



Condensed News Items

SHORT STORIES TERSELY TOLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF BUSY READERS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Somerset, Ky., was so badly rocked the other night that the only explanation given by the inhabitants is that meteor fell in the neighborhood.

More than 2,000,000 tons of fighting ships were added to the British navy during the war period.

According to the figures furnished by coal operators, the output last year was more than one million over any previous record.

Three American sub-chasers tied up at Lisbon, Portugal, since the armistice, are en route home.

Boston dry agitators are planning soft drink emporiums—brass rails and everything, where coffee and other soft drinks may be purchased.

A fire at Ranger, Tex., was only halted by the liberal use of dynamite. Damage from both agencies reached \$100,000.

W. M. Danner, who is considered authority on the subject, declared in a St. Louis address there were 2,000,000 lepers in the world.

Ontario is to vote on a modification of the prohibition laws. One proposed contemplates the sale of beer under government supervision.

CRIMINAL.

St. Louis oil stations are favorite places to rob. Bandits took \$1,200 from one on Grand avenue Thursday night.

Eight bandits, dressed alike, robbed a North St. Louis bank of \$40,000 of gold and currency and escaped.

Emil Cutila, Premier Clemenceau's attempted assassin, who was sentenced to death by court martial, will only serve 10 years, as the premier interceded for him.

Six daybreak robbers held up a bank at Seven Corners, Minn., and got away with \$11,000.

In the crime wave that is sweeping St. Louis a watchman was slain and a woman is dead from a stray bullet.

Judge F. P. Divelbiss, of the circuit court, was stabbed nine times by R. S. Lyon, an editor of Richmond, Mo.

Profiteering and lawlessness have caused the closing of 50 or more popular resorts in Berlin.

Pierce A. Doyle, paymaster of a St. Louis corporation, was robbed of \$934 as he was on his way to pay off.

W. C. Davis, once a captain in the U. S. army, is held in the tower of London charged with desertion and wife abandonment.

ACCIDENTS.

A tornado at Omaha Sunday evening did considerable damage besides killing three and injuring five.

An Italian transport, from Venice to Tripoli, struck a mine in the Mediterranean and several soldiers on board perished.

DOMESTIC.

A. G. Patterson, who has just finished a term for wife abandonment in Chicago, is to enter the ministry.

The Woodmen of America are to hold a referendum in May on the adoption of new laws.

Michigan voted not to modify the stringent dry laws now in force in that state.

Secretary Baker has asked General Ansell to submit plans for the reformation of military court procedure.

Gov. Gardner of Missouri has signed a limited suffrage bill, giving women the right to vote for president.

Senator Walsh of Montana declared there is no danger that the senate will not ratify any peace plan presented. It has been amended to suit the most radical.

Federal authorities are in the market for 4,000,000 pounds of spring lamb. Look out for high prices.

Director Hines charges that coal operators are trying to boost the price of soft coal to the roads and the public.

The International Life Insurance Company, a St. Louis concern, has bought out the Southern Life Company at Houston, Tex.

Soldiers of the world war are to meet and form a permanent organization in St. Louis on May 8.

A federal council of highways was formed at Chicago for the purpose of advising other good road societies.

Soldiers who made roads in the south are to be paid for the work at the same rate the other workers received.

A learned committee at Washington reports that 50 per cent of American children are defective one way or another.

Indications from Paris are said to imply that President Wilson will call a special congress by June 1.

Only 125 of the U. S. boys in the war have come back totally blinded. Fewer than 4,000 lost limbs.

The foreign minister and other members of the cabinet of Ecuador have guaranteed their full support of the League of Nations.

The new census estimate on population puts Boston and Cleveland both ahead of St. Louis, making the Missouri city sixth.

The Missouri legislature, with less than a month to go, has passed only nine bills.

ANTI-TRUST LAWS WHICH PREVENT COMBINATIONS ALSO PREVENT CO-OPERATION, AND THEIR REPEAL IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

King Ludwig of Bavaria (deposed) is to join the colony of ex-kings at a Swiss resort.

