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AN OVERSEAS DIARY

NOTE—At the request of many of his friends Rev. J. M. Cornillon has consented to the publication of extracts from the diary he kept while acting as a Y. M. C. A. secretary in the war zone of France. The following is his first contribution:

Thursday, August 1, 1915—This is August. This is about mid Atlantic. It has been an ideal day and very nice and cool. We located the "loose screw" in the movie machine so it quit acting up and we hoped for better results which we got tonight. I was just wondering if the movie machine incident would not account for many of the erratic and freakish actions of us mortals but I didn't say anything to Mr. Berry about it lest he begin to look for my "loose screw."
 It is now 10:30 p. m. and our show, "The Pendleton Round-Up"—Let 'er Buck, went off in fine shape. The full seven reels went through in one hour and a half with just one break. All seemed to enjoy it very much. I explained to the audience where the film came from and how I came by it. They clapped their applause and appreciation for such a town.
 The date, August 1, started at me from the menu card tonight and I suppose the Round-Up film too got in its "call," and I thought of home and Oregon. Though in mid-ocean I was thinking if I were home today, Gyp dog, and three "somebodies" and I would be getting our flivver ready and making plans to go to the mountains for huckleberries. Foolish to think that in mid-ocean, one says, "But you can't separate the human mind and soul from its virginity and past. No matter how strong a desire you have to prepare a new mission or how high or pure your motives are in the new work, you will go back and live over in those scenes and places and associations. Well did Kipling say:

"Try as he may, no man breaks wholly from his first love, no matter who she be,
 Oh, was there ever sailor free to choose That did not settle some where near the sea?"
 "Men must keep touch with things they used to use,
 To earn their living, even when they are free,
 And get their backs, upon the least occasion,
 Same as the sailor settled by the sea."
 "He knows he's never going on a cruise because he's done and finished with the sea."
 But still he likes to feel it's there to use if he should need it, as it used to be.
 "Parsons in pulpits, taxpayers in pews,
 Kings on your thrones, you know as well as me,
 We've only one virginity to lose,
 And where we lost it, there our hearts will be."
 Nor did I tell Mr. Berry that such thoughts were running rampant in my mind and soul lest he think I was getting homesick and I am not. It is just the other way around. If I did not have a home and native land, "Land of the free and home of the brave," I would not be on this mission to do my "bit."

THE UNCLE THAT THEY NAMED ME LIKE.

The uncle that they named me like
 Saves his China stamps for me,
 And his stamps from Hindustan;
 And the tinsel off of tea.

Jane and I like Uncle Jim,
 Growing up has not hurt him!
 Mother'n Dad are fine, but they
 Can't remember how to play,
 And they both look stern and scold
 As people do when they are old.

Uncles are, as Jane, too sees,
 The nicest part of families!

PARLOR BOLSHEVISTS.

THE community which is free of I. W. W. and direct-action radicals can congratulate itself these days. But before extending itself congratulations, that community might well look a second and a third time for evidences of bolshevism or whatever one is of a mind to term this radical growth. Bolshevists are not all of the red-flag waving type, nor do they all carry bombs behind their shaggy beards and end their names in "zky."

Parlor bolshevists are among us in almost as great number as the direct-actionists. They wear good clothes and speak good English. But their philosophy, which they are ever seeking to preach, is as red as that of their unwashed, unshaven brethren. Their propaganda is, if anything, more insidious than that of their co-workers. They work slyly and spread dissension by their illogical, but carefully planned, propoganda.

Los Angeles and several other large cities have already made inroads on this latest type of bolshevism. He is of the type who knows that Americans are naturally tolerant of new ideas, particularly those which deal with the extension of democracy, and often finds a ready listener. People are already beginning to realize, however, that bolshevism is the antithesis of democracy. Democracy in America means freedom of individual enterprise, limited only by the personal and property rights of others. Bolshevism means the overthrow of that kind of democracy by violent means and substitution for it of a system under which all property shall be owned and used for the benefit of a single class.

The parlor bolshevist is seeking to lay the foundation for this overthrow of our institutions. He is the enemy within our walls and must be watched for with diligence. There is no place in our society for him.

CAN OUR SHIPS COMPETE?

