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SOLDIERS AND CHILDREN.

A correspondent writing of the advance of American troops in Germany comments on our soldiers' attitude toward German children. "Whenever one sees a doughboy on the streets idle for a moment, one sees a group of little children about him."

"There are those of our friends who do not praise this," adds the correspondent. "But somehow it seems to me not a bad idea that these future Germans should grow up with impressions that Americans are a merciful lot."

The spectacle of those Yankee soldiers playing with the children of their enemies, and giving them pennies and candy, as they frequently do, inevitably reminds one of the German soldiers in other lands--because it is so different.

Have we ever heard of those Germans showing similar kindness to the little French and Belgian children or of those children gathering around the Teuton invaders in the instinctive knowledge that the latter would be kind and generous with them? Instead of this idyllic picture made by our troops on the streets of German towns we have only pictures of horror to commemorate the Prussian's dealings with childhood wherever he set his brutal foot.

Prussians may be kind to the children; they have a reputation for it--but it is their own children they are kind to. If our crusading soldiers can teach them something of the fundamental kindness which consists in being gentle to children and women regardless of nationality, they will have given the Teuton nation a start toward true civilization and culture.

THE LEGISLATURE AND ECONOMY.

The Oregonian is right in telling the legislature that the way to economize is to economize; that the way to consolidate is to consolidate. Every session of late years has exemplified the strength of the "pull" in our public affairs. Generally speaking, the members of the legislature go into the session with a determination to do their duty by the taxpayers, but the pull of the office-holder and ax-eater is too strong, and in the end no useless commissions or offices are abolished, but instead a few new salaried jobs are created. A good illustration of the way things are worked is found in the creation of new judicial districts, calling for more circuit judges at \$4,000 a year, with their attendant salaried positions. The scheme was first put up to the people to create a "superior" judge in every county after the California plan, but this was defeated. The advocates of the plan, however, did not give up but practically carried it out by working the legislature to create a large number of new judicial districts, the appointee for judge in nearly every instance having been

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

PRETENDING THINGS.

The price of butter's twice as high as in the olden times of peace, and yet I do not wail or sigh, but spread my bread with axle grease. Oh, you may say you would be shot before you'd eat that kind of thing; but I pretend it hits the spot, and am as happy as a king. The price of coal is out of sight, but when arrives the wintry storm, I do not voice my soul's affliction--I cuss until the house is warm. I find profanity will heat a room to seventy degrees, and I pretend it can't be beat, and am as happy as a cheese. Oh, I pretend that I enjoy the bitter things that I must take, and people call me bully boy, suggesting that I take the cake. With admiration I am viewed, because I face all grief with grins; men boost my Spartan fortitude, and only wish that I were twins. I hate short commons just as much as do the growler and his wife; I surely like to be in touch with all the good things of this life. But if I have to live on prunes, I swear they are a princely dish, and blithely ply my forks and spoons, and am as happy as a fish.

agreed upon in advance. We now have pretty nearly as many \$4,000 a year judges, with their court stenographers and other expenses, as there are counties in the state, and at the present rate of increase, will have in another session or two of the legislature. It takes a lot of backbone to vote "No" on all these schemes to create new jobs, in the face of the influence exerted, and sometimes all are inclined to sympathize more with the poor legislator than with the poor taxpayer. We have seen the members of the legislature cajoled or bullied, as the exigencies of the case might require, until we have ceased to wonder why their ante-election promises of economy have not been kept.

PEMMICAN FOR EVERY DAY.

No story of the North or account of a dash to the pole would be complete without its pemmican. Pemmican, be it known, is a more or less edible compound whose basis is dried meat. Formerly it was made chiefly of reindeer flesh. The product is extremely useful in cold regions where long distances are traversed, food is scarce, and facilities for transportation are limited.

Now, after a year or two of solemn scientific experiment, the wise old owls at Columbia college have perfected a process for drying meats. They announce that meat so prepared has been kept for a year, and at the end of that time, after soaking in water was found to be just as good as fresh meat. One of the great advantages of the dried meat is the reduction in bulk. It is said that only one-twelfth of the shipping space is required which would be needed for an equal ration undried.

It is to the credit of the Columbia professors that they tried the meat on their own tables before sending it to be tried on the soldiers.

Drying meat is as old as time. The Indians used this method. So did our grandmothers. Science has merely modernized the process and made practical its application on a large scale.

Coffee was the latest commodity in general use to go sky-rocketing in price. And it seems to be due to certain well-known speculators in food products jumping and getting control of the market.

If President Wilson doesn't want to accept the invitation from the German government, he can accept one from General Pershing, and visit Germany just the same under the Stars and Stripes.

