

New National Defence Act May Work a Few Changes In the University Regiment

Captain Parker, commandant of the state University cadets, has applied to the war department for details of non-commissioned officers in the active service, and for privates in the army reserve corps, to assist in the instruction in military science at the state University.

The request was made in accordance with the provisions of the new national defense act, passed by the last congress, and under which the University cadet corps will be governed in the future.

Adjutant General William M. Cruikshank asked Captain Parker to submit his request for the detail, and the application, when sent in, asked that

army men be detailed for both the farm and the city campus companies.

Become Reserve Officers

The new national defense act provides regulations governing the training of University men so that they may become members of the reserve officers corps of the regular army. When it becomes of full effect, cadets at the University may elect a four years' course that will result in their being paid for their service in their senior and junior years, and make them eligible for actual service with the army at the pay of second lieutenants of the reserve.

The course for the first two years provides for at least three hours per week of instruction in military science, a requisite that is met by the drill requirements at the University now. For the third and fourth years the men would have to take five hours per week, and serve at two camps to fulfill the army requirements.

This means that the cadet camp, formerly enjoyed by the cadets but abolished several years ago, will have to be given again. It will be optional with the men when they take the camp, but at least two must have been in their course before they complete the requirements.

To Be Given Commutation

The law provides that when any member of the senior division, under which the University would come, has completed two academic years of service in that division and has been selected for further training, and has agreed in writing to continue in the reserve officers training corps for the remainder of his course in the institution, he may be furnished at the expense of the United States, with commutation of subsistence, that is, he will be given cash equivalent to the cost of rations regularly served to the various army units in garrison.

This means, according to Commandant Parker, that the cadets in the advanced years would receive approximately \$9 a month from the government. This fund will soon be available for the cadets now in the regiment, and those who have completed the requirements will be paid for the time they have served since the first of July last.

In securing this, the cadet signs the following contract:

Signs Contract

"In consideration of commutation of subsistence to be furnished me in accordance with law, I hereby agree to continue in the reserve officers' train-

ing corps during the remainder of my course in Nebraska University, to devote five hours per week during such period to the military training prescribed, and to pursue the courses of camp training during such period, prescribed by the secretary of war."

When the unit of the reserve officers' training corps is established at the University, there will be issued to each member of the unit this uniform: One pair of olive-drab woolen breeches, one olive-drab cap, one olive-drab woolen coat, one pair of canvas leggings, one set of cap and collar ornament, one pair of russet shoes.

To those students who go to camp, this additional uniform will be provided: One service hat, one hat cord, two pairs of olive-drab cotton breeches, and two olive-drab flannel shirts.

New Gun to Be Used

It shall also be the policy of the government to issue the latest model of arms. This means that as soon as the equipment is available, the cadets will be supplied with the latest Springfield rifles, replacing the Krags now in use. The Springfields are the same calibre, but they have a much greater velocity.

When the cadet reaches the end of his college course, and still wishes to continue in the army service, if he meets every requirement of the government regulations he will be allowed to serve in the regular army as a temporary second lieutenant for six months at a salary of \$100 a month. At the expiration of that time he gets a commission in the reserve army corps, and is subject to call within ten years, in time of war, and he may be called for a period of fifteen days that may be extended, for service during peace.

Under the new plan the third and fourth year of training will contain more of the theoretical side of the service than has been presented heretofore. Instruction in the psychology of war, the general principles of strategy, international relations and similar topics will be given.

A few changes may be made in matters of detail. The war department suggests that the time of drill should come before 4:30 in the afternoon, while now the drill period is from 5 until 6. The strength of the companies here may have to be raised, as under the new system, companies are to contain from fifty-five to eighty men. The war department discourages bands as large as the one the University has.

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Statistics sometimes teach wholesome lessons. A recent example is the survey made of 100 Kansas farms. According to the figures, the farmer with a high school education is making 70 per cent more profit than his neighbor with only a common school education, while the college graduate is earning an income so much greater than that of either that he is frankly in a class by himself. However much the public may be surprised to learn of such a wide divergence, their amazement will probably not surpass that of the farmers themselves, who, it is said, before the survey, had no idea that education could make such a difference in the value of agricultural effort. The survey would seem to be one more practical answer to the popular question, does it pay to go to college?—Christian Science Monitor.

OHIO STATE MAKES BONDED CONTRACT FOR WINTER'S COAL

Ohio State University.—Although there may be a shortage of coal this winter, there will be no cold feet in the university, for the authorities have protected themselves against emergency by making a bonded contract with the Victoria Coal company of the Athens county mines. This year the contract bond has been doubled, from \$5,000 to \$10,000.—Exchange.

