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Only fourteen more letter-writing days until Christmas. This week every student should make a list of every Cornhusker soldier he knowsnot only his chums, but his acquaintances-and should send them next week a Christmas letter. This is to be considered much more in the light of a duty than is the customary remembrance of cousin and uncle and aunt. Our good relatives, most of them, will have a cheery fire, a cozy dinner, and a Christmas tree, to remind them that the world still hopes that some day there shall be peace on earth, good will toward men. But Sammy Jones, in the harness of war and close to the grim job that must be done to bring to the earth this peace and good will, has nothing to remind him that hope is burning in other hearts besides his own stout one. Then surely he has a letter coming from every one of us; a letter optimistically brief, but filled with Christmas cheer, and expressing a wee bit of our pride in him.

Nebraska co-eds, who have been giving a fair part of their time to sewing for the Red Cross, are now asked to "do double time" in a final drive to complete Lincoln's allotment of bandages for the hospitals in France. Distressing news is coming across the sea that the supply of bandages at some of the points behind the line is wounds, Red Cross surgens are compelled to use newspapers to close the wounds of soldiers. This is the condition of affairs which "demands that the bandages Nebraska had planned to make more leisurely during the winter must be produced immediately and sent to relieve the situation, and calls upon University women to devote more than their accustomed time to the work. The urgency of the situation is evident, and that is now, as it has been in the past, all that is necessary to bring from Nebraska coeds the necessary sacrifice. In this case it will be sacrificing an evening date or an hour's extra sleep in the morning. It will not be much-it would matter little anyway, the size of the task-but whatever it is, they will do it, and do it gladly, for that is the way Nebraska women, like Nebraska men, respond to the call of their country.

for profanity because he, too, thought it was one of the accomplishments of a college man. It is a sad fact that

the owners of the most dazzling and original vocabularies would sell them for a song upon the one condition that they were to forever forsake the tip of the tongue. Freshmen should be advised of this fact; otherwise they will acquire, like the most of us, a

habit that does not really become a gentleman-not even a Kentucky gentleman-and adds little weight to one's authority. It is hardly likely that any judge, human or divine, will pronounce a life sentence for the sin of voluble vulgarity, for it is not a question of morality; it is a matter of you than helping to edit the college good taste, of mental and moral clean- literary paper or the college daily

# EXCHANGE EDITORIALS

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### GERMANY'S" BEST BET" (Minneapolis Tribune) Germany's great weapon today is

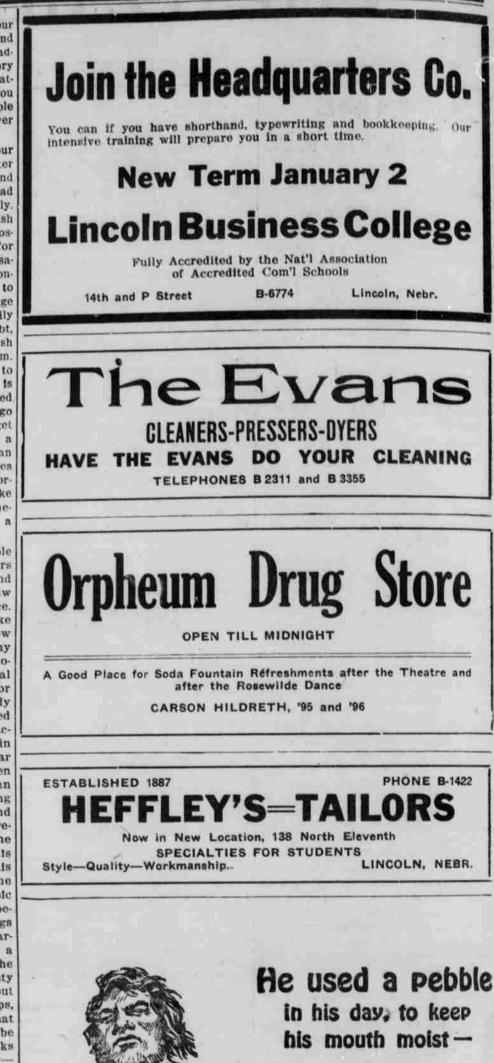
intrigue. She has gained no notable advantage by force of arms alone since the defeat of the Roumanian acquaintance easily, and he is forarmies. The temporary success in Italy was due to the successful dis- and hold friends. In becoming somesemination of · clever falsehoods thing of a scientist, don't become a among the ignorant and impressionable and unsophisticated Italian soldiery. They were fooled by reports university there are certain teachers skillfully spread among them of dis- who can inspire a young man and asters at home and perils to their can kindle ideas in him and draw families and with the idea that their out the fine wire of his intelligence. allies had deserted them. It was We sat under several teachers like only after the false impression thus that; the first of them was a yellow created had been eradicated from their minds that the Italian soldiers, cigarettes but made Cyrus and Xenowho are usually good fighters, were phon and the heroes of Homer real able to rally and check the advance men for us-and not just excuses for of the enemy. This, however, they learning the Greek verbs and prosody have done successfully without help, and what the yellow little man called unless it be true that troops have in his bantering way "the Gospel acbeen withdrawn from the Italian front cording to Goodwin." (Dr. Goodwin to meet the pressure on the western. was the author of the Greek grammar Germany has employed intrigued so the yellow man prescribed.) Then skillfully in Russia as to put Russia there wa sa certain Shakesperian out of the war and bring about the proposals for a separate peace. black cigars instead of cigarettes and Whether the element in control, read detective stories by way of refrom which peace proposals have laxation from philology. And the emanated, will be able to maintain Kentucky geologist-who spent his itself or not, the diligent spread of evenings writing the history of his the idea of non-resistance and the state or explaining the duties of the fraternizing between the troops of citizen or perhaps composing an epic the contending nations has given Ger- in Elizabethan blank verse, partly be many at least temporary control of cause he liked to spend evenings the Russian situation.

