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## Victim of German "Kamerad."

**HAS SCAR AND GUN AS SOUVENIRS**

"He's faking," warned the Y.M.C.A. man's companion as they approached a supposedly wounded German officer. The "Y" man had gone over the top with the boys and was serving as a stretcher bearer, so he kept on toward

Most of us neglect to explore a feet of him when the officer, who had his hands above his head in regular surrender fashion, made a sudden motion with the right hand, there was an explosion and a bullet tore through the American's arm.

The victim of this bit of German "strategy" is Alexnader P. Watson, of Knoxville, Tenn., who has just returned from France. The "kamerad" gun, which he brought home as a souvenir, is so small that it can be concealed in the palm of the hand. The short muzzle is entirely hidden by the fingers. The weapon is also fitted with a stock so built that it fits into the curve of the hand as it is held above one's head, and the long trigger is worked with the little finger.

In "surrendering" the wielder of this treacherous mechanism holds up his left hand with the palm forward in the usual fashion, but the right, holding the gun is extended above the head with the palm turned in, concealing the pistol. When the victim is close enough, a twist of the wrist is enough to do the work.

There was no resistance on the part of the German when Watson finally got this souvenir. A doughboy in a "mopping-up" party at work nearby saw the attack on the "Y" man. The soldier's action, which was instantaneous, made it unnecessary for the stretcher bearers to pick up this particular "wounded" man.

## London Leads.

By a World-Traveller.

The "Tipperary" song revived a vague sentimentality over the passing of Piccadilly and the loss of Leicester-square, but few Englishmen and no Londoners seem to realize the pre-eminence of London. Indeed, the term "Cockney" is almost a reproach.

Every foreignor is obsessed with the delusion that London is garrotted half the year by fogs. We now better, but many of us cherish the humblest ideas about her beauty, pleasures, comfort, and climate.

I have spent part of this winter in Paris. The cost of necessaries was between 60 and 100 per cent. higher than here, congestion greater, locomotion much more difficult.

The fogs may never have been so black as our worst are painted, but they were certainly mulatto. To snatch a cab was a miracle. The Metro was a sardine-box, where you could scarcely stand on the platform, and you had to begin to wriggle your way out two stations ahead.

All this without the infinite patience and good humour of Londoners. Pavements were packed with people and usually flanked by muddy streams. Gaiety is still checked by law and there are fewer opportunities for dancing.

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Rome has more monuments, but most of them are buried or hidden away. They do not display themselves with the grandeur of Westminister Abbey or St. Paul's. All the streets are narrow, even the daunted Corso being no better than the Strand. The muddy Tibet has none of the tender glories of the Thames. The Borghess gardens cannot rival the flowers of Hyde Park or the verdure of Kensington.

Madrid, Vienna, Budapest, even dear, dreamy Bucharest, are too hot in summer and too cold in winter, whereas London never offers painful extremes. Constantinople is just a glorious slum. Athens a collection of coffee-houses and tramways huddled round the Parthenon.

Copenhagen is the only real rival I know, with the gay shops, the smiling people, the night-life of the Tivoli, an inspiration rather than an imitation of Earl's Court. But here is merely a dainty minitature, and at present suited to millionaires.

London alone offers solid comfort, the best of the whole world's goods, incessant entertainment, spick tidiness, a sense of home. If you were condemned to give up wandering, where else could you bear to remain?

Most of us neglect to explore a tithe of the treasures and beauties and mysteries which our capital contains, and here we might learn a lesson from our present Dominions visitors, who often tell me they wonder how they will tear themselves away.—Daily Mail.

## The M. C. U.

We have heard a lot recently about the upper class and the working class. Now the middle class has something to say. They have called a meeting in London and decided to form an organization called "The Middle Class Union." The purposes were set forth as follows: To remove undue burdens upon the middle class, including the cost of living; to protect the middle class against bureaucratic and industrial tyranny, to combine for the common protection of those members of the community who have no organization to safeguard their interests. They will in future protect themselves aganinst the tyranny of the autocrats and the industrial classes.

