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PROFESSOR PERSINGER'S "CHALLENGE"

There is a certain natural reluctance on the part of a student, or a student publication, to disagree with an argument with a member of the faculty. Not only does the latter have the advantages of superior training, knowledge and experience, but he has also the position that calls for respect from the students and his words carry a certain weight by virtue of the position that makes a student hesitate to enter open disagreement.

With this hesitation The Nebraskan feels that it must say that Professor Persinger's "challenge," printed in the Forum column, should not have been written. The Nebraskan feels that this is not so much a challenge as a foolish dare, and one that even Professor Persinger in a calmer mood would not make.

The professor's quick assumption that the proposed patriotic convocation is a "war-convocation" is not easily to be understood. According to the students and faculty who have charge of this convocation, its purpose will be to show in some concrete manner that the University students are solidly for their country just now, and in what respects it can should be dubbed a "war" rather than what it will be, a "patriotic" convocation, The Nebraskan is at a loss to understand.

The Nebraskan is also sorry that anyone of the University has to wait for someone else to set his standard of patriotism. This seems essentially selfish and exposes in itself a lack of that feeling. Patriotism as The Nebraskan understands it, is an emotion that must be governed by the peculiar temperament and characteristics of each individual, it is impossible of expression in terms of dollars and cents.

That kind of patriotism which says, "I love my country, therefore I will give a thousand dollars to it if John Smith will," is not patriotism, and Professor Persinger knows that it is not patriotism. It is no more patriotism than it would be love if one son in a family, finding his parents in need, would measure the amount of his help by that his brother gave.

So far as The Nebraskan knows, from reading proposals as to financing the war that are coming from congress and the suggestions for raising the army, there is not yet contemplated any step which will demand the sacrifices that Professor Persinger speaks of. If the demand is made. The Nebraskan believes ther will be plenty of people in the country who will make the sacrifice, and not wait until they can strike a bargain with somebody else to do it. The Nebraskan cannot but believe that the "spirit of sacrifice" that will win the war will be a spirit of sacrifice freely given, and not doled out in exact quantities depending upon the similar sacrifice of those who first saw that there must be a war.

FORUM

Prof. Persinger on the War

To the Editor of The Nebraskan; Naturally, now that congress has made its decision, practically all cept the war, and to do whatever that we are willing to do something was the guest of honor. congress in the future may decide more than urge other folks to fight is necessary for its successful con for us. duct.

without call from congress.

to make the same sacrifice that he Canada, with the advent of actual has called on the other young men war. of the country to make. With him 1 | Practically all of the signers of the his actions tally.

The majority of his associates, how-

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for active military service, and so institutions in the country. far I have heard of none of them offering themselves for anything more serious than service in the medical corps or in the quarter a thorough campaign for more candi-

master's department. There is one sacrifice, however, that we of overage are in a posi-

Money is to be the great factor in Just as naturally, we are expecting this war that is about upon us. Both those who all along have been so the national need and our own deardently for war to lead the way in sire to live up to our claims of pathose services we all may render triotic intent invite us to turn over to war purposes all of our incomes One member of the war-group, ac- above the amount upon which the tive in the circulation of the war family of the actual fighting soldier petition and in the holding of to has to live-\$16 a month and whatmorrow's war Convocation, has aleever may be the family's share of ready offered his personal services the "relief fund for soldiers' families" for actual warfare, and has thus that is certain to appear here, as it proven to us all that he is willing has appeared in Europe and in

have no quarrel; his words and war petition, being "persons of induence" and of prominence, are fortunate enough to possess good homes ever, are, like myself, either actually and substantial incomes, and I am sure they can render no better service to their country, and can in no way better show that willingness to "sacrifice all" which they are demanding of the man who goes to fight in their place, than by turning over to their country, or to some such fund as I have just mentioned, all of the incomes from their properties and salaries except an amount equal to the income of the family of the average soldier who is going to have ing experience for three months to do their fighting, and dying, for this summer who will be in school then. Anything less than a sacri next year. Salary and commisfice equal to his is a stain on that sion. Call Windsor Hotel, Room patriotism and self-respect for which 310.

they have demanded that the war be precipitated

I am not guilty of demand of others that which I am unwilling to do myself. Whenever the leaders of the war party within the university shall thus prove themselves ready to make sacrifices somewhat equal to those to be made by the ones who actually have to bear the brunt of battlea real willingness to "sacrifice all" for their country-I am ready to join to a freshman as a German subwith them. And a war backed by that sore of a spirit of sacrifice will not only make us victorious over foes without, but free us from divisions and charges of insincerity

Will the war Convocation of tomorrow respond to such a challenge to genuine sacrifice and service; or will they still content themselves with urging sacrifice by others?

C. E. PERSINGER.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

Chorus

ther notice.

