

# WOMEN'S INTERESTS

## More Foreign Propaganda Is Now Coming To America

Directed at Young Womanhood of Country Regarded as Perhaps More Sinister Than Any Recently Hurlled at Free Institutions of Home of the Brave

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New York, May 3—More foreign propaganda has come to the shores of the United States. In some quarters it is regarded as sinister as any which has been hurled across the restless waves of the Atlantic at the free institutions of America.

Foreigners are coming here and urging American girls to get married. This is a rank invasion of the rights of the bachelor maids, or whatever they choose to call themselves. Some time ago when "scoff-law" and "rumbug" were invented as possible—or rather impossible—of the English language, some one offered a prize for a name to take the place of "old maid" or "spinster." It was said that spinster carried with it some idea of reproach, if being left on the shelf, and failed utterly to give the atmosphere of voluntary singled blessedness with it.

Among mere man it was argued that "bachelor" was a word in which the single of the masculine persuasion seemed to take great pride. The more deadly of the species have attempted to imitate its suggestion of a lordly, independent pose, by coming "bachelor maid." But it has proved an awkward expression and the girls have wanted some thing peculiarly their own.

The contest to substitute a better word for spinster appears to have died out, however, and it is small wonder, considering the fruits of the contests for a contemptuous designation of those deliberately violating the Volstead act.

In lieu of a proud name for the spinsters has come this seductive foreign propaganda telling the young women of America to get out of their heads this youthful idea of careers and to take on the yoke of matrimony at one of the earliest opportunities.

A quite famous protagonist of the "new order" is none other than Lord William Cecil of London, who is soon to sail for home after seeing his own son, the Hon. J. F. A. Cecil, of the British embassy at Washington, married to the brilliant Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt at Biltmore, N. C.

Lord William says a career may be all right for a woman, but let it come after she has married and brought up her family and sent her children in the way they should go. Then if she and her husband decide that she should strive for a place in parliament, or on the county council, well and good.

But first of all, Lord William believes in the ancient institution of matrimony and that is his first and last advice to the American girl he has learned to know and admire so much during his sojourn in this country.

On top of Lord William's unequal view, comes that of Dr. Aletta Jacobs, distinguished suffragist and women physician of Holland. Out of the fullness of her seventy years, Dr. Jacobs avows that early marriage is to be regarded as one of the most certain cures for the waves of immorality which are sweeping the world.

It is the opinion of the distinguished lady of The Netherlands that girls should marry at twenty—or younger. In Holland marriages at sixteen are not uncommon. There are more at eighteen and still more at twenty.

As a result of these early marriages, the flapper type of young woman has never flourished long in Holland, and there has been less upsetting of the moralities since the war than in almost any other country on the globe. Holland boasts of fewer illegitimate children than any other country.

It is not Dr. Jacobs' idea, however, that women should become parasites at 16 or 18 or 20. She believes, contrarily to Lord William Cecil that a young woman can marry and have a career too. In Holland, many of the young women who marry are working girls and they keep right on working. It is easy, according to

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"Women," says Dr. Jacobs, "can never hope to excel if they work only a few years of their life,—before marriage. Men work nearly all of their life and naturally go farther than the woman who works only a very small part of the time."

Thus the propaganda wages. What are the American girls going to do about it?

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#### Picnic at Bay

A merry picnic was that of Friday when the pupils of the four seventh grades and their teachers, Misses Hattie Harney, Camila Starnes, Pauline Mayes and Marie LeRoy motored down to Davis Bay for the afternoon.

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### Personals

Jack Spruill of Creswell was in the city Friday on business.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Lev McCabe of Washington are in the city, the guests of Dr. McCabe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCabe.

A. B. Houtz returned home Friday morning after attending the funeral of his father, Rev. Alfred Houtz, at Orangeville, Pa.

Mrs. Minnie Perebee, 404 North Road street spent Friday in South Mills as the guest of Mrs. India Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Sawyer left Friday for Durham where they will visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Frank Swain returned home Friday from Hertford where she was the guest of Mrs. Josiah Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Venters and grandson, Frank Venters, have returned home after visiting friends and relatives at Washington.

Miss Madge McPherson of South Mills is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McPherson on North Road street.

Miss Elsie Powell of Portsmouth is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Modlin, 101 West Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Jacobs and Mrs. J. G. Fearing motored to Norfolk this week to see "Blossom Time."

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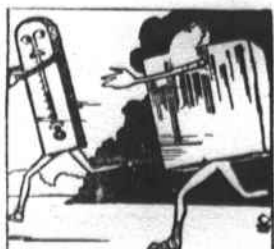
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