Gen. Leonard Wood delivered four speeches in St. Louis on the 19th to boost the Victory Loan.

Hungarians have sent a request to Henry Ford asking him to come to Budapest and organize a big industry.

Manuel Munez, Spanish sailor, is the sole survivor of the crew of the vessel Lucia which sunk in the Atlantic on March 29. He has just been rescued.

When the new League of World War Veterans is organized, 50 per cent of the delegates will be men who were privates, and they will control the organization.

Mouni Lassen, Cal., after a quiet period of about one year, is again in a state of eruption.

The Christian Scientists over the country are in the throes of a revolution. Dislike for domination of mother church is said to be the cause.

Big bankers in the east have memorialized the president asking him to call a special session of congress.

Columbus, Ohio, is to have 20 ice-cooled drinking fountains in her parks to guard against the long dry spell coming.

A Kansas doctor announces that bad teeth are responsible for backwardness in a large number of school children.

Southern farmers have organized and demand the removal of the embargo on cotton shipments.

Stanley E. Bowdle, a former congressman, was hit and killed by an automobile at Cincinnati last week.

Mexican bandits made a raid into the United States at Marfa, Tex., one day last week. Five were slain.

College graduates are to receive no "sheepskins" this year. Diplomats are to be made of donkey hides.

The body of W. P. Borland, of Missouri, who died in Germany of pneumonia, has been brought to Kansas City for interment.

Sidney Drew, long a favorite comedian of America, died at his home in New York on the 9th.

Montgomery City, Mo.—The Missouri, Presbytery, in session, here elected Wallace Dearing, a prominent layman of Mexico, Mo., moderator for the ensuing year, and Rev. H. B. Barks, also of Mexico; Dr. Eugene Abbott, of Fulton; Rev. L. R. King, of Williamsburg, and Dr. U. W. Elwang, of Columbia, clerks.

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MISSOURI WHEAT TO BREAK RECORD

JEWELL MAYES PREDICTS BIGGEST YIELD EVER KNOWN BEFORE.

CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY

Fruit Safe So Far and Labor Problem Not Pressing—Many Boys Not Returning to Farms, Says Government Report.

Jefferson City, Mo.

The crop report issued by Secretary Jewell Mayes of the state board of agriculture and the government department of agriculture, gives promise of the greatest wheat crop ever harvested in Missouri by more than 27,000,000 bushels.

There are 4,243,000 acres of wheat planted in Missouri, and the estimated yield is 80,000,000 bushels, an increase over the yield of last year of 27,127,000 bushels. The secretary says the outlook for wheat is 102 per cent in April, the best at any corresponding period in 37 years. The condition of wheat at this time is 11 per cent better than it was last year.

If expectations are realized as to the yield of wheat, the crop of the state would be worth \$179,000,000 at the government price (\$224 per bushel) in St. Louis, and \$177,000,000 at the government price (\$218 per bushel) in Kansas City.

There is very little insect damage to wheat, the secretary says, and no widespread plant disease. The condition of wheat in the United States is 99 per cent perfect.

Fruit appears to be safe, the report says. There has been some delay in planting oats, and the farmers of the state are generally a little behind with their plowing, conditions due to unfavorable weather.

Farm labor appears to be reasonably plentiful, but the report says that the farmers complain much over the pool quality of the labor. The report notes that a good many of farm boys who enlisted in the army and have been discharged are not returning to the farms.

To Inspect Foreign Camps. Sedalia, Mo.—Capt. Guy Titaworth, of Sedalia, a well known ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, who has been engaged in the service of Uncle Sam overseas for several months, has been commissioned to inspect hospitals in various foreign camps in his line of work, and report what is being done for the government. Dr. Titaworth will first visit Heilsburg, Prussia, then Holland, and after his inspection tour there will await further orders.

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State Revenue Cut.

According to the available figures in the state auditor's office, the state, counties and cities where dramshops are licensed stand to lose \$2,735,227 when prohibition becomes operative. The auditor's figures are based upon the returns made to his department for last year, and are the only ones available. The counties will lose \$1,566,703 and the state \$1,168,524 on these counties. The direct loss to St. Louis on the same figures will be \$969,680 a year.

