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COMMENTS

BY NOREN

In the last issue I made a curious slip in my comment on the matter taken from the Equitist. Quoting the word "inequity," I proceeded to comment upon it as though it read "iniquity." It really does not affect the argument as the words in this particular application carry much the same meaning save that one is much more severe than the other. I hope Mr. Brokaw will forgive me for the blunder.

I was unaware that I had set up a straw man to knock down. I suppose those things happen just to show editors that they are not so all-fired smart after all.

In substituting "iniquity" for "inequity" when speaking of the conduct of the State I rather out-anarchisted the anarchists.

FARMING IN FRANCE AFTER THE WAR

"Unless measures are taken to make rural life more attractive, and in particular to improve agricultural methods, there is danger after the war, with the decrease in man-power, of something like an agricultural crisis. Therefore movies, traveling lecturers, journalism, toys, tracts, photographs, and, most convincing of all, a fascinating series of pasteboard models reproducing prize designs by French architects of model farms and villages in the purest style of the different re-

gions of the North, are to bring home to the evacuees, wherever they are, the advantages of modern civilization."—From the Century Magazine.

The French must be getting ready for a nation-wide agricultural department a la United States. Just imagine the crop of hay a movie will raise. And traveling lecturers; to tell the farmers what time to put the cows to bed. Journalism too: a la Country Gentleman, I suppose; or probably a la Hearst with a new edition every time the hens cackle. Never knew they could grow toys on a farm. These agriculturists are wonderful. And tracts! Shades of Henry Ford; what's the use of making tractors when tracts will do. And photographs! How that brings back the good old times. Once more will the family album come into its own. "And most convincing of all, a fascinating series of pasteboard models."

Oh, yes, come back you evacuees of France, wherever you are, come back to the new civilization that science has prepared for you, the civilization of which you never dreamed. Come back and look at the pasteboards!

"To grow food is a crime in England."—From Lloyd's Weekly News, London, 21st April, 1918.

"Three of the Three cottars who recently began tilling unworked land on that island to secure food for themselves and their families, and were, at the instance of the Duke of Argyll, and another, interdicted, were brought before the Sheriff's Court at Oban in the week for sentence."

"Mr. Donald Shaw, S. S. C., Edinburgh, who appeared for the cottars, appealed to the Bench to refuse to sentence men whose 'crime' consisted practically of persisting in planting food on unworked land in order to save themselves and their families from possible starvation."

"The Sheriff suggested that the cottars should give an understanding that they would discontinue the work. This they refused. They were then sentenced to ten days' imprisonment, and ordered to pay £3 towards the expense of their trial."

In the plute press of America, England is always spoken of as a democracy. But as yet the lords and dukes rule here with an iron hand. Think of this unsavory crew who put people in jail for growing food, sending one of their own ilk, Lord Balfour over here to advise us what to do. And no man in Washington with spunk

enough to pitch him back into the sea.

And we in turn sending Gompers—of all men Gompers—over there to run around and bark at the Labor party, the manhood of England, who are doing what they can to overthrow this nasty crew of lords and dukes, the nobility, that puts men in jail for producing food.

Any man who puts a price on vacant land is a promoter of starvation.

"Those who make private property of the gift of God (land) pretend in vain to be innocent. For in thus retaining the substance of the poor they are the murderers of those who die every day for the want of it."—Pope Gregory the Great.)

..Samuel Untermyer "For America the war will usher in the era of social justice and will put us forward as 100 years of peace could not have accomplished."

Would two wars put us forward two hundred years, Sam? And how many wars will give us the millennium?

"First the public domain, the public utilities and the natural resources of the country will revert to the people."

I take for granted, Sam, that you are contributing liberally to the California and Missouri Single Tax campaigns where they are actually trying to bring your hopes to realization. For fear you have overlooked it. I am sending Luke North a marked copy of this issue so that he can remind you. No man should contribute hot air only. Money is better, Sam. It is more effective.

"Second—Child labor will be contraband throughout the land. The law will not permit of labor being longer regarded as a mere saleable commodity. There will be compulsory arbitration."

Your first will make your second utterly superfluous, Sam. And besides I have nothing but my labor to sell and I want to be absolutely free to sell it, for whatever I please. I want none of your compulsory arbitration in mine. My labor is MINE.

"Third—The reserves that are made by conservative business by way of depreciation for wear and tear on buildings, plant, machinery and tools as part of the cost of doing business before calculating profits, will be made to apply to and include the human machine as well.

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"Fourth—So far as possible, unemploy-
ment will be guarded against by Gov-
ernment undertakings in times of in-
dustrial and agricultural depression."

Isn't that the old stunt of trying
to lift yourself by your own boot-
straps? If not, it is surely a patent
plan for earning the same money
twice. At any rate it comes to this:
We put our money into the public
treasury. And then we make a bar-
gain with our servants, the treasury
officials, to let us go to work in a
canal and earn it back again. I worked
on the Chicago drainage canal once
and your proposition doesn't look
good to me. I would rather only earn
my money once. Twice in one ditch
for the same money? Nix.

