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HOLDING UP UNCLE SAM.

The government having failed to secure a large body of spruce timber belonging to the C. A. Goodyear Lumber Company, of Seattle, has ordered suit begun to take over this timber. Some folks say there is no profiteering going on, especially on the Pacific coast, but when a company that got its timber land from the government at \$2.50 an acre refuses to let the government have the timber from it at a price that would bring several thousand dollars an acre, if it is not profiteering, it is because it passes beyond that and enters the realm of down-right robbery. Such companies or individuals who would hold up the government and take advantage of its necessities should have their property taken from them at the cost price, plus a reasonable interest. The government in such cases might profit by the example and do a little profiteering at the expense of the individual.

SITUATION IS REVERSED.

Wednesday was a hard day for the kaiser and Thursday was a still harder one. One after another his strong positions were taken, Bapaume, Noyon and others and his lines forced still further back to their destination, the Rhine. German victories heretofore were due largely to German confidence that he was unbeatable, and the fact that the allies had lost a large part of their faith. Now the situation is reversed. The allied troops but a short while ago fighting what seemed to them almost a hopeless battle have regained confidence, and they will never again lose it. The presence of the Americans heartened them and so far as fighting ability is concerned doubled the strength of the allied armies. Now they are confident they cannot be whipped, and that confidence seems justified. On the other hand the German morale is rapidly weakening and will never be regained. There is nothing to give them further hope, and there is plenty to cause profound discouragement.

The water-power bill is the most important left for congressional action. Every intelligent man wants the water power of the country used for the benefit of the entire country. It is for this reason so hard a fight is being made over the terms of the leases. The big fellows want the law in such shape that they can get hold of the people's property for a nominal price and after cinching the public for fifty years sell their "rights" to the government at many times the original cost. The water power should be utilized but the public exploiter should be choked off and not permitted to grab a couple of billion dollars worth of property. It will require close watching if a joker is not inserted in the bill that will turn this tremendous wealth over to the speculators.

Kaiser Wilhelm de Grosse is losing confidence in the Imperial physicians who are prescribing for that eminent German patient, the German army. Dr. Ludendorff and Dr. Von Hindenburg were depended on to pull the patient through all right, but despite their blood letting and drastic treatment the patient has suffered a relapse, and is evidently going into a decline. For this reason the kaiser is frantically combing all Germany for military doctors in whom the people have confidence, in hopes that something may be done toward putting off the ultimate decease. As the doctors mentioned are supposed to be the best in Germany, the chances of the patient's recovery even with the assistance of other physicians is doubtful.

The busy housewife studying the problem of getting her fruit put up and the family allowance of sugar made to go around without sugarless days, will no doubt smile when she learns the government has arranged to have 100,000 tons of sugar brought from Hawaii in the very near future. She will smile because she does not take the trouble to try her lead pencil on the problem. When she does she will learn this amount means not quite two pounds per capita. Still, two pounds is two pounds--if the scales are correct--and means a month's supply for household purposes.

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Railroad Director McAdoo recommends an increase of wages for clerks and track workers on the railroads. It may be proper enough, but it would seem the wage increase will have to stop some place especially on the railroads and other public utilities, where the government by bidding for men increases wages in all other lines. That is where the trouble of the system lies, for eventually the whole labor shortage is left with the farms where from conditions wages are the lowest.

While our boys are fighting in France and being paid but \$30 a month there are thousands of aliens in this country working and receiving wages of from five to twelve dollars a day. They will work--if paid enough--but they won't fight. When the war is over these will do to furnish the nucleus for another army of tramps, for they will not be apt to get the first chance at the jobs open then.

The dispatches yesterday stated the French were within four miles of Ham, which caused the Capital Journal wire man to remark that that was "considerably closer than he could get to it at the present price." However, after all those other French names, even the pronouncing of the name of Ham leaves a good taste in one's mouth.

Professor Scudder of the O. A. C. has, it is claimed, devised a scheme that will cause the lands of the coast to be settled. The story of his discovery is told but what he has discovered has not. So far as can be learned the professor's discovery is that the states must all stand together to accomplish what they desire in the way of land settlement.

The senate has adopted the bone dry amendment to the prohibition bill and July 1, 1919, has been selected for the date on which the law will go into effect. To make it really a patriotic measure and indicate the country's successful overthrow of Demon Rum the date should have been set for July Fourth, making it another "Independence Day."