It is never possible to get exact figures on dramshop revenue, for the reason that the number of dramshops is continually fluctuating. They have been decreasing, too, in Missouri for a number of years, and the war drove many dramshops out of business because of the high price of intoxicants.

When the auditor's report was made up St. Louis had 1,821 dramshops, Kansas City 506 and St. Louis County 141. In all the dramshops were confined to 27 counties and the city of St. Louis.

Simple Title Urged.

Representative Ferguson's bill to provide that the attorney general of the state shall prepare an official "ballot title" of not more than 25 words for each constitutional amendment voted on, was passed by the house by a unanimous vote.

The official "ballot title" which will be short and concise, will be placed on the ballot along with the entire amendment to be voted on. From the title to be prepared by the attorney general a voter can tell at a glance what the amendment provides.

If persons interested either in amendments provided through referendum or those passed by the legislature, are not satisfied with the ballot prepared by the attorney general, they have the right to appeal to the circuit court, where a ballot can be prepared.

Billboard Advertising.

Senator Duncan of Lincoln county introduced a bill in the senate under which the billboard method of advertising will have to pay a state license, should the measure become a law.

The Lincoln county senator estimated that this method of advertising should pay the state between \$300,000 and \$400,000 a year. The only exceptions in the law apply to those who are advertising their own business on the property owned or lease and municipal advertising.

No Action on U. S. Issue.

The state public service commission has deferred action on the United Railways Company application for permission to issue \$2,160,000 of 7 per cent one-year notes to raise a part of the money needed to take up \$5,500,000 of Union Depot Railway 6 per cent bonds.

The company borrowed \$2,235,000 from the corporation last June, and the debt became due in December, but remains unpaid.

Judge Divelbiss Stabbed.

Richmond, Mo.—A newspaper fight and a heated political campaign resulting in the breaking down of former friendship caused the stabbing here in the Ray county courthouse of Judge Frank P. Divelbiss of the circuit court by Robert S. Lyon, editor of the Richmond Conservator. Judge Divelbiss is in a dangerous condition, with eight abdominal knife wounds, and another one in the lower part of his chest. Unless complications set in, Dr. T. McLaughlin, his physician, said he would recover, but that it had not been determined yet whether the knife blade penetrated the abdominal cavity.

Conflicting stories were told by Judge Divelbiss and Lyons, immediately following the stabbing affray, according to Sheriff C. W. Higdon, who arrested the editor of the Conservator, but released him later. No criminal charge has been brought against Lyons. The judge's friends asked that no action be taken until his condition was fully determined.

At the request of L. A. Wilson, government director of the War Savings division of the Eighth Federal Reserve District, the fiftieth general assembly of Missouri has unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the federal government's Thrift and War Savings campaign. Missouri is the second state to have such endorsement, Texas being the first.

Bonne Terre, Mo.—Emeline Beardin is dead near this place. She was born in Illinois in 1848. She was married at the age of 13 years, and was the more of 20 children, only four of whom survive her, one being Mrs. Mary Fatchett of St. Louis. She was a member of the Methodist church in Irondale 30 years.

Two armed bandits, one wearing a mask, held up and robbed Pierce A. Doyle, superintendent and paymaster of the National Utilization Company, St. Louis, of \$964, representing the weekly pay roll of the company, as he was passing through the railroad yards adjoining the plant at Weber road and Missouri Pacific tracks.

On recommendation of the board of pardons and paroles, Governor Gardner issued paroles as follows: To Robert Smith of St. Louis, sentenced for 99 years in St. Louis, April 24, 1907, for criminal assault. He is paroled to J. M. Settle of New Franklin. His previous good record, his prison record and the recommendations of a number of citizens were given as reasons for clemency.

Charles F. Lamar, St. Louis county, grand larceny, two years from July 15, 1918. Paroled to W. H. Tibbs.

Carolyn of the Corners

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CAROLYN MAY LEARNS SOME DISQUIETING NEWS FROM CHET GORMLEY.