"Fifth—Vast land grants still held
by the railroads will be opened to set-
tlement, and monopolies and combina-
tions will be punished and suppressed
and ruinous competition will be pro-
hibited."

Well the government has the railroads now. Maybe it will dispose of the land grants. If it doesn't we'll just have to back Luke North a little further and that will dispose of them.

And so you will suppress both monopoly and competition! You would eat your cake and keep it too. Kellar had a remarkable faculty for making people see things. But at the end of the performance Kellar had their admission fees and the audience were short to that extent. This wonderful science of socialism of yours, Sam, may abolish both monopoly and competition, but what's the fee at your performance, Sam?

"The country will be divided into just two classes when this war is over—into those who did their duty and those who did not. And woe be to those who did not."

See Luke North about that duty of yours, Sam.

The question of permanent universal military training is beginning to assume importance. The director of the American Union Against Militarism has sent out a careful analysis as to the probable acceptance of the junker military policy. He places President Wilson as having been against it and as at present not for it, but silent. Director Hallinan says:

"Some people seem to feel that the provisions now being worked out for the training of the eighteen-year-old boys is somehow or other the 'thin edge of the wedge.' Well, they wouldn't think so if they could hear the sulphurous comments of the militarists themselves on that question."

Under the present law the training of the young draftees ceases automatically with the war, but the use the militarists make of this training provision is capably illustrated by the quotation I give below. The cleverness with which this is written surpasses anything I have seen before on this subject. The writer deftly mixes the fact of the present military draft act with his own plea for its permanency in words that convey the idea that the country is already committed to it.

"A SHORT CHAT WITH MANY AMERICANS—BY THE EDITOR"

"America calls upon you, young man, to assist her in a special way. Unlike the nations of old, who failed to look into the future and, because of this failure, have become but mem-

ories, your country is even now preparing for the days that will come after the dove of peace hovers over the homes of men. At present, while her principal aim is to train young men in mind and body in order that they may play their important part in the world conflict, yet America is looking into the future, for she sees the days of reconstruction, she sees the need of specially trained men to carry on the affairs of state. It is true that young men between the ages of 18 and 21, young men who have completed an accredited high school course or its equivalent, are to receive strict military training, provided they enroll themselves in the Students' Army Training Corps. America must be prepared for any crisis, and because she believes in preparedness, her young men are to be thoroughly conversant with military training. These young men need never be called for active military service, yet the possibility of the contrary being true exists, and America is not to be caught napping. Besides the effect of strict discipline, the influence of military etiquette, of military tactical training upon these young men cannot be measured. They are at an age when most pliable and at a time when such training will accomplish untold good."

And so the editor goes on. The whole article is too long to quote but you get the idea in the above. It is from a religious journal. Jesus Christ, the Teacher to mankind, did not give His disciples military instruction but His helmeted follower (?) the Kaiser and all the imitators of the Kaiser are making up for it.

It is evident this religious editor does not take seriously the "Peace on EARTH, good will to men," doctrine. Nor does the idea that this is a war to destroy war find lodgement in his mind. He believes in preparing for the next war at once.

Note carefully his slight of hand and slight of mind performance. Now he speaks of the present, now of the future and then again of the future he desires. At times you are in doubt as to whether he means one or the other but he creates a beautiful setting for his own idea. It becomes soothing to your mind. He relieves you of thinking and he sugar-coats his poison by a word-picture of the physical benefit military training is supposed to give. And then you are supposed to agree with him that anything that is of such great benefit should be permanent.

I am glad to mention that Director Hallinan states, that at the beginning of his services only some 200 papers were listed as opposed to permanent military training but that now there are over 700 such papers including the New York World and other large ones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Nimick and the Misses Nimick have returned to their Fifth avenue home, after spending the season at their summer place at Bay Head, N. J.

Dr. and Mrs. Maitland Alexander, with their family, have returned from Grey Ledge, their summer home at Dark Harbor, Me., and are now at Franklin Farm, Sewickley Heights, for a few weeks, before opening their home on Ridge avenue for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McKean and their daughter, Miss Margaret Cox McKean, have closed Carse Gow-an, their summer home on Coraopolis Heights, and are now occupying their winter home in South Negley avenue. They spent the latter part of the summer at Beach Haven, N. J.

