

farmers using the frail. Saw my first tractors and binders as we passed thru the above mentioned district.

The French railroad systems are a joke to the "Yanks." In first place they are many years behind on modern railways, excepting Paris and near the Front where they are using U. S. locomotives and cars. They still use the hook and link coupler without an effect on their most modern systems and many narrow gauge roads are in use yet. They blow a whistle (the trainman) instead of signaling by hands, the blast or call reminds one of a hunter's duck call back in the States. Saw German prisoners doing switchmen's work in railroad yards. Believe me, it sure looks good to see U. S. R. R. equipment over here.