

EDITORIALS

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A Traffic Solution

We cannot credit the author of the idea we want to set forth in this editorial for his suggestion because we do not know who he is. His proposal, overheard in a street car jam, was reported to us second hand.

His scheme was toward the end of solving Tacoma's transportation troubles. It is easy, said he. You already have the means in use; namely, the privately owned automobiles.

Just let the community deputize every motorist as a common carrier for the period of the present emergency. Suppose Mr. A lives at So. 7th and Sheridan av. Well, when he started home at night in his machine he'd stick up on the windshield a placard "So. 7th and Sheridan." Then anybody living on the route he would traverse might hail him and be carried along. The passenger would pay 5 cents for the ride, of course. Under the street car oracle's plan the nickles were to be turned over to the T. R. & P. Co., but we confess we do not see much logic to that, and we'd let the auto-ist keep them for gasoline and tires.

With such help extended to the public during the rush hours of morning and night the burden on the car system would be so greatly lightened, this man argued, that the street railway could handle the rest of the traffic in some decent manner.

With memories of last summer's car strike and the remarkable manner in which private autos handled the entire traffic of the city in mind his conclusions sound very reasonable.

The only trouble with such a plan is to put it into force. It sounds good, but it's mighty visionary. However, isn't it interesting?

Where Huns Failed

Prince Lichnowsky's revelations appear to be exciting some further heart searchings in the Fatherland, and the Berlin Tag comes out with a plaintive confession of German "miscalculations." This Berlin weekly wails:

"So many of our calculations have deceived us! We expected that British India would rise when the first shot was fired in Europe, but in reality thousands of Indians came over to fight with the British against us. We anticipated that the whole British empire would be torn to pieces, but the colonies appear to be closer than ever to the mother country. We expected a triumphant rebellion in South Africa, and yet it turned out to be nothing but a fizzle. We expected trouble in Ireland, but instead she has sent thousands of her best soldiers against us. We anticipated that the party of 'peace at any price' would be dominant in England, but it melted away in the ardor to fight against the Germans. We reckoned that England was degenerate and in capable of placing any weight in the scale, but she seems to be our principal enemy.

"The same has been the case with France. We thought that France was deprived and divided, but we found her a formidable opponent. * * * Those who led us into all these mistakes and miscalculations have laid upon themselves a heavy responsibility."

Coal Production Here

Are the coal operators of Washington deliberately curtailing production?

The fuel administration is charged with the duty of looking into this matter—at once.

Now is the time to get ahead of the winter schedule. Consumers should be encouraged now to buy, but they will NOT buy if there is a coal shortage in summer and prices are enormously out of proportion.

It looks very much as if the coal operators want exactly this situation. It looks as if they do not want the consumers to stock up ahead of time and are therefore placing as much difficulty in their way as possible.

Then when winter comes along, up will go the coal prices again. From \$2.80 at the mine a year ago, coal at Renton, for instance, has increased 200 per cent and more, considering the quality.

Are the coal men of this state making a monkey of the United States fuel administrator?

"Going West"

(Winford Kirkland in the Atlantic Monthly.)

Apart from earthly immortality thru heroic endeavor, what does the soldier see for himself, each single lad in the ranks, in that misty land that he knows he is entering? Searching for the answer, one is overwhelmed by the impression given by all trench records: whatever else the soldier may expect of that other side, of one thing he seems absolutely assured, measureless well being: he is going to a place that is good, and he is going with every faculty alert for new adventure.

Almost nothing in the mass of memoirs reveals any definite shaping of that existence about to begin. Assurance takes almost the color from previous education, Catholic, Protestant, agnostic. All we can perceive is the absolute confidence of a new glad life just opening. This perception of joyous experience is implicit in that beautiful phrase of soldier slang, "Going West."

