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A HOME FOR SLACKERS.

Charles Piez, vice president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, yesterday told the senate commerce commission that the great shipyards at Hog Island will not turn out fifty per cent of the ships expected of it. It was estimated that it would launch 48 ships a year, but Piez told the commission it would do well if it launched twenty. He gave as a reason for his statement that thousands of draft evaders had been given jobs in the yards. He said that of the 60,000 employees thousands are exempted ball players, pugilists and persons who worked at non-essential industries and who were given jobs at the yards simply to protect them from the draft. He said further that many of these were listed as "labor scouts", whose principal occupation was to procure jobs for friends where they would be safe from the draft. Many of these he said came to their work in the morning wearing gloves and with a flower in the button hole of their coats. The Fleet Corporation and the draft authorities will investigate and give the yards a cleaning up, which it is claimed will send a thousand or two slackers into the army where they belong. In this connection Piez told the commission that the shipyards of the country had turned out 1,811,000 tons of shipping to date this year, and would increase this to \$2,200,000 by the end of September. He also stated that keels had been laid for 4,103,000 tons. While nothing was said about other shipyards, reports heretofore show that those of the Pacific coast have distanced all others in their output. Thus in one more branch does Oregon stand in the lead.

The war mothers in session at Evansville, Indiana, recently considered a resolution that the girls of the country be taught to write the proper kind of letters to their sweethearts in France. The lady offering the resolution said she had seen some of the letters and that they were "mushy." Perhaps, but then that is what love letters of the average kind are supposed to be. If they were real sensible they would be business rather than love letters. A resolution to compel mothers to talk sensibly to their babies instead of using the baby talk so natural to the mother's tongue would have been just as appropriate.

It was thought the limit had been reached in the way of conservation, when flour was eliminated from our bread, when meatless days were ordered, when Hoover put his spoon in our coffee and teacups and took out half or more of our sugar, when other things, many of them of this kind, were done, but the bottom was not reached until yesterday when the war industries board ordered reducing of the width of diaper cloth and consequently making the "squares", that much smaller. However American babies are patriotic and will not kick against the reduction.

Lenine and Trotsky are continuing their reign of terror in Petrograd, and it is said an average of 500 persons are shot down in the streets or executed daily. The allied governments should serve notice on the bolshevik leaders that they will be held personally responsible for these political murders after the war, and that no place in the civilized world will be found in which they will be safe from an outraged civilization. They should be hunted down after the war the same as so many mad dogs.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston who has just returned to Washington from a tour of the drouth-stricken section of the west, says conditions are better than he expected to find. The president some time ago made available \$5,000,000 at his disposal for aiding these farmers and the federal farm loan board is taking steps to relieve the situation as much as possible.

The government purposes making an effort to standardize wages. At the same time careful checking of prices will be made in order to enforce as far as possible a standard of prices. It is our humble opinion the government has tackled a man's-sized job.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers
4th LIBERTY BONDS
Will be for sale on
and after Saturday, Sept. 28

Boilermakers In Portland Shipyards Will Work Full Day

Portland, Or., Sept. 21.—Boilermakers of the Portland shipyards are at work today and will put in an eight hour shift—the first full days work they have done on Saturday for three weeks. Meetings were held by the workers last night and half the night spent debating the local labor situation, the principal topic of discussion being the Willamette Iron and Steel company's action in discharging men who refused to work more than four hours last Saturday and the preceding Saturday. The men are incensed at the May board's delay in rendering its decision in regard to increased wages and say the May board does not represent President Wilton's ideas.

Many Offices And Stores Subscribe 100 Per Cent

Today noon, according to the official report at the Commercial club, the following stores and offices have reported that every employe subscribed for the Fourth Liberty Loan: Moyers Department store, Ladd & Bush bank, D. A. White & Sons, State Printing department, Valley Motor car company, U. S. National Bank, Capital National bank, Salem Bank of Commerce, Joe Adolph's cigar store, Kafoury Bros, Bligh Hotel, White House restaurant, Portland Railway, Light and Power Gas plant, Portland Railway, Light and Power Line office, Paterson Cigar store, State Treasurer's office, Scotch Woolen Mills, George Water's cigar store, Office of the Secretary of State with 26 employes, Office of Weights and Measures, State Insurance department, Salem Hardware Co., Fry Drug Co. and the Argo Hotel. This is but a partial list as captains are reporting from hour to hour the business houses and offices that are 100 per cent in subscribing for the Fourth Liberty loan.

