

WITH BARNS FULL OF STOCK

Didn't Look Much Like Hard Times in Western Canada.

A. Mayer, who left one of the best counties in Minnesota, probably because he got a good price for his excellent farm, and left for the Canadian West, writes to his local paper, the Daily Independent. His story is well worth repeating. He says:

"To say I was greatly surprised when I reached Saskatchewan and Alberta would be expressing it mildly. In a country where so much suffering was reported, I found everyone in good circumstances, and especially all our friends who have left Clearwater and Holt counties. They all have good homes and those who were reported to have sold their stock through lack of feed, I found with their barns full of stock, and it did not look very much like hard times. They have from 75 acres to two sections of the best land that can be found.

Those that left here two or three years ago have from 100 to 400 acres in crops this year.

Prospects for a bumper crop are ahead. It is a little cold now, but looking in frost, either in gardens or fields. Land can be bought quite reasonably here from those who volunteered their services in the European war. There are certainly the best opportunities for securing a good home with a farm and independence in life in a short time. Before I started I heard that prices were so high. Flour was reported at \$12 per hundred it is \$4.35 here. In the west all the groceries can be purchased for nearly the same as in Minn. The only article that I found higher was hogmeat at 25 cts per gallon. When I saw the land I wondered why people do not live where they produce enough from the soil to make a comfortable living. We visited T. O. Smith, John Dahl, W. J. and E. D. Smith, Martin Halmen, Ole Halverson, Wm. Walker and Geo. Colby, all from Clearwater and Holt counties, who wished to be remembered to all their Bagley friends. (Signed) A. MEYER.—Advertisement.

Perfectly Natural. "Do you were a witness in a lawsuit?" "Yes."

"Did the opposing attorney bother you much?" "Not at all. He kept interrupting me so much that it seemed I was at home telling my story and he was correcting me as I went along."

Going to an Extreme. "Michigan has an idea that he can run the universe." "Yes, I understand he is training a pet gronching so that he can be sure of having the kind of weather predictions he wants every year."

Why He Failed. "I understand his marriage was a failure." "Yes, he tried to run it the way he ran his business."

"How do you mean?" "He was never in the office."

Giving Him the Moo Hawn. "How do you happen to be called Jack?" "Oh, it's just a nickname. Why?—I didn't know but it was an abbreviation."

Conversational Discretion. "People are not supposed to tell all they know," said the cautious person. "It's" replied Miss Cayenne, "especially in these days of popularized science."

In Self-Defense. Applicant—Do you see that girl who advertised for a porter, sor? Hotel Proprietor—Yes, but I stated in the ad that all applicants must be made by mail.

Applicant—Faith, an' do youse 'ink G'm ather lookin' loik a female, sor? Going the Limit. "What is your opinion of government ownership?" "It's a great idea," replied Senator Sarghram. "If the government owned everything and had to pay all its own taxes a lot of my constituents would be better satisfied."

Sympathy. Mrs. Gray—The window in my hall has slipped down in it. Mrs. Green—Too bad! Can't you find anything that'll take the stains out?

The Newcomer. Nurse—It has its father's hair. Father—I am glad it's being kept in the family. Nurse—An' it has its mother's voice. Father—Lord help it!—Life.

Proper Classification. Parson Snowball (a Methodist)—Is you all a soljah in de army ob de Lord? Strange—Yessah. Ah's a membah ob de Baptist church. Parson Snowball—Den you all est' in de army; you're in de navy.

Drawing the Line. "Intention in the sincerest flattery." "Why?" replied Mr. Osmore. "But I don't like to have a stenographer copy my mistakes in grammar."—Detroit Free Press.

Always Superlative. "There's no place like home," exclaimed the sentimental man. "That's right," replied Mr. Green, "whatever way it goes. You can't beat it whether it looms up as a pillow of peace or a war zone."

Saving Over It. "How does that fellow who gives a lecture on the value of money at night, barely at a 100,000 bond issue on September 14 to build a manufactory for the treatment of tubercular patients."

CLAIMS AN ESTATE

Legal Fight in Prospect for the Property Left by Former Springfield Man.

WOMAN SAYS SHE IS DAUGHTER

Mrs. A. Lemieux of Montreal, Canada, Writes Chief of Police Regarding George H. Perry's Death.

That there will be a legal fight over the estate of George H. Perry, a former Springfield man, who was drowned near Tampa, Fla., July 13, is indicated in a letter received by Chief of Police Hunter of Springfield from Mrs. A. Lemieux of Montreal, Canada, who claims to be a daughter of the decedent. She said she had just heard of her father's death and is making inquiry as to the extent of his property.

