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x AFTER WAR---RECONSTRUCTION

Through all the difficult period of the war, the American people have shown themselves able voluntarily to shoulder burdens and carry them to the end, which in
other countries could with difficulty have been carried other government orders.
by government orders.
We saved food for our soldiers, for our allies, for the homeless and stricken in Europe. Not only did we save food in our home kitchens, but we raised it in our home uting it where it was needed.

Through our representatives we voted for the draft, for the fair and equitable taking of our boys for the fighting. We raised untold amounts of money in bonds and stamps, in taxes. These and many other things we the promulgation of our principles throughout the world

With the ending of the war none of these needs are over or will be for many years. We must now feed not be kept abroad for police duty, for showing the nations how to reconstruet their shattered buildings and their shattered lives.

If peace were followed by any riotous indulgence in eating, in drinking, in buying, in wasting, it would be the greatest disgrace in the world. There is more need than ever for conservation of every po
duction of every possible product.

And it is not only broken buildings, broken individual lives, that are here to be rebuilt, nor only in the war-torn countries.

A new world awaits construction at our hands. Noth ing is the same, will ever be the same, as before the wan.
With difficulty did we make the adjustments of our With difficulty did we make the adjustments of our
ives necessary for the waging of the conflict. Now we are confronted with the necessity for making adjustment even more sweeping and far more lasting. The longing of the poet for "shattering this sorry scheme of things entire" has been almost gratified. The opportunity for
"remodeling it nearer to the heart's desire" is at hand. "remodeling it nearer to the heart's desire" is at hand.
The ideal of liberty for all peoples is about to be real The ideal of liberty for all peoples is about to be real universal brotherhood comes next in order

The making of the new world awaits us. Not has tily shall we begin to labor upon its rearing, but soberly
with vision, with determination, with patience and with with vi
faith.

The Commercial club should be made a still greater factor in the upbuilding of Salem.


## RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

TURKEY TIME.
Thanksgiving Day is drawing nigh, we plan the bill of fare, diseuss the juicy pumpkin pie, the turkey rich and
rare. We have such cause for gratitude, for patriotic rare. We have such cause for gratitude, for patriotic
pride, we contemplate some oysters stewed, ory, peradventure, fried. The season bids us shake off gloom, let mirth and music flow; while in the Potsdam dining room the
kaiser's eating crow. The weary war will soon be done, its fires will cease to burn, and from their conquest of the Hun our soldiers will return; and waiting mothers will embrace the sons they've missed so long; and sweethearts meeting, face to face, will sing love's old sweet song. Well know, while in the Potsdam dining room the kaiser's ent know, w. ing crow, The kaiser's eating crow, my boys, and so is one who's throwing fits; there is no turkey on the board, a crow is all that's there; the kaiser carves it with his sword, and damns the bill of fare. The crow is but a scrawny dwart, the sickiiest of things; and Hindenburg
and Ludendorff will get the legs and wings. Oh, let our and Ludendorff will get the legs and wings. Oh, let our
faces be abloom, let Bill have all the woe, as he sits in faces be abioom, let Bw have all the woe,
his dining room, and wrestles with his crow.


## THE PLEDGE KEEPERS.

It was a dark hour for Russia when her army, trusting to Prussian promises, disbanded, and her traitorous representatives signed the infamous treaty of Brest son informed the Russian people that they would not be forsaken--that the allies still held Russia's interests as their own, despite her seeming treachery.

It was also a dark hour for Rumania, when, left helpless by the Russian desertion and battered by an overwhelming German army, she yielded to the inevitable and surrendered through the treaty of Bucharest. lies pledged themselves to redeem her.

The time of redemption came. The allies have the abrogation of those wicked treaties and the liberation of
Russia and Rumania as indespensible conditions of the Russia and Rumania as indespensible conditions of the
German armistice. Russia and Rumania win along with the rest of us through Foch's victories on the western front. It is a triumph of homor, a vindication of truth and loyalty. The allies in success as in failure, prove hemselves keepers of their word.

## THE DISAPPEARING WALNUT

For years before the war walnut trees were fast disppearing from our forests and woodlots. We used lituant the beautiful and useful wood ourselves, but large that it was needed for pianos and fine cabinet. work. Where it really went was for making rifles with which
kill our allies and ourselves.
We should be wiser hereafter
We should be wiser hereafter. There are some kind foreign trade that we should be better off without,
And for every food tree cut down, six, in the manne
the boy scouts, should be planted. f the boy scouts, should be planted.

Wè haven't much sympathy with the effort being made to make the cost of living higher instead of lower, now that the war is over. The standard now is too high,
nd the proposed increase in telegraph and telephone olls is unjust and uncalled for, following as it does a onstant raise in railroad freight rates. Government wnership of these utilities will prove very unpopular wnership of these utiities will prove very unpopular
vith the masses if we are getting a fair indication of what it is going to cost to operate them.

The Albers Bros. are advertising their "made by Germans" goods quite extensively for the first time, since
the president of the coneern has been indicted for disoyalty. The American that chooses to eat that brand of flour deserves to choke to death.

Salem ought to pin her faith to fruit and flax. In northwest and the other ought to be developed into eal industry.

The old fight between the eastern and western repican party again. Looks like the old progressive split ght be re-enacted.
Emperor Karl is said to have cried like a child when orced to sign the abdication papers. More evidence of
he yellow streak that is so common to so-called royalty!

Trouble looms darkly for the new German republic. For instance, the kaiser threatens to come back, which is
bout the worst thing that could happen to any country.

Thanksgiving this year should have especial sigificance.

The most authentic report concerning the Clown Quince is that he is still running.

Make Salem grow by developing the resources country in its trade area. The war is over.
The Salem Commercial club requires more members make it the success that it should be
Victor Berger and his Milwaukee Huns are still belligerent.





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## Mr. Business Man

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