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Diary & Journal

Beginning Nov 15-'17

Original Diary
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Nov 15-1917

Left for St Louis
this morning. I am
tired of waiting
for my pass. Had
a nice trip. Sure
do hate to leave
home this time.
Zellner and Nilsen
and Louise went
to the train with
me.

Nov. 16th Stayed at
the Y.M.C.A. annex
last night. The
man in charge
of the employment
bureau sent me
to the Third National
Bank. Have a job as
clerk. Pay 5.00 per
month.

Nov 17 Went to
Work and real
earnest today.
My job is checking
up on the receiving
tellers. I work in
the clearing house
same and have
to use an adding
machine quite a lot.

Nov 18. Went to
the First Christian
Church this morning.
Met a nice bunch
of young fellows
and some girls.
The church is
not as nice as
some city
churches. Went to
Forest Park this
afternoon. Joined the
Christian Endeavour ^{tonight}

Nov 19 Hard
Work today. Made
a run by myself.
got balled up an it.
The boy who was
boss of the clearing
house gave me a
balling out. I gave
him a good one
and quit. Guess I
would have been
fired anyhow.

Nov 20, Hunted
for a job this
morning. Tonight
I went to a mag.
agency & got a job
at 12.00 per week.
Was offered 40.00
per month by Ely & Walker.
45.00 by Simmons
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Nov 1917

Nov 21 When I
got to the mag agency
I did not like the
looks of the bunch
so I did not work.
I got a job at the
American Express
Co and went to
work tonight. My
work will be handling
the files. It is not
hard and pays
\$6.50 per month
Nov 22 My hours
are from six P.M.
to six A.M. with
an hour off at
midnight. The work
keeps me continually
in the cold. I don't
think I will do this
very long

Nov 23 I read quite
a lot at the Y.M.C.A.
next door. I get my
meals at the Thomp-
son restaurant
principally. I sleep
from seven till
about 2:30.

Nov. 24 Pretty
hard day. I am
getting onto my
work better. I am
out in the yard
where the trains
run quite a lot.
It is continually
filled with
trains

Nov. 25 Got up
and went to
S.S. and church. Saw
Foy Adams. She is
quite a nice kid

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1 Nov. 26. Felt so
tough today I did
not work tonight.
Read down town
at the Public
Library quite
awhile. I think
after a few days
I will go to work
for Selig Judge Co.
as a magazine
salesman.

Nov 27. I went
to St. Louis University
this morning
and became so
interested that I
enrolled at once
as a student. I
must save up
now to pay my
expenses.

Nov 28 Have been
reading John
Lords "Bedouin lights
of history". I am
a great deal better
satisfied since
I am in school.
The boys are fine
fellows. There is
one girl in my
class.

Nov. 29 I am not
homesick now. I
get quite bunch
of mail now which
cheers me up a
great deal. Eddie
writes to me often.
Bless her little
heart she is a
fine kid. Marie
Dunn has written
also and Annie Fraser.

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Nov 30. I told my
boss I was going
to quit tonight. He
said all Southerners
were too restless. I
can have my
place back when
I want it but
he wants me to
stay if I do.

Dec 1 Slept till
three. Went to
collect my pay.
Then I read awhile.
Wrote to the
folks. I like to
be in the art
room of the
library. Have
examined a bunch
of Shakespearean pictures.

Dec 2 I am
going to be asst
Hotel clerk to pay
for my room.
Reading memoirs
of Tennyson by
his son. Wrote
a lot of letters.

Dec 3 Went down to
Leslie's this morning.
Mr Peters was ~~not~~^{there}
m. I went back
this afternoon. Got
a place. Baf Burkitt
called me this evening.
I went over and
he gave me a job
as salesman for
the Sunshine Chem-
-ical Co. They sell
non inflammable
metal polishes.

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Dec 4 Bob showed
me the line today
and explained the
selling methods.
I worked a little
while this afternoon.
I didn't make a
sale but learned
something of my
line.

Dec 5 Worked at
the Y.M.C.A. this
morning. I work
each Wed morning
for my room.
This afternoon I was
out again. Same
results.

Dec 6. Made a sale
today. This encourages
me some. I am
having some bad cases
of blues.

Dec 7 Made a sale
today. I am working
the stores in
the region just
west of Grand Ave.
Dec 8 Worked at
the Y.M.C.A. today. I
don't like to work
on Sun. Went down
to the Public Library
this afternoon. Read
some good magazines
and got a little more
courage to do my
work.

Dec 9 On the job
It is very very
cold. I think I got
my heels frostbit
Sat morning. I am
taking my meals
at a house on West
Pine.

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Dec 10, a fine bunch
of university boys
board at the same
place I take meals.
The fellows at the
University have
been very nice to
me but I am not
going to be able to
keep up the work
because I am only
making 12.00 per
week and my tuition
would be 15.50 per
month.

Dec 11 Bob's
mother has had
a stroke of paralysis
and he is gone home.
I am working on
the big hotels of
the city.

Dec 12 Worked
at the Y.M.C.A. this
morning. I was
sitting in the hall
reading and thinking
of nothing in particular
when the door opened
and Brother walked in.
He has come to St.
Louis to join the
army trying to escape
the draft. This after-
noon I worked with
Mr. Johnson at the
plant and learned
quite a bit about
how a place like
this is run. To-
night Brother,
Sid and I went to
the Gaiety Theater
to a rotten burlesque.

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Dec. 1917

Dec 13 Brother is trying to get into the ordnance corps of the army. I sold an order to the National Bank of Commerce this morning. Then he & another boy and I went to all the recruiting stations in town trying to find out which offered the best inducement.

Finally he tried the ordnance but failed to pass the physical examination. He stayed over and is going to try the quartermaster's corps tomorrow.

Dec 1917

Dec 14 Worked this morning. met Brother at the Christian Science reading room and we took lunch at the Y.W. C. A. cafeteria. He failed to get into the quartermasters corps and went home this afternoon. I certainly did hate to see him leave. I went out to Washington University this afternoon. They have some beautiful buildings. I came back by the Jefferson memorial and saw some of the wonderful things there.

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Dec 15 Worked
this morning but
not this afternoon.
The janitor has left
at the building and
Mr. Brauner and I
are trying to hold
down the job as
best we can. Went
to the Empress
Tonight.

Dec 16 Went to
Sunday school and
church this morning
but worked this
afternoon and
evening.

Dec 17 Today is
my last day before
Xmas. Don't think
I will fool with sun-
shine chem. any more.

Dec 1917

Dec 18 Sid Hausman
a boy I know with
is working for
Stix Boer and Fuller,
so I tried to get a
little holiday work
there. I am in the
book Dept. I like
it better than any
work I ever did.

