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CAN'T DEAL WITH A DUMMY.

It seems the big leaders among the politicians back east, if there are such things, are incapable of understanding plain English language. When the president made his reply to the first German peace offer, Senator Lodge and many others discovered a mare's nest and voiced their fears the president had made a grievous mistake in making any reply other than an emphatic refusal to discuss peace at all. They overlooked the self-evident fact that all the president had done was to call over the wire: "Who's this talking?" Later these gentlemen discovered that the main demand made by the president had been ignored, and that was that there had been no change of government, and consequently no one with whom this government could deal.

Monday on the receipt of Germany's second note at Washington, the wise ones again got busy trying to decipher something that was incapable of any but one construction. Senator Hitchcock put on his goggles and remarked: "The note appears to be an acceptance of the president's stipulations. In my judgment, however, it will not lead to an armistice immediately." Hitchcock is chairman of the foreign relations committee, and as such should know something whereof he speaks, and yet his remarks show his inexcusable ignorance just as those of Roosevelt, Lodge and others did of the reply to the first note. As in the first case, there is no government yet formed in Germany with whom this country or the allies can deal. True, Dr. Solf, speaking for the German government states that a "new government has been formed," but in the same sentence says "a new constitution is to be submitted to the people." There is as yet no power capable of forming a new government for the German people save the kaiser and the militarists now in control. They have set up a dummy government with Solf as its mouthpiece, and authorized it to do business with the allied nations. German people are not behind the new government any more than they are back of the present autocracy. It will require the adoption of a constitution by the people or a revolution to create a new government in Germany, and until one or the other of these happen all talk about making peace with Germany, or the latter accepting President Wilson's terms is utter silliness. There is no government in Germany to accept terms or to do anything else in the way of dealing with the allies concerning peace terms.

The alleged wise folks back in Washington should keep in mind the fact that the one insistent demand made by President Wilson before peace can be discussed, is that there shall be a government in Berlin with which the allies can deal. They should remember that the elimination of the Hohenzollerns is the first step, and that the creating of a dummy government with them still at its head has not deceived and will not deceive the president or the people of the United States, however much it may bewilder the "politicians."

A great blow against the wavering German line may be expected at any time now. Marshal Foch has large reserves no doubt ready and keen to strike, and he should not make the mistake that Napoleon did at Waterloo and forget them at the time they could have been most effectively used. Of course, Foch is in no danger of being defeated, the power of the German army to strike having passed, but he might lack the initiative to take advantage of the opportunity to give the retreating enemy a finishing blow. He has no further need of reserves and may use these waiting divisions to carry out any large offensive operations he may have in view. If Foch were to attack with all his reserve force at two or three points along the front now it is more than likely that the German retreat would shortly be turned into a disastrous rout—and then the war would be over.

The best evidence that a real change is taking place in the German government is seen in the fact that at least one editor has asked the kaiser to quit, and according to latest news is still alive.

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COMMERCIAL CLUB CRISIS.

The Salem Commercial Club must have more members.

It cannot exist and pay its running expenses without a regular, adequate income.

Salem needs the club to handle its civic activities and war drives that are coming one after the other now. It provides the organization and the center for the Red Cross, Liberty bond and food conservation campaigns. The Commercial Club rooms are the meeting place for all the civic societies and all organizations engaged in public work.

It is difficult to see how the city could get along without the Commercial Club and yet members do not come forward voluntarily to provide sufficient income to keep it open. Other drives have succeeded each other in such quick succession that the necessary membership campaign has been postponed from time to time in order not to interfere with the war activities. Now, however, the issue can be delayed no longer and the commercial club must secure the requisite number of members or close its doors. It can no longer be conducted without an income.

The question will probably be decided this week, the matter of handling a membership campaign having been placed in charge of State Treasurer T. B. Kay, who has begun the active work of organization for the necessary drive.

Paroled prisoners employed in Portland have refused many of them, to go to the court house to testify before the investigating committee examining into the charges of bribery in connection with the granting of paroles to prisoners at the state prison. They claim the courthouse is under close watch, and should they testify and any changes should follow at the prison, that their paroles might be revoked. As Joe Keller is the man who is in charge of the parole business at the prison, this statement made by the prisoners is really another strong accusation evidently directed at him.

When the Huns are driven back across the Rhine, and Austria and Turkey have dropped out of the conflict, it may be the easiest road to Berlin will be from the back door. It would be according to the eternal fitness of things if the drive that finally utterly overwhelms the Germans should start from Serbia, which was used as an excuse for the war.

Patriotic grocers are refusing to handle Albers Bros. products, since it has developed that the millionaire head of the concern is a radical pro-German. Grocers are said to be shipping back all the Albers Bros. stock they have on hand and cancelling further orders. That's the way to fix these traitors, strike them in the purse—the only place they have any feeling.

Governor Manning of South Carolina is a real war governor. He has six sons in active service, ranging in rank from Captain down to private. And his friends say the old man is only waiting for his term of office as governor to expire next January to get into the game somewhere himself.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

THE GREAT TONIC.

