

DAIRY PRODUCTS HOLD UP FARMS

Cow Held Life-Saver in Northwestern States.

MONTANA CROP HEAVIER

Great Weakness of Farm Today Is Declined to Be Low Prices on Cattle Market.

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(Copyright) by The Public Ledger Co. Published by Arrangement. ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 6.—(Special.) The American Legion notified the association of commerce today that it was able to furnish a job for every ex-soldier out of work. This was the first time in three months the legion was so well fixed and is indicative of the improvement as to the unemployment. As a matter of fact Minnesota has not known the strain of other states. It did not fly so high in the war period and thereafter as most of them and did not have so far to drop.

St. Paul is in pretty fair shape. Its industrial establishment is considerable but no greater than its agricultural interests. There are unemployed today about 500. The peak was 11,000.

Construction has been good. Building for the first eight months of this year exceeds that for the same months last year by \$2,000,000. Most of the building was of small homes and apartment houses.

Road Programme Under Way. The state has a great road building programme under way. Some parts of this work will continue throughout the winter except in the most severe weather. The whole enterprise means an expenditure of \$100,000,000, of which \$20,000,000 will be taken up in this year.

Of the industrial establishments the principal are the Cray Carpet; Gutterman Bros., manufacturers of clothing; Swift and Armour packing plants; Foot, Schulz & Co., shoe manufacturer; American Holst & Derrick company; West Publishing company; Brown & Bickel, advertising agencies; Waldorf paper products; Northern Pacific railway, Great Northern railway, etc. Of the immense shops, probably bulks biggest. It takes one whole page in the telephone directory to list all the departments, divisions and subdivisions of this company here.

Some concerns are over-crowded with business. The Secretary Food company reports it is working night and day. Last spring it was doing little. There are five or six shoe plants working on 75 per cent of peak production. Armour and Swift had 2338 persons at work August 31. This is about 75 per cent of normal. West & Co., largest publishers of law books in America, are on a 70 per cent basis. There is a considerable amount of commercial printing here, principally of railroad time tables and freight tariffs. This is two-thirds of normal. Swift and Armour report their business is showing an upward tendency.

Staple Business Fair. Merchants, both wholesale and retail, report a fair volume of business in staple articles. The sustained buying power of the public they ascribe to the money saved in flush times. They admit they came close to the bottom of their shelves before they started to replenish their stocks. Quite a volume of buying must go on, they assert, regardless of conditions, for no one in town, city or country is carrying much beyond immediate requirements. They think hand-to-mouth buying will continue until there is positive evidence of an upturn in general business.

The St. Paul-Minneapolis district serves the greatest agricultural belt made up of Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana. Statements vary somewhat as to conditions in these farm districts. Representatives of the Equity Co-operative exchange, a farmers' organization with headquarters here, which in conjunction with the American grain growers, will handle 30,000,000 bushels of grain for the agriculturists this year, speak gloomily. There are more than 21,000 farmers in the Equity. It once was associated somewhat with the non-partisan league, but not now. Its officers say the league is withering.

The Equity controls the grain elevators, about 50 of which are in North Dakota, in addition to financing some others. It has paid dividends but not for the last two years. The organization was created because of abuses said to prevail under the old system of weighing and grading by the elevator combine. The Equity people say the great advantages they have brought about are to a degree in factors somewhat intangible. In many instances, they say, they clean the grain and thereby improve the grade. What that amounts to is not easy to compute. Before their advent there was a truck scale. Now the grain is weighed. They broke the back of the elevator combine and revolutionized grain handling. That, too, is hard to figure in dollars and cents.

Equity Becomes Factor. One thing certain is that the Equity has become a potent factor in the grain trade. The St. Paul people speak of it with respect. Its officers have well-defined plans for broadening its activities and spreading co-operation throughout the farm districts. But they say that agriculturists are so hard pressed for ready money now that they cannot pool their grain and command higher prices, but are compelled to sacrifice much of it.

Except in one strip in North Dakota, the Equity people declare, crops are poor in the territory they serve. They say the winter wheat states have done better and conditions are good in Kansas and Nebraska.

On the other hand, an unusually well-informed man of dispassionate judgment makes the situation appear somewhat better. Here is his summary:

Wheat—Good in quality in Minnesota and eastern half of North Dakota. Country elevator price \$1.40 bushel. Yield is below normal and there is little profit to the farmer.

Corn—Biggest in history of this section of Minnesota and in the Dakotas.

Flaxseed—Fair crop on small acreage. Country elevators, \$1.70. This compares with \$1.40 during war.

Oats—Very poor yield and light in quality.

Barley—Yield small but better than oats.

South Dakota—Same grain conditions no better than Minnesota.

Western North Dakota—More grain than any year in the last five. Biggest yield than in eastern North Dakota. This will permit some substantial liquidation of farm mortgages.

Montana Crop Better. Conditions much the same as in western North Dakota. Better crop than in recent years. Previous five years were mostly failures. Montana report applies to dry farming. Irrigated crops are good, as usual.

GARDNER HURT, IS BELIEF OF WARDEN

Guards Are Within Earshot and Sight of Each Other.