Dec 19 I sold two
sets today and
my sales looked
good. I think this
is my real line
of work. We have
about the best
book store in town
and the most com-
plete line of books.

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Dec 20 I am about in the notion of staying with Stix Baer and Fuller if they will keep me. They have plenty of help in the Book Dept but they might give me a place somewhere else.

Dec 21 Reading book reviews is a fine thing for my work. Was at the library quite awhile this evening.

Dec. 22 The buyer Mr Nyekk wants me to stay next week ~~so~~ so I don't guess I will go home Xmas.

Dec 1917

Dec. 23 I have been with Foy quite a little bit lately. Was out to her home tonight.

Dec 24 Good sales today. Thought Foy and I went to Dorothy Ayar's house and a theater party went from there to the Empress. Dorothy has a beautiful home an Wandeventer place and her parents are very wealthy. She is a very fine girl and I intend to cultivate her acquaintance.

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Dec 25 - Didn't get
up till late this
morning. Went
out to stay's this
afternoon. We are
going to a party
Friday night.

Dec 26 Back on the
job. I have not
been homesick
this Xmas as I
thought I would
be. I am helping
clean up the stacks
now in my spare
time.

Dec 27 I have some
good magazines I
get at the library.
Chased about with
Sid tonight.

Dec. 28 Hoy and I
Went to a Xmas
party at Bessie
Brown's. Had a great
time. Had a little flirtation
with Miss Mary
Casey a plump little
frounette with
big soft eyes. Oh
Boy!

Dec 29 Went to
the Schubert Gorrick
this evening and
saw Cleopatra, the
great Fox picture,
with Theda Bora
as Cleopatra. It
showed many
great historic scenes
and Theda Bora was
very beautiful.

Dec 1917

Dec 30 Was over to Dorothy Ayer's home this afternoon. She is a fine little girl. Got some of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poems and Churchill's Crisis from her library. Went to church tonight and carried Fay home.

Dec 31 Worked in stack part of morning. Think I will stay here a little while longer anyhow. Made a little deposit in the bank. Going to a big party tonight.

Jan 1918

Jan 1 We had a glorious new year's party. I met Fay at the church and we went to 3056 Mirerwa. We played games until midnight when we all went out to make some noise and hear the new year's Whistles. Oscar Wooth and a young fellow named Harper were arrested for shooting a pistol. We went down but could do no good. Finally Mr Morgan and Arch Parker got bail for them. Chatted Miss Casey quite a bit. Had time with the owl cans and didn't get home till 5:40 a.m.

Jan 1918

Jan 2 Worked, very good sales, I am beginning to catch the run of the store. There are three thousand employees, the building is eight stories high and takes up an entire block.

Jan 3 Reading "The Light that Failed" by Kipling. It is a masterpiece of fiction. Powell leaves soon and McDaniel's is gone. I sure did hate to lose McDaniel. He was a good scout if there ever was one.

Jan 4 although I received them rather late I have some good Xmas presents. Bettie sent me a silver cuticle cutter, Eddie a hand knitted scarf, Annie a box of candy, Jellner the Advance and I got some stuff from home.

Jan 5 The Christian Endeavour Society had a business meeting at Bernice Wilson's. Carried Foy home. Had quite a flirtation with Miss Casey. Foy and I must close up and we talked it over.

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Jan. 6 Sid and I
got up late and
did not go to church.
Then we went to
his aunts and
spent the day.
Had a very nice time
music and good
books and a fine
bunch of people.

Jan 7 Back on the
job. I carried Mary
Casey home last
night. Had a good
time. We are
preparing for a
big sale with an
old stock we
have bought up
It sure is a
bum collection

Jan 1918

Jan 8 Worked till
late fixing up the
tables for the sale
then came home
and went to see
Mary. She called me
up and I answered
the telephone. She asked
for Mr. Seal and I kidded
her a little by telling
her Mr. Seal was not
in. She didnt recognize
my voice and hung
up before I could tell her
better. Went on out and
had a pretty good time.

Jan 9 Sick today but
managed to pull
through somehow.
Took some medicine
and went to bed
early tonight.

Jan 1918

Jan 10, Feeling better today.

We are getting very much disgusted with eating in restaurants and are going to Miss Dickson's Sunday.

Jan 11 I am trying to regulate my hours so I will have more sleeping time. I am reading Mr. Butling by H. G. Wells. More than any other great writer Wells has found his field in great war stories.

Jan 12 In some of my evenings I go to the public library and read the great book reviewers. Tonight I went to see Cleopatra a William Fox "move" with Theda Bara as Cleopatra. It is one of the most impressive things I have ever seen.

It shows the triumph of Caesar to the temple, the battle of Actium and the fall of Alexandria. The costumes and settings were superb.

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Jan 13 We got up
early to move to
Miss Dickinson's
When we got there
she sent us out
to lunch. While out
we met a man
who recommended
Mrs. Sinclair 4360
Belmar. Just for luck
we came and inspected
and liked so well
we decided to move
here. Miss Dickinson
was sore but we
paid her three
dollars for her
trouble. There is a
very fine bunch of
bookers here and
good meals.

Jan 14 Hard at
work. We are going
to save a little
money by taking
our board and
rooms together.
We are holding a
sale at the store
of some books
brought from the
Boeder book store
when they closed
out.
Jan 15 In St.
Louis two months
today. I have
made many
friends and am
beginning feel at
home. I like Mrs.
Sinclair very much.
We have fine board

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Jan 16 My work
at the store is
cleaning stock
quite a lot when
the trade is not
rushing. I know
most of the officials
now and am
learning to ropes.

Jan 17 My Southern
accent is quite an
asset to me. Many
people ask me
if I am not from
the South. St Louis
people seem to be
very favorably
impressed with
Southern people.
They seem to think
Southern birth is a
rank of aristocracy

Jan 18 I have al-
ready seen "Les
Misérables" a great
Fox photoplay this
week at the Shufert
Garrick. It follows
the Hugo Book
closely and is really
a wonderful show.
The acting of William
Thornum as Jean
Valjean was great.
I saw Ben Hur at
the American tonight.
Of course the
costumes were beautiful
and picturesque but
I did not care much
for the show. It
was neither clever
nor thrilling.

Jan 19 made some
good sales. We
are beginning our
inventory. This
certainly is hard
work. Tonight
Bengston and I
went to Richmond
Heights to see Mary
Casey and Ruth
Phillips. Bengston
is a young chap I
met at the Y.M.C.A.
and who moved
up to Mrs. Sinclair's
with Hausman
and I. Richmond
Heights is a way
out and we got
there late but had
a good time.