Mrs. Irma Perry, who says she is Perry's legal wife, expressed surprise when notified of the claims of the Montreal woman.

"He had told me of a daughter living in Montreal," said Mrs. Perry, "but had never given the slightest intimation that he had another wife living. He visited Montreal a year and a half ago, but told me that business called him there."

Perry held a responsible position with the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and is said to have had considerable property in Florida and carried a large amount of life insurance.

Land is Not All Taken.

A dispatch sent out from Jefferson City this week, stating that there is no more government land in Missouri subject to cash or homestead entry, is erroneous, according to John H. Bowen, register of the Missouri land office at Springfield. Register Bowen said that there is approximately 1,000 acres of the public domain left in the state. The land is in small tracts and is scattered over a number of counties in the Ozark regions. Practically all this land is undesirable for agricultural purposes. The error in the Jefferson City dispatch likely was made in connection with the action of Secretary of State Roach in notifying various counties that a total of 11,681 acres of land, which had been homesteaded, is now subject to state and county taxation.

Want Boos Out of Rich Hill.

The city council of Rich Hill has called a local option election there on September 2, after having been presented with a petition signed by two-thirds of the business men. Although sixty-seven names would have been sufficient, more than two hundred names were attached to it.

Big Game Thanksgiving.

For the first time since 1910 the Missouri-Kansas football game this year will be played on Thanksgiving Day. Recent modification of a conference ruling makes possible the change from the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving. Missouri proposed the change and the Kansas authorities have signified their acceptance. The game will be at Columbia. Next year's game will also be on Thanksgiving Day at Lawrence.

Powder House Burns.

The punch house of the Atlas Powder Company, eight miles southwest of Carthage, was destroyed the other night when a large quantity of dynamite was ignited by fire of unknown origin. The plants of this company are supplying large amounts of powder to the allies.

Dr. Walter Dorsett Dies.

Dr. Walter Blackburn Dorsett, who was superintendent of the quarantine hospital in 1878 during the last yellow fever epidemic in St. Louis, is dead at his home there. He had been president of the Missouri State Medical Society and professor of gynecology and pelvic surgery at St. Louis university.

St. Joseph Fire Loss \$75,000.

Fire the other day destroyed the yards of the C. H. Nold Lumber Company and a number of neighboring buildings. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

Yegmen Take Stamps.

The safe in the postoffice at Ironton was blown the other day and \$1,500 worth of stamps taken. The money drawer, containing \$150, was not touched.

Drowned Under Load of Hay.

A wagon load of hay tipped over with Jess Manual of Humansville just as he was crossing a creek near that place. The hay fell on him and he was drowned.

Never Owned a Hat.

There is a woman who has reached the age of 83 years who can say, "I never had a hat on my head." She is Mrs. Polly Lewis, who lives two miles west of Gentry. Mrs. Lewis can also say that she never rode on a train.

Sedalia Woman Dies.

Mrs. S. E. Spencer, wife of the president of the Sedalia Boosters Club, is dead at Minneapolis, Minn., where she has been visiting relatives. She was about 60 years old.

Mother of Eleven Dies at 84.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, 84 years old, who was born and reared in Boone county, is dead of paralysis at her home in Columbia. She was the mother of eleven children, of whom eight are living. Her father was John Happington, a pioneer Boone county settler from Kentucky.

Jeffer County Bond Election.

Jeffer county citizens will vote on a \$100,000 bond issue on September 14 to build a manufactory for the treatment of tubercular patients.

BANKERS TO HELP FARMERS

Campaign Started to Place an Agricultural Adviser in Every County in the State.

The bankers of Missouri will take the leading part in a campaign whose object is to place a county farm adviser or agent in every county in the state.

Members of the agricultural committee of the Missouri Bankers' Association, meeting in Kansas City recently, voted to take the initial step in the campaign immediately. Figures were quoted before the meeting of the committee to show that fifteen counties in the state have advisers, and that ninety-nine have not. To help place agents in these ninety-nine counties and thus insure their agricultural development will be the task which the bankers will undertake in the next twelve months.

The committee voted to send a circular letter to citizens and bankers of every county in the state urging the appointment of a farm adviser, and offering the aid of the association in procuring speakers and in otherwise conducting the campaign. Methods by which counties can procure advisers by paying part of the salary of the expert, while the federal government pays the rest, were explained. The bankers will hold themselves in readiness to help form the nucleus of an organization in every separate county.

