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This year there is another slogan for University students to remember as the holiday season approaches besides "Do your Christmas shopping early." "Get ready now to send something to Cornhusker soldiers," is a reminder of another kind of shopping we have to do. Through the services of the faculty and student patriotic leagues, the University will send a Christmas box to every Nebraska soldier whose name is known. This is the time to help in planning what the box shall contain, and now, before you are in the midst of the rush of Christmas shopping, is the time to see that no soldier friend of yours is forgotten. See to it that his name is handed in to a member of the league, or to The Nebraskan, in which case he will be assured of a Christmas box and the University paper, too.

Now that the first American casualty lists have been published we can understand better than we did before the meaning of such terms as "fatherless children of France" and "starving mothers." These are not the inventions of the yellow journalists. They are facts; that's the terrible part of it all. America will never have, we know, starving mothers and children of soldiers. France, our exhausted ally, however, has had and will continue to have—some 150,000 of them. Now that our understanding of what war conditions really are is daily becoming more poignant it is clearly our duty to heed the plea that comes to us—to America of all the world—to help the orphans of France. If you do not feel able yourself to care for a soldier's orphan, or contribute directly to its care, you can at least change the ordinary channels of your amusement this evening and attend the play, "The Piper," at the Temple theatre, the proceeds of which will go to this fund.

Michigan cheerleaders last Saturday organized the unsportsmanlike impulses of the crowd by leading them in a pandemonium of noise when Nebraska was trying to advance the ball on the offense and hushing the mob to a whisper when the Wolverine quarterback was giving the signals. Nebraskans who saw this violation of all ethics of the sportsman were roused to heated anger and denounced it with unreserved vehemence. But have we really the right? It seems to The Nebraskan that the Michigan case was more evident because it received something like official sanction from the cheerleaders. But, although there is no especial attempt upon the part of Nebraska rooters to drown out the voice of the enemy quarterback, there surely is not as much anxiety shown that his signals be heard as when the Cornhusker general is in action. Are we not also guilty of poor sportsmanship when we discriminate against the visiting team, even though that discrimination be involuntary? The Nebraskan sincerely believes that such organized hooting as Michigan did last Saturday would be an impossibility upon Nebraska field, but it would ask that Cornhusker rooters think also of the enemy when, in the stretches of excitement, they unintentionally bother the opposing team with their exhortations to the players on the field.

The attitude that the freshmen and sophomore leaders have taken toward the foolish customs of bygone college days, when the first few months of a freshman's life were a constant

fight for the right of existence, marks a pleasing forward step. It has been several years since a freshman class has been guilty of kidnapping sophomores, or starting midnight scraps, but there was last year some hinting rumors that an attempt would be made to "bag" the second-year president, and the intervention of the executive dean was required to smother it. Of course it is right that there should be a healthy rivalry between the two classes. The one fact that it is the best means of building up a spirit and organization in the incoming class is sufficient cause for the development of the right kind of rivalry. But the Olympics—a truly Nebraska tradition—have been devised for the express purpose of deciding this rivalry and no other impromptu battles are called for. The Nebraskan then, believes that the leaders of the freshmen and sophomore classes of this year are seeing clearly and that their voluntary disavowal of "kid" escapades in connection with this year's Olympics is to be commended. This is a year when we need to cling tenaciously to every one of Nebraska's wholesome traditions, but it is also a year when it will be particularly appropriate to discard some of the childish follies that have survived the hazing age.

NOTE. University of Nebraska students learned last fall of the terrible fate of the soldier in the prison camps of Europe. Winter is coming again; the long, cold months when the eternal monotony of the prisoners' life is the least bearable. The American society for the relief of war prisoners publishes the following strange appeal to remind us that the time has come again for us to help relieve the frightful emptiness in the lives of 6,000,000 soldiers, among whom there will soon be numbered men of America.

WAR WORK

Here are a few of the staggering figures from the world war:
53,000,000 called to the colors.
5,000,000 killed.
6,000,000 prisoners of war.
5,000,000 on hospital beds, costing the nations \$140,000,000 a day or \$100,000 a minute.

Do we realize what is going on not so very many hundred miles away? The time has come when we need to be educated to a fuller extent concerning the magnitude of the great war across the water. Think what such figures mean in terms of human life. The Allies and German-Austrians are fighting for their very existence—like dogs in a street fight. And it is to this place, this awful scene of carnage and bloody battle that America is sending her men. America must send her men if the war is to be won.

Consider those 6,000,000 prisoners of war, many of whom have been there for over three years. Considerable numbers of college professors and students were among those captured in the early drives across Europe. These prisoners are kept in great stockades, surrounded by barbed wire and guarded with machine guns. The men are housed in long wooden sheds, many of them without any warmth except from the men's bodies. One American who escaped from the German prison at Lubeck last week said they were allowed one pall of coal every twenty-four hours to heat their shed; that there was slow starvation everywhere for they got only a little black bread and turnip soup three times a day; that the men dug up dandelions along the road when they were marched to work and ate them raw; that if it were not for the little food packages sent them by the British Red Cross they would have died of starvation. Many of the prisoners have nothing to do; the inactivity means mental degeneracy and an awful rate of insanity. The Y. M. C. A. in the various prison camps furnishes reading and writing materials, music, study classes, a warm room and sometimes extra food.

Without the Y. M. C. A. men at the front, life would be a sorry one indeed for the soldiers. Few people realize the real significance of the national war work now being carried on in Europe and America. It is a work that should command our utmost respect and our hearty support.—Daily Illini.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE PLEDGES AID IN WAR
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and un-patriotic all similar sensational demonstrations which tend to embarrass the government and "to give aid and comfort to the enemy."

Furthermore, Be it resolved that the Nebraska College Equal Suffrage league hereby unites in pledging whole-hearted support and loyal backing to our President and to the government of the United States of America and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our chief executive.

Committee on resolutions,
ALICE HOWELL,
LAURA PFEIFFER,
SARKA B. HRBKOVA, Chairman.

National Society Not Militant
Militant suffrage is in America no way connected with the national suffrage association. Mrs. Barkley, president of the Nebraska Suffrage association asserted. The militant suffragists, she said, represent less than one per cent of American workers for suffrage. They are seeking purely for publicity. If the government would pass a law that newspapers could not publish what they do, the militants, she said, "would go quietly home and engage in some sort of war relief work."

"There is absolutely no use for militant methods," Mrs. Barkley continued. "Every true suffragist will now give her full services unqualifiedly to the government."

"I believe we are all growing away from selfish, personal class spirit," Chancellor Avery said. "I believe that woman suffrage has made more advances through unselfish efforts than through militarism."

"These women who have hampered the president, women whose point of view is a very narrow one, it seems they must be allies of those who, as we know well, are only too good at intrigue. Let these women who are stirring up so much trouble join the I. W. W.'s, the pacifists, and the huns, where they belong," she asserted.

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