Jan 20 We call Mrs.
Sinclair "Ma" We
had company today,
among others Miss
Crow sister of
Mr. Crow who
boards here. She is
some chicken. This
afternoon we went
over to the great Gothic
Cathedral. It is in
the Roman architectural
order and is one
of the most
beautiful churches
in the world. Prob-
ably the finest in
America. Tonight Sid and
I went to see a couple
of girls. No good! coming
back we met a kid who
owed Sid money
over

for an overcoat.
We nailed him and
were going to have
him arrested but
after trying to bluff
a friend of the kid's
gave us his coat as
security. There were
three of the fays and
the fell hap against
us two but we
run a little bluff
and got by.

Jan 21 The overcoat
affair ended rather
disastrously today
by the kid coming
and putting up a
pitiful tale to Mrs.
Sinclair and getting
his coat back.

Jan 22 am reading
Mr. Britling
Sees it through by
H. G. Wells, I intend
to familiarise
myself with more
of the great modern
authors, Wells,
Kipling, Tolstoi, James,
Turgenev, Dostoevsky,
Stevenson, Pater,
Carroll, France,
Hay, Ward and
Bardes.

Jan 23 My life
is running
smoothly now.
Good hours, good
recreation, the
best of literature and
plenty of work.

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Jan 21 I am growing
brother proud of
being with my
firm. We have the
best book store in
St Louis. all
classes and can-
ditions of people
came in to buy
books. Sometimes
the hardest looking
old men will
buy some of the
greatest literary
masterpieces. The
married people
of St Louis are
not the reading
classes. Mr Hyke
my buyer is a
fine chap and I like
all the clerks fine

Jan 23 One more
since Xmas and
I who was so
samesick and anxious
to go home Xmas.
am very well con-
-tented. Eddie is a
fine loyal little
girl. I get many
letters from her
and she is as true
as when we were
together daily.

Jan 26 Went to see
Arnette Kellerman
in "The Daughter
of the Gods" tonight
Did not like it
so very much.
She is a very fine
summer but not
much actress.

Jan. 1918

Jan 27 This morning Sid Hausman, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, friends of mine who board here and I went to Temple Israel on Kings Highway. This is a very fine Temple and I met Robbi Hausman one of the finest speakers in the Jewish Church. This afternoon ^{evening} a girl who boards here, Bengstan and I went to Jefferson Memorial and the Art Museum at Forest Park. The Memorial is full of interesting relics of St Louis and the Louisiana purchase.

Jan 1918

Jan 28 Back on the job. Had a very bad day. Felt tough and generally down and out. On days like this I feel like throwing up the sponge and coming home.

Jan 29 Today has been a great day for me. My sales have been fine. The newspapers have been full of the great English writer and soldier, Lord Byron's visit to St. Louis. He visited our department and Mr. Hyke introduced him to me. He was a very pleasant man.

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He told us a little joke
about General Joffre,
"When the French
mission arrived in
America a woman
asked Joffre if he had
ever killed a ~~war~~
German with his
own hand. Upon
being answered in
the affirmative the
woman kissed the
hand. Later one of
Joffre's officers when
he was told of it
asked the General why
he didn't say, "I hit
him to death." I had
complimentary tickets
to his lecture at the
Odeon and carried
Dat ayons. Witty and
entertaining speaker.

Jan 30 my life is
now very much
routine. My sol-
-ary is only twelve
dollars per week
and I can hardly
get by. I have bought
a new pair of
shoes and my
spring slippers. I
am through with "Mr
Britling" sees it
through!

Jan 31 a Dept store
is a wonderful place
to study human
nature. Our boss
is a pretty good scout,
but not so thoroughly
educated as he should
be. Still he is kindly
and gentlemanly.

Feb 1 Today my little Diary Journal begins the eighth year of its life. I am rather proud of these years records. I sometimes wonder where I will be this time next year. Although I was only hired for extra help and Mr. Hyke really does not need me he is keeping me. I feel there is but little future for me here but I certainly do hate to leave. I am right in my best line of work.

Feb 2 Today is my big day. an old lady from Ky. bought a great bunch of books from me and I made some other good sales also. Did not feel so very good but am so enthusiastic I forgot all that.
Feb 3 Stayed at home last. Went to the Great Catholic Cathedral this morning and heard archbishop Glennon preach. St. Louis is torn up by a great street car strike today. Violence and suspended traffic.

Feb 4 Rode to work
in a taxicab cost
me a quarter. Strikers
are throwing bricks
at the few cars that
are moving. 2000
men ~~to~~ have tied
up 900,000 people.
Business is almost
suspended. Many
employees came down
in trucks and service
cars.

Feb 5 conditions are
a little better. Traffic
is enormous in
the busy streets. Some
rioting is taking
place at the car fairs
I walked home last
night but caught a
ride tonight.

Feb 1918

Feb 6 Not very
many people
are coming
in still I am
doing more than
I do some days
when we have
better crowds. Our
walks home are
interesting. Saw a
pitched battle be-
tween a negro
woman and a boy
while coming home.
Reading The Life
of Dickens by
Forster. It is a
very interesting
work and gives a
sympathetic account
of his work.

Feb 7 I am
becoming so
accustomed to
the store that I
really feel right
at home. While at
the store I have to
work so hard I
never have time
to read but Mr.
Hyke allows me
to bring books
home with me.
The Annex is
gone to whack
and Mr. Brainerd
is out of town af-
-ter my stay there
and friendship with
him I regret to see
it go.

Feb 8 Thank the
lord the street
car strike is
settled. I have been
a little uneasy be-
-cause the labor
troubles might
spread to all parts
of the country. This
strike alone has
hampered our
work some.

Feb 9 Put on a
little party tonight.
Having a good time
in St Louis is not
a very soft thing
if you have to go
to dance halls or
like places. I think
I will stick to my
books from now
on.

Feb 10 Went to
the Third Baptist
Church with Crowe
this morning.
It is a very strong
progressive Church
and has a most
splendidly organized
Bible class, the
"agoga". This after-
noon Miss Crowe
two Misses Jordans
Grace, Benglan
Sid Crowe and
I went to Forest
Park. Had quite a
nice chat. The
park is very at-
tractive on Sunday
afternoon and was
crowded with
people.

Feb 11 By my
work at the store
and by reading
the "Bookman",
"Current Opinion",
Books and reading
and other good
reviewers I am
getting quite a
knowledge of books.
Feb 12 The great
Lincoln's birthday
here our stock
boy has quit. He is
going to leave Val-
entine day this
will throw quite
a lot of work on
me. We are having
big Valentine
business.

Feb 13 Such a
mob and jam
in the store. I
very brilliantly
forgot to ring in
one day last week
and was fined one
dollar. Mr. Quest got
my money though.