Now the state officials who were consolidated behind their backs by the governor's commission, are sore because the members of the commission did not visit the offices and get some information as to what they were trying to consolidate.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

IT MEANS YOU.

You read the rulings handed down by this and that official board; you read, with something like a frown, the reprimand to those who hoard. You say, "Ods Bodikins! Godzook! They're always springing something new." But this you seem to overlook--the reprimand's addressed to you. You read the poster on the wall that tells how coin is in demand, if we would see the kaiser fall so hard he'll jar his native land. You sigh, "It takes some cash, in sooth, to put this mighty struggle through," and seem to overlook this truth--the poster is addressed to you. The other fellow does his best, restrictions can't his ardor cool; he buys his bonds and stamps with zest, and cheerfully obeys each rule. He profits by the public prints, which tell of stunts we ought to do; but you forget that all such hints were written out, my friend, for you. The other fellow and his wife are ready to surrender all; their prized possessions, even life, they'll give up at the country's call. And will you let the other gent give many things, while you give few--Wake up! The country's call is meant for you--yourself--for you--for YOU!

THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

RUTH TAKES A POSITION WITH A
FIFTH AVENUE DECORATING
FIRM.

CHAPTER XIX.

Ruth dressed with unusual care, even for her. She wore one of her trousseau dresses, a quiet but elegant street dress. When she emerged from the little hallway leading to her flat, she was flawless from the tip of her patent leather shoes to the top of her close-fitting tulle, which covered her, could not hide her glossy hair.

She went first to one of the large Fifth Avenue shops--a very exclusive one, by the way. They received her courteously, as would any man. Women of her type, clothed as she was that morning, are not often found seeking work.

But to her sorrow they had no place for her. They have experts in all departments, and trained assistants. If she would leave her address they would leave her in mind.

Ruth had no intention of giving her address. She herself realized that, considering the way she dressed, it was incongruous. So she simply told them she would perhaps call again if she found nothing else.

do so, and with a sinking feeling she departed. "I mustn't be discouraged because they wouldn't try me at the very first place," she scolded herself, as she walked down the street. Her experience at the next place, a larger, establishment, was almost identical. "They are letting me down easy," she mumbled, using an expression of Brian's and smiling grimly. At the next shop they were willing to try her; but the salary offered was so small, she continued on her way. If she could do better she would not take it; if not, she might try--so she told the bewhiskered man who had talked to her.

"It may be filled. Better take it while you can get it," he said with an ingratiating smile. But Ruth shook her head. The next place on her list was a small but select shop which she had often admired as she had passed, because of the exquisite taste shown in arranging the window, as well as because of the unusual and beautiful materials shown. "I wish I could get in here," she said to herself, as she waited while the clerk called someone in authority. After talking a moment, the proprie-

Roll of Honor

"From Over There"

General Pershing's Official Report

Killed in action	101	boygan, Wis; Stanley Ponzaki, Ham-
Missing in action	23	trunk, Mich; Charles A. Peron, Los
Wounded severely	58	Angeles, Cal; Oscar A. Rippberger,
Died of wounds	12	Freeport, Ill; Charles Robinson, Gre-
Died from Accident and		ham, Wis; Albion E. Robinson, Macon,
other causes	3	Mo; Anthony J. Schukalsky, Crivitz,
Died of disease	6	Wis; Lyman Thomas Shauger, Midland
Wounded, degree unde-		Mich; Julius Sigorski, Alpena, Mich;
termined	23	Laurens Bennett Strain, Bloomington,
Total	226	Ind; Albert Trapp, Woodville, Wis;

Killed in Action
Captains James Cook, Waco, Tex; Richard Frederick Smith, Jackson, Mich.

Lieutenants Louis Seif, Neilville, Wis; Bruce W. Clarke, Madison, Wis; Hope W. Massie, Tyro, Va.

Sergeants Harold W. Deche, Woodstock, Ill; Price N. Evans, Crescent City, Cal; Charles J. Gerald, Beloit, Wis; Albert R. Marquardt, Baraboo, Wis; Alvin Rogers, Glenora, Texas; Carlton F. Jewell, Detroit, Mich.