A new weekly paper is advertised as intended to "interpret the thought and ideals for which Henry Ford stands." Some job of interpretation, all right!

The British are "profoundly curious" to know what President Wilson's peace program is. We'll bet a ha'penny their curiosity will be fully satisfied.

THE WIFE

By Jane Phelps.

RUTH BLAMES MOLLY FOR BRIAN'S ANXIETY TO FIGHT.

CHAPTER XXII.

Ruth comforted herself with the thought that if it SHOULD happen that America entered the war, and if Brian SHOULD go, he would then think and plan for her--not because she needed it, but because he loved her. That he felt there was nothing to plan, no reason to be solicitous of her because she was perfectly able to take care of herself, she would have resented. Yet that was exactly Brian's attitude.

Brian Hackett figured that he had married a woman who preferred business to domesticity, and, such being the case she was capable of looking out for herself without any help from him. That just because she was a woman, Ruth wanted to feel that he was anxious over her, would not have occurred to him.

He never thought of her as really feminine and helpless. It was always as needing nothing he could give her. This, in a way, tinged his manner to her, and as the time passed, it had become a habit to think of her as a business woman more frequently than as a wife.

Brian was the sort of a man who should have married a clinging, domestic woman. He would have petted the afraid-of-a-mouse kind--have hurried home to protect the timid kind, afraid to stay alone. He would have joyed in a woman who would let him bring a troop of his Bohemian acquaintances home with him, and he would have delighted in an impromptu supper in the kitchen, all taking part in preparing--perhaps in furnishing it.

There was nothing exciting in his well-ordered home. But he took full

DRUMMER DOING HIS BIT

"I am a traveling salesman and have met others who, like myself, were suffering from indigestion, stomach trouble and gastritis. Since taking 3 weekly doses of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy I am very much pleased with its results so much so that I have induced others to take it and they too were marvelously helped." It is a simple harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. J. C. Perry.

advantage of its comforts, the while he bewailed the loss of unconventional life. It was there. So was he. Why not?

The idea of fighting appealed to him. Not only to his patriotism, but to his love of adventure. Life, as he was living it, held very few thrills for him. Gladly would he seek a field for them. The hum-drum, well-ordered existence which Ruth liked, and which perforce he led, had no attraction for him--and had less, as time went on.

He had told the truth when he had told Ruth that she had robbed him of ambition. It may have been, probably was, a sign of weakness in his character, that he would not work for his own sake, his own advancement; as well as for needed money. But in this Brian was not unlike many others. Take away the incentive, and a man deteriorates. So Brian had deteriorated. He had grown more careless in his habits. He had gone back to those he indulged in before he knew dainty Ruth. He had also grown thoughtless of his speech and manners. Oftentimes Ruth had sighed, and wondered what had come over Brian. Never thinking for a moment that she was in any way to blame for the change.

Yet Ruth, as the some unquiet instinct warned her, watched and wondered at the change, but never spoke of it.

She was a bit too frightened of it to want to talk. She thought Brian surely wrong in his feeling that we would soon be at war. Of course she was as good an American as he, and would not dream of making a snicker of him. But it was time enough to talk of it when it had been decided--not now just because Molly--her thought halted, then sped on with lightning rapidity.

It had been Molly King who had put it into his head! Of course it had. Molly planned to go, and she wanted to take Brian with her. Ruth's jealousy of Molly flared up hot and agonizing. She was sure she was right. Brian had spent more time than she knew at Molly's, intuitively she thought that perhaps he had taken those English officers there too--those men he would not bring home because they knew he could not afford to live as well as they were living. How did they know what he earned? They must be friends of Molly's.

She made up her mind to ask him. Then once again Mandel sent her away. She was to be gone only two days. But never had she so hated to leave Brian, never felt so anxious as did she when Mandel told her to go. He noticed her reluctance, and said:

"Is there any reason you cannot go, Mrs. Hackett?"

"No--really, no."

"I thought you looked distressed."

"Not at all," Ruth tried to speak in her usual bright manner, she must

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IS SALEM'S LATEST MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT

Professor Sites Is Director And Initial Concert Will Be In Spring.

Salem has made another step of progress in the line of music. Many Salem music lovers will be glad to learn that a symphony orchestra under the competent direction of Prof. John R. Sites, dean of the college of music at Willamette university, has been organized.

On Nov 12th about 25 of Salem's musicians met for rehearsal at Waller hall and during the evening decided to organize choosing Miss Leila Ruby, president; Henry Lee, vice president; Florence Shirley, secretary and treasurer; Winifred Eyre, librarian.