Feb 14 Valentine's
day. I sent sen-
timental valentines
to Eddie, Bettie
Helen, Nevada
Louise and Hilsen.
I think Mr. Hyke
is going to give
me a raise so
my salary certain
can stand a
little boosting.

Feb 15 I am
Chairman of the
Social Committee
of the first Chr.
Ch. Endeavour Soc. and
we are going to put
on a big social
tomorrow night. We
went over and dec-
-orated tonight.
Miss Richards who
boards with Mrs.
Morgan is some
-kid. Mrs. Morgan
is the great Grand
daughter of Robert
W. Stone one of the
founders of the Christian
Church. She has
his Bible with his
signature in it.

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Feb 16 Had a pretty good day today. Went to the party tonight. Had a hilarious time. Bunch of good boys and girls there. Miss Richards and I had quite a lot of fun. Carried Mory Casey home. Sid carried a Miss Shane home and kidded me about having to go so far. I made good car connections and beat the post fish back by forty minutes. He went to S. St. Louis.

Feb 17 Got up a little while for breakfast then went to bed again and read and dozed. This afternoon Miss ^{Casey} came over and a bunch of us went to Charlie Sindlers out at Glendale suburb. Saw quite a lot of the manufacturing part of the city on our way out. The good old wood hills were like dear friends to me. I am tired of dirty smoky streets

Feb 18 Back on
the job, I am do-
ing stock work
and selling too.
Bob Burkitt has
offered me a
salesman's place
again at fifteen
dollars per week.

Feb. 19 Pretty good
day. Mr. Brainerd
came in to see
me. He is at Depo
9ll. am feeling bad
lately and have
appointment with
the doctor to be
examined. I am
a little afraid of
lung trouble.

Feb 20 Working
in this great
store is learning
me something
of the principles
of efficiency.
Bob Burkitt has
offered me fif-
teen dollars per
week and com-
mission to
work for Sunshine
Chemical Co but
dont think I will
go.

Feb 21 We have
a new stock
boy. but as he
knows nothing
of the business I
still have much
work to do.

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Feb 22 A lawyer's life is certainly for preferable to this. I think I will do more legal study.

Feb 23 Good day. Tonight Ma, Bengston, Sid and several other boarders went to a big party at Mrs Jordan's the mother of Henrietta Jordan who has visited here. I took a young lady home who lives in Wellstan a few blocks from the Hadamson car line.

Feb '18

Feb 24 Went out to Union Ave Christian Church this morning and by Dr Campbell's (the pastor) invitation I put my membership there. It is a beautiful church of gray stone. The windows are of the best I have seen in St Louis. One thing I did last week I forgot to note was I heard the great poet John Masefield at the Odian ^{in a} lecture. Great man but not a good speaker.

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Feb 25 The
air is heavy
with excitement.
Trouble between
capital and labor
is growing acute.
Tonight a strike of
the retail store
is called. The
Union leaders
are untrustworthy
their demands are
unjust, it is poorly
organized and I
will not join.
Of course many
girls are not getting
enough money
but I am too glad
to see Mr Hyke
to throw him
down for nothing.

Feb 26 The stores
are really in it
now, I had to
push through
a crowd of strikes
to get to work.
Jol Doye a boy
from Ky and a
good friend of mine,
Elsie our wrapper,
Helen Hastkaetter
and many others
are out. We had a
meeting on the
third floor last
night but couldn't
get together. I am
urgently invited
to a union meeting
tonight, I think I
will go.

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Feb 27 Went to
a big union meet-
-ing last night.
It was dominated
by a gang of pol-
-itical demagogues
but I feel very
sorry for the girls
who are really not
getting enough
money.

(Later) almost quit and
Mr. Mason and Mr.
Hyke begged me to
stay today and see
how things went.
By dinner they be-
-gan to come back.
I think the back
bone is out of the
strike. Sid is
back although he is
a union musician.

Feb 28 Many of
the employees
are coming back
to the store and
begging for their
places but some
are still back.
Nathan Marcus one
of the big agitators
is still out. They
jeer at us a little
but there is no
violence.

Mar 1 The strikers
are picketing the
doors and beg-
-ging people not
to come in.
This is hurting
our trade some.
Working hard and
going to night school
at Central High.

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Mar 2, All St. Louis is torn with labor troubles. The Wagner Electric Co. is out, Liggett & Myers, Simmons Hdd. Co. and several small institutions.

Mar 3. Went to bed fairly early last night. Out to the Unanue Church this morning. I have moved my membership out there. It is a wonderful Church.

Mar 4. Went downtown with Bengston yesterday and scouted about. Today I do not feel much like work.

Mar 5. Still going to night school and I am feeling more interested in the work. Am going to change from business English to French. I really think my penmanship class is helping me although I am not showing much improvement.

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Mar. 6 Reading
Parkmans, "The Salt
and the Great
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find it so in-
teresting as the
Oregon trail.

Mar. 7 Something
has happened to
me today which
is but my own
fault, but it is
pretty bad. It
will cost me
quite a bit of
money before
I get through with
it.

Mar 8 Can think
of nothing but
my sickness, ^{of course}
Dr Schorfas my ^{physician}

Mar. 9 Chasing
about in St Louis
is ~~so~~ teaching
me some of the
sterner lessons
of life. More and
more I can under-
stand some of
the great tragedies
of the universe.

Mar 10 Walked all
over the park
today. Stayed in
the Art museum
a little while then
went to the botanical
gardens. One of
nature's choicest
days. The air is
fresh and fragrant
with the smell of
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Mar 11. Back to work again. It is always hard to work after I have had a holiday

Mar 11 am feeling some better. It is quite a task to pay my bills but Mr. Hyke has promised that I shall get two dollars more per week beginning next week.

Mar 12 am doing so much stock work these days that I do not have much chance to sell.

Mar 13 am re-reading "Under Fire" by Henry La Borfusse. It is the greatest literary masterpiece of war work I have found.
Mar 14 am taking French in High school now. I like it very much and think I would soon master the written language. Of course the pronunciation is hard but I am catching it.

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Mar 15 The strike is almost over. Today makes four months I have been in St. Louis. At first people thought I wouldn't stay. Now they think I want come home.

Mar. 16 afternoons when I do not go to school I go to the public library and look over the books. The sketching of these helps me very much in my work.

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Mar 17 Stayed in till Church time. Went to the First Christian. This ~~afternoon~~ evening I went out to the home of Agnes Gumm a girl I met in the store and from there we went to the college catholic church (St. Xaviers) at Grand and Lindell. Splendid speech by a catholic father. Nice people I visited. Father city mgr for anheuser Busch.

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Mar. 18 Back
an the job. Week
starting out badly
again.

