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What a sigh of relief has gone up to the skies now that we know that Mayor Miller's dancing ordinance, which is to establish a minimum age limit for male dancers—unless accompanied by a guardian—as 21, will not affect University parties. Think what would happen to the remaining dances on the schedule if only voting men were permitted to come. Think what the freshmen, sophomores and juniors narrowly escaped—social eclipse. As for the other provisions of the ordinance—those prohibiting the bunny hug and other "mysterious holds." The Nebraskan refuses to be alarmed, even though it is announced that these regulations will "hold sway" at University affairs as well as at public dances.

The letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Yates, formerly commandant at the University and now military attache on the Roumanian front, shows that another military expert in a position to know views America's struggle for the cause of democracy as a long and stern one. America must be reconciled to the prospect of a tedious, exhausting war, and should guide herself accordingly, and the University must devote itself with increasing diligence to the task of turning out young men and women trained to aid in the war in some capacity. The Nebraskan is glad to note in this connection that the University is taking the lead in promoting a girl's school of stenography and telegraphy, which proposes to fit co-eds for governmental and civil positions. Cornhusker co-eds, who have shown by their support of war activities their desire to serve, will now have the chance to train themselves for a definite work and to do it along with their other college studies.

The Atchison Globe, one of the most influential country newspapers in the Missouri Valley, is fiercely censuring the editorial efforts of Theodore Roosevelt, and, in an article this week goes so far as to assert that he is doing more harm, through his continued criticism of the administration, than is the scorned LaFollette. Summing up its accusations, the Globe concludes with this significant sentence, the philosophy of which The Nebraskan has often stressed: "Headstrong patriots so often do more harm than traitors." That Theodore Roosevelt's energetic big stick has exercised a wholesome and stimulating influence on America before the war and in its early stages all fair-minded persons will agree. And those who are anxious that the war be carried on with the greatest effectiveness are the last to desire the checkmating of constructive criticism. But it is indeed evident that continued harking back to past mistakes and past weaknesses, just as truly as uncalled-for ranting in the name of patriotism, tends rather to destroy than to build up the country's morale.

ONE CONCEPTION OF WAR

Standing out startlingly among the many amazing revelations of German preparation by propaganda for the war against the world found in the pamphlet of the department of public information, "Conquest and Kultur," reviewed in a local paper by Prof. Guernsey Jones, is the following conception of war held by one German boy editor, said to be typical of young Prussia: "War is the noblest and holiest expression of human activity. For us, too, the glad, great hour of battle will strike. Still and deep in the German heart must live the joy of battle and the longing for it. Let us ridicule to the utmost the old women

in breeches who fear war and deplore it as cruel and revolting. No; war is beautiful. Its august splendor elevates the human heart beyond the earthly and the common. In the cloud palace above sit the heroes. Frederick the Great, and Blucher, and all the men of action—the great emperor, Moltke, Roon, Bismarck, are there as well, but not the old women who would take away our joy in war. When here on earth a battle is won by German arms and the faithful dead ascend to heaven, a Potsdam lance corporal will call the guard to the door and 'Old Fritz' (Frederick the Great), springing from his golden throne, will give the command to present arms. That is the heaven of young Germany."

ON KEEPING FIT

Preparedness for national defense demands that every individual keep himself physically fit to share in the patriotic work of serving the nation. There is not a student in the University to whom this does not apply. It applies to all; it applies to you.

The student who has the heaviest classroom work is the last person who can safely ignore the requirements for regular exercise in the open air. Insufficient exercise, which is necessarily weakening mentally and physically, is often the first step to unhealthy habits. Now seriously ask yourself if you are negligent as regards ventilation, if you deprive yourself of needed sleep and if you overeat day after day. In this day of strife everyone is called, and everyone must respond.—From The University Daily Kansan.

THE FIRST INTEREST INSTALLMENT

On December 15 the first installment of interest on the two billion dollars of the first issue of Liberty Loan bonds became due. The amount approximated \$35,000,000, being \$1.75 interest on every one hundred dollars of bonds.

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GREEKS ARRANGE FOR BASKETBALL TOURNEY

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4. Delta Upsilon vs. Kappa Sigma, Tuesday, January 8, 6 o'clock.
 5. Phi Delta Theta vs. Phi Gamma Delta, Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 o'clock.
 6. Pi Kappa Phi vs. Phi Kappa Psi, Wednesday, January 9, 4 o'clock.
 7. Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Sigma Chi, Wednesday, January 9, 6 o'clock.
 8. Sigma Nu vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 o'clock.
 - Winner of 1 vs. winner of 2, Thursday, January 10, 6 o'clock.
 - Winner of 3 vs. winner of 4, Thursday, January 10, 6:30 o'clock.
 - Winner of 5 vs. winner of 6, Friday, January 11, 4 o'clock.
 - Winner of 7 vs. winner of 8, Friday, January 11, 6 o'clock.
- The semi-finals will be played in the first division at 6 o'clock Monday, January 14, and in the second division at 6:30 o'clock, the same day. The championship will be decided at 6:30 o'clock, Wednesday, January 16.

WILL TRAIN CN-EDS FOR WORK DURING WAR

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the depletion in the civil ranks and by the creation of thousands of new positions by the war. Women are the only ones left available for these positions, government officials have pointed out. The annual report of the secretary of commerce shows that women employees are desired, and says in this connection: "It is the policy of the department to afford women seeking governmental employment as many opportunities as possible, particularly in clerical positions. They are appointed upon the same conditions and with the same compensation as are prescribed by men. Great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining qualified male eligibles and

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