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"execerew IT WORKS BENEFICIALLY
Probably most people think of the federal employment service as something on a grand scale little fitted for the needs of the everyday citizen. When he hears the of returned soldiers waiting at the door, each in his turn being assigned to the management of a railroad.

It is a big thing, all right enough, and more employers and men ought to make use
ness but its practicability.

The foreman of a construction gang out in Texas applied to the bureau for help. His need was dire. The camp cook, true to his kind, had left without a moment's notice. In less than an hour an applicant for just such a
job who had listed his name in the bureau files was at job who had listed his name i
the camp. Dinner was served well.

It is to be remembered that women thrown out of employment by the suspension of war work are allowed to list their names. It might be just possible that the housewife who took pains to inquire and leave her name would meet with as g
the Texas contractor.

The federal labor bureau fills a real want in that it brings the jobless worker into touch with the job that is vacant, something that $h$
tempted in an efficient way.

> THAT REMARKABLE PEACE CONFERENCE.

From some newspapers one gets the idea that Wilson is fooling the peace conference, and from other papers
one gets the idea that the peace conference is fooling Wilone gets the idea that the peace conference is fooling Wilgether are fooling everybody else. "You buy your paper gether are fooling ever
and take your choice."
and take your chile, awhile, mbee, you may wake up to the fact that nobody is being fooloed except the pessimist who refuses to see the honesty, idealism
eration that are at work in Paris.
The disbelievers are not so much to blame, though is incredible. It is quite unprecedented for any assembly of diplomats to go about their work in so fine and genuine a spirit.

The former kaiser is said to be crazy. Had he still remained kaiser nobody would have noticed it, however.

## RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

## THEY STAY AT HOME.

I had no chance to go to France and do some useful
fighting; I had to stay from war away fighting; 1 had to stay from war away and earn my liv-
ing writing. I offered twice to put up ice with musketoon and saber; the sergeant said, "You're too well fed, too fat for martial labor. You're all knocked out, you have the
gout--I say it all with kindness---swayed is your back gout--I say it all with kindness--swayed is your back, your feet don't track, and you have color blindness. Your head is bald, your withers galled, your knees are sprung
and bandy. I cannot think how such a gink in war could and bandy; I cannot think how such a gink in war could
come in handy. Go earn your bread," the sergeant said, come in handy. Go earn your bread," the sergeant said,
"in safety and in quiet; men must be sound - -not six yards in saiety and in quiet men must be sound-mont six yards round-whed quell that Teuton riot." And so you see,
and you'll agree, I'm not to blame for staving far from and youil agree, m not th blame for staying far from
the fields of swords and shield, where battle steeds were neighing. Yet I could weep, I feel so cheap, now that the noys are coming from scenes of, gore on foreign shore, boys are coming from scenes of gore on foreign shore,
where shot and shell were humming. To think I sat subwhere shot and shell were humming, To think I sat sub-
merged in fat, and punched an old typewriter, when navmerged in fat, and punched an old cypewriter, when naver! I was, my friend, until the end, as hramless as a rector, and wrote wise saws, but never was a Conscienceless Objector!

The bill to authorize the insurance commissioner to open offices in Portland, virtually completes the removal
of the department to that city. Already office files, rating and other records and paraphenalia are there and the bill now being put through this session leaves the bureau at the capital one in name only. The argument that
two-thirds of the insurance business of the state origin-two-thirds of the insurance business of the state origin-
ates in and around Portland is admitted. The same could ates in and around Portland is admitted. The same could
be said of every department, since Portland does probably two-thirds of the business of Oregon in all lines, and is aiming to dictate its politics as well. The same argument would justify the location in Portland of every state institution and every state offricial, and it is just on all thing the Capital Journal is fighting-the centering of all
the business and political activity of the state in Portland. It is not in Salem's behalf alone that we are trying to
arouse the people of Oregon to realize that the centraliza tion of all the commercial, industrial and political power velopment of the state, at the present ime, and one that promises to become insurmountable in the future.

Seymour Jones is making a splendid record in his
stand against the promiscuous salary-grabbing crowd led by Burdick. Jones is also making a very fair and compeent speaker.
Before we get through with the peace wrangle we are iable to forget what the war is about.

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The war is over. The
boys are coming home. Conditions are slowly but surely getting back to normal again --many articles of merchandise that have been too high in price will gradually get back where it ought to be.-But not as low as before the war.


We all know conditions are different. Labor is higher; hours of work are fewer; and naturally prices will be higher for a long time.

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