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condition of my
system is terrible.
Feeling effects of
careless years.

Mar 20 My pay
was raised to
14⁰⁰ per. This extra
money is quite
a help.

Mar 21 My
physical condition
is bad very bad.
I can hardly
hold up.

Mar 22 I stay
off my feet as
much as possible
and I feel a little
better.

Mar. 23 Had
a fine day today.
Took up a bargain
square and got
away early tonight.
Poked around the
library.

Mar 24 Reading
Haskin's American
Govt. after I get
through with this
I am going to
take up the Cambridge
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Mar 25 Feeling
a great deal better
today, at school
tonight, I have
a fine jolly
French teacher,
calls the men
Monsieur and
the ladies Madams
or Mademoiselle.

Mar 26 Must
write to Eddie, Poor
little girl I haven't
written to her
but once in three
weeks. She is only
a kid and I am
afraid my long
absence will be too
much for her loyalty.
Still she is a trump.

Mar 27 Twenty
years old today.
My last birthday
was in school
among all my
friends. This is
a great city al-
most alone.

Mar 28 Thurs
Sales today. I
received a tile and
nice silk hand-
kerchief from
Brother and a
pair of silk
handkerchiefs
from Bettie.
She certainly has
been good to re-
member me.
She writes often and
sends me remembrances.

Mar 29 Still going
to night school
the french course
is very valuable
I think.

Mar 30 The Germans
have opened a
great drive in
the West and are
seemingly bearing
everything before
them. The news-
papers write pes-
simistically of
the situation. I
am getting better
but not well yet.

Mar 31 Jounita and
Cousin Eula are in
St. Louis. Jounita
took lunch with us
today. Went to the park.

Mar 31 Back on
the job. Somehow
I hate to go to
work Monday mor-
nings. I am not
going to stay in
a Dept. store all
my days. as a pre-
lude reading I am
going to take up
the Cambridge Mod-
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April 2 Mett Private
Reat the author
of the much ad-
vertized "Private
Reat, his own
soldier story"
today. We had com-
plimentary tickets
to his lecture at the
Odeon tonight. Fine
spirited young fellow.

april 3 I have read several war books but I think "Under Fire" is by far the best of all. It gives much detail of the great war and gives all the sordid realities of things. April 4 America has been in the war one year and aside from financial benefits she has given little to the allies but she is prepared now and our men are backing the British in this great attack.

April 5 Went to the business meeting of the C. E. Society at Bob Burketts tonight. Took Ruth Philips home. She is a pleasant refined little girl. I think I will go about some with her. April 6 Raining and gloomy. Today was the day for the great preparedness parade but it will be postponed I guess. Went to the library a little while then home.

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April 7, Great day
in St Louis, To-
day the doctor gave
me his operation.
Hurt pretty bad. Then
I went to the Liberty
loan rally at
the Orpheum. Past-
master Selph,
Festus J. Wade, Gov.
Gardner and several
other gentlemen spoke.
Went to the great
parade this afternoon.
enormous crowds, ^{and} ~~Sousa's~~
and heard Sousa's
band. parade longest
ever seen in St Louis
at a dinner party at
Miss Grim's tonight.
Certainly had a fine
time.

April 8 Working
again have been read-
ing several pocket
editions of Shakespeare.
Falsloff is certainly
a great character.
He is unique in
literature.

April 9 Stayed at
home and read
tonight.

April 10 Worked today,
opening up a bunch
of stuff from
Macmillan. It is
the best job lot
we ever got from
them. School
closed tonight. Came
back by chair, pro-
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Apr. 11 Worked
all day taking off
our "set" sale.
Hard old job.
Got a letter from
Bettie tonight. She
is sick. Poor
little girl.

Apr. 12 Feeling
pretty good today.
St Louis looks
much better
now that the trees
have leaved and
flowers are beginning
to bloom.

April 13 Down to
the library after
work. I like to roam
over the books and
pick out new things.

April 14 Beautiful
day but I am
feeling bad. have
what is known now
as trench fever.
Billy Davis Foy Adams
friend is boarding
here now. Foy, Ruth
Mary and Oscar
took lunch with
us today, after
lunch together with
Billy Koller his
sister and her
friend we went
to Jefferson Barracks
strolled about, heard
the band concert
and took pictures
on the river. Took
Ruth home tonight

First c.e. entertained the C.E. woman
tonight. I progressed, some
on Feb 15 Feel so

badly today I
almost failed
to come to work.
Sid is back at
the store but
laid off this
afternoon.

Feb 16 Reading
the Renaissance
volume of the cam.
bridge ancient
history. The style
is not brilliant
but it is logically
written.

Feb 17 Bob Bur-
kitt is married
and the social com-
mittee has charge
of a shower. Dawn
at choir practise tonight
and walked around with boys.

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Feb 18 Saw a very
exciting race last
night. Three automob.
policemen chased a
powerful limousine
down Delmar. Some
sight to settle
speeding.

Feb 18 Great
efforts are being
made to make
the third liberty
loan a success.
Almost everyday
I meet patriotic
bands playing
and all the streets
are picketed with
salesmen. St.
Lous is doing well
with her part.

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~~Feb~~ 20 Sales are pretty good today, Beautiful day but not as warm as has been. Thought I took Ruth to the social committee meeting at Rats. There was a young music teacher there a most remarkable character after playing at the piano in the most beautiful selections she played some hymns and asked us to make sentences prayers. She intends being a missionary to Africa.

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~~Feb~~ 21 Went to Miss Grumms today. this afternoon together with her father and mother we went the convent at Normandy, a little town just outside St. Louis. Agnes took me to the religious exercises in the chapel then we went over the grounds. The country is beautiful now. This evening we took dinner at Miss Dittmer's, Mr. Grumms frs. friend. We passed a most delightful evening.

~~Apr~~ 22 Feel
pretty good today.
Reading "Rauching
It" by Mark Twain.
It is a stirring
tale of life in the
west in the fifties
and has Twain's
broad humor
all through it.

~~Apr~~ 23 Today is
a beautiful day and
I feel buoyant and
even exultant be-
cause my soles
are fine. Mr Mason
went home this
afternoon. I did
all the work. Mr
Brainerd was
in to see me.

April 24 Opening
up new goods and
checking old nearly
all day today. It is
raining and a most
gloomy day. A big
patriotic rally at
the store tonight.
A fine speech and
some good music.