The above three news items represent the scandal of civilization. You can pick like items out of the daily papers every day in the year. Some one said: "Give until it hurts." Hurts whom? Not those who have two mansions, one for summer and another for winter and can afford to spend the between seasons at fashionable resorts. And that middle item is a peach. That's the Reverend Alexander, a follower of Him who said:

"The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air, nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." My, what a change since then. How proud must the Master be now when he sees the preacher of His gospel divide his time between three (3) homes. Or can it be that He is looking at the little emaciated bodies of dead orphan children. Or is He watching the little ones who must go hungry to school, and hungry to bed in an unheated house, because father was robbed, ROBBED. Yes, maybe the Master is still concerned about those who toil and slave and give until it hurts, so that others can have plenty to eat, and plenty of heat and three mansions to live in.

I bet if Jesus Christ came to the

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back door of any of Reverend Alexander's homes, the butler would shoot him away. And if He went into his church He would be arrested.

From the American Union Against Militarism:

The Danish newspaper, Politiken, in an editorial which has attracted considerable attention in Europe, says that America has sounded the death knell of the "old-fashioned militarism" based upon eternal "preparedness."

"Last year jeering voices in Germany spoke of America's platonic declaration of war. A country without an army and navy would be unable to bring an army to Europe, even if it had one! Nobody believed in the possibility of raising an army of millions in a year. One had seen how long it took England to let her immense forces loose.

"Furthermore, it was argued, even if the human material were available, how, with short training, could it replace and outweigh the advantages possessed by the European powers, above all, Germany, with centuries of military traditions and years of preparation in arming?

"So one reasoned in Germany and outside. Now we live to see American transports cross the Atlantic apparently as safely as in peace times. Troops depart and arrive punctually—in August 300,000; in one year about 3,000,000.

"But there lies, in all this, a threat against the root of old-fashioned militarism. After this war even the most hardened militarists must ask themselves whether there is any sense in throwing millions away on a peace time establishment, a gigantic army and navy, when the whole machinery

can be improvised in a few months. That is precisely what America has done."

"Politiken" confirms Bryan's famous statement that an army of millions of effective defenders could be raised and equipped in an incredibly short time in this country. No one doubted that for an instant except the bought editors of the kept press who had orders to ridicule anything that Bryan might say as an opponent of militarism.

The real secret of the power of the American army is that the boys have had enough to eat ever since they were born. And that too, is the secret of the staying power of the German army. England on the other hand had to recruit her army largely out of the slums of poverty. The poor boys of England did not need a year's drilling, for they could learn as quickly as any of them, but they needed a year's feeding, and that's why they were so slow in getting into action, compared with our boys. "Politiken's" remark that: "After this war even the most hardened militarists must ask themselves whether there is any sense in throwing millions away on a peace time establishment, a gigantic army and navy, when the whole machinery can be improvised in a few months."

That will not effect the militarists in the slightest since the money is always thrown away on them. Then, to an imperial government a navy is almost indispensable in the matter of collecting foreign accounts for such corporations as happen to own that particular imperial government.

And during large strikes an army is very handy. President Cleveland defeated the strike of the American Railway Union by sending federal troops to Chicago.

Suppose a democrat should poke a prince in the ribs. How could such a terrible affront to His Majesty's government be atoned for unless there stood ready at hand an army to defend the country's honor. It would be almost impossible to recruit a regiment of coal miners or breakmen to compel an apology for the injured feelings of the prince. But if you had a regiment ready at hand, who for several years had been itching to shoot and in the meantime been taught that life's utmost limit of bliss to a soldier consisted in a prince of the royal blood condescending to speak to him. In that case there would be apology or war.

From the militarist point of view the effectiveness of raw troops does not effect the argument at all. To them lack of army and lack of navy means starvation. A standing army in peace is very profitable and when it brings war, as it does sooner or later, then comes the harvest of gold.

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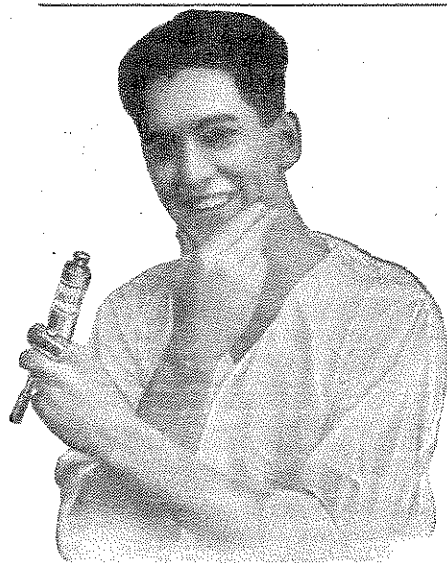
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"When the war began in 1914 a man named Godfrey Jones, a coal miner in Wales, enlisted as a private. He soon became a non-commissioned officer, and a little later earned a commission. At Saloniki he showed such conspicuous courage that he was awarded the distinguished order, service. The other day Col. Jones, still serving with his countrymen and in command of Welsh soldiers, was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. The coal miner now outranks the heir to the British throne."

From the National Labor Journal. Will this Labor (?) Journal please tell us what the heir to the British throne has done to rank so high?

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