James Neil Estate Before Court Again

The interesting case of the estate of James Neil is once again before the county court. Objections were filed yesterday to the petition for filing a final account and distribution. The objectors are St. Joseph's Catholic church of Salem, Patrick Ryan, T. K. Ford, and others who were left a legacy by the will. The objections are based on the following: That the estate has not been fully administered; that the estate is not ready for final settlement; that three competent appraisers have not been appointed to value the property in Clatsop and Tillamook counties; that the estate is subject to inheritance tax and the amount cannot be determined until the identities of the devisees are established; that ten years have not elapsed since the death of James Neil; that one Michael O'Neil of Jersey City, N. J. has made a demand on the executor for the residue of the estate and that T. K. Ford, executor, is unable to determine the rights and identity of the said Michael O'Neil of New Jersey. This is the estate in which about \$15,000 is involved.

EARTHQUAKE IN SYRIA

Amsterdam, Sept. 21.—A violent earthquake in northwestern Syria was reported in dispatches received here today.

THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS
CHAPTER XXXVIII.
The invitation for Mrs. Curtis' dinner came just as Brian was leaving for the office. The note had said the dinner was to be informal, and Mrs. Curtis had added: "Please don't dress."
"Thank goodness for that!" he had said. Brian hated to dress for dinner. He was naturally indolent, and unless the occasion was a particularly formal one, he objected to wearing a dress suit. Ruth was exactly the opposite. She liked to dress, herself, and was very proud of her handsome husband when he was "dolled up," as he called it.
"I wonder who else will be there?" she had said as she stood in the door to bid Brian good bye.
"I thought you said Mollie King was going," he had answered quickly, then looked uncomfortable. "Good bye!" he called and hurried away.
"Why did he look so uncomfortable when he himself was the one to mention her?" Ruth said aloud as she closed the door. "He looked sort of guilty. I wonder—she didn't finish the sentence, but as she dressed for the shop she looked very serious, and once or twice she sighed a little. Occasionally there came to Ruth a feeling that perhaps she had made a mistake in marrying Brian until he had advanced further in his profession. She had also wondered once or twice if she had made a blunder in taking a position, but, as quickly dismissed the idea. Why should she do things that were disagreeable, and so save thirty or forty dollars a month (which a servant cost them), when she could do something she really loved to do and earn forty a week? There was no argument at all that she could see.
No, if Brian were foolish enough to be hurt, why he would have to be, for a while, until he became more reasonable. He would come around after a while, just as he had about the moving. When he had seen that it was feasible, he had been very nice about it. She never dreamed that he had consented simply and solely because of her remark that it would give him a better standing. She had thought it might have some weight of course; but that he would have absolutely refused to move had she not put it upon that score, she had no idea.
The dinner was to be at seven o'clock. Ruth took particular pains with her dressing, and she looked very chic and lovely. She wore a dark blue chiffon with a girle and trimming of Oriental-looking stuff, with slippers and stockings of the same shade as her dress. She also, at the last minute, slipped her pearls around her neck. She had not intended to wear them, but she would look her very best because pretty Mollie King was to be there. She had wished, while dressing, that it had been a very formal affair so she could have worn one of her lovely dinner dresses. She had scarcely worn them at all, she thought regretfully. They would be out of style soon.
"My, but you look nice!" Brian had said impulsively when she joined him. "That's a stunning dress."
Ruth was so pleased at the compliment that she forgot all about Mollie King, that she had really dressed to outshine her; but intrigued herself that she had made herself attractive simply for Brian.
"I am so glad you think I look nice. The Curtises are your friends and I should hate to have them call me a frump."
"No one could ever say that about you." Then, a thought striking him for the first time, he asked: "How much did that dress cost?"
"Aunt Louisa paid two hundred dollars for it. Of course that did not include the slippers and stockings."
Open-mouthed, Brian stared at her. In all the months they had been married the cost of her clothes never had been mentioned. He had not the slightest idea of the cost of such clothes as Ruth wore. He had asked the question now only from impulse.
"It's lovely, isn't it?" Ruth went on, "Aunt Louisa bought it at the same shop she has bought her own clothes for years. The one where most of my trousseau dresses were made."
"And did the rest cost as much?"
"Why—yes, most of them. Some more. Why?" Ruth never talked of clothes.
"How in the world are you going to get any more when they wear out? Any more of that kind, I mean."
Ruth laughed heartily at his frightened expression.
"Oh, I guess we'll manage to get them some way."
"Not that kind, Ruth," he said soberly. "I never dreamed women's clothes cost so much." Then, his face lighting, "You must find out where Mollie gets her clothes. She always looks pretty and she has scarcely any money. Will you need any soon?" He happened to think that she had said nothing about new clothes to him, and she hadn't been working long enough to do very much about replenishing her wardrobe.
"No, not very soon," she replied. But all the way to the dinner she was strangely quiet. Brian had known nothing about her clothes, their cost, etc. and she was his wife. How was it he was so well posted about Mollie King's affairs. How did he know that Mollie had scarcely any money. Then her lip curled. The idea that she would wear the cheap sort of things a girl like Mollie King would wear! It was ridiculous.
Sometimes Ruth forgot that she was no longer being supported by her aunt. Tomorrow—Ruth Overhears Brian Tell Mollie King Things Which Annoy Her.