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Mechanic Harlo Menzie, Larwill, Ind; Privates Victor Andrykowski, Saginaw, Mich; Bert Bailey, Goodella, Mich; Arthur Gehring Beechley, Flint, Mich; Frederick Bolcom, Akron, Mich; John Brennan, East Troy, Wis; Edward A. Bushong, Independence, Kan; Andrew N. Coleman, Mayville, N. D; Clara Cooper, Birchrun, Mich; Eugene Dupras, Two Rivers, Wis; Milford O. Fisher, Charleston, W. Va; Charles C. Heimes, Rochester, N. Y; George Herrier, Oakland, Cal; Emmett C. Hinderling, Marengo, O; Forest Hughes, Patriot, Ind; Richard C. Hughes, Denver, Colo; Richard Ray Hunt, Pontiac, Mich; Ralph A. Judson, Cody, Wyo; Mich; Keegan, Flint, Mich; John J. Kelly, Philadelphia; George Theodore McFarling, Flint, Mich; Johannes S. Mikelsen, Delray, Cal; Frank Novak, She-

tor, a man of attractive appearance, about forty years old, asked her to step into his private office with him. He was interested in what Ruth had told him of herself; about her love for the work which had fascinated her since childhood. Her clothes proved her taste, and she herself intrigued him to know her further.

"Now tell me WHY you want work?" he said, after the door had closed upon them. "Your clothes do not indicate the necessity."

"I know," Ruth said with a smile, trying to think how best to answer the question which, while emphasized, had been put in a kindly voice. "My trousseau is still new and fresh. I have been married but a few months. My aunt with whom I lived up to the time of my marriage, is a very wealthy woman, and she bought my trousseau."

"I take it, then, that your husband is not wealthy?"

"No, he is a young lawyer," as if that explained their poverty.

"I see. And while he is waiting for clients, you want to help keep the pot boiling?"

"Yes, partly that!" Ruth hesitated, then confessed: "But I hate housework. We can't afford to hire a maid, so I decided to try and find something more congenial, and then have a woman do the work at home."

"A wise decision," Arthur Mendel remarked, thinking that the dainty creature before him was surely out of place in a kitchen.

Ruth waited. There was no more to tell. Was he simply curious about her, or was he intending to give her work? Finally he said:

"I will give you twenty dollars a week at first. If you prove as able as I imagine you will, you will soon be worth more. My head woman was married once, I have not yet filled her place. In fact I had no hope of being able to, for some time. She had been with us twelve years, and, besides knowing her part of the business, could attend to much that did not come directly in her department."

"She must have been very valuable," Ruth said inaudibly, thinking she would try hard to fill that other woman's place; and wondered what they paid her.

"When can you come?" Mr. Mendel asked.

"At once. Tomorrow morning if you want, me to," Ruth replied, her thoughts on Brian, and what he would say to her high-handed way of doing things.

"Very well. Nine o'clock or even half past nine. Our hour, are not long. But we keep very busy during the time we remain open," so letting Ruth see he expected her to be "on the job" as Brian would say.

Ruth bade him good morning. He politely opened the door for her. Perhaps it was just as well that she did not know his eyes followed her with admiration until she gained the street.

Tomorrow--Ruth tells Brian that she has accepted a position. He objects.

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SWISS EDITORS DUE TO SEE THINGS THAT WILL SURPRISE THEM

Delegations Of Journalists To Visit This County And See Uncle At Work.

Washington, Aug. 30.--America is about to demonstrate to neutral nations her determination and what she is doing to beat the Hun.

The first neutral to be "shown" is our friend Switzerland. The United States government is to bring a delegation of leading Swiss journalists and statesmen to our shores and let them see us in action for war.

It is a part of the broad campaign being carried on by the committee on public information to demonstrate to all neutrals that we are quietly but enthusiastically going into the war for a knockout--and have the means and morale to back up the effort.

The move comes at a time when the leading German papers are warning of the increasing growth of American influence in neutral countries.

This report declares that until recently people leaving Germany "were obliged to sign a paper swearing that they would not do anything unfavorable about conditions in Germany." Now, however, the German authorities give no passport to any but their own agents to leave Germany. The report continued.

"The men (Germans) have been at the front so long that many are no longer civilized and their wives are afraid to have them come home on leave. The women too, have fallen into habits of immorality difficult to believe."

"Conditions in Berlin are lawless. People are held up on the street and stripped of their shoes and coats; houses cannot be left alone without danger of being entered and rifled. Complainers at police headquarters are rebuffed for complaining about such trifles in times of war. This is the condition in Berlin which formerly was the most orderly of cities."

PERSIA AND TURKEY NEXT

Rome, Aug. 30.--The Epoca declares it has learned from a diplomatic source that Persia is probably will declare war against Turkey within a short time.

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