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## British Seamen and the Indemnity.

**Mr. Havelock Wilson's Suggestion.**

The Master of the Glaziers' Company (Mr. George Paget Walford) entertained at luncheon yesterday, at the Painters' Hall, Little Trinity-lane, E.C., the members of the Court, a number of shipping members of the Livery, and several guests, including General Peter Balinsky, of Petrograd, Mr. Havelock Wilson, M.P. (president of the Merchant Seamen's League), Captain Tupper (National Organizer of British Seamen), and Dr. Williamson (vice-president of the Oddfellows' Society).

The Master, in proposing the toast of "The Guests," said he deeply sympathized with the admirable letter which Mr. Havelock Wilson wrote to The Times last Thursday, and from his long experience in the shipping world he could not but express his astonishment that there should be any English shipowner at this moment who would desire to suppress any advantages which might have been obtained by the agreement made with the Government authorities for the rate of wages and payment of overtime during the period we had been at war. Shipowners were now able to obtain very profitable freights, and there was absolutely no necessity whatever for any cheese-paring. How long the high rates of freight would be maintained he could not say, but he looked forward to the prosperity of shipowners for some time to come yet.

In the meantime, he thought that some effort should be made by the League and by the Governments of the Allied countries to use their influence to get Allied and neutral nations to legislate so that their crews should be paid a uniform minimum rate of wage. They wanted to level other nations' wages up to our own, and they did not want to bring the wages of their seamen down to the level of competing nations. Some people had an idea that shipowners had been profiteering, but that was not the case as nearly all the steamers requisitioned by the Government during the war had been worked at a loss to their owners. It was also not the fact that the high prices of imported produce were due to excessive freights.

Mr. Havelock Wilson, M.P., in replying, acknowledged the compliment which they had paid, through him, to the British seamen, and said that some of our statesmen had an idea that everything under the sun should be nationalised. If that were done he prophesied that the freedom we had enjoyed in this country would be a thing of the past. He did not believe in nationalization at all; he believed in individual effort, which had made us what we were to-day. The Seamen's League stirred up patriotism among the working classes when things were looking bad; whilst the Labour Party, who did not represent the working men in any shape or form, declared in 1017 that we should seek peace by negotiation, and that no indemnity should be asked for. The League opposed the Labour Party on both points.

As to the indemnity, it was for this country to tell Germany that until she settled the account we were not going to have any business with her. If the seamen of this country and other countries joined together and said they were not going to carry any goods to or from Germany until the account was settled the difficulty would quickly be solved. (Cheers.) If he were satisfied that the bulk of the Russian people were Bolshevists he would advise that they should leave them severely alone; but as they were only a small portion of the population we had one policy to pursue, and that was to fight Bolshevism to the bitter end.

Captain Tupper said that if the Bolshevist movement was not crushed they would find its pernicious influence spreading to this country. In America any man preaching Bolshevist dostrine was at once put in gaol; and the Seamen's League would also fight it in this country to their "last bob." If there was one thing that Americans realised it was that British seamen saved the world, and as a tribute they were raising an endowment fund for the British Sailors' Homes in various places in this country.

General Balinsky (a civil engineer in Russia who was made a "General" by the Tsar because of the high position he attained as Councillor of State, and who succeeded in getting out of the country through Siberia and Vladivostok) said that the Russian people would be very grateful to the English people if they could help them and their country.—The Times, April 4.


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Miss Information. BUT THE PAY DOESN'T COME OFTEN. By Cowan

## Sound Detective.

The geophone, invented during war to determine the exact [illegible] of sounds above and beneath the face of the earth, soon will be extensively in mining operations the United States, according to Bureau of Mines. The instrument proved of great value to the [illegible] in determining the location of [illegible] batteries and in detecting the approach of the enemy. The direction trenches or tunnels in the earth could be located with great accuracy. In mining operations, the bureau expects the instrument will be [illegible] ially valuable in locating men [illegible] ed from escape by cave-ins [illegible] plosions.