April 25 I guess
I will buy a
liberty bond. I
really am not
able to but feel
that it is my
imperative duty.
No man calling
himself an amer-
-ican should
fail to do his
bit now.

april 27 Dr.
Campbell the
pastor of my
Church was in
to see me today.
He is a splendid
courteous gentleman.
april 28 Went out
to Union Ave church
this morning. Had
a beautiful service.
Dr Campbell
preached on "the
uncompromising
Christ" This afternoon
at the park enjoying
the beautiful Spring
Weather. Felt tired
after so much
walking. at First
Christian taught
with Ruth.

april 29 I am
finding out that
St Louis is really
a beautiful town.
all the streets
on the west
end are lined
with shade
trees and they
are in full leaf
now. I live only
a block from
the great cathedral
and it is a
great thing to
see the setting
sun light up
its grand towers.
By moonlight it
seems some
great storied
castle.

April 30 I bought
a band today.
Mrs. Kiel the
mayors wife
is selling at
the store. Stix
Bair and Fuller
are doing their
best to make
the drive a success.
They are spending
much time and
money to push
Bands and stamps.
~~April 30~~ ^{May 1} Business
is very dull in
our Dept just
now. I am cleaning
up a bunch of stock
for library quotation.
We have sold some
fine orders.

May 2 May is
certainly the
ideal month
for St Louis.
The flowers are
just beginning
to bloom and
everywhere the
streets are green
with trees and
grass. There are
many robins in
St Louis. Everywhere
their saucy
cries salute you
and they do not
seem to be
afraid of people
at all. There are a
few mockingbirds
and blue jays here.

May 3 Reading
reviews and
literary history.
These things are
great helps to
me in the
book store. I think
I will try to
specialize a
little in poetry
essays and
history

May 4 after
work hours I went
to the library.
The social met
committee ~~met~~
at Ruth's last
night and arranged
for an entertainment
May 18.

May 5 This morn-
ing Miss Belknap,
Miss Norwein,
Miss Smith (a
new boarder) Sid
and I went to
Temple Israel and
heard Rabbi Harris.
His subject was
"Sesame and lilies"
He has a fine command
of English

This evening I
took dinner at Miss
Grimm's and we
all came to the
lyric. The picture
was taken from
Tolstai's Resu-
-rection and I
did not think
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May 6 Feeling good.
It is fine to be
alive such
weather as this.
Reading "Confessions
of a young man"
by George Moore.
It is a little
self-conscious
and silly at
times but really
interesting.

May 7 Took Ruth
to the Grand
Central tonight
to see "my four
years in Germany".
The picture is a
very stirring one,
and shows forcibly
the possibilities of
autocracy.

May 8 Not feeling
so good today.
Have to take
little medicine I
guess.

May 9 Sid quit
tonight. He leaves
the store right
away. After supper
I walked to the
park by way of
Hortense place and
Portland Pl. These
are wonderful in
the freshness of
well kept lawns
and gardens. Read
by the lake in
the park till dark.
On the whole I like
George Moore.

May 10 Rereading
"a son of the
middle order"
by Hamlin
Garland. It is
a very strange
work. Some of
the authors early
remembrances
campore favorably
with David Copper-
field. He has a
most charming
way of expressing
himself. Reading
a poem by Masfield
also "Rasds". We
have copies outag
by the author.
It has some
beautiful phrases.

~~April~~ ^{May} 11 Sid left
today. He is going
to Quincy first
for a two week
excursion boat
job then to
Chicago to join
a White Hussar
company. Sid
was sometimes
unavisable but
was my constant
companion for
five months so
I will be lane-
- same now.

~~April~~ ^{May} 12 Slept
this afternoon, called
and took Ruth
to C.E. tonight. She
is an innocent little
girl, affectionate and appealing
too.

May 13 The U.S. is awaking to the fact that we are really in war, all our activities are being speeded up. The war is at a crisis now and the Germans are trying to break the allied lines before the Americans get there.

May 14 Received invitations to the graduation of Paul Havelson & Joe Hines. I would like to go to commencement at old BC, H.

May 15 Dawn at prayer meeting tonight. Had a very interesting meeting. We had quite a round table discussion of present day problems. Took Ruth home. Poor little girl, her family has had such vicissitudes it is a wonder she is as gentle and pure as she is. She has lived in Colorado, New York, Chicago, Schenectady, and several other places; and even now she is quite modest & unspoiled.

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May 16 I am reading "a son of the middle border" by Hamlin Garland. It is a fine description of life in the border and middle west with a wealth of detail which makes it seem very true.

May 17 I get many letters from home now. I wish I could visit home but I never have any money. However with my greatest expense off my affairs are being shaped up.

May 18 a farewell party is given to Bob Burkitt tonight as he leaves this week for the army.

The crowd I knew when I first came here is melting away. The city life moves and adjusts itself to change quicker than country life. Even in six months the whole punch is changed completely. I feel like an old stand by now.

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May 19 Today
Billy & Fay, Oscar
and Mary, a young
soldier named
Kirby and Bernice
Wilson, Ruth and
I went to Meramec
Highlands, Stand-
-ing on the
highlands one can
get a fine view
of Meramec valley
with its fields
of wheat & corn
and thickets. a
long wavy line
of trees shows
where the Meramec
runs. It is really
only a large creek
but is swift &
treacherous.

May 20 Back
at work. I am
feeling better
the last few days
Guess it is the
fine weather. Mr.
Hyke is just back
from a trip
to New York. I
think he made
some extensive
purchases while
there.

May 21 I went
to the Congress
meeting last
night at the Y.M.C.A.
This is a fine
bunch of young fellows.
They wish me to
take some part
in the union work.

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May 22 It is getting very warm now. I have a new green suit and sailor straw hat and can really go out and more. Met Ruth at prayer meeting tonight, just like two kids we had a talk and decided just to be friends. It makes me feel old to think how many girl friends I have had and whose ways of life are now so far from mine.

May 23 Tonight I took Agnes Grimm down to Miss Mitchells a young lady whom I had met at her house. Miss Mitchell has a beautiful home and we were having a great time when in came Ferdinand Grimm and ordered Agnes to go home because her mother did not want her out late. They had quite a tiffle about it, but finally we had to leave.

May 24 On evening
like this I like
to stroll about
and see the
beautiful residence
streets. We are
near Hortense Pl,
Portland Pl and
Farrest Park. The
places make a
very fine walk.
The play of electric
light on the
leaves is a never
ending source
of beauty. The
silver and green
and black of the
leaves and their
the magic tracery
of their black
shadows on the ground

May 25 I intended
taking Ruth to
the Jefferson
tonight to see
"The birth of a nation"
but as Oscar Wuth
is leaving we
will go to his
farewell party.
Later: Had a
fine party. Old Oscar
is a fine fellow
and I sure ~~do~~
hate ~~to~~ to see
him go. The draft
is certainly playing
heck with our
young men. quite
a bunch assembled
to see Oscar off.
Took Ruth home.

