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Selfish interests are swept away when a group, be it large or small, sings together the old songs of home and country. That is why the community singing Nebraska University is to have this year will bring students closer together. Music, too, is a great inspirer, a great fuser of spirit. We should have more music as well as more singing. A short musical introduction to every Convocation address would put everybody in a receptive mood for the important messages that are to come. Mrs. Raymond, director of music, used to open every Tuesday morning program with the organ. It was too good a thing to be dropped; can it not be revived?

Every day The Nebraskan receives a letter or two from former Cornhuskers asking that the paper be sent them so that they may "keep in touch with Nebraska." The letters come from everywhere—from coast artillery posts on Puget Sound to concentration points in Maine. Always the request is the same, always it is for news from home. Some day The Nebraskan hopes to print a complete soldier mailing list, so that students may see just how many former classmates are in the country's service. But to make this possible it will be necessary for everyone to help by sending lists of names and addresses to the business manager of The Nebraskan, in the office of student activities.

Students at the first football rally yesterday heard that Iowa has a slogan, one that is being instilled this week into the blood of every Hawkeye. Nebraskans have long known the cry, "Iowa Fights," and have respected the vigor with which it was carried out. But Nebraska, too, has a battle cry, one which is particularly appropos this season. Our obstacles are not insurmountable, but they are so huge that it will require every bit of our strength and spirit to down them. Why then should not every Cornhusker keep uppermost in his mind the thought, "For Nebraska, We Will? For Nebraska, we will not only outfight the fight of Iowa. For Nebraska we will outspeed Notre Dame, outcharge Michigan, and turn back defeated the team of Syracuse.

SERVICE WORTH WHILE

Our forefathers had a trick of mixing work and play—of sugar-coating certain tasks, which developed into those well-known institutions called "apple parings" and "husking bees."

Such a ruse would well become our present situation. A knitting bee could buzz as effectively as one of the husking variety. "Paring off" to wind up a skein of yarn may be just as pleasurable now as in the John Alden and Priscilla days. Thus "dates" may be turned to some profit as well as apples. For filling soldiers' boxes, an old-fashioned "pound party" might be worth trying, each guest being asked to bring a pound of sugar or a gift to put in a soldier's Christmas box. There is another phase of work which is just the thing for the men, for the girls who cannot learn to knit, and for the dates who do not care to go to the movies. It is the making of trench candles and ration-beaters out of old newspapers and paraffin. This form of war service is as yet new in America but in France and Italy even the children are busy at it and are sending these little fuel rolls to their governments at the rate of a million and more a day.

They are made from little rolls of newspapers boiled in paraffin—old candle ends being used when procurable.

To save from waste the tons of old

newspapers available here in Bloomington would be well worth while and the product would be most useful for our boys at the front or in the training camps. Even the soiled papers from pantry and wardrobe shelves can be used when not torn, and doubtless at every house where students live, a good collection of papers could soon be saved.

Even if our own soldiers do not need them, they are needed by our allies who are located where coal and wood can not be carried.

These little fuel rolls are easily made and exact directions for making them will be furnished anyone interested on inquiry at The Student Office—Indiana Daily Student.

THE WARNING OF 1898

"The purposes of the German military party have been partly disclosed in the war. As to the purpose so far undisclosed, fragments of evidence have been forthcoming from time to time. Among these fragments one of the most interesting was the report made by Admiral Dewey to Washington nearly twenty years ago concerning his conversation with the German admiral, Von Goetz. This report has been discovered and made public by Senator Lewis.

"There was no concealment of German anger at America over Dewey's victory at Manila. The American occupation of the Philippines was a bitter disappointment to Germany, which had just embarked upon a policy of expansion in the east by the seizure of Kiaochow. Perhaps it was only another blazing out of this anger—which had already been displayed by Admiral von Diederichs and his officers on more than one occasion—that made Admiral von Goetz sputter out words that he might have repressed in a calmer frame of mind. At any rate, this is what he said to Admiral Dewey in 1898, as faithfully reported to the government, in the archives of which the report has since lain:

"About fifteen years from now my country will start a great war. She will be in Paris about two months after the commencement of hostilities. Her move on Paris will be but a step to her real object—the crushing of England. Some months after we finish our work in Europe we will take New York, and probably Washington, and hold them for some time. We will put your country in its place with reference to Germany. We do not purpose to take any of your territory, but we do intend to take a billion or so of your dollars from New York and other places. The Monroe Doctrine will be taken charge of by us, and we will dispose of South America as we wish. Don't forget this, about fifteen years from now!

"The German admiral was a good prophet. Sixteen years from the date of his prophecy Germany started her 'great war,' the war that was to crush France and England and every other nation that stood in her path. The war has not gone exactly as the German admiral predicted. There have been some delays and some obstacles that were not anticipated. For one thing, the United States did not wait until Germany had finished her work in Europe, to meet her victorious fleet off New York. There were some Americans who advocated that course, but events overbore them. German diplomacy, which has been observed to lack a certain delicacy of perception, could not give Germany the advantage of the 'some months' of time after the job in Europe was finished in which to prepare for the American adventure. It insisted on having America in the war without delay and America came in.

"The Dewey report is one of many things that give an almost comical aspect to the present German protestations that only a peace of justice is desired, that will guarantee Germany against aggression. Von Goetz was not the German government. But he belonged to the dominant military party and his dreams were the dreams of the men who are responsible for the present war."

LIEUTENANT HARRY GRAINGER, EX-17, TELLS OF EXPERIENCES IN DANGER ZONE

A letter has recently been received from Lieutenant Harry Grainger, ex-17. The letter was written at sea in the danger zone, when he was nearing Liverpool. He says that the boys slept fully dressed, and with their life preservers on, in the danger zone. The destroyers met them and conveyed them through the zone, "bobbing about like dogs after hidden bones," as Grainger expressed it.

One day, the Adriatic, another cross-bound steamer drew up beside them and gave them a band concert. Robert Chapin, ex-26, was reported on board the ship but could not be found.

On the same ship with Lieutenant Grainger are Lieutenants Tom and Henry Woods, who received their commissions in August at Port Snelling.

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Welcome