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by the presence of so many persons earning good wages, but our young men have been taken away and are now serving in many distant lands.

I just started last night to read Wendell Wilkie's book "One World". I read it one-fourth thru and it seems to me that for the first time in the world, one man, because of peculiar opportunities and making use of travel by air, has been able to visit many lands, interview many peoples, and to form judgments that could hardly have been arrived at under the old and tedious method of travel. Wilkie may not be a church member, but he approaches the problem from a Christian standpoint. He sees the unrest existent in ancient land, and advances the opinion that unless something can be done to improve the condition of such peoples, who after all are very human, they will provide a following for some other fanatical Hitlerite leader who promises much and gives nothing but disaster and death in return. If you have not read the book, I believe you would find it interesting.

I don't know how much general news from America you get in Australia, but during the past few weeks, John L. Lewis, as the head of the United Mine Workers, has threatened a strike unless there is a general increase of \$2.00 a day for miners. His hand has been called in the matter and it has been stated with authority that any settlement made must be made with the War Labor Board. Lewis has become quite a frankenstein, aided and abetted for the political aid he could give until he has now become a threat. However, I do not believe that anyone man or any group of men can long successfully obstruct the ongoing of our nation.

Rains have been copious since the first of May. The first four months of the year showed a deficiency of some five inches in rainfall, but nothing suffered because the subsoil had been soaked by the rains of last fall. However, this month the rains have fallen. Southeastern Kansas, Northeastern Oklahoma, Southwestern Missouri, and Arkansas have experienced tremendous floods, the water in the Ozark regions being at record breaking height.

Andrew Schoepel, the new Governor of Kansas, comes from Ness, a western county, and is actively engaged at this time in trying to secure adequate farm laborers for harvesting the wheat crop. He is proving himself to be a man of ability and with a keen mind. The Governor and his wife were here for Commencement and Dolph gave his time for the day to the Governor and Mrs. Dolph Simons to entertaining the Governor's charming wife.

Bruce Cameron has made a very faithful and intelligent head of the Draft Board and has been wise in his selection of associates.

The town is a unit in the support of the war and oversubscribed its quota for Red Cross and for the purchase of bonds. We are all doing what we can, and while rationing has changed our food supply, as a rule it is being taken without complaint and in a full spirit of cooperation.