

# Monroe Merc. Co.

**W**ILL open their new stock of  
**Dry Goods, Ladies' Suits, Coats,  
 Shirt Waists, Skirts, Ladies' Ready-  
 to-Wear, full line Shoes**

## New Millinery Stock

In Connection—Ladies' Newest  
 Patterns in Hats—Opening

# Saturday, Sep. 7.



## Red Cross Benefit

In order to assist the Red Cross we will donate  
 2 per cent of sales on opening day.

We extend to each and everyone a personal invitation to attend our opening.

### Fifty-Fifty Rule Change.

With the coming of the new wheat crop the Food Administration has made some radical changes in the wheat conservation rules. Despite the prospects for a large crop, all conservation cannot be thrown aside; but such stringent economy as was patriotically observed by the American people last year will not be necessary. There will be no wheatless days and wheatless meals this year, according to the present plans.

The fifty fifty rule, requiring that with every purchase of wheat flour an equal amount of some other cereals be bought, has been rescinded. Householders may now buy one pound of substitutes with every four pounds of wheat flour, or they may buy Victory Mixed Flours containing 20 per cent substitutes mixed at the mill.

These Victory Mixed Flours will be of four kinds: mixed wheat and barley flour, mixed wheat and corn flour, mixed wheat, barley and corn flour and mixed wheat and rye flour. Mixed wheat and barley flour will be in the proportion of one pound of barley flour to four pounds of wheat flour; mixed wheat and corn flour in the proportion of one pound of corn flour to four pounds of

wheat flour; mixed wheat, barley and corn flour in the proportion of one pound of barley flour to eight pounds of wheat flour; and mixed wheat and rye flour in the proportion of not less than two pounds of rye flour with three pounds of wheat flour.

The Ralls County Record says the war is strengthening the sense of national unity because all of Uncle Sam's nephews realize that they must be cousins. Judging by the crowd around the marriage license counter a good many of the nephews are growing mighty fond also of their cousins, who are Uncle Sam's nieces.

The French are harvesting 1,800,000 bushels of wheat in the conquered and re-conquered portions of France. This wheat was planted by the French, grown under German domination, and will make bread for the Allies.

Kesphl-Mohrenstecher's most extraordinary "Early Fall Shopping Sale" has been especially designed with a view to enabling the people from the country districts to benefit by it on an equal footing with the city people.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Christian received word Sunday that their son, Guy had arrived safely overseas.

### Governor and McAllister Exempt.

Governor Gardner and Attorney General Frank W. McAllister will be the only two state elective officers who will not be required to register for the selective draft under the new bill extending the ages from 18 to 45.

Secretary of State John L. Sullivan, State Treasurer George Middlekamp, State Auditor George Hackman and Superintendent of Schools Uel W. Lamkin will be required to register. Middlekamp is 38 years old, while the other three are 41 years old. Judge Fred L. Williams, of the Missouri Supreme Court, will be the only member of that body which will be required to register. He is 39 years old.

The majority of the male employees of the state department, as well as the Missouri Public Service Commission, will be in the new draft.

Miss Opal Vaughn who has been employed for several months as bookkeeper for the Proctor Grocer Co., left Friday night for Leavenworth, Kansas, where she will enter a hospital and will take training for a nurse. Miss Bess Montgomery will fill her place.

Miss Vivian Lee is visiting relatives in Quincy.

R. F. Heath, of Hannibal spent part of the week in this city.

Miss Virginia Jacobs, of Goss is attending the High School in this city.

Mrs. Mark Swearingen has been a recent guest of Mrs. Mollie Bowers in Quincy.

Miss Helen Southern left Monday for New Bloomfield where she will begin her school work.

Miss Mary Etta Kelley spent part of the week in Hannibal with her aunt Mrs. George H. Shaw.

Tilden Delaney who is attending Gem City Business College, spent week-end with homefolks.

Roy D. Finch left Tuesday for Jefferson Barracks from Ralls county for limited service.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Dunn left Monday night for Chicago where they will visit their daughter, Miss Clara.

Mrs. Anna Ashley, returned to her home in Marshall Monday after a weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. D. J. Ebey.