J. C. Willbrand of St. Charles, Mo., told the committee how a scheme had been devised in his county whereby an organization was formed in every voting precinct, all of which later were merged into a county association. This association, made up of the units of the precinct organizations is now taking upon itself the task of securing a demonstrator for the county. Mr. Willbrand explained the advantages of the unit plan to his colleagues.

NEW USE FOR OZARK TIMBER

Temporary Factory at Springfield Will Use Walnut for Making Stocks for Guns.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the erection of a temporary factory at Springfield by the Des Moines Saw Mill Company of Des Moines, Ia., for the manufacture of gun stocks for the Remington Arms and Ammunition Company. The company holds the subcontract for the making of the stock and a representative has been there several days. A large number of walnut logs gathered from the Ozarks already have been shipped in preparatory to the opening of the factory. It is estimated that two years will be required to complete the consumption of walnut logs available in that section and that about five million dollars' worth of lumber will be demanded.

CLINTON OUSTS ITS SALOONS

County Seat of Henry County Decides Against Liquor by a Majority of 236 Votes.

Clinton voted dry in the recent local option election by a majority of 236 votes. The polls opened at 6 o'clock with church bells ringing, and the most enthusiastic voters were on hand before the polls opened, eager to cast their ballots.

Early the night before nearly two thousand of Clinton's five thousand inhabitants gathered on the courthouse lawn to hear Representative C. Dickinson speak. He aroused great enthusiasm and pleaded with his audience to vote "dry." He said he hoped he could say proudly that he represented a congressional district without a saloon in it. The Sixth District is composed of Henry, Johnson, Cass, Bates, Cedar, Dade and St. Clair counties. The only remaining saloon in Rich Hill, Bates county.

To Mark Graves of Boones.

The Missouri Daughters of the American Revolution will shortly erect a marker on the spot in Warren county where Daniel Boone, the pioneer, and his wife Rebecca were buried. Mrs. Arch McGregor, regent of the Springfield chapter, says that all chapters in the state and persons interested in marking historic spots are contributing to the fund for the marker.

Boy of 7 Is Road Maker.

David Fry, the 7-year-old son of O. A. Fry, of near King City, claims the distinction of being the youngest person in the state to operate a road drag. David gets the team ready all by himself and drags the roads about his father's farm, asking assistance from no one.

Mail Carrier Killed in Runaway.

Hugh Harsha, a rural route mail carrier, was thrown against a tree when his team ran away near Oregon, recently. He was picked up unconscious by a farmer and removed to his home in Oregon. The doctors say his injuries are fatal.

Heard Liberty Bell Ring.

Mrs. Mary Steigleman of Gentry is probably the only person in Missouri who can boast of having heard the famous Liberty Bell ring. She heard it more than eighty years ago in Philadelphia.

Window Cleaner Fell to Death.

Charles Hess, 33 years old, died at a hospital in St. Joseph of injuries received when he fell from a fourth-story window at the plant of the National Biscuit Company. Hess lost his hold while cleaning a window.

A Sedalia Electrician Dead.

Charles A. McMullin, an electrician at the Missouri, Kansas & Texas shops, died the other night after a day's illness. He was 30 years old. His mother, Mrs. Lena McMullin, and two sisters, Miss Iva and Miss Cora McMullin, live in Kansas City.

Sweet Fries at Springs.

A fly-swating campaign is being inaugurated at Excelsior Springs by the Women's Betterment League. Several thousand "swatters" were distributed free to residents and tourists.

FIRST YEAR OF WAR IN THE WEST

The first month and a half of the western campaign was made up of starting, swift moves. On September 12, after the defeat on the Marne, the Germans took up defensive positions along the Aisne river. The ten and a half months since then have seen a long deadlock.

The battle line of the Aisne and the Oise quickly extended northeast to the sea. Fighting has been continuous, with tremendous losses. The general situation has remained unchanged, gains of a few miles for one side at one point offset by minor gains for the enemy in other sectors.

At the beginning of August the Kaiser took possession of the little state of Luxembourg and demanded passage through Belgium to the Franco-Belgian frontier.

Permission to pass denied, Von Elnem attacked Liege (August 4), while other German armies passed around the city and swept over the level Belgian roads at a terrific rate. The little Belgian army yielded Brussels and fell back to Antwerp and Ghent.

