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MILITARY PREPARATION

With reference to the sentiment expressed in a Forum article yesterday attacking the Military Department, we should like to focus your attention upon the recent utterance of three prominent citizens of our country.

Secretary Garrison before the Peace Conference at Lake Mohonk: "Righteousness is not self-executing. If it is to prevail, the unrighteous must be overthrown; and wherever injustice and unrighteousness take up arms to impose their will upon the just and righteous, the latter must be prepared to withstand the assault and to prevail, if they are to survive as moral forces in the world."

President Wilson, after the review of the American fleet: "The country has every reason to wish to go forward in its policy of steadily adding to the strength and equipment of the navy."

Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell University: "If wars were banished from our planet I would retain military training side by side with athletics as an instrument of physical education in our universities; and not only for its physical advantages, great as they are, but also for its moral, mental, social and civic effects and reactions."

Because the United States is apparently safe from attack now is no reason that it will always be so. We need to look into the future and adopt a policy that will preserve our position as a moral force among nations.

Pacifism is fast gaining ground in this country. Our people stand united for peace and for a peace policy that will embrace all the nations of the world. But our farseeing citizens realize the United States can exert the greatest influence in bringing about the adoption of that policy by having a defensive strength that will emphasize our moral power. President Wilson in his message to Germany said, "We are too proud to fight." That statement connotes the

sentiment that we have the power to compel reparation for a wrong, but we believe the proper way to settle a difficulty is to do it peaceably.

There was a time when men felt that they must fight duels to settle questions of honor. Now men are "too proud to fight." But still we admire the man who is prepared, because of his strength and agility, to administer a vigorous physical rebuke to the ruffian who attacks him.

The United States can best command the respect of the world and exert the greatest moral influence by having a defensive strength that will make us free to disregard our selfish interests in any critical situation. Our nation should adopt a system of military training that will fit the great mass of our able-bodied men for immediate service if that ever becomes necessary. This policy would not call for extravagant expenditures, but would rather tend to make the men of our nation better men, mentally, morally and physically.

The present system of military drill in our universities may not be just ideal. Without doubt it has its weaknesses and does not accomplish all that is intended. But it does give a large number of men a training that would be invaluable to them and to our country in case of an emergency. Perhaps its chief weakness is that it doesn't go far enough, for it reaches such a comparatively small number of our citizens. We need a more comprehensive system.

THE FORUM

A Warning to Nebraskans

At the last meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association, Miss Drake said that a visitor from one of our Eastern states had accused the people of Lincoln of being gross materialists. She said she had made several unsuccessful attempts to dissuade him.

While this may be a sorrowful diagnosis, it fits the patients. I admit that my own views on the subject were somewhat shaken by your Ivy Day oration. After all, there is something of the poetical sense in Nebraska, but it is too rare a sense.

I have often doubted whether the beautiful trees which shade the streets of Lincoln were planted so much from the artistic as from the material sense. Were they planted to keep the glorious sun from our wretched selves or were they really placed there for the sake of the picture which the green with the canopy of blue above forms?

My dear Nebraskans, we cannot be materialistic and at the same time spiritual. Materialism never has accomplished good worth the name. It has always been opposed to art and culture. And we need culture to be spiritual. We can have absolutely no appreciation of the higher and ennobling things of life without culture.

The materialist dwarfs his own soul. He wilfully deprives himself of all the manifold gifts nature offers us. He knows not that every day when he walks beneath Heaven's blue, through lanes of over-reaching green, that he daily treads the purest and finest art gallery of the world. The very heart within him withers and decays.

Let me register a plea against materialism in the name of art, poetry, culture, religion.

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Notice

Are you going to be a harvest-field hobo this summer, or would you rather get into a gentleman's game, advertising "Wear-Ever" aluminum—the game of big profits and valuable training. For particulars see J. F. Christensen at the Lindell Hotel, Wednesday or Thursday, or telephone E. J. Althouse at L5170.

NOTICES

Seniors

The first order for caps and gowns has gone in, but still may be ordered at the "Co-op." Order at once.
COMMITTEE.

Members of Senior Class

The Senior class assessments are payable to Mr. Williams, auditor of student activities, office in basement of Administration Building. It is your advantage to pay this assessment early, as the theatre seats will be given out in rotation. The first twenty-five assessments paid will have an opportunity to secure the first twenty-five choice of seats at the theatre May 31. Pay your assessment today.

Notice

Baptist University students will hold a picnic Saturday, May 22, at the State Farm grove. Take the 4 o'clock Bethany car. Lunch furnished on the grounds, 25 cents. All Baptist students and their friends are invited.

Notice

The legal fraternity of Phi Alpha Delta met last evening in the Awgwan office. A short business session was held.

Notice

The legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi met last evening at the Kappa Sig house. The meeting was purely social in character.

CALENDAR

- May 21—
Pan-Hellenic Dance.
Black Masque Banquet.
Oklahoma-Nebraska Tennis Meet.
- May 22—
Alpha Tau Omega Picnic.
Alpha Phi Picnic.
Union Girls' Program.
Alpha Tau Omega Dance.
Kappa Alpha Theta Dance—Rose-wilde.
Beta Theta Pi Banquet.
- May 27—
Competitive Drill.
- May 28—
Engineers' Smoker.
Komensky Banquet.
- May 29—
Peru Club Meeting.
Lincoln Commercial Club Banquet to Seniors.
- June 4—
Senior Play—Oliver.
Temple High Commencement.
- June 5—
Morning—Athletic Carnival.
Afternoon—Pageant—State Farm.
Class Costume Carnival—City Campus.

A Life Termer Escapes From Guard "Bob" O'Connell, convict No. 9528, a life termer of the Nebraska state penitentiary and a trusty working on the outside, escaped from Lancaster yesterday afternoon. When last seen Bob was on the steward's wagon. He made his escape when the driver entered a store on O street in Lincoln, and as yet no trace of his whereabouts has been found.

Bob is a full-blooded, yellow bull pup about one year old. He weighs about sixty pounds. Bob was received at the penal institution one year ago. The first six months of his residence at Lancaster was spent behind the prison walls. Prison officials placed confidence in him and made him a trusty. He was placed on the steward's wagon, which makes trips to Lincoln daily. The officials were in favor of conferring with Governor Morehead in an attempt of securing a commutation of sentence for Bob.

Bob was the property of Jim O'Connell, chief clerk at the penitentiary. Any information leading to the arrest and return of Bob, the dog convict, will be greatly appreciated by the prison officials in general and especially by Clerk O'Connell, who offers a reward for his capture.



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