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ONE MINUTE MEN

A novel plan of keeping the children informed concerning recent current events, especially those related to the war, is being successfully carried out in the lower grades by a number of Lincoln students who expect to teach next year.

Every pupil is made a "one minute man." His work is to discuss once each week, or whenever his turn comes, some current event. This plan is a drill in oral composition. The interested pupils must know all the news to be able to discuss what they consider the most important. The younger pupils are given an incentive to learn to read difficult material.

One little boy in his "one minute speech" suggested that all the little boys in his room wear overalls so that wool would be saved for the soldiers.

DR. HOWARD'S PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

We are printing extracts from the address given by Dr. G. E. Howard, head of the department of sociology and political science, University of Nebraska, at the twelfth annual meeting of the American Sociological Society at Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Howard presided at this meeting. His presidential address was on "Ideals as a Factor in the Future Control of International Society."

Dr. Howard is one of Nebraska's most renowned men. The office held by Dr. Howard is one of the highest ever held by a member of the University faculty. Former presidents include Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia University, Albion W. Small, University of Chicago, and Edward A. Ross, University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Howard says: "It is an accepted law among social psychologists, I believe, that crisis in human affairs clear the way for change, often with a view to preventing or to ameliorating future crisis. Is it not possible that the present world-war so frightfully and cynically destructive of the most precious material and spiritual assets of civilization—may afford a unique opportunity for such social reorganization as shall prove a guaranty of lasting world peace? That such a catastrophe as this could occur in the twentieth century has to very many seemed incredible. The vision of some persons is still dazed from the shock. Bewildered by the apparent wreck of ideals, they are inclined to despair of the utility of all idealism. In particular, the dream of a world without wars is mocked and derided. Happily on the other hand, there are many men and women with long vision, with true historic sense, who do not despair; who see clearly that the ideal of peace is not futile; who understand that the present cataclysm is due to the imperfection of the social order; to the sway of false ideals of human welfare and to wrong systems of social relations which may be replaced by truer ideals and better systems. For a negative result of every war is to justify the ideal of human brotherhood born in times of peace. The economist is resolved to find out and remove the causes of antagonism which lurk in false economic theories and selfish commercial systems; the political scientist seeks a remedy in broadening the franchise and in democratizing the government of states; while the publicist finds a safeguard in an up-to-date more thoroughly moralized code of international law or in a world-league to enforce peace. Indeed an ideal of democracy, finer than that which now prevails, even in Great Britain or in the United States, must arise if democracy is to play its proper role as the conservator of peace. No doubt the democracy which now exists is a safer instrument of social control than is autocracy or class rule. Democracy, however perfect, makes for peace; au-

toracy and class privilege at their best tend toward aggression and strife.

In every land which aspires to true democracy sex privilege in political affairs must cease to exist; and the woman—the original social builder, the mother of industry, the first inventor of the arts of peace—must be granted, through the ballot, a full voice in social control.

"Ideals are the lever of civilization. The idealist is the pioneer of social progress. The idealist who dreams on a full mind is the most practical of men. All the great deeds which constitute permanent civilization are the achievements of a very few idealists. These are the inventors in the Tardean sense. All the rest are imitators, helpers.

The idealist is the creative engineer who dreams a bridge over a mighty river; a subway under a great city; a railway across a continental mountain range; a ship canal from ocean to ocean. The idealist is the inspired social architect who dreams a plan for the sanitary or moral cleansing of a great city; the campaign for purging politics of graft; a law for saving little children from the tigerish man of the factory or the sweatshop; a referendum for banishing from the commonwealth the saloon, that chief breeder of pauperism, sin and crime; a conference for the rescuing from the hands of predacious greed, for the use of the whole people, of the remnant of our country's natural wealth. The idealist is the statesman—the head of the nation—who dreams a scheme for safeguarding democracy and guaranteeing peace throughout the world.

Should not America, my friends, in the war and after the war, by purging and raising yet higher her splendid ideals of human brotherhood, be found worthy of leadership in bringing the dream to pass?"

WEIGHING MILES

How much do 3,000 miles weigh? Answering this question we may say that 3,000 miles weigh 5,000 tons, 10,000 soldiers, or a few hundred graves in France.

One of the first things taught us by the war is the meaning of imponderable values. Ships are like men in that they can not be in two places at once. If they are somewhere in the South Atlantic bringing wheat to us, they can not be in the northern seas lanes taking soldiers to Europe. Moreover, for every ship on the long haul to Argentina two are taken out from the shorter haul to France. It makes no difference how you figure it, by time or money, or wheat or soldiers. Every ton of wheat added to our store by transport from South America means double its life-giving value lost to the allies in Europe. Of course, we must all have our bread, but before we eat that extra and unnecessary slice we should be careful to figure out its cost.—U. S. Food Administration.

WORKING UNDER PRESSURE

"I care not how my cook makes muffins, but I must know how her mind works," says Chesterton, or words to that effect. Translating this into modern terms it would read: "I do not care how much wheat there is, but I must know where it works best." Just now wheat is like some men. It works best under pressure.

In this year of 1918 there are four places that wheat may be. It may be in Australia or Argentina, in which case it is unimportant, for those countries are glutted with it. It may be in America, where its value is well understood. Or it may be in Europe, where it will do some of the hardest and most necessary work for the allies, serving with the soldiers of France and Italy and with our own regulars and nationals in the trenches. If Americans want to get the most food pounds of work out of wheat, they will send all they can of it to Europe, where the pressure is high.—U. S. Food Administration.

MAY TRAIN ARMY MECHANICS HERE  
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department on both the city campus and farm campus.

The University would receive remuneration from the government to cover all cost of conducting this army camp, including running and overhead expenses occurring in the engineering college.

Other Schools Have Camps

This system of special technical training is being carried out in other universities throughout the United States, notably the University of Wisconsin, where 400 drafted men from Iowa began a two months' grind of study and drill April 10. A Y. M. C. A. secretary and building have been provided for these men as in other camps. This will not be definitely decided upon until Captain Knight arrives



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from Washington. Dean O. J. Ferguson of the engineering college has also received a telegram stating that Captain Knight will be here soon and also a telegram directed to Captain Knight in his care which would indicate that he will be here soon.

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"Pray, let me kiss your hand," said he,  
 With looks of burning love.  
 "I can remove my veil," said she  
 "Much better than my glove."  
 —The Short Circuit.  
 Too Flat  
 Now Roger, in a state of cholera,  
 Thrust his head 'neath a big steam  
 roller  
 And my, we were surprised to find  
 How it had broadened Roger's mind.  
 —Daily Minnesotan

We Don't Wish Anyone Bad Luck!  
 Gone are the boys from my classes,  
 gone to war;  
 Thin are the ranks of the callers at  
 my door;  
 Gone from my side to another one, I  
 know;  
 I still can hear those tenor voices,  
 sweet and low.  
 I wonder, I wonder how their uni-  
 forms do fit.  
 And who now hears those tenor voices,  
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 —Eky.

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