No doubt all ailing critters, weary of their ills, have taken Simpson's bitters, or Popoff's purple pills, yet found them their ailments chronic, to their intense despair, until they tried this tonic—the crisp October air. I've lapped up Johnson's syrup of seaweed, prunes and cheese and it would merely stir up new symptoms of disease; the doctor's diagnosis has often made me snort; I've taken dope in doses, a spoonful to a quart; I've piled on poultices, I've worn them inside out, to head off such disasters or rheumatism and gout. In all the drugs of healing there's nothing to compare with this, of which I'm speaking, the crisp October air. I'm living, at this writing, from all my ailments free; I'm fit for fun or fighting, or shinning up a tree. No more you see me groping in cupboards for my pills, no more you see me darning my works for sundry ills, for organs dislocated, for falling of the hair; I've been rejuvenated by crisp October air. I'm active, blithe and sprightly, my gait is free and bold; I trot around as lightly as any ten-year-old; my enemies I've throttled, disease and pain and care; it really should be bottled, this crisp October air.

THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

Brian Takes Mollie to the Matinee.
Ruth is there also.

CHAPTER LXV.

Notwithstanding Ruth's diplomacy as regarded her salary, Brian had not been easy to manage since it happened. At every opportunity he talked of it, accused Ruth of not caring for him because now she earned twice as

much as he did; and in every way made things very difficult for her. It was not that he objected to sharing the comforts of her salary, enabled them to have or the outings they, because of it, enjoyed. It was jealousy of her, her capacity to earn. Ruth hoped he would ignore it after a few days, but in vain. He would say over and over that she earned twice as much as he did. And when she tried to

change the tenor of his talk by saying his work was but preparatory to big things, in the future, he would sneer, or else grow angry.

The week following her raise had consequently been a hard one. Ruth was worn out physically and mentally. So when Clara Roberts proposed they go to a matinee on Saturday afternoon, Ruth gladly agreed.

Clara had not mentioned her plan until her husband and Brian had left. At first she spoke of calling them up and asking them to meet them at the theater. Then Clara said:

"I know Kenyon will hate to lose a half day. Let's go by ourselves this time. We'll be at home before they are."

Ruth reluctantly agreed. She well knew that Brian would not hesitate to leave the office had she called him. Yet she also felt that she should not interfere with his business hours.

They were a big late and the curtain was up, the play commenced, before they found their seats.

During the intermission they amused themselves by looking around two house making comments about the way people were dressed, admiring this one, and finding fault good naturedly with some one else.

Suddenly Ruth saw Clara start. She followed her gaze and, yet, it looked like it was Brian and Mollie King. The curtain just then rose, on the second act, leaving the house in darkness, much to Ruth's relief.

Clara never had met Mollie. But what would she think? Ruth felt sure Brian had asked Mollie to the matinee because of the mood he had been in all the week. Probably she lunched with him too," she thought bitterly. Then, "had I called him up, I should have known."

Clara pretended to be absorbed in the play, but Ruth felt sure she was surreptitiously watching her—and also Brian. She saw nothing of what was on the stage, heard nothing of what was said. Her mind was so intent of finding some way to explain things to Clara Roberts; some excuse for Brian.

But even when the curtain finally

ran down on the second act, she had arrived at no decision.

She looked at the program and saw the wait was to be a long one. Would Brian go out to smoke? If he did should she follow him?

Clara tried to appear unconscious and to chatter as usual, but Ruth realized that it was trying, and that it was an effort. Watching her closely, she saw her eyes turn toward Brian and Mollie, seemingly unable to avoid doing so.

In desperation Ruth finally said: "Why, I believe that's Brian over there with Mollie King, a great friend of ours? We will wait for them! I should like to meet her."

"That will be nice. She is very pretty," Clara answered, no less deceived by Ruth's brave attempt to carry off an uncomfortable situation.

The last act was short. Brian and Mollie were nearer the stage than were Ruth and Clara, so they waited at the back of the house until they came along.

"Hello, Brian!" Ruth said brightly, causing him to turn a startled face in her direction, then to flush deeply. "How do you do, Miss King! wasn't the play beautiful?" Ruth went on waiting for a reply from either, she presented Mrs. Roberts to Mollie.

"I was going to phone you, Brian, that we were also to be at the theater, but didn't get time," she bravely prefaced. "We might have all sat together."

"I'll leave you now," Mollie King said when they reached the street. Ruth was about to tell Brian to accompany her to the car or stage, but she concluded she had been patient enough, so she said instead:

"Good bye, Miss King; come on, Brian, take Mrs. Roberts and me home in the stage."

Brian hailed a stage, they got in. Repeating her rudeness, Ruth called: "Come and see us soon, Miss King," but Mollie either did not hear her or seemed to answer.

(Tomorrow—Brian Apologizes and They Spend a Happy Evening.)

ENEMY AT GATES

Continued from page one

open the way for peace. There is no doubt we are now equal to the task of either war or peace by carrying out government's program and definitely breaking away from the old system.