Synopsis.—Her father and mother reported lost at sea when the Dunraven, on which they had sailed for Europe, was sunk, Carolyn May Cameron—Hanna's Carlyn—is sent from New York to her bachelor uncle, Joseph Stagg, at the Corners. The reception given her by her uncle is not very enthusiastic. Carolyn is also chilled by the stern demeanor of Aunt Rose, Uncle Joe's housekeeper. Stagg is dismayed when he learns from a lawyer friend of his brother-in-law that Carolyn has been left practically penniless and consigned to his care as guardian. Carolyn learns of the estrangement between her uncle and his one-time sweetheart, Amanda Parlow, and the cause of the bitterness between the two families. Prince, the mongrel dog that Carolyn brought with her, and the boon companion of the lonesome girl, is in disfavor with Uncle Joe, who threatens to dispose of him, but Prince becomes a hero and wins the approval of the Corners by routing a tramp in the act of robbing the schoolteacher. The following Sunday, while Carolyn and her uncle, accompanied by Prince, are taking a walk in the woods they encounter Amanda Parlow. Prince kills a snake about to strike Amanda, and Stagg and Amanda speak to each other for the first time in years.

CHAPTER VIII.

Chet Gormley Tells Some News.

It was when she came in sight of the Parlow place on Monday afternoon, she and Prince, that Carolyn May beheld her of the very best person in the world with whom to advise upon the momentous question which so troubled her.

Who could be more interested in the happiness of Miss Amanda than Mr. Parlow himself?

"The little girl had been going to call on Miss Amanda. Aunt Rose had said she might and Miss Amanda had invited her 'specially'."

But the thought of taking the old carpenter into her confidence and advising with him delayed that visit. Mr. Parlow was busy on some piece of cabinet work, but he nodded briskly to the little girl when she came to the door of the shop and looked in.

"Are you very busy, Mr. Parlow?" she asked him after a watchful minute or two.

"My hands be, Carlyn May," said the carpenter in his dry voice.

"But I kin listen to ye—and I kin talk."

"Oh, that's nice! Did you hear about what happened yesterday?"

"Eh?" he queried, eying her quizzically. "Does anything ever happen on Sunday?"

"Something did on this Sunday," cried the little girl. "Didn't you hear about the snake?"

"What d'ye mean—snake?"

And then little Carolyn May explained. She told the story with such earnestness that he stopped working to listen.

"Humph!" was his grunted comment at the end. "Well!"

"Don't you think that was real exciting?" asked Carolyn May. "And just see how it almost brought my Uncle Joe and your Miss Amanda together. Don't you see?"

Mr. Parlow actually jumped. "What's that you say, child?" he rasped out gruffly. "Bring Mandy and Joe Stagg together? Well, I guess not!"

"Oh, Mr. Parlow, don't you think that would be just be-a-you-tiful?" cried the little girl with a lingering emphasis upon the most important word. "Don't you see how happy they would be?"

"I don't know as anybody's particular anxious to see that daughter of mine and Joe Stagg friendly again. No good would come of it."

Carolyn May looked at him sorrowfully. Mr. Parlow had quite disappointed her. It was plain to be seen that he was not the right one to advise with about the matter. The little girl sighed.

"I really did s'pose you'd want to see Miss Amanda happy, Mr. Parlow," she whispered.

"Happy? Bah!" snarled the old man, setting vigorously to work again. He acted as if he wished to say no more and let the little girl depart without another word.

Carolyn May really could not understand it—at least she could not immediately.

That Mr. Parlow might have a selfish reason for desiring to keep his daughter and Joseph Stagg apart did not enter the little girl's mind.

After that Sunday walk, however, Carolyn May was never so much afraid of her uncle as before. Why, he had even called Prince "good dog."

Truly Mr. Joseph Stagg was being transformed—albeit slowly.

He could not deny to himself that, to a certain extent, he was enjoying the presence of his little niece at The Corners. If he only could decide just what to do with the personal property of his sister Hannah and her husband down in the New York apartment. Never in his life had he been so long deciding a question.

