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THE SOLDIER'S TRANSITION.

It is hard for the soldier, at best, to make the transition from army life back to civilian life--from military duties to an industrial or commercial job. And apparently Uncle Sam, whom he served so faithfully, has not been doing any too much toward making it easier for him. The assistant director-general of the federal employment service writes, in the United States Employment Service Bulletin:

"The soldiers let go are being mustered out on a few days' notice, with no advance of pay, given in money the cost of transportation to their homes, free to buy tickets wherever they please. Already they are turning up in the cities, improvident, broke, away from home, without work, applicants for civilian relief. Many of them don't want work yet. Many others are unwilling to undertake the 'day-labor' jobs, which alone they can find. There is every prospect that unless remedial measures are promptly taken the sight of stranded, workless, moneyless soldiers will be common throughout the land."

Certainly this is wrong. It is unfair to the men and dangerous to the community. The federal labor bureau does what it can to find jobs for the soldiers when they get back home; but it cannot find jobs for all of them, and only too many get into serious difficulty after reaching home, or even on the way home.

It seems as if the country which those men served so faithfully ought to be able to look after them more effectively during this period, or else turn them loose with a little extra pay to tide them over.

Those United States senators are a funny lot! They always wanted the president to keep his hands off legislation and let them alone, until he apparently took them at their word and left the country. Now they are pleading for his return in order to tell them how to enact legislation that will keep the country from going to the bow wows during the demobilization and reconstruction period.

Kubli, of Portland, has a bill before the legislature to "investigate" the federal government for refusing to continue paying war prices for wooden ships it now has no use for. Kubli is probably the only man in the United States who doesn't know why the government is through with its war emergency contracts.

The kaiser is growing a beard. Which indicates that he may be contemplating leadership of the Bolsheviks.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

THE WRONG TOOL.

Since first the kaiser donned his crown his talk had been of swords; he gloried in his war lord frown, and dreamed of marching hordes. A sword is but a useless tool, used in no honest trade; and no one but a knave or fool prefers it to a spade. There is no sane, uplifting job in which a sword's required, and any fiery sword-struck swab is sure to make me tired. Had Wilhelm clamored for a hoe, when he secured his throne, he might not now be clothed in woe, an outcast, sad, alone. Instead of sending submarines to show new curves in crime, he might have hoed his stringless beans, admired in every clime. Behind his Potsdam linder trees he might have had a patch of stringless beans or early peas that would be hard to match. By toiling for an hour or two, each morning, briskly, there, he might have won the ribbon blue at state or county fair. Had he insisted on a saw as emblem of his power! But no, he must have sword to draw, and flourish by the hour. He did not wish to hew the elm in useful two-foot length; the sword must advertise his realm, its majesty and strength. And now he has no realm to boost, he cannot use his sword; he's perched up on his lonely roost, dishonored, weary, bored.

DIRECT ACTION.

Michigan's first female jury distinguished itself. The case was one of intoxication. Two male juries heard the case and failed to agree, and then as a last resort a woman's jury was empanelled.

The women listened to the same testimony the men had heard, and then they sniffed two empty bottles alleged to have contained hard cider. That settled the matter. The women retired to the jury room and emerged in twenty minutes with a verdict of "guilty."

It is evident on the face of it that in this particular case, at least, the women neither allowed their understanding to be confused by conflicting testimony or legal argument, nor did they waste time in futile discussions as their sex is often reputed to do. They were not interested in precedents and technicalities and theories. They seized upon the facts and dealt with them summarily--which is one of the disconcerting ways that women have.

Maybe women are not out of place in a courtroom after all.

We would suggest that one reason why Pacific Highway paving costs more than paving on such county roads as that leading from this city to Silverton is that it is of a far better quality. The Salem-Silverton road looks as if it would last about two years before it will be necessary to rebuild it. Of course, the county should build good roads cheaper than the state does because it has its own paving plant, and eliminates contractors' profits and much overhead expense. Why the state highway commission does not do its own work is probably because it would cost a vast sum to acquire the plants and property necessary to carry on the work on a large scale in twenty different parts of the state at once. Possibly, it might pay the state at that to spend a million dollars or more for equipment in order to lay pavement on the roads at cost, just as the county does. They could not do it as cheaply as Marion county is doing the work, however, as the state highway work is of a much higher standard and will probably prove cheaper in the long run than roads of the Salem-Silverton type. In some other places the county seems to have done excellent work.

