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# MOTT ANSWERS CRITICS OF 'Y'

CHIEF SECRETARY GIVES COMPLETE REBUTTAL.

Majority of Charges Are Evidently Deliberately Falsified to Injure the Institution.

Inclusive answers to the criticism hurled at home and abroad against the service of the Y. M. C. A. have been made by Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary, national war work council of the association. Such questions as whether the "Y" made money on the canteen service, or sold gift tobacco at "Y" canteens, or failed in their duty to the wounded or whether the secretaries overseas persistently dodged dangers, are all taken up one by one and answered fearlessly and conclusively by Dr. Mott as follows:

Question No. 1.—Is it true that the Y. M. C. A. has failed to keep in touch with the wounded and ill? In this connection it is charged by some wounded and ill men that they saw no Y. M. C. A. workers from the time they entered the hospital.

In order to prevent any duplication of effort overseas, an agreement was reached between the American Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. This provided that the American Red Cross should concern itself primarily with the care of the wounded and the ill; the Y. M. C. A. and kindred organizations with the well. This might lead to the supposition that the Y. M. C. A. was cold and unfeeling, where, as a matter of fact, it was simply living up to an agreement. At the invitation of the Red Cross, for some hospitals overseas, the Y. M. C. A. still provides its activities for the patients.

Canteen Profiteering Denied.

Question No. 2.—Is it true that the Y. M. C. A. has been profiting by the operation of the canteen overseas? It is not true that the Y. M. C. A. has been profiting by the operation of the canteen overseas. In the terms of bulletin No. 33, from General Pershing's headquarters it was provided that if there were any profit derived from the canteen the Y. M. C. A. would use it exclusively for the benefit of the men of the army. The discrepancy between the quartermaster's prices and Y. M. C. A. prices was investigated by the war department. The following telegram from Third Assistant Secretary of War F. P. Keppel is self-explanatory:

"Matter of prices asked by Young Men's Christian association for its articles sold in canteen overseas already investigated by war department and condition being remedied. Young Men's Christian association originally asked by General Pershing to run canteen for army on coast basis. To do this had to reckon in price fixing such overhead charges as transportation charges and marine insurance so that prices were much higher than in this country. Young Men's Christian association made no profit, but lost thousands of dollars. Arrangements now made will enable them to obtain supplies from sources that will reduce overhead charges and keep prices down."

Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the commission on training camp activities of the war department, upon returning from an investigation of auxiliary agencies in Europe, was quoted by the New York Times as saying:

"I should like to take this opportunity to remove a misapprehension about the Y. M. C. A. which has gained considerable ground not only with our fellows abroad, but with the people back home, and that is that the Y. M. C. A. is making puny out of the canteens which it is operating for the forces. At General Pershing's request I went into this matter thoroughly and the report is absolutely without foundation. I mention this matter only because the widespread rumor is most unfair to an organization which is doing heroic service."

Question No. 3.—Is it true that the Y. M. C. A. furnished free nothing since their writing paper to men overseas?

It is true that the Y. M. C. A. furnishes nothing more than writing paper to men overseas. It has been the policy of the Y. M. C. A. to give free service and not primarily free supplies. This policy has from the beginning commended the approval of the army authorities. Nevertheless, during the month of September of this year, the Y. M. C. A. distributed to soldiers overseas \$75,000 worth of supplies. This is in addition to \$150,000 excess of cost over selling price on supplies sold during the same month, the last month of which we have received a report. Besides giving away vast quantities of supplies in front line work, the Y. M. C. A. provided between July and November to the army overseas \$829,000 worth of athletic supplies, not to mention hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of magazines and educational supplies.

Some Gift Tobacco Sold by Mistake.

Question No. 4.—Is it true that gift tobacco was sold at Y. M. C. A. canteens? It is true that in a few cases gift tobacco was sold by mistake at Y. M. C. A. canteens, and the circumstances are these: The New York Sun, the Chicago Tribune and possibly other parties shipped tobacco to France in care of the quartermaster, with the intention of having it distributed free to soldiers. Some portions of this tobacco were sold at Y. M. C. A. canteens, but the cases were not proper-

ly marked, were sold to the Y. M. C. A. by the quartermaster and detailed in certain Y. M. C. A. canteens to soldiers at the price paid the quartermaster. Later, when soldiers came to open these packets, they found in them evidence that they had been intended for free distribution. In every case where these were returned to the Y. M. C. A., it furnished free an equivalent amount of tobacco from its own supplies. The New York Sun states that they have investigated several stories of this kind and found the facts to be as stated above. The quartermaster concerned has also investigated the matter and fully exonerates the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Sloane, the chairman of the national war work council of the Y. M. C. A., who has recently returned from overseas, was told while there by the chief of staff, S. O. S., that the Y. M. C. A. was not to blame in this matter and that the quartermaster himself had sold to the soldiers these same packages of tobacco intended for free distribution, being entirely ignorant of the fact that they had been sent over for free distribution.

Question No. 5.—Is it true that "Y" workers overseas did not go to the front lines, but persistently dodged dangers?

The best answer to the question is that since the Y. M. C. A. went overseas to serve the A. E. F., nine of its workers have been killed by shell fire while on duty, twenty-nine were seriously gassed or wounded. In addition to this, thirty-one have died in the service, chiefly as a result of exposure and overwork. It is of interest to add that ten have been cited for bravery or decorated.