Going west has always spelled adventure, it has connoted, too, the inspiration of self-dependence, the fair, free chance; it has implied lonely effort, lonely exploration, crowned by an unguessed felicity. Yet today the actual Occident is shorn of its stimulus. The earth has been over-discovered; a man may sail close around it, and arrive at no legendary West. Wherever he goes, other men have been before him. But there is left for us all one land forever undiscovered, one unexplored sea path for Columbus courage. The British Tommy endows death with all the romance of three thousand years when he calls it "going west."

It is interesting to note that the description applies. Can you think of anybody else to which the description applies?

Such a display of wickedness, naked yet not ashamed, such a display of scientific exactness, seemed rather to belong to a man than to the most degraded of men. Principles which the most hardened soldier would scarcely hint to his most trusted comrade were there, without the slightest of some painting capabilities. This perception of joyous experience is implicit in that beautiful phrase of soldier slang, "Going West."

THE MOST SHOCKING CREED IN HISTORY!

By Cynthia Grey

The decree concerning the socialization of women, said to have been made by the Russian soviet at Saratov, may be genuine or it may be a hoax.

But wherever written, or by whatever mind conceived, it is the most shocking document in history.

With the alleged proclamation may be only a shameless piece of legislation by an irresponsible body of anarchists, it should not be denied general attention for it reads like a manifest of the emotions and the desires of males of a certain class—of a class not altogether restricted to Russia.

The decency of man is the basis of woman's wellbeing. No code, moral or immoral, ever has released or ever can release woman from this dependence. The fact that there are millions of happy women in the world proves that the majority of men are civilized. They have passed up and out of man's primitive, natural state.

But the statistics of social disease prove that there are men who are far from being as civilized as they pretend to be.

The document defines for the first time the creed of the natural man—wherever found. It is a naive confession of his desires, it betrays his envy, his meanness, his heartlessness.

What it says about man's emotions "au naturel" is bad enough on its face. What it says between the lines is as unbelievable as Hun atrocities.

The envious lust of beauty, which cannot be held entirely peculiar to Russian males, is exposed in the "motive": "Since the most beautiful specimens of the fair sex have in the past been limited by marriage to the possession of the bourgeois man— we will take beauty from the private ownership of the rich, (as we have long wanted to do, says the document in spirit) and make it the property of the whole community.

"For the correct continuation of the race" is written in, but this detail is immediately made worthless in the paragraph which takes the nursing infant from its mother.

Confessions of a Wife

MONEY IS ROOT OF MOST DIVORCE

Dick had some kind of a fad all his life, as you and I know, little boy.

For a while it was drink, then it was cards, then me, then other women, then business, and last of all he took his greatest pleasure in reviewing his life, with a marginal note now and then for me.

Thru it all he was scrupulously honest, as a man conceives honesty. He would not take a man's money away from him openly, but he would pocket with glee a winning at cards. He would never tell the truth, except if truth would "get him in bad with any pretty woman," including his wife, and he would protect any woman against all men except himself. He stood loyally by his friends. He was straight as a die in a business deal.

According to man's code he was as fine as could be, and as I look back on him now I do not know one man in the whole world that I could have lived with less far than poor old Dick.

I got used to being the background of his life and his fads, and perhaps I liked him better that way after all.

"It is rather appalling sometimes, Margie," wrote Dick, "to contemplate the number and variety of emotions a man's wife awakes in him. There are times, my dear, when you were in your most 'school teachery' mood that I just hated you. And I think now it was more because you usually were right in our discussions."

"I think, Margie, there are times in every married man's life when

he gives himself over to self-pity—when he thinks what he might have been, what he might have done, if he were married. At most always at these times he kicks over the traces—I usually went out and got drunk, which made matters worse.

"Almost always these times of self-pity come when a man finds in reviewing his life, with a marginal note now and then for me, that money has caused more divorces than any other thing in the world. The awful part of it with me, Margie, was that I could never blame you for spending more than you earn."

"You're having had a bad time, money before marriage, really know better than I the value of a dollar, but I am not sure that your superiority in this regard was not like 'shaking a red rag at a bull' for me.

