigan Hand Picked
10 pounds for .59c

Apricots in Syrup—
large can, 3 for .75c

Peaches—California large can, 3 for .75c

Strawberries—No. 2 size can 3 for .75c

Cherries in Syrup—red-pitted. 3 for .75c

Corn—3 for .29c

Tomatoes—3 for .29c

Peas—3 for .29c

Prunes

Sweet Meaty California
3 pounds for .54c

first class, of seven members in cities of the second and third classes and of five members in cities of the fourth and fifth classes.

Each Commissioner Salaries.
Each commissioner shall receive a salary of not to exceed \$600 in cities of the first and second classes, of \$500 in cities of the third and fourth classes, and of \$300 in cities of the fifth class. In every city the mayor shall receive an additional salary equal to 50 per cent of the amount he receives as commissioner.

The city manager is to be appointed by the commission for an indefinite period and shall be removable at its pleasure.

Bureau's Good Work.

The Bureau of American ethnology, by its extensive work, is preserving much of value concerning the Indian tribes of North America—not only their language and customs, but also their habitations and other material remains. The annual report is enriched every year with the results of various investigations among the Indians, giving them an interest, not only to scientists, but also to the average man interested in the story of this once powerful race, which is rapidly disappearing through being absorbed into the other races.

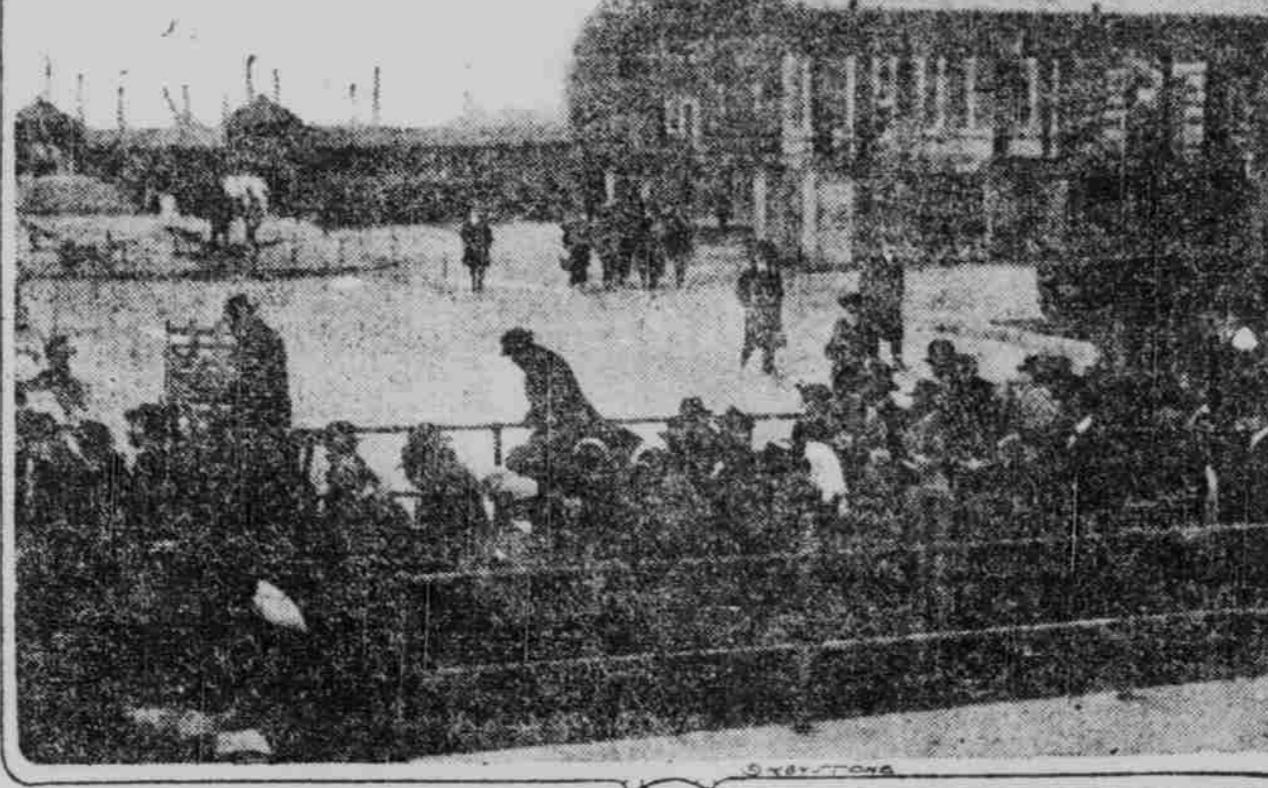
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IMMIGRATION LAW, PROPOSED, WOULD STOP THIS FLOW