The legal question will not crop at our boundaries, which we will never open for violence of our own accord. The principles upon which we have agreed as our rule of conduct also involve internal questions. Thanks to the parties' acquiescence in government's proposal for electoral reforms, Prussia now has advanced so far that equal direct suffrage has been secured.

Bills now pending before the reichstag make it possible for members of that body to enter the cabinet without resigning their seats. There is also a change in the law regarding the chancellor's representation. Hitherto only the highest imperial authorities were able to represent the chancellor. In the future, deputies may participate in the direction of the imperial policy, being responsible in the chancellor's name without actually being ministers. We are convinced the government and parliament thereby may supply precious forces for the people which up to this time have not been utilized.

"I hope soon to reveal to the reichstag the results of the preliminary labors regarding legal extension of the chancellor's political responsibilities, which will be secured by formation of a state tribunal."

"The new system of imperial gov-

WIFE AVERTS DIVORCE COURT

"More marriages go to smash because wives neglect their personal appearance than from any other cause," a noted Philadelphia social service worker remarked recently at a fashionable seaside resort.

"I have in mind a specific case," she continued. "A Philadelphia girl who was famed for her beauty after making her debut, a few years ago married a young lawyer. She became so absorbed in her new home that she made the fatal mistake of neglecting her personal appearance. Before she was 30, gray hairs began to appear, but she ignored them."

The young husband soon began to grow indifferent toward the wife. She was miserable, because she adored him. Rather than let matters drift from bad to worse, she wisely suggested a trial separation for six months.

Upon her return to her parents' home the wife set out to reclaim her youth. Her hair dresser recommended a preparation called Q-Ban Color Restorer. She tried it and, gradually the uniform color and luster of her hair beauty she had been before her marriage.

"Before the six months had elapsed the young husband and wife met by chance. He at once became more enraptured than ever, and begged her to come back to him. That was three years ago, and since then the husband has been devoted itself. You may be sure, the wife learned her lesson well, and never neglects her personal appearance."

ernment involves a new government for Alsace-Lorraine. Alsacians appointed by the governor and secretary of state from leaders from the second chamber of the diet, will be members of the provincial government.

"The aim of myself and my colleagues is political authority for the German people. The people long have been in the saddle. Now they are to ride. Political development at the end of September changed everything, guaranteeing continuance of the growth of the new system."

"The enemy is at our gates! Our first and last thought must be for the brave defenders whom we must defend against unjust charges. There are bad elements in every army. With the fundamental will of the people the army will disown them."

"In retrospect, the recent political harvest creates different feelings, some regard it as a reckless descent in the direction of the destruction of existing orders; others believe the times are uncertain and are groping for reform. Both opinions should be expressed. Opposition figures parliamentary independence."

State House Notes

An army of Victory Boys and of Victory Girls are to be enrolled in the public schools of Oregon.

These boys and girls will be asked to pledge themselves to earn and give money to the fund to be raised for the Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and other organizations which are included in the united war fund campaign.

J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, is sending out to the teachers of the state a letter asking for their co-operation, and pointing out that they will receive detail instructions from Walter A. Goos of Portland, state manager for the "Victory" army of boys and girls. The drive will be held November 11 to 15.

It is expected that five per cent of Oregon's quota for this fund, which will total \$170,000,000 in the entire nation, will be raised by the boys and girls. The boys and girls are not to be permitted to solicit funds, but they will be asked to earn the money and give it.

Insurance on farm tractors, is the latest form of protection offered by fire insurance companies. The state insurance department has approved the form of policy for this sort of insurance, which gives protection against fire and theft.

Regarded As Basis For Further Negotiations

Copenhagen, Oct. 22.—The German press generally considers Dr. Solf's reply to President Wilson as a satisfactory basis for further negotiations. Should Wilson demand impossibilities we must reckon on continuation of the war," the Tagblatt declares.

His Sure-Thing Failed And He Took Gas Route

San Francisco, Oct. 22.—A "two horse combination" which he thought he had won, proved the undoing of Joseph Canning, defaulting treasurer of the local David Seannell club, a city firemen's organization.

Canning's body was found late yesterday in a gas filled room. He had been dead several days while his former comrades searched for him in the belief that he had fled the city with the club's money.

A note beside Canning's body related the story. He started to gamble a few months ago, he said. He bet \$20 on a two horse combination, and thought he had won \$8.50. Unable to cash his tickets that night, he played poker and lost. Next day he discovered there was a telephone wire and he hadn't won at all. Then he plunged.

NO REASON FOR IT.

When Salem Citizens Show a Way There can be no reason why any reader of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the words of a neighbor who has found relief. Read what a Salem citizen says:

Mrs. Elsie Kuescher, 1263 N. Church St., says: "Several years ago I suffered a great deal with rheumatic pains in my back and I ached all over. My kidneys were congested and irregular and I concluded they were the cause of the trouble. I took Doan's Kidney Pills and they stopped that pain in my back and I have been troubled but very little since. When I have noticed my kidneys needed attention, I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills and they have always helped me. I couldn't recommend a better remedy."

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