Fair Week!!



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Farewell Reception For Rev. John Ovall At Oregon City

At invitation of the pastor and members of the M. E. church to attend a farewell reception to Rev. John Ovall, pastor of the Scandinavian church in this part of the country, a large gathering was present not only of Methodists but also Baptists, Presbyterians and others.
A strong program was rendered. Speeches were made by the Rev. E. E. Gilbert, pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. W. T. Milliken, of the Baptist church, and Rev. Mr. Semman, of the Presbyterian church. They all praised Rev. Ovall for his work and regretted his departure. A purse of a goodly sum of money was presented by the members of his church as a token of their high appreciation of his work among them. The Baptist orchestra furnished music.
Rev. Mr. Ovall replied in a fitting speech, expressing his high appreciation for the cooperation and Christian fellowship while serving in the Lord's Kingdom here.
Refreshments were served.
The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:
Whereas, it has seemed wise to the presiding bishop of the Pacific Swedish Mission Conference to appoint Rev. John Ovall to the Temple Church—First, Swedish M. E. church—Spokane, and deprecate Oregon City and its vicinity or his most acceptable services, we the members and friends of his congregation desire to express our most hearty appreciation of his services for the past five years among us.
We have recognized his brotherly spirit, his noble leadership and kindly Christian fellowship. He has been a real spiritual benediction in his pastoral visits, his noble sermons and his uplifting prayers. His godly judgment has been known in so many ways.
We commend him for his untiring labors, and God's richest blessings will ever abide with him for the many churches he has organized, the many Sunday schools he has started, and the advance the Kingdom of Heaven has made through him.
We commend him to the confidence and fellowship of all the people of Spokane and assure him of our love and prayers unto the end of his days.

The Aurora Committee For 4th Liberty Loan

Edward Cookingham, executive chairman of the Oregon State Central Liberty Loan committee, has appointed the following members of the Aurora banking district committee: J. W. Sullivan, M. N. Crisell, John Murray, M. D. Lajoie, and N. U. Westcott with Guy N. Hickok as chairman. The latter, however, has resigned. To succeed him Mr. Cookingham has appointed as chairman Henry L. Beets.
County chairman P. C. Dechard was here Wednesday afternoon with instructions and supplies, and arrangements were made to send letters to every person notifying them of the amount they must invest in order to raise the amount the government requires from this district.—Observer.

SUNDAY
BLIGH THEATRE
Musical Comedy Attraction For The State Fair
The Armstrong Follies Company opens at the Bligh Theatre, Monday, September 23d, Fair Week, presenting their high-class musical comedy. Change of bill nightly. The Company has just finished a ten week's successful engagement in Portland, and is well known here in Salem. The Company is headed by Edith Wilma, leading woman, Flora Sims, prima donna. Comedy is furnished by Ed Armstrong, Henry Sherr, Frank Shaw, and Jack Davis, also a chorus of beautiful girls to help make the show a success.
The Armstrong Folly Company have a big reputation and present nothing but the latest musical comedy. Opening bill will be Midnight Follies. Don't forget to be in line for the big opening Monday at the Bligh Theatre.
POLK REGISTRANTS CALLED.
Dallas, Or., Sept. 21.—The first draft quota to ten men to fill Polk county's allotment for October has been called by the local board. They have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to leave Dallas on or about October 7. The men called are: James Henry Sohn, Salem; George Elbert, Salem; Alexander E. Gage, Dallas; Ernest L. Chown, Independence; Claude B. Graham, Fall City; Paul Buchanan, Independence; Lee Reynolds, Falls City; John Holland, Salem; Ammon Pitzer, Dallas; Gilbert Stallings, Independence; Ernest Hoisington, Monmouth; Earl D. McNeil, Monmouth; Clinton Tom, Grand Ronde; Bruce F. Dunsmuir, Independence.

