

MAKES TRIP TO GAY PAREE AS FUNKEY

Spends Nine Months Abroad and is Dead Broke in Paris for Three Days.

WORKS HIS WAY HOME

By A. R. GROH.

Now, John, we'll finish this little talk that we began yesterday in response to your question.

At age 20 I went to New York to see the sights. I decided to go abroad I had \$30 in cash. But, not deeming this sufficient to take a European trip in the style in which I wanted to travel, I got a job on the steamship "Toronto" as a funkey.

My duties were very simple. I washed dishes, scrubbed floors and polished brass from 5 a. m. till 8:30 p. m. If I could have resigned at the end of my first day's work, I assure you the crew of the "Toronto" would have been "short" one funkey. I slept in the sailors' fo'castle.

I got much chance to enjoy the bracing sea air when I was polishing the outside of the portholes or going across the main deck to get meals and vegetables out of the big refrigerator in the stern of the ship. But I finally arrived in Hull, England, with my capital intact (except for a \$5 tip to the steward.)

Broke in Paris.

I spent nine months abroad, that trip. I was "broke" in Paris for three days while waiting for drafts from my American bankers. The police are very courteous there. But I got through all right and was smuggled aboard a ship for the return voyage.

The good captain nearly had apoplexy when he discovered me. However, we had dropped the channel pilot six hours before the next stop was New York. The old sea dog certainly made me work, though—and then shook hands with me when we reached New York.

My, my, John, but I could fill you full of adventures on that trip alone. But people who tell about their travels are bores. In my boyhood I knew a man who had gone on a Cook's tour to Europe. And every time I went over to his house he got out his postcards and kodak pictures and told me all about it. I resolved then that I would avoid that mistake.

Becomes a Motorman.

Well, when I got back to this country I accepted a lucrative position as motorman in Philadelphia, which I held for one month. Oh, yes, I resigned voluntarily, though I did look handsome in my uniform of blue. Girls used to wave to me at many a street corner. And when they did I always stopped.

Later I accepted another position, packing tinware in a wholesale house, at \$9 a week. But, in spite of this, I had been writing for the magazines. One editor accepted one of my stories and paid for it. He lost his position shortly afterward, for some reason.

Then I heard of a daily paper about to start in a small town not far from Omaha. So I put on my new, double-breasted blue suit, shined my shoes and went to see them. They seemed in doubt about my ability, but I told them I had been in the newspaper business even as a boy. (You remember I had sold papers.) So I accepted the position as reporter, city editor, managing editor, telegraph editor, exchange editor, sporting editor and society editor.

Yes, I took a course in the university also, but I have never found this any serious drawback in my tradeprofession, I mean.

Kennedy Will Succeed Sturgess on the Board

Frank A. Kennedy will succeed Thomas F. Sturgess on the Board of Public Welfare. Mayor Dahlman has received the resignation of Chairman Sturgess and acceptance of Mr. Kennedy.

The incoming member is editor of the Western Laborer and served on the old fire and police board. He is well known in labor circles in the west.

Mr. Sturgess started with the board when it was organized in February, 1916, and served until this time as chairman. He worked hard to get the board started on a substantial basis and leaves on account of press of other business affairs. Mayor Dahlman reluctantly accepted his resignation, which will become effective on May 1.

This Youth Wants a Wife, But Specifies Loneliness

To the office of The Bee comes the plaint of Claude Evans, General Delivery, Columbus, Neb., who says he has been a roaming Romeo for a long time, but realizes now that playing the field is zero-plus in out and indoor sports. In short, he wants to settle up with the world and settle down with a wife.

To accomplish this he asks The Bee to find him some nice, lonely Omaha girl, well knowing that The Bee gets results.

So, girls, if you're lonely and nice and—er—ah—matrimonially inclined, why not look up Claude's rating and make him happy.

Potato Acreage in State To Be Enormous This Year

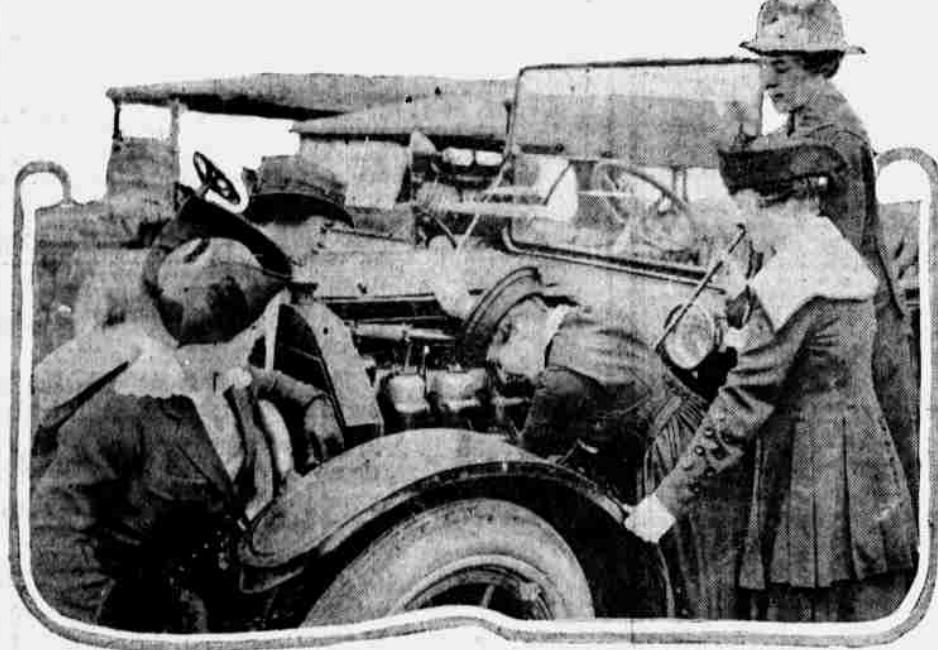
"Notwithstanding the fact that seed potatoes are selling at \$2.50 to \$3 per bushel, the acreage being planted in Dawes, Box Butte, Sheridan and other counties up in the northern part of the state is going to be fully double that of any former year," says R. A. Lovelace, assistant immigration agent of the Burlington, who has just returned from a tour of that section. "There are many who have out 100 and some 160 acres."