He had really loved Hannah. He knew it now, did Joseph Stagg, every time he looked at the lovely little child who had come to live with him at The Corners. Why! just so had Hannah looked when she was a little thing. The same deep, violet eyes and sunny hair and laughing lips—

your concerns. I heard it all," said the quite innocent Chet. "And Mr. Vickers says: 'So the child hasn't anything of her own, Joe?' Chet went on. "And your uncle says: 'Not a dollar, cent what I might sell that furniture for.' And he hasn't sold it yet, I know. He just can't make up his mind to sell them things that was your mother's, Carlyn May," added the boy, with a deeper insight into Mr. Stagg's character than one might have given him credit for possessing. But Carolyn May had heard some news that made her suddenly quiet and she was glad a customer came into store just then to draw Chet Gormley's attention. The child had never thought before about how the good things of life came to her—her food, clothes and lodging. But now Chet Gormley's chattering had given her a new view of the facts of the case. There had been no money left to spend for her needs. Uncle Joe was just keeping her out of charity!

"And Prince, too," thought the little girl, with a lump in her throat. "He hasn't got any more home than a rabbit! And Uncle Joe don't really like dogs—not even now."

"Oh, dear me!" pursued Carolyn May. "It's awful hard to be an orphan. But to be a poor orphan—just a charity one—is a whole lot worse, I guess. I wonder if I ought to stay with Uncle Joe and Aunt Rose and make them so much trouble?"

The thought bit deep into the little girl's very impressionable mind. She wished to be alone and to think over this really tragic thing that faced her—the ugly fact that she was a "charity child."

"And you're a charity dog, Prince Cameron," she said aloud, looking down at the mongrel who walked sedately beside her along the country road.

The little girl had loitered along the road until it was now dinner time. Indeed, Aunt Rose would have had the meal on the table twenty minutes earlier. Mr. Stagg had evidently remained at The Corners to sell the cow and eat dinner too—thus "killing two birds with one stone."

And here Carolyn May and Prince were at Mr. Parlow's carpenter shop, just as the old man was taking off his apron preparatory to going in to his dinner. When Miss Amanda was away nursing, the carpenter ate at a neighbor's table.

Now Miss Amanda appeared on the side porch. "Where are you going, little girl?" she asked, smiling.

"Home to Aunt Rose," said Carolyn May bravely. "But I guess I'm late for dinner."

"Don't you want to come in and eat with us, Carolyn May? Your own dinner will be cold."

"Oh, may I?" cried the little girl. Somehow she did not feel that she could face Uncle Joe just now with this new thought that Chet Gormley's words had put into her heart. Then she hesitated, with her hand on the gate latch.

"Will there be some scraps for Prince?" she asked. "Or bones?"

"I believe I can find something for Prince," Miss Amanda replied. "I owe him more than one good dinner, I guess, for killing that snake. Come in and we will eat."

Carolyn May thought that Miss Amanda, in her house dress and ruffled apron, with sleeves turned back above her dimpled, brown elbows, was prettier than ever. Her cheerful observations quite enraptured Carolyn May again.

"I think you are lovely, Miss Amanda," she said as she helped wipe the dishes after the carpenter had gone back to the shop. "I shall always love you. I guess that anybody who ever did love you would keep right on doing so till they died! They just couldn't help it!"

"Indeed?" said the woman, laughing. "And how about you, Chicken Little! Aren't you universally beloved too?"

"Oh, I don't expect so, Miss Amanda," said the child. "I wish I was."

"Why aren't you?"

"I—I— Well, I guess it's just because I'm not," Carolyn May said desperately. "You see, after all, Miss Amanda, I'm only a charity child."

"Oh, my child!" exclaimed Miss Amanda. "Who told you that?"

"I—I just heard about it," confessed the little visitor.

"Not from Aunt Rose Kennedy?"

"Oh, no, ma'am."

"Did that— Did your uncle tell you such a thing?"

"Oh, no! He's just as good as he can be. But of course he doesn't like children. You know he doesn't. And he just 'bominates' dogs!"

Carolyn and Prince have another adventure, in which they play the part of good Samaritans. Watch for the next installment.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

