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ARMY DISCIPLINE.

Probably everybody who reads of the revelations before the senate of the extreme harshness of our army discipline felt a rush of indignation, and it will be with entire public approval that army regulations are submitted to revision. There is something to be remembered, however, about discipline in the army, and that is that it can never successfully be put on a civilian basis nor can civilian law be allowed to interfere to any great extent with military law.

An army drawn with dispassionate equality from the ranks of the population by its very fairness consists of men not only of every occupation but of every temperament. Among these will be men of the highest principles and courage. There will be also no small proportion lacking both qualities. In such a case the self-discipline which would hold the first faithful would not operate with the latter at all. Those last would have nothing to instigate abedience but the penal effect of disobedience. The necessity for rigorous punishment becomes evident in such a case.

Then, too, the military offense cannot be judged by itself, but must be judged on its relation to the national safety. The boy who goes to sleep on guard, be it 3000 miles from the seat of war or on sentry duty at the front, in principle jeopardizes the national safety. The rebellious greenhorn who defies his officer is the incipient projector of widespread mutiny.

It is for such reasons as these that army discipline must be stringent. But stringency should not sway toward cruelty any more than it should be so weak as to endanger efficiency and prompt obedience.

The Jugo-Slavs and Italians want to go to scrapping again. Then the next thing we can expect will be an appeal for aid from those countries to save them from starvation—in fact such appeals are being made now. If they would rather fight than work, let them feed themselves.

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LONDON TO BAGDAD.

Before the war there was a famous continental train called the "Orient Express", running from Paris to Constantinople, through southern Germany, Austria and Hungary. That train now has resumed service. But it no longer runs through the Central Empires. It goes to Constantinople via southern France, northern Italy and Serbia.

There is no longer through service from Berlin to Constantinople, and is not likely to be for a long time to come.

This development is of special interest in view of the well known Prussian plans for a through line from Berlin to Bagdad. The latter terminus is now a million miles from Berlin, and even the once-friendly half-way station of Constantinople has grown alien and far away. Britain and France, by way of natural penalty for German aggression, have cut Germany off from the Orient.

Britain will soon finish the Bagdad end of the famous railway, connecting up with Constantinople and extending to the Persian gulf. Before many years, too, there is pretty sure to be railroad communication between London and Paris, by means of a tunnel under the English channel. The German dream will then end in a "London to Bagdad" railway. And whatever of advantage or profit there may be in commercial domination of the East will belong to the victors in the great world war.

Colonel Hofer is right in saying that Salem's business interests may be greatly enhanced and its growth materially hastened by a campaign of honest, intelligent publicity. When the paving and building boom of a few years ago was on, there was nothing for the thousands of people who were brought here to do. The country had not been brought up to a sufficient stage of development to justify the influx of population, and the boom collapsed in due course of time. But at this time Salem wants more people to raise more produce for at least five large fruit companies which are located here and only lack the raw materials to develop them into great industries. As the country about Salem grows and develops, it is but natural that the city should increase in population and expand in its various lines of business, and the Commercial Club should see that it is awake to its opportunities.

Hiram Johnson, Gifford Pinchot and the other old-guard Progressives declare that they will dictate the policy and the presidential nominee of the republican party, or they will set up a party of their own. Looks like a battle royal between the two factions!

Now is the time for every good man to begin to put his garden tools in order.

Germany used to talk about a strong peace. Now she is learning what that means.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason
HOUSE CLEANING.

House cleaning! Spring house cleaning! You'll soon be here again! Oh, words of frightful meaning to weary married men! For spring we keep imploring when winter's blasts are roaring, forgetful of the choring that is in order then. We think of sunshine glowing, through waving branches screened, on babbling brooklets flowing to oceans submerg'd; alas, we are forgetting the soapbuds and the wetting, the toiling and the sweating, in shacks that must be cleaned. We think of tuneful zephyrs from some bright summer sea, of sportive lambs and heifers that gambol on the lea; and we forget the mopping, the sloshing and the slopping, the cussing and the yawping of husbands tired, oh chee! The Springtime is approaching, already she has smiled; the green grass is encroaching where late the snow was piled; but naught my gloom can sweeten; the rugs that must be beaten, cold beans that must be eaten—the prospect makes me wild! Fair Spring will soon be strewing her flowers along the wold, her gems for mortals' viewing, the crimson and the gold; but I'll be packing pillows and beating rugs with willows 'mid suds in seething billows, while women stand and scold.

THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS

BARBARA DECIDES NOT TO BE JEALOUS OF BLANCHE ORTON.

CHAPTER XX.

When Neil came home the next afternoon I asked him some questions about the business upon which he was engaged with the two men who were our guests the night before. At breakfast he had been absolutely unapproachable.

"What do you want to know? You wouldn't understand if I tried to tell you." The same answer he invariably gave me. But I had a reply for him, this time.

"Mr. Frederick didn't seem to think me so 'dumb.' He talked of the oil wells to me, and told me a great deal about them because he saw that I was interested. If I can understand him, I thing I can you, dear, when I care so much more because it is you."

"Oh, I want to sell some shares in prospective wells. That is all."

"Are they good wells?"

"We don't know—yet. It takes money to find out."

"And that was what Mr. Frederick meant when he talked about being 'open and above board,' wasn't it? Not to take money without the people knowing just what it was to be used for?"

"I thought Frederick was game! He is a regular old woman. But he doesn't have all the say, not by a longshot. I'll put the thing through in spite of him. Now for pity's sake don't ask any more questions! Do give a man a little

peace in his own home." And as he so often did now when annoyed, he opened the cellar door and took a drink.

"I said no more. It would only make him drink more. Besides he was too clever, too crafty to give me the true reasons for anything he did if he thought I would disapprove."

"I spoke of Blanche Orton and remarked that I thought she looked very stunning the night before. I would say nothing derogatory even of her clothes."

"Clearly, Neil was not anxious to talk of her, and in reply he only said:

"Blanche is always stunning."

"Is she happy with her husband?"

"I don't think them suited to one another."

"If he's such an invalid she may have a chance to try it a second time," I hoped to draw Neil out.

"I hope she will get someone who is worthy of her if she does."

When one is in love, as I was with Neil, intuition seizes quickly upon the slightest thing. His use of the word "worthy" had seemed strange when applied to Blanche Orton.

"Isn't Mr. Orton a good man?"

"He's a stupid ass."

"Why—Neil Forbes! what a way to talk of him. I meant isn't he good morally, and isn't he square in business?"

"Yes—I guess she is both. But a clever woman like Blanche Orton wants more than goodness in a man. She wants to be entertained, amused. Interested. It is a crime for her to live with that man."

"How long have you known her, Neil?"

"I met her right after she married Orton—about four years ago."

I asked no more questions, but I couldn't help wondering if, had she been free when he met her, he would have married her? It was foolish to make myself miserable over such a thing and determinedly I put it from me. He had not married Blanche, and had married me. It would not be because I did not try to hold him by every means in my power, if she, or any other woman, took him away from me.

Blanche Orton boasted that she always got what she wanted, always had her own way in life, in the big as well as the little things. But surely there was a limit to her desires. She was a flirt—that everyone knew; but probably that was all it amounted to, just a flirtation with Neil and others because she was bored by an invalid husband. I would not be jealous.

It is surprising how much one can accomplish even in such things if they love, and if they do not give up to useless repining and unhealthy emotion. So at this time it was only by spells that my jealousy asserted itself. But that other misgiving—that uneasiness concerning Neil himself, grew upon me in spite of all my endeavors to banish it.

Tomorrow—Barbara Visits Neil's New Office.

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AURORA NEWS NOTES.

A Canadian soldier, was given sleeping quarters in the city jail Sunday night. Under the circumstances he might have been given a more hospitable reception. But his jag of bitters was too large to make him a welcome guest elsewhere.

Aurora was the first community in Marion county to report its full quota raised for the "Near East" fund—for the Armenians and Syrians. Dr. Giesy forwarded a check for \$76 to the county headquarters Tuesday. No regular campaign was conducted as heretofore, but many voluntarily contributed to the fund.

Among the boys who recently arrived in New York on the Canopic are the following, well known here: Band Sergeant Ira White, Mail Sergeant Alvin Miller, both of Headquarters company, and Corporal Gifford L. Osborn, all of Aurora; and Sergeants Warren S. Hicks Granville Allen and Geo. E. Richards of Woodburn.

Julian De Jardin, a former member of Co. I, Third Oregon, is now chief filing clerk for the Peace commission at Paris—a confidential post of great importance as all papers and documents pass through his hands. Mr. De Jardin's home is at Paris. He is a member of the well known De Jardin family of that place.—Observer.

Celchago — E. J. and Mary Celchago. The "inspector for the U.S. customs" not only lifted Mrs. Frank Legaria's \$10,000 diamond necklace, but he charged her \$9.50 for his time.

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