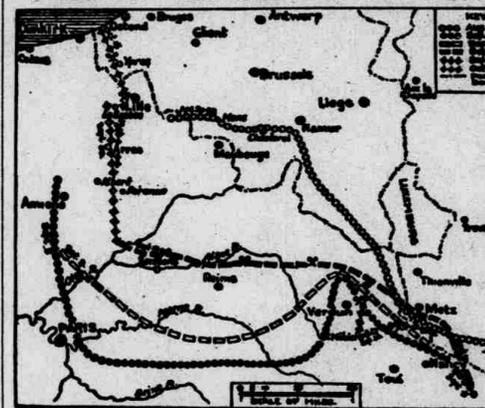
First Big Engagement.

Not until the Germans had almost reached the French border did the first important engagement take place. This is generally known as the battle of Mons-Charleroi (about August 20-23), but at the same time there was severe fighting along the whole line through Thionville in Lorraine and along the Vosges in upper Alsace, which the French had invaded with temporary success.

This battle resulted in defeat for the French and English.

While obtaining some successes in counter-attacks on the advancing Germans at Peronne and at Guise, the

MAP OF CAMPAIGNS IN THE WEST



The first general engagement in the West, sometimes known as the battle of Mons-Charleroi, started August 20 and resulted in the defeat of the French and British armies. The second general engagement started September 5. The line of this date on the map shows the armies' positions just before the battle.

The German right wing was broken up and forced back, bringing about a retirement of the whole line. The German positions on September 8, in the midst of their retreat, are shown on the map by a series of light rectangles, while a row of dark rectangles indicates the carefully prepared trench line of the Aisne where they stopped and were attacked by the allies September 12.

Both sides now extended their lines toward the coast. Light squares show the approximate position assumed September 20. By October 15 the whole line was complete from the Aisne to the sea.

The line of September 30 also shows the Germans' great drive into the French line across the Meuse at St. Mihiel. Green arrows mark the spots of the entrenched stage line where the greatest struggles have taken place since October 12.

French were obliged to fall back rapidly to the line of the River Marne. On the left the French had withdrawn to below Paris and the westernmost German army, under Von Kluck, followed.

The garrison of Paris was put in thousands of motor cars and hurried on Von Kluck's flank. The latter was not taken entirely unawares and met the attack strongly, but at the same time the army of General Foch attacked the German army on Von Kluck's left and drove it back.

Driven Back From Paris. The Germans had begun the battle with five armies in line. The withdrawal of the two farthest west now caused the retreat of the third, fourth and fifth in that order, each in turn finding its flank exposed by the withdrawal of the troops on its right. At the same time the movement on the east end of the German line was accelerated by a strong attack from the French fortified zone of Verdun.

The German retreat was as orderly as that of the French. The English had been left in an admirable defensive position. It ran just north of the Aisne river, on a series of bluffs, then just north of Chalons and through the wooded, hilly regions of the Argonne and the Woivre, joining hands here with the troops besieging Verdun. The allies have tried this line in vain ever since.

Both combatants now tried to turn the west flank. Enormous bodies of cavalry. On the part of the French there was largely the desire to link up with the Belgians, now being attacked in Antwerp. The mighty siege guns of the Germans made short work of the Belgian escort, however, and it fell on October 3. The remnants of the Belgian army retreated along the sea coast and the Germans in a final rush reached Ostend (October 15).

Line Extended to the Sea. The battle line of the Aisne was now extended to the sea, the Germans holding the important French city of Lille, while the allies kept Ypres in Belgium and, partly by flooding the lowlands, held the position of the Yser river and canal.

From October 19 to November 10

Going to Headquarters. Karl Fred Bondy answered the telephone. An excited woman was on the line.

"Is this the New York Railway?" she asked.

"Yes, madam."

"Is the general manager there?" "This is his office, madam."

"Well, you know how warm it was this morning, and then how terribly cold it turned shortly afterward?" "Yes, madam."

"Well, my daughter Nora went down

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Alert Attention. "What gave you your start in public life?" asked the biographer. "I haven't time to think about that now," replied Senator Sarghram. "What I'm looking out for now is the way I'm liable to get my finish." Congenial. "They seem to be well mated." "They are. They both studied bridge whist from the same authority." The Lord made woman and she made herself over into a lady. You don't need bank references in order to borrow trouble.

A Comedown. First Criminal (in jail)—I was young and ambitious once. I hoped to leave footprints on the sands of time. Second Criminal—Same here and all we're leavin' is finger prints at police headquarters.—Boston Evening Transcript. Some people remain poor because they buy too many things they don't need. A woman's pleasures often begot heartaches; a man's headaches.

Post Toasties. A Summer Vacation At Home. Avoid needless work, especially hot cooking, and plan to get all possible rest and leisure.



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China's Development. China has almost 6,000 miles of railroad open to traffic and more than 2,000 miles under construction.