Mrs. S. A. Miller returned Saturday from Morning Sun and Burlington, Iowa, where she had been visiting relatives.

Miss Gladys Clark after a several weeks visit in this city with friends returned to her home in Memphis, this state Monday.

Miss Mary Bottoff after a several weeks visit with her brother, Paul Bottoff, and family, in Beardstown, Ill., returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeLashmatt and children, of Burlington Ia., are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. E. DeLashmatt south of this city.

Fred Smith and friend, Miss Maggie Closs, of Hannibal spent from Sunday until Tuesday in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Smith.

Mrs. John Campbell and son, Robert, have returned from a several weeks stay in Princeton, Ind., where the latter has been under treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Youell, a recent bride and groom, visited in this city from Sunday until Tuesday at the home of his uncle, W. T. Youell and family.

Miss Lizzie Gottman has accepted a position as saleslady with the A. A. Melson Dry Goods Co. Miss Gottman will fill the vacancy made by Mrs. Lutie Kendrick.

Mrs. W. W. Tait went to Quincy Saturday for a few days visit with her sister, Miss Maude Scott. Enroute home she will visit Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Maddox in Hannibal.

Misses Ethel Rogers and Mary Dirigo accompanied by the latter's father, John Dirigo, went to Quincy Monday where the two ladies will enter Gem City Business College.

Another thing that has been exploded lately along with the big guns in France is the obsession that a nation has to be an armed military camp in order to fight. Germany has been prepared for 40 years and the raw troops from the United States after one year's preparation jump in and lick 'em to a frazzle as Teddy would say.

At the annual meeting of the Missouri Association of Sheriffs held in Jefferson City last week, the sheriffs adopted resolutions asking the next legislature to provide for making the sheriffs eligible for a second term. A few years ago the term of sheriffs was increased from two to four years and they were held ineligible for re-election. The sheriffs also ask for an increase of from 5 to 10 cents in mileage while on official duty, and an increase from \$2 to \$3 per day for court deputies.

### Seward-Hagan.

A war wedding was solemnized at St. Stephens Church at Indian Creek, Wednesday morning, Sept. 4, 1918, at 9 o'clock, when Miss Nan Seward became the bride of Mr. Ernest B. Hagan, Rev. Fr. Thos. Fox, of Indian Creek officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Kate Seward and a most excellent young lady.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hagan and left yesterday with the Monroe County contingent for Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas.

A large number of people are under the impression that the flour that is used today is mixed with some other meal or substitute but such is not the case. Before the war every standard mill made four distinct grades of flour from the same wheat and received six products from the same grinding, namely: High Patent, Straight Patent, No. 1 and No. 2 flour, also ship-stuff and bran. At this time only two products are received from the wheat—flour and bran. The mills have gone out of the business, at least during the war, of making fancy flour and of making different kinds of flour.

Twenty-one wealthy farmers of Clinton county, Mo., are named as defendant in a suit for \$100,000 damages filed in the federal court by A. M. Lawrence, a farm hand, who alleges the defendants named in the petition were members of a mob which took him from his home at Lathrop on the night of July 5 and beat him with a strap after he had been hanged from the branch of a tree until he was unconscious.

Mrs. Lutie Kendrick who has been saleslady in the A. A. Melson Dry Goods Co., in this city for several years has resigned her place. Mrs. Kendrick with her daughter, Miss Mary went to Quincy Tuesday for a several months stay at which place Miss Mary will enter Gem City Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maddox of Hannibal were guests of their parents in this city from Saturday until Monday.

### WHY REMAIN A COMMON LABORER?

The young or middle aged man without trade, condemned to drudgery of common labor, with no hope of getting any better wages than the market price of common labor, never had a better chance to improve his industrial condition.

Any man of average intelligence, who shows willingness to work, and an aptitude for the work assigned him, can soon find himself in possession of a position that will pay the prevailing scale of wages for skilled workmen, rather higher than the common labor rate.

If you enter our employ, we will try and place you in a dept. where your particular experience will enable you to work yourself into a position both permanent and profitable. Our factory operates 12 months in the year. If not satisfied with present surroundings, we would like to hear from you.

**Parlin & Orrendorf,**  
 CANTON, ILL.

Manufacturers of Farm Implements