OTHERS HAVE THEIR TROUBLES TOO

Agitation is growing stronger in some colleges and universities in favor of abolishing chapel service. Recently at Syracuse only ten students attended the chapel exercises, and this number was made up of one freshman, four sophomores, and five juniors. The seniors were not represented. The at-

tendance at each exercise averages only twenty-five.—Exchange.

It is said to cost \$600 more now to send one's daughter to a well known college, not a thousand miles from Boston, than it did a few years ago. The impression should not be allowed to obtain, however, that this or any other college is an exception to any economic rule. It costs considerably more than it used to to send one's daughter anywhere.—Christian Science Monitor.

THEY HAVE NO AESTHETIC SENSE UP THERE

(From the Minnesota Daily.)

"Everyone seems willing to trade all the scenery on the campus for a month's work with good pay."—Exchange.

THEY'LL NEED A LOT

The New York authorities have been seriously considering the installation of slates and slate-pencils for paper. The scarcity of paper is explained by some as being the result of the warring nations using up all the available supply for printing excuses of their conduct, and telling how peaceful they really are.—Exchange.

INFLUX OF WEALTH

All the members of Battery B of Purdue were in a cheerful mood yesterday as the result of the receipt by each man of a check for one dollar. This was in payment for two days' service in the militia previous to the time when they were mustered into the federal service.—Exchange.

The new dean of Harvard college came to the institution from the state of Washington. The recently elected dean of the Harvard law school is a native of Nebraska. The dean of the

graduates' school at Harvard is a native of Pennsylvania, and came to the Massachusetts institution from the University of Wisconsin. As the Harvard Bulletin says, these are significant facts. A university that wishes to gain or to retain a national constituency must recruit its teachers on a national basis. Some day, probably, both Yale and Harvard will, for a change, try a western-bred president.—Exchange.

BOOKS SEEK OUT GUARDSMEN

M. A. C. officials are making an effort to enable college seniors who are with the state guard on the Mexican border to graduate with their class next June. Books have been sent to all such students, with detailed instructions as to courses of study, written work and examinations, and the president of the agricultural college announces that every effort will be made to enable the student guardsmen to keep up their collegiate work.—Michigan Daily.

The executive committee of the athletic association of the University of Nevada is considering the abolition of all athletics for one year, due to the lack of financial support by the undergraduates.—Exchange.

ON THE BORDER

Out of the companies of cadets at Iowa only six members answered the roll this year. Upon investigation it proved that all the others were at the border.—Exchange.

Coach Howard Jones, of Iowa, is so pleased with the spirit shown at last Saturday's game that he has inaugurated one day a week on which the rooters can view their favorites in uniform.—Exchange.

U. OF OREGON OPENS NEW PRACTICE HIGH SCHOOL

University of Oregon.—The innovation of a university high school was begun Monday, September 13, at the University of Oregon. The school is to be a laboratory for the teaching of pedagogy. The quarters will be in the new School of Education building. The attendance will be probably about ninety. In the school it is intended to employ experimentally the latest methods in teaching. A goodly proportion of the future high school teachers of the state of Oregon will have had their instruction in pedagogy in the university high school, and the device of such a school has been adopted so far by only a few universities.—Exchange.

Oglethorpe university, which this fall, after a lapse of fifty years, has reopened its doors, is a picturesque example of what faithful effort and patient waiting can accomplish. Not only is this Georgia institution again welcoming students, but it has begun the second chapter in its history in a new building, said to be the finest of its kind in the southern states. Oglethorpe university closed its doors on

account of the civil war, but, being founded on something more permanent than the war and its attending conditions, it has been able to renew its usefulness, notwithstanding difficulties that many would have regarded as hopeless.—Exchange.

Apparel proclaims the freshman girl as well as the freshman boy at the University of Montana. During the first week of school all first-year girls must appear on the campus wearing hair ribbons of a vivid green, under penalty of a punishment the nature of which is not known.—Exchange.

Francis Stirling editor of the Jack-o'-Lantern of Dartmouth, has been suspended from school because he criticized members of the faculty for their stand on the question of preparedness. Fellow students have petitioned for reinstatement, and a demonstration is also planned.—Exchange.

WAR COURSE FOR PRINCETON

A new course in military history and theory has been started at Princeton this year. The course will be a three-fifths elective for juniors and seniors. The course will take up the military history of the United States, its present policy, and practical exercises.—Exchange.

BARRED FROM SOCIETIES

The literary societies at Oberlin college are considering the proposition that no freshman should be considered eligible for membership during the first semester. Furthermore, before he could become a full member, it would be necessary for him to deliver a carefully prepared address before the society members.—Exchange.

Wooster is trying out the push ball contest this year for the first time as a means of settling the annual freshman squabble.—Exchange.

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