Senior Girls

Senior girls have been requested to make arrangements for their Ivy Day robes as soon as possible. The robes will cost fifty cents and will be made by the Mary Jane garment company. The Black masques have charge of the arrangements.

THE DAYS GONE BY

Fifteen Years Ago Today

Fourteen Years Ago Today was opened for the first time.

would be taken to Omaha.

Thirteen Years Ago Today

Arrangements were completed for Mexican border. a girls' tennis tournament between neapolis.

Eleven Years Ago Today

Twenty men were out for spring football practice under the leadership of Captain Mason.

Eight Years Ago Today

The University Y. M. C. A. had reached a position sixth in rank in or practically beyong the age limit membership among all other like

> Seven Years Ago Today A lack of track material started

The first Pan-Hellenic banquet was those who believed war unnecessary tion to make for the war, and the beld at the Lindell with nearly 400 tance-96 feet, 4 inches. and unadvisable are prepared to ac making of it will testify to the fact "Greeks" attending. Chancellor Avery

Five Years Ago Today

At the annual meet of the Western intercollegiate gymnastic association held at Illinois Dr. R. G. Clapp was elected president for the coming year.

Two Years Ago Today The 1914 track letter men elected

Otto Zumwinkle as track captain for

The seniors selected the play "The

One Year Ago Today Louise Coe of Nebraska City was elected president of the girls' club

at the election held in the afternoon.

A movement was started for the organization of a "League of the Second Generation."

The Workizer rifles defeated the Pershing rifles by seven points in their annual competitive drill held on Nebraska field. The score was 1,292 to 1,285.

WANTED-Two men with sell-

NON COMPOS **MENTIS**

If a man can't enjoy his own com pany once in a while, he needn't expect anyone else to.

A theme reader is about as popular marine on the Atlantic coast,

V hat has happened to the "medical supervision" movement that was begun last winter? Is it waiting for the summertime when we all are in absentia, or is that another thing that has been affected by the war!

"One would think that men who are intelligent enough to be college professors should know that healthful ventilation cannot be secured by closed doors and windows." and more than one would think so.

We hear that someone around this place is about to die. The Alpha Sigma Phi's are expecting to mur-The Chorus will meet in Music hall der the next person from this office instead of Memorial hall until fur- who looks up at the famous draped curtain. If a person looks, it is a sign that he is the criminal who "exposed the plot" and a signal for the proposed slaughter.

Rainy weather, Slippery walk? Young man stumbles, Here him talk!

Essay No. 23

Delta Tau Delta is the next fraternity on the list for a historical resume but John Riddell was in here the other day and smiled so sweetly at us that we haven't the heart to do it. There's nothing quite so sweet as friendship, and as we As a result of non-support of in- have heard it rumored that the Delt's tercollegiate debating it was rumored have a tendency to hold grudges till that the Kansas-Nebraska debate the end of time we don't want to risk anything.

The dog, their athletic trophies, and Ellsworth Moser are the great-Street car communication between est attractions at the house. Dick the State farm and the city campus Rutherford is their guiding star, and Andy Nesbit has broken the hearts of at least two girls by donning a uniform and going to war-on the

They eat in the cellar and use the University of Nebraska and Uni- the back door except in case of versity of Minnesota, the games to rushees. They have the handsomest be played on the courts at Min- fraternity in school are quite all the "class" there is, as you can see.

SOPHOMORES WIN

INTERCLASS MEET

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2-mile-Graf, Williams, Jungmeyer, Time-10:39:2.

Shot-Shaw, Reese, Munn, Distance-38 feet, two and one-half inches.

High Jump-Werner, Flint, Van Meter. Height-5 feet, 7 inches.

Vatlut-Gerhart, Kellogg, Nims and Lerch tied. Height-10 feet, 3 inhces.

Discus-Andrews, Reese, Graf. Dis-Javelin-Munn, Andrews, Riddell.

Distance-130 feet. Broad Jump-Foster, Flint, Owen.

Distance-20 feet, 8 inches, Relay-Juniors, sophomores, fresh-

men. Time-1:36.

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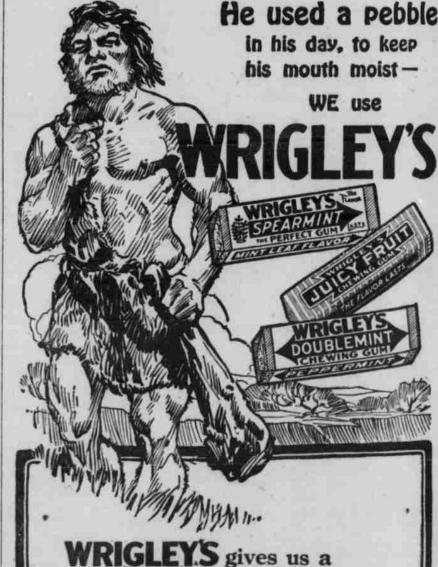
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