Parks Moves 808 Loads Of Rubbish First Day

City Commissioner Parks' street cleaning armada moved 808 loads of rubbish from alleys and streets on Monday. The spring drive against debris is being pushed by a large force of men, teams, wagons and automobile trucks.

The work will be completed before Saturday. The haulers started in the outer precincts of the city and are working toward the center.

WOMEN MOTORISTS EXAMINING THE WORKS OF AUTO—Left to right: Mrs. E. S. Westbrook, Mrs. F. J. McShane, Jr.; Mrs. Louis Clarke, Miss Irene McKnight and Mrs. E. Standfield. Lower—Left to right: Mrs. Clarke, Miss McKnight, Mrs. McShane, Mrs. Standfield and Mrs. Westbrook.



"Just see how the wheels go round!"

Mrs. Louis Clarke, captain of the motor driving division of the National League of Woman Service, is showing the "works" of her car to her commandants, Mrs. E. S. Westbrook, Mrs. F. J. McShane, Jr.; Miss Irene McKnight and Mrs. E. E. Stan-

field.

riding habit," said Mrs. McShane, both head motor driving classes, which will begin taking a course of instruction in motor mechanics Wednesday morning. The women will volunteer as ambulance drivers or messengers if the need arises.

The women aren't dressed for the part yet. That comes later.

"You don't catch me crawling under a car with my skirts on. They're a nuisance. I'm going to wear a

riding habit," said Mrs. McShane, who is an expert driver. She drove her car from Omaha to Chicago in little more than passenger train time.

Mrs. McShane thinks "gym" bloomers are the most practical things to wear. Chicago women motorists are wearing bloomers at their class work.

Mrs. Westbrook's class will take instruction at the Nebraska Auto school and Mrs. McShane's at the McShane Motor company.

PICKENS DECLARIES FOR FOOD CONTROL

Big Food Operator Says Federal Government Should Prevent Price Kiting.

PRESENT SURPLUS SMALL

Charles H. Pickens, manager of Paxton & Gallagher's wholesale grocery establishment in Omaha, believes the government should prevent excessive prices that are being asked on many food items.

Mr. Pickens' opinion on the food supply, possible shortage and wisdom or unadvised of the present buying mania was published recently in the Journal of Commerce as follows:

"Don't think there is a large surplus of food products with possible exception of beans, flour, meats and potatoes. I believe the visible stock of food in some lines is less than usual.

The buying mania is untrue. If it becomes universal few will have much and the majority none.

"Retailers' and jobbers' stocks, considering shortage, will be out of many items before new packs and crops are available.

"I don't think families and other consumers buy much in excess of immediate requirements.

"I think a strong campaign on extravagance and waste would help carry the country through until new goods come on the market.

"I believe the government should prevent, if possible, excessive prices that are being asked on many food items and arrange, if possible, to convince the jobbers and retailers, packers, growers of fruit and vegetables that sufficient tin cans can be secured for the present growing crop. That would relieve to a great extent the present rush for that type of merchandise. Publishing the government monthly grain report, showing great shortage, causes speculation and excessive buying on the part of

Union Pacific bridge Monday night he thought at first he had another war plotter. But the man turned out to be a homeless "bum," who was just stealing lodgings from the railroad. After close questioning the captain released the man with a warning to keep away from the bridge.

Officials of Savage Tire Corporation Are Omaha Visitors

H. N. Maher, treasurer and general superintendent of the Savage Tire corporation of San Diego, Cal., and Harry Hargreaves, manager of the Chicago branch of the corporation, visited Omaha yesterday on their way to the middle western territory.

Both Maher and Hargreaves were particularly well pleased with the outlook in this section of the country and were quite loud in their praise of Manager Wilson of the Omaha Savage Sales company. Regardless of the fact that the Omaha Savage Sales company has been located in Omaha but a few months, it has climbed to third place among the twenty-six Savage tire branches located in the middle west.

The output of the Savage factory has been more than doubled in the past few months, but the supply is still too small to meet demands. Plans are under consideration for new buildings and a further increase in output.

"Both Kinney Brothers

Now Wearing Uniforms

Paul Kinney, an Omaha boy, youngest of the four sons of Thomas D. and Mary Kinney, joined the navy in San Francisco last week. Young Kinney recently finished his apprenticeship as machinist in the Sacramento shops and enters the service as second class machinist.

His elder brother, George A. Kinney, letter carrier in the Omaha post office, enlisted in the marines last January and has qualified as a sharpshooter, at present stationed at Charleston. Both lads are nephews of T. J. Fitzmorris of The Bee editorial staff.

Militia Ends Practice Of Traveling Hoboes

When Captain Hamilton of Company B of the Guard discovered a man in box car on the Burlington tracks under the approach to the

O. F. Strom, 709 South Sixteenth street, was found in his bed overcome by gas asphyxiation. Tightly

locked windows and doors and open gas jets convinced the authorities that he tried to end his own life.

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DIAMONDS ON CREDIT WATCHES

No need to delay purchasing a genuine diamond or fine watch for personal wear or for a wedding present because lack of ready money, for you can buy off on charge account just as easily and pleasantly as though you paid all cash.

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