central alliance as the result of m- scientist drying up so far as the trigue with Ferdinand and with the appreciation and creation of beauty young men's party of Turkey. Ap- go. To hear the geologist tolk about parently that same influence has been volcanoes and cleavages was, perhaps, at work in Sweden; for, altho the not so very important-much of what great majority of the people of that he told about volcanoes could be completely exhausted, and that, for country are democratic in spirit and found in black and white in books lack of proper materials for dressing in sympathy with the allies, the of- on a shelf of the college libraryficial class and the king are under German influence and seeking to turn the Scandinavian union in the inter- important indeed: for he had the est of Germany. There are also persistent reports of efforts being made by German emissaries in Switzerland to corrupt the sentiment of that country and, if possible, either bring Switzerland into the war or effect a passage for German troops thru that country. German agents are busy in Mexico, in South America, in Canada, in our own country and wherever they have any hope of accomplishing anything. seeking to plant dissention and sedition among the people of the nations with which Germany is at war and to stir up sentiment among the neutrals in her own favor. This is the most difficult aspect of the situation. Germany is no longer dominant in man-power or fighting ability and must rely in large part upon the weakening of her enemies thru the use of various forms of intrigue in which she is so eminently successful. Upon this ground she must be met in the future. But how? Perhaps the general council in Paris may find a way.

classman himself acquired his taste and laboratory hours, you fit your readings of history and poetry and fiction into your leisure hours. Reading history is not work. History and biography are the most fascinating subdivisions of romance. If you don't feel the truth of this simple statement, you were probably never intended for a journalist.

You ask about languages. In our opinion, the languages to know after this war will be French, Spanish, and English. You should be able to read a'l three languages rather fluently. If, at your college, there is a Spanish club or a Cercle Francais or a cosmopolitan club, join it (or them) for the sake of the practice in conversation. That practice and companionship are likely to be worth more to would be. It will be useful, no doubt, if you can speak and write Spanish and French, besides reading them. One advantage of your learning to speak, read, and write English is that you will probably be cured. thereby of your present desire to go into journalism. And never forget during your college studies that a good journalist is invariably a human being; he must be a man who makes tunate also if he knows how to make machine! In every great or even respectable

little man who smoked too many with a white beard; he smoked long that way, and partly to disprove Dar-Bulgaria and Turkey are in the win's notions obout the brain of a



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The 1917 crop of freshmen has reached the "cussing" stage. Not that every new student that came up this fall was lacking in this branch of knowledge-some of them were proficient enough to earn Bachelor of Profanity degrees without further study. But several hundred others were. when they first began to adjust themselves to their college environment, relatively clean-mouthed, thanks to an early-impressed sense of propriety. It is these who are fast learning the lengthy vocabulary of the circus-hand and the carnival rustler and are achieving a glib and sang-froid volubility in its use. They find that it is just the thing. Their upperclassman room-mate swears at everything; in fact, he expresses all the range of human emotion-joy, sorrow, rage, contemplation and repentence in a strikingly expressive, if garish, tongue. They hear profanity whispered, shouted and sung; and they look upon it as a necessary accessory to any great amount of learning or prestige. What they do not know, and what their upperclassman roommate does not tell them-for he probably has forgotten-is that the upper-

#### WHAT SHALL HE STUDY? (Collier's Weekly)

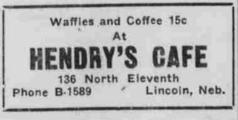
Writes a young man from Chicago: "I am a student in my fourth year of high school, and am eighteen. I propose to study further and to become a journalist. Please advise me about my course-and especially about studying languages. \* Now, we don't like to give people advice, any more than we like to take theirs. It seems much safer to advise a million subscribers in a general way than to adive one reader in a specific way. However, we do try to answer young correspondents. Here goes:

Elect plenty of science. Science wins wars and crowns peace, and most journalists are very nearly ignorant of very nearly every science. Get ahead of them there!

Your future competitors will probably be specializing on history and literature while you are studying selence. In other words, they will be studying forms while you are mastering materials and methods. You ought to be able to distance your competitors if, while concentrating on the sciences in your classroom

but to hear the Kentucky geologist talk on any theme at all was very spark

Go to the college, if you cannot go to the war, and study what you will-some one else's opinion is just as good as ours. But this we do insist upon: men, not subjects, make real education.



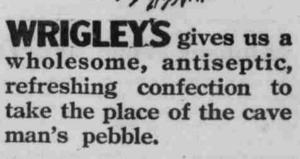
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