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 ADAM AND THE BOLSHEVIST.
The chief cause of Bolshevism is mental confusion Mental confusion is worse confounded by hunger. There fore the first remedy is food. After the Bolshevik has had a few good meals and a few nights sleep withou gunfire, perhaps it will be possible to teach him a fev undamental tricks about economics.

The trouble with the Bolshevist and the I. W. W man and all his kin is that he sees himself hungry an poor and sees the employers of the world well-fed an prosperous. He knows there is something wrong, but he does not go back into history---even the history of the preceding quarter century, to see where the wrong came from.

It was decreed that Adam should earn his bread b with the first haw. And when one conceives a wor of obtaining the first essentials of food, shelter and clothing than by individual work. Only by working longe hours than was necessary to sustain life from day to day could the first man get ahead.

All wealth was won by men who were willing to wor longer than enough to sustain life till tomorrow. When
a surplus was obtained so that a man might sit still and plan, the foundation of teamwork, machinery and all mod ern aides was laid.

If instead of spending his time trying to kill off the men who have more than thirty cents and a toothbrush,
the Bolshevik for one year would work one hour more than enough for today, so that next year he might wor one hour less, and use the other hour to plan for easier work the year following, soon there would be more than
enough toothbrushes and thirty-cent accumulations to go enough
around.

The trouble is, the Russian peasant has been cruell exploited in the past and nevergen a chance to lea these things. His blind rage, thoughetpuid, is but nat
ural. 'A child's tantrum can always be quieted with warm bath, a good meal and a nap. If the allies can do this for the Russians, they will find them receptive to the teaching of the primary grade.

Going to be a great year in Salem and the valley all around us. This little set-back at the beginning is only giving us a chance to get ready for the big drive ahead.

Well, the "Flu" situation is much better, a fact that again vindicates the real Oregon climate.
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## RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason
COLD WEATHER.
Oh, winter, rude season, I'm g'ad you are here, though I have much reason for springing a tear; for $I$ am afflicter wills. Tharious ills, which keep me addicted to powders and
porse when the weather is pills, they all ache together, rheumaties and gout; the ringbone and spavin are painful and sore, as I-rub the salve in, and holler for more. Ils transient and chronic I try to foget for winter's a tonic, the best tonic yet. The wise men inform us in well chosen terms (the knowledge should warn us), it's death to the germs. The microbes so dizzy a turn up their toes, when winter gets busy with health giv ing snows. If winter is helping the masses of men, I'd blush to be yelping when aching again. If winter is slay ing the germs by the ton, you won't hear me saying and aches, and leave all the cursing to ignorant jakes When science assures me that winter is great, confound and abscures me with words out of date, I feel that rheumatics is merely a dream, and bats fill the attics of patients who scream. We must lean on science, whatever , we nust have reliance on one thing or two.

For the first time a big war is settled, not by a diple natic poker game, but by a conference of peoples. It is true old-time secret d plomacy $s$ making a last-ditch
stand for socrecy and all that it implies but Preside stand for socrecy and all that it implies, but President
Wilson will no doubt win his contention for the new deal, Wilson will no doubt win his contention for the new deal,
because the people of all the allied nations are backing him.

It has beep said that the peace terms and the progran It has been said that the peace terms and the progran
for future international relations will be shaped by four men--Premier Clemenceau, Premier Lloyd-George, Prem appearances go. But every one of those governmenta heads holds his place soley by popular choice and derive
all his authority and prestige from popular will. More all his authority and prestige from popular will. More
over, everyone of them has his ear to the ground as never before to catch the people's voice.

We might almost say that on the job as never unning from every one of the millions of America homes and offices, and the British and French and Italian homes and offices, and those of Belgium and Serbia, and other allied countries, to the council hall at Versailles. It will, in the end, be an "open diplomacy" council let them make one false move.--let them disappoint one of the great hopes on which the plain people of the world have set their heart--and there will be a roar that will ring them to their senses.
Brigadier General Flood explains in a letter to the Oregonian how the discharged soldiers are treated; an-
swering criticisms of that paper. This fact makes no imswering criticisms of that paper. This fact makes no impression upon the eatior of the Oregonian, however, be
cause of his vindicatve opposition to the government. All through the war politieal organs like the Oregonian carpal the motives of the men in charge of it. The war was $d$ the motives of the men in charge of it. The war was to fight and this fact has not tended to sweeten the disposition of the political editors in the least. It was mere y proof that they had been lying about the progress of
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