AN English ship owner who has made a careful investigation in this country has gone home and reported that England need not fear American competition on the ocean. When rates decline until our ships are operated at a loss, English ships will be making good profits, as our operating expense is two and a half to three and a half times the expense of an English ship.

His strongest indictment is that our "navigation laws are diametrically opposed to sane administration of shipping." Our laws are based upon a system of regulating every detail recessful of modern maritime nations, leaves all details to the engineers shows the greatest difference. This is because our supervision of one branch of government.

Wages of seamen and firemen are practically identical for British and American ships. The American ship, however, must carry, because of law, much larger crews. This is not due to inefficiency, but to regulation by those whose knowledge of maritime matters is limited. The scale of pay for officers and claim of the miners, which, of course, is denied by their maritime law requires American citizens to man our ships.

The Englishman is confident that within 10 years we will give it up, but he has rendered us a great service by pointing out the real trouble. If we revise our navigation laws so as to give the American ship owner a fair chance, and sell our war built ships to American owners at the market price, the American business man can compete with the world.

COAL OPERATORS' PROFITS.

THE question to be settled at the coal conference in Washington is how the wages of miners may be increased, as it is plain they should be, without adding the amount to the price paid for fuel by consumers. To compel the operators to absorb this new cost would hardly be considered just, unless there is proof that their profits are extortionate. Such is the claim of the miners, which, of course, is denied by their employers.

At this point former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo appears as a voluntary and extremely helpful witness. In a telegram to Fuel Administrator Garfield, Mr. McAdoo says that income-tax returns for 1917 showed that "many mine-owners made shocking and indefensible profits on bituminous coal," that before deduction of excess-profit taxes "these returns showed earnings on capital stock ranging from 15 to 2000 per cent," and that "earnings of 100 to 300 per cent on capital stock were not uncommon." Urging a close examination of these returns for last year, he believes they will prove that the operators can and should pay living wages without change in the fixed price of their product.

Such testimony cannot be ignored. If corroborated, it must convict the mine-owners not only of outrageous profiteering but of inhumanity. They have underpaid their labor and they have overcharged the public. Furthermore, they have put their labor in wrong and then have appealed to a plundered public to make the odious cause of monopoly its own. There may be something meaner than that but we do not know where to look for it.—New York World.

Household
 Lettuce for sandwiches should be thoroughly washed and only the small leaves selected.
 Varnish shelves and the inside of pantry drawers after cleaning. They will clean easier.
 Grease can be removed from wall paper by rubbing with flannel moistened with alcohol.
 When a flower vase is too deep, twist some paper in a loose roll and stuff in the bottom.
 Add a cupful of vinegar to water, in which colored clothes are washed. This prevents running.
 To test the heat of an oven, put a bit of white paper into it. If too hot, the paper will blacken.
 Cold water, a tablespoonful of ammonia and soap will take out machine grease where other means would not answer on account of colors running, etc.

Cheese Fondue.
 6 ounces of cheese (1 1/2 cups of cheese grated fine or cut into small pieces).
 1 1/2 cups soft, stale bread crumbs.
 4 eggs, 1 cup hot water, 1-2 teaspoon-salt.
 Mix the water, bread crumbs, salt and cheese; add the yolks, thoroughly beaten into this mixture cut and fold the whites of eggs, beaten until stiff.

Rice Fondue.
 1 cup of boiled rice, 2 tablespoons milk, 4 eggs, 1 cup of grated cheese, 1-2 teaspoon of salt, 1 teaspoon of some commercial meat sauce, or similar flavoring.
 Heat the rice in the milk, add the other ingredients, and cook slowly until the cheese is melted. Serve on crackers or toast.
 The food value is not far from that of a pound of beef of average composition.

Corn and Cheese Souffle.
 1 tablespoon of butter, 1 tablespoon of chopped green pepper, 3-4 cup of flour, 2 cups of milk, 1 cup of chopped corn, 1 cup of grated cheese, 2 eggs, 1-2 teaspoon of salt.
 Melt the butter and cook the pepper thoroughly in it. Make a sauce out of the flour, milk and cheese; add the corn, cheese, yolks and seasoning; cut and fold in the whites beaten stiffly; turn into a moderate oven 30 minutes.
 Made with skimmed milk and without butter this dish has a food value slightly in excess of a pound of beef and a pound of potatoes.

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