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A RECRUITING OFFICE

From the Chicago Daily Tribune: Beyond the remembrance of today, the tune and sentiment of "The Girl I Left Behind Me" have appealed to those whose share in war has been to sit and wait. In piping strains the one has appealed to a martial spirit which has made possible the romance of the other. "The Mother I Left Behind Me" has been left unsung.

But day after day, Mrs. Robert W. Humphrey, 3511 Dearborn street, sits out the long hours waiting and expectant of a direct something, she knows not what. Her youngest son is gone, and on the high front stoop of the little cottage or in its homelike rooms she sits with her worn fingers twining and intertwining as she looks and listens.

Leopold Humphrey, her youngest son, is a deserter from the United States army no less than he is a deserter from home. In the one the relentless shadow of militarism is on his trail. In the other, a mother's love is reaching out to him. Menaced by the one and yearned for by the other, he is gone, no one knows where.

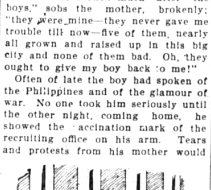
Yet in the government recruiting station in West Madison street "The Girl I Left Behind Me" is piped, and from the dingy stairway there are seen in fancy, the far-off, blue lines of the Philippines, from which are heard the thunders and the taps of war.

"But they should not have taken my boy," cries the old mother, helplessly. "They should have let me know. My youngest boy—only 17—they should have let me know—they should have let me know."

Sixteen years ago Robert Humphrey came to Chicago from Canada. Four boys, two girls and Baby Leopold were of his household. A carpenter by trade he has labored in his grim, Scotch way. Two sons have become citizens of the United States, but he, doggedly, has stuck by his nationality and by the traditions of his native country.

"He never looked much after the boys," sobs the mother, brokenly; "they were mine—they never gave me trouble till now—five of them, nearly all grown and raised up in this big city and none of them bad. Oh, they ought to give my boy back to me!"

Often of late the boy had spoken of the Philippines and of the glamour of war. No one took him seriously until the other night, coming home, he showed the accination mark of the recruiting office on his arm. Tears and protests from his mother would



BEFORE THE RECRUITING SERGEANT.

not shake him. Then, when in desperation, she went to Capt. Bomus, the boy rebelled and flung himself out of the house.

For days no one saw him. Only the mother kept vigil. Afraid of her interference, he hid from the recruiting office until he was called before it. At home, under that higher law which evolved the wondrous thing called mother-love, he was only a wayward son breaking a mother's heart.

"Why did he do it—oh, why did he do it?" was her cry. "He was only 17 —neighbors who were here when he came will tell you so. They know it at the Webster school, too. But the captain says to bring the boy before I bring proof, and I don't know where he is."

But out of the whirl of West Madison street last Saturday afternoon the missing son and missing soldier gave himself up to militarism. Its glamour is in his eyes, even as he sits silent in the guard house at Fort Sheridan. To the old mother only the word "missing" is worse than "prison."

"Won't you ask the captain to send him back to me? They should have asked me first, but they let him tell a story there—and he never told stories before. I have been so proud of my children, too. Ask the captain to help you? Ask the captain to let him off; he is such a kind man, I know he wouldn't hurt my boy. It is awful to have him go to prison.

"He didn't mean to desert. He was only afraid I would keep him from going—and he is so young! His aunt is crooked, too. I didn't think they took boys with crooked arms. When you see the captain won't you plead for his old mother? I don't want him to go to war; I don't want him to go to prison. Don't you think they will let him come back to me?"

Sitting crouched on the stoop of her little home, the last view of the mother was of one silently wringing her hands. With the hope of mother love and with the despair of one who fears and doubts the penalties of militarism, she waits. Somewhere and somehow, in the intricacies of a social evolution, he is lost to her, but above the voice of despair, blithe and buoyant, echo the staccato notes of "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

Capt. Bomus of the recruiting station has given rein to his sympathies for the old mother. But the name of the recruit is on the rolls of the United States army, and the papers have gone to Washington. If the boy is not of age he has deceived several individual experts. If he is of age he is a deserter. In either case his return may earn for him a court-martial and a prison sentence of one or two years.

"He looks the 21 years that he acknowledged to me," said the captain, speaking of the case. "One of the last things urged upon him was the fact that a court-martial would await him if he were married or were under age. He accepted the conditions, and only the department at Washington can deal with him now."

Married men under no circumstances and minors only with the consent of parents or guardians are admitted into the United States army. Eighteen years of age is the limit above which minors will be received, while 35 years is the outside extreme for adults.

"We have few cases of anxious mothers," said the captain. "but anxious wives making inquiries are common. It is not always, however, that the wife's anxiety is due to affection. I only wanted to know if he's good and gone," is a common expression of one form of anxiety, and if we can assure the wife, she goes away happy."

Other wives, from affection or from the need of a husband's support, come to make trouble. If they are persistent, the case ends in the court-martial of the recruit for having enlisted under a false affidavit.

