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The desire of students for a representative Cornhusker—for a book that would hit a common mean between the old extravagant book and the proposed "war-time Cornhusker"—has been granted by the publication board, which voted just before recess to construct the 1918 Cornhusker along the lines originally outlined by the editor-in-chief. It will be dedicated to Nebraska and the war, but will contain as well a history of campus activities for the year and will publish junior and senior class and organization pictures. The proposed "war-time" book did not meet the favor of students because its scope was too limited, but its general conception—that of looking at the University year from a war point of view—which coincided with the original plan of the editor, will be followed out.

This morning begins a new year, the most momentous probably that has dawned since the beginning of civilization. Surely no more titanic forces have been struggling for a supremacy which to all indications will be permanent than those of democracy and autocracy now at death-grips; No one cares to pause to prophesy what will be the world situation at the end of this new year, but everyone well knows that during it history that will effect the future of the world for centuries to come will be enacted.

It is our privilege as young men and women not only to live in this stupendous age, but in our small way to help "make history." We not only have the honor of living at a time when the future course of the world is being determined, but we have the opportunity of taking up the cause of humanity and justice and helping to establish these principles forever in the world. May this new year, then, for every Nebraska student, be happy because he or she is doing something for America.

WAR SAVINGS

"War Savings Stamps mark an epoch in our national life."—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Many a successful business man has said that the saving of his first dollar was the most important single act of his life; that it marked the beginning of a habit and a course of conduct to which he attributed his success.

Something very analogous to this, it is believed, is going to be the effect on the American Nation of the War Savings campaign. Not only are millions of individual citizens going to begin to save, but this habit of economy and saving is going to be a collective movement, a movement not of individuals alone but of the nation.

The habit of saving formed now has a deeper incentive than ordinary. We are saving now not alone for selfish reasons, we are saving now from patriotism, saving not alone for ourselves but for our country. The combination of patriotism and thrift is, indeed, going to make the War Savings campaign an epoch in our national life. It is not only going to be a thing of tremendous benefit to millions of citizens, it is going to be a thing of tremendous advantage to the Nation as a whole, and affect our whole national life. It marks the beginning of a new era in American life, an era of economy, good sense, and patriotism.—Ex.

Exchange Editorials

RUMOR AS A WEAPON

(From the New York Times.)
As the channels of print are rapidly closed to the German government's propagandists in the United States, they are resorting more and more to

the spreading of poison by word of mouth. We are not speaking of those who do the German government's work without knowledge, the pacifists and Socialists, but of the actual agents of Wilhelmstrasse; for it is certain that this poison cannot be the product of any others. The German agent pervades the land. In every community where he stops overnight a full-blown rumor pervades the town the next day. It came from somebody on the "inside," somebody who got it straight" and it is whispered from one to another until the whole community is uneasy and agitated.

Sometimes the rumor is that of a transport which is supposed to have been sunk with an American regiment on board. It is usually given with the utmost particularity, including the name of the regiment, the names of the survivors and all the details. This bars all possibility that the rumor is mere accidental rumor, of the usual war-time kind, for the particularity of detail argues an author. Sometimes the story whispered by the German agent is that there has been a mutiny; in such cases the camp and the regiments engaged in the outbreak are named. Sometimes he poses as an Englishman or a Canadian with a friend or relative in the army or in the foreign office, and in this case his story is that the British are holding their army at home and making the French and colonials do the fighting for them; in such cases he particulars in figures and dates. Sometimes he masquerades as a newspaper man or a government official, and whispers the "inside" information that Japan is getting ready to declare war on the United States.

These are only a few of his lies, a few of those which come constantly to newspaper offices through frightened and excited inquiries by the dupes, not of the German agent, but of those dupes who have given currency to his stories. One and all, they are false; and their purpose is to spread alarm and distrust among Americans. This method of propaganda began while the German agents were still able to make use of newspapers and periodicals, but when their far-seeing employers knew that those channels would soon be closed, it has increased in intensity and viciousness as the subtler method has been gradually taken away from them. Americans who hear such stories should recognize clearly their source and be on their guard.

ATHLETICS TO CONTINUE AS WAR MEASURE

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sired that the schools exercise all economy possible in managing the sports, and eliminating some of the things that have been regarded almost as necessities, such as training tables and pre-season coaching and practice. Immediately upon the reading of these letters, from such authorities, the association unanimously decided to continue athletics, although they should be made subservient to any work of military preparation. Athletics are really to be considered as one of the essential forms of military training.

Besides adopting resolutions to this effect, the association declared itself to be strongly opposed to the playing of freshmen in Varsity contests, and to any lowering of the present eligibility standard. The association prefers to have the standard of playing slightly lowered, rather than have athletics return to their former state of professionalism.

PROF. O. J. FERGUSON HEADS ENGINEERING COLLEGE

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mittees. He was chairman of the Students Publication Board, and Professor H. B. Alexander, another member of the Board, has been advanced to that post. Prof. O. R. Martin, and G. N. Foster have also been appointed as faculty members of the Board. Dean Stout was a member of the executive committee of the Faculty Patriotic League, but this position has not yet been filled.

STATEMENT OF 'THE PIPER'

"The Piper," given by the University Players on November 9, 1917, for the benefit of the French orphan fund, netted \$310.86.

The statement follows:

Expenditures—	
Costumes	\$ 37.49
Play expenses	8.20
Advertising	20.15
Music for play	10.00
Refreshments	4.13
Printing	3.90
Total	\$ 82.97
Receipts—	
Ticket sale	\$365.00
Refreshment sale	28.83
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