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### TRIP

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dence in the car, so we decided to return and insist on another car.

"We finally got started a second time at about 11:30 and retraced our steps, so it was noon before we were out of town and ready on our way. The road ran alongside the canal at a distance of possibly 30 feet from the water, with a continuous line of old twisted eucalyptus trees between the road way and the water, and a similar row of stately palm trees on the opposite bank. The canal at this point was practically overgrown with quaint old sailing junks loaded with produce and stone, representing virtually the entire source of supply for the million and a half souls in Cairo. These junks drift lazily down the canal when there is no breeze, and when the breeze is favorable they raise their funny, snort-mouthed, red-colored sails with the boom of the top instead of on the bottom.

"However, part of the long journey must be made against the current when the wind is not favorable, and during that period these tremendous heads of steam are pulled by manpower. Anywhere from one to six men of woman (mostly men) strain their upper body along the bank of the canal with long ropes from the mast of the junk attached to a head band around their foreheads. You can barely see the boat move, but the bodies of these people are strained at a 45 degree angle in constant tension against the stream. It obviously takes weeks of this sort of effort to make a single trip.

"Most People Walk

"The amazing fact to me is the realization that practically the only mode of transportation throughout the Middle East is either by beasts of burden with the natives walking at their sides or by the tedious water route.

"The native villages that we passed at intervals along the road were crude mud huts built up against the other, often surrounding the land owner's more pretentious house. The huts were either plastered up of mud or constructed from mud bricks.

"The fertility of this desert soil, as surprising as far as the ditches extended, but instantaneously the desolate barren desert took over at the edge of the water line creating an unbelievably rich contrast.

"All along the bank of the canal each farmer had a homemade water wheel where an ox walked round and round to lift the water from the canal into the little irrigation ditches. In addition to the oxen, donkeys, and camels that were evident in profusion, each truck farmer had one or more peculiar water buffalo. This queer animal is used somewhat as a beast of burden but principally for milk. It is claimed that their milk is the richest of all animal milk. We were especially impressed by the fact that these queer people gave their animals. One of the principal crops in the vicinity is alfalfa, and when the animals were not working they were tethered in the rich alfalfa patches and their droppings were blanketed with the homegrown burial type of material that the natives spit from camel hair. This blanketing of animals in pasture is something that we do not see in the States even in the case of our best registered stock.

British Soldiers Everywhere

"The British soldiers were in evidence on every side, and we passed numerous British camps all along the road. We also were of the opinion that the numerous British troops on the highway were enroute to Palestine, a fact that was later confirmed.

"All along the road the native women were out washing their clothes in the muddy, contaminated water. It is so polluted with bacteria that no one but the natives would dare touch it. They seem to have only one remedy, to let it over the generations. It is due to use of this contaminated water that the British soldiers cannot be eaten until they are cooked or sealed. Dysentery is prevalent in the form of outbreaks throughout the Cairo area.

"About one o'clock we approached a more prosperous area and discovered that we were enroute to the city of Ismailia. British Tommies were on every hand but we had such complete understanding of them and the other numerous foreigners that we contacted for information that we lost an hour trying to locate the pontoon bridge. (The ferry was out of commission.) As it was, we found the ferry where our papers were finally approved and a motorcycle engine that we lost on the British army post to the pontoon bridge across the Suez. Again we were delayed an hour as the British pontoons were opened to allow a barge to pass.

Few Modern Bridges

"The bridge was opened by floating two pontoons apart by a hand-cranked device that was operated by the British army engineers. The operation to be in use by the great British Army. We finally got across the part of the officer in charge and immediately landed in the desert. We filled our gas tanks in the Suez and found an enormous filling station operated by the Army. The numerous pumps were all out of commission, so native men fetched 5-gallon cans till the tank was full. Our driver signed a ticket and we were on our way. (One of the mysteries of the trip was the method that the various nations employed in collecting for the petrol that we obtained by simply signing slips at these stations.)

"As we entered the desert on the Sinai side, the road was lined on each side with old rusty 50-gallon drums left from the war that had been used on the road when it was built—literally tens of thousands of them across the 200-mile stretch.

"Clear across the desert we passed herds of camels, some being watched by Arabs either on foot or riding camels, others seemed to be roaming the desert unattended. There were also many shepherds watching their flocks of goats and goats. They were grazing on bleak white sand with an occasional tuft of stiff, wiry, dry grass and here and there a small tuft of dry, brittle sage. However, the flocks seemed to thrive on it and the camels were fat as butter. (To be continued)

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### Obituary

#### Franklin B. Ward

Franklin B. Ward, 32500 Franklin Parkway, died at his home at 10:15 a. m. Thursday morning, Feb. 7, at his residence. He was born at Orchard Lake, Nov. 1, 1877, attended Orchard Lake Military Academy and Pontiac High School and moved to Bay City in 1897. He lived there until moving to Franklin in 1932.