Question No. 6.—Is it true that some of the overseas secretaries have been brusque and even impatient in their dealings with the soldiers?

Considering the fact that many Y. M. C. A. workers continued at their posts for eighteen hours at a stretch, sometimes without meals, it would be but natural that a few might have lost their self-control and have manifested a wrong disposition, but we are glad to believe, in the light of the great mass of testimony, that this has not been the characteristic attitude of the vast majority of workers. I have heard the complaint made by a few soldiers that certain of the Y. M. C. A. workers have been prone to pay more attention to the officers than to the enlisted men and that they have at times treated men who have come into canteens in an unsympathetic and inhospitable manner. Wherever our supervisory secretaries have learned of these complaints they have acted promptly and, to my knowledge, where the charges have been substantiated have reprimanded the workers concerned and in a few cases where this has not been sufficient the workers were recalled and sent home.

### WOODEN SHIPS ALL STOP

Shipment of Lumber to South Expires Suspicion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Orders for wooden ships on the Atlantic Coast and in the south were suspended on the same basis as those on the Pacific Coast, Representative McArthur was assured by the Emergency Fleet Corporation today. Some suspicion had been excited on the Pacific Coast from the fact that shipbuilding materials continued to move from Western Oregon to the South.

With reference to this S. M. Evans of the division of cancellations, adjustment and salvage of the Fleet Corporation, said: "We are transferring lumber from the Pacific Coast to be used in the place of pine so as to relieve the Pacific Coast lumber situation."

### GEO. COHAN IMITATES EVANGELIST SUNDAY

Delightful Archaic Photoplay Provides Actor-Manager With Most Characteristic Role.

The Archaic photoplay, "Hit-the-Trail Holliday," based upon the play which ran for a season on Broadway and which was written by George M. Cohan, the famous dramatist, composer and actor-manager, will be seen in picture form with George M. Cohan as the star at the Arcade theatre Friday. The scenario was prepared by John Emerson and Anita Loos, and was produced in splendid style under the direction of Marshall Neilan.

In this unusual picture, Billy Holliday is the replica of Billy Sunday, the famous evangelist, he being a widely advertised bartender, whose characteristics have won him enviable celebrity. He plays the bartending game on the sly, and refusing to supply liquor to some miners at the behest of his employer, he finds himself out of a job and drifts into a little country town seeking employment.

In this town are two elements—one dry, the other wet. When he meets the beautiful daughter of the leader of the drys, he casts in his lot with them and when the leader of the brewery element threatens vengeance, Holliday is naturally on the job. At a meeting of prohibitionists, which brewery element threatens vengeance, by the introduction of a number of rough-necks, Holliday takes the platform and nullifies their efforts in a scintillating prohibition speech. He succeeds finally in putting the wet element out of business and in numerous characteristic scenes wins the love of both Jason and simultaneously makes himself a power in his community.

In this photoplay Mr. Cohan is assisted by Marguerite Clayton, Pat O'Malley, and others.

Observer advertising will bring results.

### CLEANING UP TIME

Spring Renovating and Moving Here in Hand at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—It's a combination of "spring" cleaning, time and moving day in Washington.

As the thousands of war workers are fast departing for their homes in the forty-eight states, thousands of desks and chairs—these desks and chairs in their primitive state probably made up a good-sized forest—are being moved out of the evacuated government offices, and as they are taken out, an army of charwomen rush in to clean up the battlefields of the victorious administrative army—the dollar-a-year men, who worked harder for that one dollar than they ever had for yearly salaries in the five figures, and the other minor war workers, who, they say, spent all and more of their war wages to meet the demands of the profiteers—all to back up those "over there."

To stand on one of Washington's street corners and see big trucks trundling by with tons and tons of desks and chairs—and mighty good desks and chairs they are, too—makes one inquisitive about this phase of the transition period on the national capital.

So, after much effort, it was fairly accurately estimated that the signing of the armistice left Uncle Sam with a surplus in Washington of 85,000 flat top office desks, 90,000 typewriter desks and 175,000 chairs, all purchased since the declaration of war between this country and Germany.

This surplus equipment will not be auctioned off, but is being stored for future use. It is probable that the government would lose money in an auction of the equipment, as it is virtually as good as new. Under the present plan, needs of the government departments in Washington for desks and chairs after the end of the present fiscal year will be supplied from the surplus store, and the old equipment thus replaced will be sold at auction. So, care is being taken to avoid any waste.

And if these desks and chairs could talk—a favorite theme of some sullen writers—what a tale they would tell in their respective warehouses, a possibility fraught with opportunities for congressmen curious about the direction of America's participation in the war.

"Oh!" some might imagine a natty desk proaning, "my back still aches from the gouges of that second lieutenant's spurs!"

But, then again, one would probably hear from some massive flat top desk a tale of long hours of devoted labor, great personal sacrifice, but consequent valuable achievement for America, of some "real" war worker. Such cases would predominate.

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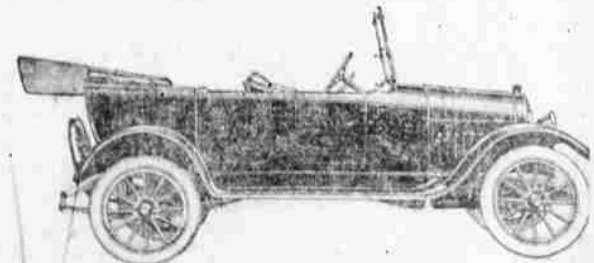
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