Part of the daily stream of immigrants leaving Ellis Island to settle in various sections of the country.

If legislation now being discussed in congress is enacted, immigration to the U. S. practically will be halted for at least a year. Proponents of the ban on the influx of Europeans assert that a

continuation of the stream will work a hardship on the wage earners now in the U. S. and will present other difficult problems. The ocean liners have been bringing on an average of 16,000 aliens a week to Ellis Island, the im-

migration clearing house. This means that \$22,000 would come within a year. The proposed measures under discussion do not bar relatives of immigrants now in the U. S. or the tourist and business classes.

Recall Omitted.

One feature omitted in the pending bill is the powerful weapon of the recall, though the initiative and referendum is retained. As it now stands, the bill provides that at any time, not less than thirty days after the passage of the act, at least 10 percent of those who voted at the last preceding general municipal election may file a petition with the city clerk asking that the question of adoption of either of the plans of government be submitted to the electors of the city. If the petition is found to obtain the required number of proper signatures, the city clerk within five days must certify the results of his examination to the legislative authority of the city at the

next regular meeting. A special election shall then be ordered not less than thirty nor more than sixty days after the following first day of May.

The board of election commissioners for any such election shall consist of the city clerk and two resident freeholders, one of them known to favor and one to be opposed to the proposed plan.

The bill in its present form provides that in cities adopting the city manager plan, the commission shall consist of nine members in cities of the

first regular meeting.

That the friends of the commission plan argue, should Indians cities remain longer running on their present system,

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Sugar Best Granulated with grocery order of \$2.00 or more (flour or soap not included), 10 lbs. for **85c**

Butterine—Jelke's Good Luck, per pound **32c**

Butter—Our very best, per pound **55c**

Walnuts—Fancy Imported 3 lbs. 88c, per pound **30c**

Filberts—Fancy Sicily per pound **18c**

Mixed Nuts—The best grade only, per pound **26c**

Mincemeat—Rice's No. 96 Condensed, 3 pkgs. 47c; per pkg. **16c**

Plum Pudding—Curtis Blue Label or Savoy. Each **39c**

Pure Apple Cider—Gallon jug, \$1.00; large bottle for **30c**

Peanut Butter—Monarch brand, 10 oz. jar for **21c**

Baked Beans—Oriole Brand dozen cans \$1.30, per can. **11c**

Oranges—Large California Navel. Each **5c**

coffee—Fancy Peaberry 4 pound limit. Per pound **22c**

Christmas Candy

Of course, you'll be wanting all kinds of Candies for holidays and it is not too early to put in large supplies. Deliciously fresh Candies—just the sorts you love—pure and dainty as they make them will be found in our Candy corner and the "Candy Island" on the main aisle. It's a popular place these days—prices are very low. Below are a few specials:

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Broken Mixed Candy—The kind Children like for Christmas Satin finish. Per pound **35c**

We have a nice assortment of Candy, all pure goods, at a very low price. Come in and look this over. Per lb.

Walnut Meats—All halves per pound **59c**

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Jelly Rolls—For the Christmas Tree. Per pound **35c**

Lotus Chocolates—the best kinds. 1 pound box for **85c**

We have the best stock of Christmas Candies displayed in Hammond at prices that are right. Special prices to churches and schools, in any quantities.

Bring the Kiddies to the Great Santa Claus Toy Store

The exhibition is the best we have ever presented. The most eager child will not be disappointed—something they have been wanting for so long. Bring them tomorrow and Saturday—these below are special:

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Doll High Chair—enamelled white, well made, special at **59c**

Dumping Sandy Andy—A toy for a little tot; **89c** Special at