"It took me a long time to get over the idea, Margie, that as I was the money-earner I must also be the money-holder.

"Won't you teach our boy that when he marries it is his place in the partnership of marriage to provide the cash and his wife's place to spend it? It will save a lot of quarreling if this can be instilled into the boys of the next generation.

"I am grieving, Margie, as I write, to think of you as our readers in him. This is the end of me as much, if not more, than I hated you. But you, my dear, did not have the ways of getting it out of your system that I did. After I had been out all night and drunk too much, I usually hated myself to such an extent that I

pitied you for having to live with me."

Dear Dick! Do you know, little boy, I never for a moment dreamed that Dick ever hated me? I knew that at times he was just as tired of having me around as I was of having him around.

And I think most women are as egotistical as I was. I am quite sure that the greatest emotion that I had was that of surprise when I found out about Dick and Eleanor Fairlow—yes, altho my pride was hurt and my faith shattered.

Dick never had any responsible feeling toward marriage as an institution, and I know now that his feeling toward me was as vague as the wind. The word "consequences" had no place in his vocabulary, and yet I miss him so. His very irresponsibility where I was concerned fascinated me. Truly, just where to stop being guided by impulse and start being reasonable, is a hard question to settle.

(To Be Continued.)

Russian Reds Declare Women of 17 to 32 Community Property; Marriage Abolished

Following is part of the alleged decree of anarchists at Saratov, Russia, which calls for the socialization of women:

This decree is proclaimed by the Free Association of Anarchists of Saratov, Russia.

DECREE: The private possession of women is hereby abolished.

MOTIVE: Since the most beautiful specimens of the fair sex have in the past been limited by marriage to the possession of the bourgeois man, the correct continuation of the human race has been greatly impeded and great injustice and inequalities have resulted. Such weighty arguments have induced the Anarchists to proclaim the following decree:

ARTICLE NO. 1: After March 1, 1918, the right of man to possess a woman between the ages of 17 and 32 is hereby abolished. The age of women shall be certified by birth certificates or passports, and in the case of failure to produce these documents, the age will be judged by a "block committee" according to the appearance of the woman and the testimony of witnesses.

ARTICLE NO. 2: This decree does not affect women having more than five children.

ARTICLE NO. 3: The former husband shall release his wife from personal ownership, but may call upon her whenever he wishes. In case of resistance by the husband to this decree, he

shall forfeit his right accorded by this decree. **ARTICLE NO. 4:** All women, in accordance with this decree, are exempted from private ownership and are proclaimed to be the property of the whole community. * * * *

(Articles 5, 6 and 7 deal with methods for the registration of women and for raising a "popular propagation fund" to pay the expenses of the plan. Workingmen must pay 2 per cent of their wages to participate and men who are not workers may participate for 100 rubles a month.)

ARTICLE NO. 8: All women affected by this decree will receive an allowance of 238 rubles monthly from the propagation fund.

ARTICLE NO. 9: All prospective mothers are released from their communistic duties for a period of from three months before to two months after childbirth.

ARTICLE NO. 10: All babies 1 month old are to be given over to an asylum or popular crib, where they shall be trained and educated until 17 years of age. The expenses of their training shall be borne by the propagation fund.

ARTICLE NO. 11: Every mother of twins shall receive a bonus of 200 rubles.

ARTICLE NO. 12: Both men and women are required to safeguard their health, frequently submitting to medical examinations in laboratories of health supported by the propagation fund.

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Treatment: Crude carbolic acid, or full strength of any well known commercial disinfectant as zenoleum, applied to every particle of wood even suspected of harboring fleas is effective. Concentrated lye (one 13-ounce can to 3 gallons of water) is the cheapest and most effective solution used at this station. Use an old broom or brush and give especial attention to cracks scarcely noticeable, hidden joints of wood and rough surfaces.

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