In these days, all day long the sidewalk in front of the recruiting station at 82 West Madison street is thronged with male specimens from the undercurrents of that thoroughfare. Halting and hesitation are read in many of the faces, both white and black. Desperation in others. In a few are the jaunty assurances that come only to the old-timer who has come up again for re-enlistment, and those in regimental blue, square-shouldered and erect, pass and repass in the conglomerate gatherings, the leaven that is making for the peopling of the Philippines with the bayonet and the sword of civilization.

HOUSETOP SCULPTURE.

Ruskin Said Some Severe Things About It—His Denunciation.

The extensive alterations which are proceeding at the Athenæum club, and which include the addition of a story to its height, have been thought in more than one quarter to be likely to spoil the effect of the beautiful frieze, modeled after the Greek, that runs around the top of the building as originally designed, says the London News. There is, however, some misapprehension as to whether this is the club decoration which has won the singular fame of being denounced by Mr. Ruskin, for, in point of fact, it was not the Athenæum at the corner of Pall Mall and Waterloo place that the great art critic had in mind, but a "service" club further along Pall Mall. The denunciation was made in the second of Mr. Ruskin's lectures on architecture, delivered in Edinburgh as long as the November of 1853. He was condemning as a grievous waste of money the constant habit of putting careful sculpture at the tops of the houses, and he went on to say: "A temple of luxury has just been built in London for the Army and Navy club. It cost £40,000, exclusive of purchase of ground. It has upon it an enormous quantity of sculpture, representing the gentlemen of the navy as little boys riding upon dolphins, and the gentlemen of the army—I couldn't see as what, nor can anybody, for all this sculpture is put up at the top of the house, where the gutter should be under the cornice. I know that this was a Greek way of doing things. I can't help it; that does not make it a wise one. Greeks might be willing to pay for what they couldn't see, but Scotchmen and Englishmen shouldn't."

Dress Allowances of Royalty.

People sometimes wonder what sum is put aside for dress by the daughters of royal houses. An edifferpising fashion writer tells us that before her marriage the duchess of Fife had a very small dress allowance—about $1,500 a year. Besides this and everyday dresses and all the usual costumes required by a girl of the upper class, royal princesses have also to wear the costly and elaborate dresses which their rank demands at the weddings of their near relations. They are, however, said to be having stores of beautiful laces, priceless furs, and marvelous jewels, all of which can be used again and again. On the whole, it may be asserted that a frugal princess may spend as little as $5,000 a year on her dress, while her more wealthy and extravagant sister may find her dress bills amount to ten times that sum. Age has nothing to do with the matter, for the queen of Italy spends far more than does her beautiful young daughter-in-law, the crown princess of Naples. The empress of Russia, who more than any other European princess is able to indulge her wildest fancies, dresses with the greatest simplicity. In the daytime she mostly wears tailor-made coats and skirts and in the evening favors the purest white materials.—Philadelphia Times.

Better Walk in Java.

A gentleman who has been traveling in Java thus writes about the Dutch colonial railways. He says: "Trains are used in Java, not on account of their speed, but on account of the long distances one has to cover. If you are in a hurry and you haven't more than five miles to go—walk. You may find some difficulty in keeping up to the train if it is going down a stiff gradient, but you will romp past it on coming to the slightest ascent. It is a solemn fact," he continues, "that once in the course of a mile walk along a highway running parallel with the railway line, I caught up to and passed a snell (express train). Toward the end of the walk I entered a shop to purchase some cigars, and only after I had been in the shop ten minutes did the train pass me again."—Pinang Gazette.

A Misleading Analogy.

"When you eat, be careful to leave off hungry," is advice often given at the dinner table, but seldom received in an obedient spirit. The caution was repeated not long since to a young man of vigorous appetite.

"Pshaw," said he, "you might as well tell me to wash my face and be careful to leave it dirty."

Satisfied Without Going Farther.

"Man wants but little here below," remarked the landlady. "And here is the proof of it," continued the facetious boarder.—Stray Stories.

Cause and Effect.

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No. 24.

House and two lots, Nos 38 and 39, Merrill Plat, Birmingham, on north side of Merrill St. Comfortable, cozy little home for some one who cannot afford a brown stone front on Fifth Avenue, but is willing to take solid comfort at a moderate price. Place is owned by Chas. G. Hunt, who has removed from this locality and wants to dispose of this place. The price shows that he is in earnest about selling, for he will take 1,300, and the terms will be all right.

No. 25.

The Toynton place, a nice little farm of 70 acres, with four acres of good orchard and buildings as good as any, on the main line west of Bloomfield Centre (Clyde postoffice), five miles's walk from Long Lake, basement barn which cost nearly $1,000. House has seven rooms and woodshed, cellar, cistern, well, tool house, chicken house, pig pens, corn crib. A never failing stream runs through the farm. This farm is on the line of the Detroit, Bloomfield and Orchard Lake electric Railway, from Bloomfield Centre to Orchard Lake. The price which was $65 per acre before the new electric road was built thought of, remains the same, although all the farms in the neighborhood have gone higher.

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