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May 26 Slept late
this morning. Took
Billy his lunch
Went down to
tell Oscar good
bye. Went out to
the park and stayed
quite awhile. Thought
a whole mof from
the Endeavour saw
Oscar to the train
We were all very sorry
to see him go. Then
Dorothy ayers, arch
Parker, Ruth and I
Went to Crevecaeu
lake. We went to
the woods and ~~swung~~
like children in
great rope swings.
It is a fine cool ride
through the country.

May 27 Mr Mason
is off this week.
He is taking unto
himself a wife.
This will make
my work harder,
but I am really
beginning to
like hard work.
May 28 unpacked
quite a bunch of
books today and
did more work
than I have in
a long time in
one day. Down at
a Union meeting
at the first Chr.
this evening.
Took a young ~~red~~
headed girl by the name
of Hazel Harkins home.

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May 29 very hot day I have almost decided to leave St. Louis I must go to school this fall. Tonight the nominating committee met at the home of the Wilson girls. Took Ruth, she is in a better mood than I have found for some time. I never have any luck with any girls except the quiet simple innocent ones. Guess somehow I haven't the step. Ruth is very innocent and charming.

May 30 Reading "History of the development of law" by Morris. It is a very superficial work, telling the great steps of legal progress in high flown phrases and the work is utterly lacking in scientific spirit. We had a full holiday today. Was very lonesome and walked to Washington University this afternoon. Tonight I went by and took Ruth out to Fountain Park. Nice chat with her.

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May 31 Back on
the job. Mr Mason
is out this
week. He and his
lady love became
one flesh this
week. He is a
good Scout and I
wish him well.
June 1 Taught Ruth
and I went to
see "The Birth of
the Nation". Of course
it had very little
thrill for me
but she seemed
to enjoy it. It
should not be
shown in time
of war as it exalts
racial and sectional
prejudice.

June 2 at S. S. and
church this morn-
ing. This afternoon
I played tennis with
Dick, Mary, Ruth
Helen Robinson
and a boy from
Herrn whose name
I forget. Went to
Agnes Grumm's after
that meeting.
June 3 Ma has
moved me to
the little room
or rather is to
move me when Mrs.
Reed leaves. At pre-
sent I am
camping with the
other fellows.

June 4 came home
early, took a
good bath, and
read awhile, I
must concentrate
more on great
modern affairs.

June 5 Read awhile
at the library.

Bob Burkitt's wife
leaves tonight
but I did not
go down. Legal
history is a
great theme.
Think I will
try my hand
on some papers
like this some
day.

June 6 Took Ruth
to a big party
to Mrs. Ayer's to-
night. There was
quite a crowd there
to welcome Mr.
Leo Fredericks who
is in shipping
work in Philadelphia.
Flirted quite a bit with
Little Miss Hopkins.

June 7 Big business
meeting of the Chr. Em.
to elect officers. I was
nominated for vice Pres.
but defeated, Ruth is
Pres. elect. as we started
home Archie Devel
thought he had a date
with Ruth and walked
out with us. He looked
funny but left when he
saw me also.

June 8 Hurried
through this
afternoon and went
to the C. E. boat
excursion on the
steamer Majestic.
Ruth and Mary were
already there.
The weather was
ideal and the
Majestic was a
good boat but a
little crowded.
Miss Hopkins is quite
a high stepping little
chicken. Ruth is
unusually gracious
and we enjoyed the
scenery and company
very much. The great old
river at sunset and
again in Porkneap was
beautiful

June 9 Owing to
late hours last
night I arose a
little late today.
Took three of our
new boys to Syd.
This afternoon I
went to the park
and this evening
I went to Miss
Grimm's. Ruth was
sore about me leaving.
Told Miss Grimm I
was engaged. I
guess that will
fix everything with
us. Ruth sure was
sore and says if she
cant be a Sunday
night girl she will
not be a week day girl.

June 10 Back at
the job hard at
work. Went with
Billy Davis to
hear Theodore
Roosevelt who
spoke at the
Caliseum. There
were so many
negroes there I
finally got dis-
gusted and left.

June 11 The last
two weeks has
been a great
struggle with me
but I have finally
decided to join
the navy or army.
I don't want to go
but I cannot be
a slacker.

June 12 am inves-
tigating the merchant
marine service.
For the last few
days I have been
very unhappy. What
to do is the thing.
I hate to give up
my career but I
feel that my country
needs me and I
must go. I know
any of my people
~~who~~ would have
gone and I will
not be a degenerate.
Ruth Foy Billy and
I went to Stover
Grove Park after
prayer meeting tonight.
Had it out about
Sunday night.

June 13 Reading
Wells's Soul of
a Bishop. Wells
is certainly an
honest thinker.
His work shows
the intellectual
ferment of social
order today.

June 14. It seems
very strange to
me now that I
am to leave St.
Louis. I gave my
notice to Mr.
Alyke today. He
was splendid to me,
told me he had made
many plans for us, but
he would consent.
Said I had a place
so long as I would stay.

June 15 Worked hard
today. Taught
Billy & I without
~~and~~ any date went
~~at~~ over to Ruth's
and got her to
go to Fay's. She
soon dressed and
after going by to
get Fay we went
to Tower Grove
park. Ruth is a
wonderful little
democratic city
girl. She has lived
in Colorado, New
York, Chicago and
several other places
but her character
is ~~is~~ sweet & unspoiled.
Had quite a romantic
evening.

June 16 Went to
S. S. and church
* this morning.
Walked around
this afternoon.
Took Ruth to Endeavour
tonight, after that
we had a very
long personal
chat.

June 17 Today is
expressively warm.
One could easily
be overheated. Mr
Masan gave me
Vol. 1 of Stevenson's
home book of
verse which was
and too many in
a job lot from
Balt. beautiful work.

June 18 Mr Charley
Force of First
Church leaves
this week for
France as a Y.M.
C. A. man. A party
was given in his
honor. Took Ruth.
Some folk we did
not agree so well.

She is sorry our
friendship has gone
so far she says. Nothing
for me to say.

June 19 Feeling
bad and a little
blue. Took dinner
with Agnes at
her sister Mrs. Daugherty's.
Same dinner, nice
moonlight stroll.

June 20 Hard day and glad when day is over. Took a long sleep tonight.

June 21 Feeling better. am getting Library orders in Miss Laffrey's absence, met Ruth at the Y M. C. A. tonight. We took Mary home. after reaching home we had quite a chat. Her sister is sick and she wants her to go West. The poor little girl cried like a baby but agreed that our affair must end. She is one of the truest girls I ever knew. We are friends only from now on and I leave July 1st

June 22 Took Ruth to the West End Lyric tonight where we saw "old wives for new" a picture play adopted from Philips book. We are fully agreed at last as to our status

June 23 Billy & Mary, Ruth and I took lunch at the house today and afterwards went to Show's Garden. We had a great ^{time} in the yards and conservatories. Then we went to Tower Gr. park.