Mr. Ward was president of the Bay City Chamber of Commerce and was, at one time, president of the Venerable Manufacturing Association and director of the old First National Bank of Bay City. He retired in 1932.

Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth, nee Bouché, of Bay City; three children, Mrs. Robert J. Williams of Chilwick, B. C., and Franklin, Jr., of Westchester, Va.; and four daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Williams of Bay City, Mrs. Phyllis Helm of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Elizabeth and Barbara at home.

Mr. Ward was taken home to Bay City Tuesday afternoon by the Hyatt funeral home at 2 p. m. on Saturday afternoon. Burial was in Elm Lawn cemetery.

### Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

BY GENE ALLEMAN

others are gone they are gone.

"We have already utterly destroyed beyond reclamation, say by possible reforestation, one-fourth of our agricultural land, and most of the rest is on the way out through erosion or the soil depletion which accompanies a post-agriculture era.

"We have less than a sixth of our forests left and much of this is in government parks and reserves. During the war, we cut down our forests five times as rapidly as we are replacing them.

"As our minerals, oils and other natural resources become exhausted we are forced to turn more and more to agricultural land and forests for the substitutes to replace them.

"The claim by the British who came here to negotiate a loan that England deserved help because the cost of the war her capita was greater in that country than in the United States is simply not true. The British paid only in money which, in one way or another is renewable, under a banking processing economy.

"We paid for the war in the very life blood of our economy, in oil, in minerals, and other metals, in forests and worn-out agricultural land, in the real wealth which is the foundation of our economy and our past and future economy.

"In the sense of the drain upon the real wealth of the nation—Lend-Lease was the biggest, most enormous and disastrous contribution ever made by any nation to war in the history of the world. We shall be paying for it for generations.

### Richard C. Thomas

Richard C. Thomas, 18215 Edinburg, died at his home at 10:15 a. m. Wednesday morning, Feb. 7, at St. Joseph hospital in Pontiac. He was born Feb. 5, 1846.

Surviving are his wife, Richard and Elizabeth Thomas, and his grandfathers, P. M. Thomas of Walled Lake, and E. C. King of Walled Lake.

Private funeral services were held at the Bell funeral home at 10 a. m. Friday, Feb. 8, with the Rev. Father Ralph Barton of Holy Name church officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

### Frank A. Clawson

Frank A. Clawson, 298 West Baker street, Linden, passed away suddenly Monday, Feb. 11, at Henry Ford hospital. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 23, 1863, and married Sime Staples Nov. 28, 1890, at St. Joseph's church.

He attended the First Methodist church of Clawson and had been a resident of Clawson since 1914. He was an employee of the Ford Motor Co. in Highland Park and was a member of F. & A. M. No. 464 in Royal Oak.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Edward Hilley; and a granddaughter, Ruth.

Funeral services will be today, Thursday, Feb. 14, at 2 p. m. in the Bell funeral home at 298 West Baker street. Burial will be in Oak View cemetery.

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ventures have. Debt of money will be paid easily through the deflation, but nothing can restore to this nation the real wealth which grew out of that money. The one day out of our mines, the oil from our diminishing reserves, the forests, the labor of the man who produced it all. All of this was distributed lavishly over the world.

"American agriculture is sick and the sickness pervades the entire of our economy. Its condition is growing worse, not better. It is an agriculture of declining production per acre and increasing production costs per acre. Our real production during the war years was the most expensive production of food and farm commodities in the history of the world, because most of it was squeezed from already worn-out, or non-agricultural land at low production per acre. Even at high prices the production of many commodities had to be subsidized by taxpayers money—a form of economic theft and self-deception. When the time of diminishing production per acre comes that of increasing production costs, we shall have a steep agriculture with subsidies plus high prices plus shortages which in the end can only strangle the living standards and diet of the Chinese.

Branfield's solution is simple. Instead of subsidizing inefficient farming, he would increase production per acre by preserving what good agricultural land remains and by restoring the fertility to worn-out and second-rate agricultural land.

"A man who raises 100 bushels of corn on one acre is five times as well off as the man who raises 100 bushels of corn on five acres," he said. "This is true especially in terms of labor, seed, fertilizer, taxes and interest."

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