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THE CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENT.

The Chancellor, after an extended consultation with Captain Yates, issued the following statement with regard to his action upon the petition presented to him by the cadet officers:

"My attitude in regard to the conduct of certain cadets at Crete, and the discipline meted out by the commandant, Captain Yates, is as follows:

"First, Captain Yates is in entire charge of the cadets in all strictly military matters. I can do no more than to use my good offices in asking him or some future commandant to give a rehearing to the offending cadets, to take into consideration new evidence, or for other causes. Further, I cannot recommend to the governor the granting of a state commission to a cadet officer without the commandant's approval, any more than I can recommend a senior for a state teacher's certificate without the approval of the head of the department in which the prospective teacher's major work has been taken. I have already gone as far as I feel justified in the present instance, by indicating to a few of the officers of the battalion that they have my permission to request in a respectful way that the commandant grant a new hearing.

"On the other hand, the matter of retaining in the University cadets charged with misconduct rests entirely in my hands. Any request from the commandant for suspension or expulsion has precisely the same effect as a request from any other official of the institution. It is, therefore, entirely possible for a student to graduate from the University with a clean record so far as the scholastic side of his work is concerned without his being continued in the battalion, or recommended to the governor of the state by the commandant for a commission in the national guard on graduation from the University."

Dean Stout Inspecting.

Dean O. V. P. Stout left yesterday for a two-weeks trip to the East. He will inspect the equipment of the engineering departments of Harvard University, Union College at Schenectady, New York, and other large schools. His classes will be taken by Professor Ridderwald of the structural engineering department and Professor Bridgman. Dean Stout expects to return May 29th.

FELLOW OFFICERS INTERCEDE

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for the whole regiment; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the undersigned officers of the regiment, request another investigation of the whole matter, to be held Monday."

Captain Yates, when interviewed yesterday, made no statement as to the affair. The three officers give their views of the situation as follows:

Captain Van Dusen says:

"We have attempted to take our removal in a dignified way, and our only desire is, not that we be reinstated, but that we be vindicated in the eyes of all the students of the University and the people of the state. The whole thing is a result of making a mountain out of a mole-hill."

Wood's statement:

"There can be no object in reviewing the whole chain of events which culminated in the near-riot, for by this time all who are interested in learning of the matter have had ample opportunity to acquaint themselves with the facts. The position of the officers of K company is this in a nutshell: We admit ourselves guilty of technical offense in not attempting to restrain the men of our company from using abusive language toward the commandant, but we firmly believe that all the men, both officers and privates, are equally guilty of the same offense, and that there is justification for the attitude taken by the entire regiment at that time. Our conviction was based upon the free and frank confession of all the men in K company. Upon the same questions asked of us by the court martial any other company in the two battalions could have been convicted.

"We do not hope for reinstatement, but we do ask vindication in the eyes of the student body and all others who are at all interested in the affair, and are confident that a fair and impartial trial would not only result in freeing us from the charge placed against us, but would reveal facts which would show that the blame for the entire occurrence does not rest upon any one of the cadet officers.

"Nothing gives us more satisfaction than the knowledge that our brother officers have sufficient confidence in our integrity and efficiency as cadet officers to testify to their outraged feelings by unanimously petitioning for a reconsideration of the whole matter, and that our own company, by its own unswerving loyalty furishes the best possible refutation of the charge upon which we were convicted."

Al Kennedy, second lieutenant, gave his views as follows:

"The men were all angry when we started because they had had to work hard all week. They were pulled out of a sound sleep and most of them were not awake enough to know what was going on. We ran into a barbed wire fence and got the companies all mixed up, so that it was impossible to maintain company formation. When Captain Yates stopped us I was in the extreme rear and must have been at least 100 yards behind the front of the company. M, I and K companies were all mixed up; it was too dark to tell who was doing the yelling or who threw the clods which hit the commandant. It was my observation that no officers in the regiment kept order that night. My only regret is that I cannot help company K in the compet."

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