

The Advantages of Being A Soldier

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THE United States government has issued a leaflet to the workers of the country containing the following points:

"1. The soldier's paymaster never fails in business, or fails to pay the wages of his employes.

"2. The 'factory' does not shut down and lay off its employes when times are dull.

"3. He never has to quit work and go on strike."

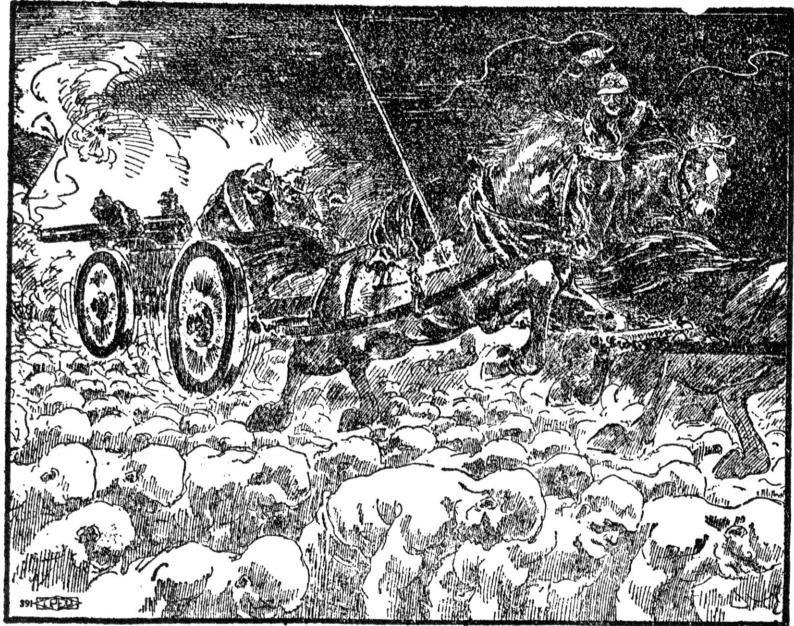
"4. He doesn't lose any time because of bad weather or sickness—

"7. Neither does he worry about doctor's bills nor dentist's bills—Uncle Sam pays them.

"8. If he wants to see the world, he will sooner or later have the opportunity, on full pay and with travel expenses paid by Uncle Sam. . .

"11 His services will take the humps out of his back, broaden his shoulders, deepen his chest, develop and train his muscles and his mind; in brief, it will make him a more capable and useful man. . ."

This appeal of the U. S. government to workers of this country is very illuminating. It pictures in clear words



the pay goes on just the same.

"5. He doesn't have to worry about 'getting a job'."

"6. He doesn't worry about the cost of clothing or of beefsteaks or of rents. No matter what the cost he gets his clothing, his three square meals a day, and a comfortable, healthful home to live in, just the same.

that the lot of the worker is to worry about his job, about his rent, doctor's bills; to be in danger of losing his job, to be forced out on strike; his work narrows his chest, bends his back and makes a machine of him, so that his mind hardly works.

This is the truth of modern industry under the capitalist system—and it's good that the government openly says so. "Enlist in the army and be sure of your job." "Enlist in the army and see the world." "Enlist in the army and you won't have to bend your back in front of a hot furnace. You won't have to mine coal deep down in the earth. You won't have to risk your neck at the top of a skyscraper. It is true that you will have to learn how to kill other workers in other countries. And you are always sure of your job, for we have plenty of wars coming. There is China—and there is Japan. The Philippines are in revolt. The German workers may get fresh and want to reject the plan formed by our vice-president, Mr. Dawes. And there is Soviet Russia, that the capitalists of the United States and the whole world hate. We will send you out into wars against

cess of organizing another nucleus in one of the large department stores in Pittsburgh. Thru the efforts of our comrades a local of the Retail Clerks' Union has been organized in Pittsburgh and because of the active participation of our members this local is growing rapidly. They have also prepared the ground for the organ-

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Liebaers, the secretary of the Belgian Garment Workers' Union, a fraternal delegate, made a long and closely reasoned speech in favor of Trade Union unity.

"It is a lie," he said, "to say that Moscow is responsible for the division in Trade Unionism. The attitude of the reformist and Socialist leaders in 1914 was the underlying cause of the crisis in the international labor movement after the war."

Trade Union Unity.

He concluded on a note of appeal, which roused the Congress to the highest pitch of enthusiasm.

"Workers of France! You are faced with this alternative, from which there is no escape. You will either pay dearly for the error of your divided forces, and will allow still heavier chains of slavery to be riveted upon you. Or else, by Trade Union unity, you will be able to stop the criminal war in Morocco and then to forge the weapon which the workers need for their emancipation."

So ended a truly great Congress—a real Congress of the United Front

all these people. You are sure of your job.

"We sent you across the Atlantic to shoot down German, Austrian and Bulgarian workers and peasants. We sent you into the north of Soviet Russia to shoot down the Russian peasants who together with the workers had established a government of their own. When you came back home—those of you who did not belong to the regular army, you were out of a job. 1,000,000 of you tramped the streets looking for a job, hungry and without a home. But now we offer you the chance to 'see the world.' Be a soldier. Learn how to use a bayonet. Learn how to jab a fellow's guts out of his body. Learn how to use poison gas and hand grenades. Think of the fellows that can be killed by a single modern bomb. Oh, it is glorious when it is done for Wall Street! The fellows you kill are only workers—and there are too many workers. That makes all the trouble. We can work their wives and children in the factories just as well—and we make bigger profits. If you win the war for us, our influence—the influence of Wall Street—will be spread all over the world. Won't that be a 'grand and glorious feeling?' The flag of Wall Street flying all over the world?"

"So join the army—and be sure of your job."