Bolshevik agents are said to be working in the United States in large numbers, mostly through union labor organizations, and confidently expect to sieze and overturn the government. The reports of the activity of these anarchists are no doubt well-founded, but need not give any unnecessary alarm. The people of this country are slow to arouse, just as they were before the war when German agents were stirring up all kinds of trouble, but when they do act it is in a most thorough manner, as the kaiser is well aware by this time. Some day the Bolshevik agents will become too active, and when the reckoning is over those who survive will be glad to get back to the darkest corners of the old world where they belong.

Literally, the former kaiser is taking the advice of a once-famous American politician for the proper thing to do at critical and uncertain times: "Say nothing and saw wood."

If the consolidation bills go through as introduced about all the voters of the state will have to do will be to watch the appointees of the governor spend their money.

THE WIFE

By Jane Phelps.

BRIAN GOES TO A DINNER GIVEN BY MAJOR WILLIAMS.

CHAPTER CXLV.
When Ruth reached home she found a note pinned on her cushion. Brian had written it after she left.

"I shall not be home for dinner, so do not wait." That was all. Big tears of disappointment filled her eyes. Then, too, she feared he was not well enough to remain out so long.

"Rachel, what time did Mr. Hackett go out today?" she went into the kitchen to inquire.

"He went soon as he had his lunch, Missy Ruth."

"Do you know where he went?" Ruth had forgotten he had told her he was going down to the old office, for

GOODBY, WOMEN'S TROUBLES

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tioned one to the old-time parties in "The Village," where Brian used to go. A party of men and girls, all bent on having a good time in an unconventional manner as possible. Could it be that Brian, her wonderful soldier husband, had gone back to that frivolity? Hadn't the war, the experiences thru which he had passed, made him long for bigger things--better ways to spend his time, more intelligent companions in the "village" most of the so-called intellectuals were possessors--so Ruth thought. In reality she knew so little of them she was not able to separate the true from the false, the real from the make-believe.

"Major Williams and some of the boys who fought together met at Keene's and talked over old times--they seem like old times," he added wearily, then, with more animation. "They are a great bunch, from the Major down to Tim Morris, the private who earned his stripes but too late to need them save as a mark of what a brave lad he was. He's blind, and has lost a leg. He was the gayest one in the crowd. I guess he thought we would pity him if he let up a minute, so he kept us laughing all through dinner."

"I wish I might meet some of those wonderful friends of yours." A sigh of relief at knowing where he had spent the evening, fluttered between her lips.

"You never will--I hope (inaudibly) But I must go to bed I'm all in." (Tomorrow--Ruth is a Big Dismayed At What She Is To Do).

SCOTT'S MILLS ITEMS

Scotts Mills, Or., Jan. 24.--(Capital Journal Special Service.)--Our school is again in session. The pupil who was taken sick while at school, with strong symptoms of influenza, is much better and no one else having taken it, the scare, as far as school is concerned, is over.

Mr. Fred Howe attended the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller at Salem last Monday.

The funeral of Mrs. Harry Adkins, who died of influenza in a Portland

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DRASTIC FLU MEASURES IN TACOMA Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 24.--"If you sneeze, please leave the theater. By order of the board of health." "For God's sake be careful." This is the wording of three slides that Mayor Riddell today is asking moving picture theater managers to run in their theaters while the influenza epidemic continues. The proposal to name the new national park in the King River canyon the "Roosevelt National Park" has the approval of all Californians. Roy A. Privett, who enlisted in the army at Pendleton in 1917, is dead of pneumonia at Langley Field, Va. Horlick's Safe Milk For Infants & Invalids No Cooking A Nutritious Diet for All Ages. Quick Lunch; Home or Office. OTHERS are IMITATIONS / JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY

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