POSSIBLE CLEW IS FOUND

Prison Library Card Picked Up at Infrequent Place—Launch Patrols Are Doubled.

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eratic to approach by boat and carry the fugitive away. Other guards believe that concealed in some heavy growth of underbrush, Gardner's body is lying, the victim of

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GARDNER EXPERT SWIMMER. Wife Says Bandit Able to Stay in Water Long Time.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 6.—Roy Gardner, escaped prisoner from McNeil's island, is an expert swimmer and able to stay in water for an hour or more, said Mrs. Dolly Gardner, his wife, in an interview given on the telephone from the prison at Wasco county. She said she believed her husband swam to the mainland.

"He is a dare-devil swimmer," said Mrs. Gardner, "I have seen him swim far out into the sea at the beaches and return in three-quarters of an hour not a bit tired and full of pep. I believe he escaped this time just to show the officers he could do it. You never can tell what Roy is going to do next. He may even wait a while and return to the prison and say, 'Here I am, warden.' But if he gets out of the country, I'll certainly be willing to join him. I believe he'll be captured, however, for the reason that he'll have to show up somewhere to eat."

Search yesterday continued until nightfall, and was resumed again at daybreak today, armed guards beating the brush in the hope of finding the bandit if he had been wounded. No trace of any kind could be found. Should Gardner make his way to the interior of the island it would be possible for him to hide for days in the heavy brush, it is said.

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Bogart is in the prison hospital seriously injured, shot through the left side. That Gardner make use of these two prisoners to further his own chances of escape is the general belief at the prison. Andy Roddell, dean of the guards, is particularly vindictive toward Gardner for the escape. It was Roddell who saw the prisoner wave to the launch just before making his dash for freedom.

"I had been watching Gardner closely, for he is a bad actor," said Roddell today. "I saw him wave at a passing launch about ten minutes before he made his dash. I thought little about it at the time, for prisoners are all the time waving at passing launches. I do not think now that had anything to do with his escape."

McNeil island is surrounded by swift currents of salt water so cold that it is declared impossible for a man to swim to mainland or to any other island in the vicinity. Help from the outside is believed Gardner's only chance of getting away from the island. Telephone calls sent over McNeil island today brought the unanimous answer that Gardner simply had not been seen. The island is four miles long by three miles wide. It has an irregular shore line, and the penitentiary and the village of Bee are close to a long, narrow inlet that pierces the island. Gardner's avenues of escape from the island are chiefly the following:

To the south, a trifle over one-half mile across Balch passage to Anderson island. To the west, the shortest route, less than half a mile from a point on the island north of Ferdinand to the mainland north of Long Branch, crossing Pitt passage

This route offers a resting place in Mosquito island, a little more than half way across the passage. To the north, two miles to Fox island, from Gertrude, and to the coast, three miles from Bee to Stellacoom.

The prison authorities have taken into consideration Gardner's resourcefulness, his cunning, keen-wittedness and ability to bring to his advantage every trifling opportunity, also they are making allowances for his luck, which, with other attributes, has gotten him out of trouble and out of the hands of Tacoma, does not question that Gardner plotted the entire details of the escape, using the rather simple-minded Impyn and Bogart as "goats" to divert fire from himself and otherwise to involve his escape to make it easier. All three were confined in cell No. 2 of the main penitentiary building. Gardner had been confined there since June 17, while Impyn and Bogart had been prisoners only since July 15.

How Gardner came to have the pliers with which to cut the wire is a mystery yet unsolved. At any rate, it was the plan that the three should sit together at the ball game within the barbed wire enclosure, and with their backs to the wall, Gardner, with all the innocent appearance of the other spectators of the holiday game between convict teams, quietly

reached behind him and snipped the two lower strands of the fence.

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CAN GARDNER GET OUT OF THIS PLACE?

MAP SHOWING McNEIL'S ISLAND IN ITS RELATION TO SHORE POINTS NEAR BY. CHANNEL BETWEEN ISLAND AND MAINLAND AT NARROWEST PLACE IS ABOUT ONE MILE WIDE.

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NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 6.—Federal receivers named for the American Motors corporation of Plainfield on petition of attorneys claiming to represent 80 per cent of the creditors.

Assets were listed at \$5,500,000 and at \$600,000. The corporation assented to the receivership.

Judge Indorsed for Supreme Bench WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Members of the Bar association have indorsed E. C. Mills, judge of the superior court, for appointment to the state supreme bench to succeed Wallace Mount, who died Sunday. Letters and telegrams were sent forward today indorsing Mills. Mills has been a member of the bar for 17 years and has been on the county bench since 1912.

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VETERANS TO ASSEMBLE

Disarmament and Bonus Questions to Come Before Convention.

MOBILE LIQUOR SHIP CONDEMNED

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 6.—Condemnation proceedings against the Johnson line steamer Tuscan, on which United States authorities charge they found 118 quarts of liquor yesterday, were filed in the federal court today and the steamer, which came into port several days ago from Cuba, was seized, and is now in the custody of the United States marshal.

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