June 24 We have
a boy named
Jock Hale as stock
boy. We are trying
to get out a great
sale of Macmillan
Holt and Book Synd.
stock. Mr. Bahr's
son is helping
and with two new
boys to break in
I have my
hands full

June 25 Agnes Gimm
gave me a very
nice dinner this
evening. They have
been very nice to
me. After dinner we
went to the picture
show.

June 26 Mr. Hyke
has asked me
to stay another
week so I will
not get away
till July 7. Billy
and I went down
to prayer meeting
tonight. Ruth had
gone home sick
but Billy, Foy, Lola,
Haven and I walked
up to Grand ave.
there we met Dot
Ayars, Billy and
Foy are to be married
tomorrow. Lola
is to be Brides-
maid, Dot maid
of Honor, I am best
man.

June 1918

June 27 I have a holiday card and I took it this afternoon. Billy and I went to the city hall to get the license and after getting into the dog license Dept had to send for Fay, I got her some Kases and we all embarked for Dr. Smither's home in a Ford. Billy wanted a quiet wedding and Fay an elaborate. The ceremony was simple and beautiful and I managed the ring all right. after the wedding we went to the church social at First Christian.

~~July~~ June 28 Our big sale is scheduled for tomorrow and we have worked like lightning all day. at five thirty we let the stock boy go but Mr. Mason Mr Hyke and I stayed and worked on. at nine o'clock I left and met Ruth at the Y. W. C. A.

June 29 We have had a big sale today. This is the best day's business since Feb. Took Ruth to the Air Dome at the West End Lyric tonight beautiful place.

June 1918

June 30 Dawn at church today. Saw Fay and Billy.

This afternoon Ruth and I went to Shaw's Garden. We passed a most pleasant afternoon in the beautiful grounds the conservatories and along the colonnade. At Christian Endeavour time we came back.

I made a short farewell talk. Dr Smither gave a very fine patriotic address and a Mr

Force gave an exhibition and a talk on the flags of the allies.

July 1 Last week, Miss Raymond is out on her vacation. Last night Dot called me and asked me what had gone wrong when we fell out. We had a long talk and many explanations.

I am going over there some day soon. Tonight I took dinner with Mrs

Brainerd. Went over to Billy's then. We went to Grand ave and then decided to go to Dot's. She is a fine loyal girl and although her mother is a million hewess she is simple and unaffected.

July 1918

July 2 We are still doing fairly well on our sale. Tonight I took dinner with Mrs Parker. Mr. Parker is at Reeds shoe store again.

July 3 Dawn at Dot's tonight. We went up to the Grand Central, saw Madge Talmadge. Dot would make a fine pal for she is kind hearted and loyal and as unaffected as a friend must be. Her home in Vandewater Place is certainly beautiful.

July 4 Packed up a bunch of my stuff today. There is a big church picnic at O'Fallon park. I went down to go with Dot and she had the car and chauffeur ready. When we got to the park we alighted right before Ruth. I had rather have gone in the street car because our friends would not have noticed it so much. Played ball, leapfrog and went raving after dinner. Stayed at the park till ten thirty.

July 5 Last full day at the old store, I sure do hate to leave because I have become very attached to Mr Hyke and the force.

Tonight a farewell party for me, a C.E. business meeting and a celebration for Foy and Billy were all combined. I must have broken a date with Ruth yesterday because she is very mad and would not let me accompany her home.

July 4. Worked hard this morning and changed prices. This afternoon at 1 P.M. the store closed and I had "good by" to the Bookford. It was just like leaving home. Mr Hyke took me to lunch. I left a good friend when I told him good bye. Took dinner at Agnes Grimms she gave me a beautiful "Imitation of Christ". Took some books to Ruth while she was at the bakery and did not remain because I was mad about last night. Went to the grocery and was ~~near~~ ^{near} stuck all night.

July 1918

July 7. Rose early
this morning
and finished
packing. After telling
Ma and the other
boarders Good Bye
I went to S. S. Mrs.
Ayars gave me a nice
testament, after the
sermon, Foy, Ruth, Dot
Helen Robinson Mary
Casey Bessie Brown
Pauline Russel, Arch
P, Mr Meyer, Mr Bate
Harold Brown ^{and Belle} came to
the train with me.
These are fine, loyal friends
Had a pleasant trip
Home at 7¹⁵. Everything
seems very natural
Father & Mother just the
same, at Betters a little while.

July 8 The old
home seems just
as I left it.
Zellner is taller
Hulsen is a little
larger but the
rest are just
the same. Went
down town and saw
many friends.

July 9. Looped today
Tonight Ray came
fly in his new
Maxwell and I
went home with
him. He has a fine
big foy who came
to me right
now. Sure was
glad to see Peck and
Banglin.

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July 10 came home
with Mr Holman
and Mr Nutty,
tonight I went up
to Eddie's and
took supper and
stayed all night. I
have been gone so
long and have been
so slack about writing
I have last out
a little with Eddie,
but things were
soon better. She
looks good. We
walked about her
home and had
a long chat
about many
things. They certainly
treated me nicely.

July 11 came home
early this morning.
It was a fine drive
down the gravel
road with dewy
green fields and
waxing woods on
either side. Mrs
Turner is sick and
I stayed at the
Central office
tonight.

July 12 Over at
Bandana today and
at cousin Hell's.
Saw Charley and
many of the old
crowd. Walked over
our home place.
The negro grave yard
is beautiful with its
cedars and honeysuckle

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July 13 Several boys are leaving from Bandana for the navy. Guess I will see them there, came home at noon. Sold ticket for the Chautauqua. Tonight I went to Kevil and saw Paul H. He is in Paducah working for the I.C. R.R. Co. Eddie and a Miss Graves came to the Ice cream supper. We had quite a nice time. Saw a great many people I knew. Betty under-
- standing with Eddie.

July 14 Paul had to leave on the morning train and go to work. I came down on the ten, Hubert Tistworth and a Miss Oliver from Needmore, Joe Hines and Clara Tistworth and I took dinner at Bettie's. Harry Horelson came down and went to the Chautauqua with me. Tonight we were all at the cha. and at Bettie's afterward seems like old times.

July 15 Have been offered the deputyship under Ray and could hold the job if he has to go. I could have brother's place too if I could only stay but I feel that I am duty bound to go to the navy.

July 16 at cousin Carl's for lunch. Maud Berry is there, a party at Bettie's tonight in honor of her twenty-third birthday. Nice crowd and a fine time.