The personnel of the orchestra for the present is as follows:
First violin: Lily Stege, Leila Ruby,

not let this man, who had been so kind to her, think she wanted to shirk her duty.

"I should hate to have you go if you had anything that made it hard for you to leave. But the commission is an important one and also one you can attend to better than anyone else."

"Thank you. And I am perfectly willing to go."

"I lied, I am not willing to leave Brian just now," she said to herself as she hurried to the station after failing to get Brian on the telephone.

(Tomorrow--Brian A True Prophet)

Viola Ash, Hazel McGilchrist, Albert Warren, Delbert Moore, Irvin A. Wrote, Charles Kurth.
Second violin: Mrs. C. G. Ross, Marian Emmons, Renska L. Swart, Winifred Eyre, Harold P. Drake.

Cello: Henry Lee, Avery Hicks, Cornet: Martha Swart, Albert Warren, Claude Bureh, Professor Hewitt.
Flute: Millard Brevier, Hanly sain Bass: Hemard Morse.

Bass viol: R. H. Ryley.
Trombone: L. Mickelson.
Clarinet: Hedda H. Swart.

Piano: Florence Shirley.
Conductor: Prof. John R. Sites.

A number of musicians are expecting to join after the first of the year. Professor Sites is endeavoring to increase the membership to 50 at least, making the full instrumentation for a symphony orchestra.

Sometime in the future the orchestra expects to give concerts in connection with a chorus and ladies' glee club.

After the first of the year rehearsals will begin on special music for the spring festival, when the symphony orchestra as an organization will make its initial appearance.

Much has been accomplished in other communities throughout the United States and now Salem is in line to show what can be accomplished in the musical sphere.

Open Forum

CHEAP HOUSES FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS

Editor, Capital Journal: Allow me to make some suggestions to real estate men to start the sale of property in and around Salem to home seekers and the returning soldiers.

First, offering a house and lot at \$500 for 5 per cent cash and one dollar

a week till paid for without interest, but purchaser to pay taxes and insurance on same. A \$1000 home on same terms--5 per cent down and \$2 a week till paid out. No interest. A \$2000 home at \$4 per week and a \$4000 home same proposition.

To illustrate: I have some property to sell on this plan--A four-room house and lot for \$500; \$25 cash and \$1 per week till paid. A good 5 room house and barn \$1000, \$50 cash and \$2 per week till paid, no interest. The same rate on a large 9 room house and lot, centrally located, \$4000, same terms.

This is a plan to move property and give home-seekers a chance to buy and pay out on good houses. A suggestion by R. R. RYAN.

To all real estate dealers.

\$35,000 COLLECTED FIRST DAY OF DRIVE IN PORTLAND

Portland, Or., Dec. 17.--Officers took a precious load to the police station last night--\$35,000, which had been collected during the first day of the Red Cross membership campaign.

The money, mostly in silver dollars, was removed from Liberty Temple, headquarters for the drive, to the station for safe keeping in the vault, and was deposited in a local bank this morning.

The leaders consider Monday's results most successful and are confident 400,000 Oregonians will have joined the Red Cross by next Monday night.

STOCK MARKET DISPLAYS CONSISTENT FIRMNESS

New York, Dec. 17.--The New York Evening Sun financial review today said:

Today's stock market displayed consistent firmness of undertone in both the industrial and railroad lists until pressure developed in the last hour, but trading, while rather more animated than yesterday, was still dull and without feature of particular interest.

THE SHOP EARLY SLOGAN

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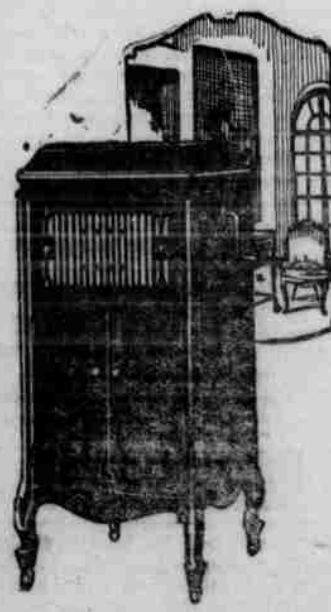
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A FEW SUGGESTIONS

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Electric Lamps
Travelling Bags
Leather Shopping Bags
Nut Bowls

Lily Bowls
Library Tables
Morris Chairs
Kitchen Cabinets
Smoking Stands
Couches
Davenport

Dining Tables
Buffets
High Chairs
Electric Irons
Thermos Bottles
Toy Wagons
Doll Carts, etc.



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