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PROFESSOR WESTERMANN'S ADDRESS

"History does not in the end fail to mete out its punishment of crime." Professor Westermann emphasized in his quiet, forceful way yesterday. Germany's treatment of Belgium he prophesied as "a bitter memory in the world for years to come."

The address yesterday morning by one of Nebraska's own alumni was one of the best of those that have been given here this year. Professor Westermann simply stated facts and when he characterized the methods of Germany as a "cynical realistic policy," the audience knew clearly that it was true because he had shown concretely just why he made such a statement.

Like Miss Frazer's powerful talk of a few months ago there was nothing bitter, nothing that would cause unreasoning hatred in what Professor Westermann said. When the speaker pointed out the political democracy of Serbia, he emphasized at the same time the "economic democracy" of that small country; when he referred to Hungary as "a feudalistic remnant of the dead past of Europe," he cited with the autocratic government the economic autocracy of that nation. The majority of patriotic speakers who have addressed University students this year have not seen, at least have not discussed, so broadly.

Students who listened to the alumnus of their school give an address such as was given yesterday can get a glimpse of what they may make of their lives if they choose. When Professor Westermann was in college his work was not noticeably above the average. The rhetoric themes of a national-famous Nebraska playwright are little, if any, better than the average student can write. Success usually means, it seems, having a definite purpose in mind and simply accomplishing the purpose.

HONEY IN ICE CREAM

An ice cream concern in Spokane, Wash., has effected market savings in sugar by using 6 pounds of strained honey and 3 pounds of sugar to 46 pounds of milk and cream in its mix. While honey costs a little more than sugar, it makes a fine grade of ice cream, this concern reports, and the saving in sugar justifies a little extra outlay for the substitute sweetener.—State Food Administration.

WISCONSIN'S TROUBLES, TOO

Governor E. L. Philipp in a rousing patriotic address at the war course yesterday joined hands with the Cardinal, students and faculty in denouncing eastern patriots who scattered false charges of disloyalty and is taking steps to prevent similar speakers from coming here.

Over 1,000 students cheered wildly when he shouted near the end of his address:

"I am tired, and you no doubt are tired, of having this institution, its faculty and its students accused of being disloyal by a lot of carpet-baggers who come here to unravel their shriveled-up, kiln-dried oratory that never could reach a human heart, and complain because their efforts are not enthusiastically received and would have the country understand that this institution is disloyal. It is a type of impudence that is indulged in by a class of self-asserted patriots who are the greatest menace in the country today, because they discourage what the country needs above all things during this crisis, and that is the hearty co-operation of all people in support of the war."—Daily Cardinal.

WAR AND THE SMALL RETAIL MERCHANT

After three years of war it has been found by Americans in France that small retail merchants have probably suffered more than any other class, except artists, whose pictures and statuary are not purchased in war times.

Writing on this subject in Every Week, Capt. Michael White says that the artisan, agricultural, and professional classes have enjoyed increased wages and increases, due to the fact that their services and product have been in greater demand, with a reduction in competition among themselves brought by the thinning of their ranks for the army.

It is his belief that the small retail merchant's difficulty should be understood in the United States as we make our adjustments from peace to war.

Already we have gone far enough into war to realize that the retail merchant, and particularly the food distributor, face difficult problems. Thus far our own merchants have felt the pinch chiefly in lessened consumer demand, dictated by economy, and the decrease in volume of commodities handled, due to scarcity of certain staples. There is also the restriction of profit margin on staple food necessities.

In countries with a longer war experience the retailer has been hurt most by the disappearance of merchandise from the market. Not only is food strictly rationed, but furniture, utensils, jewelry, musical instruments, luxury articles, and many things counted necessities in normal times are unobtainable. Old furniture in England today is eagerly bought up at prices exceeding what was paid for it when new.

It is not probable that merchandise will ever become as scarce in this country unless war continues for a long period. But it may become scarcer than most Americans now realize.

The sharp tightening in food the past year is an instance. It has brought two surprises—first, that war should go quickly and directly affect the average American, and second, that the average American should adjust himself to conditions so quickly and wholeheartedly.

Under present conditions the difficulty of the merchant, and especially the small merchant, and most of all the average merchant distributing foodstuffs, large or small, wholesale or retail, is somewhat different from that of other business men, and even other Americans. War pressure is like economic pressure, or the same thing—it affects all alike. But, the food distributor is under special tensions and stresses, and in these times deserves, if not sympathy, at least understanding, and if not direct assistance through his business difficulties, at least intelligent co-operation from the public.—State Food Administration.

Cliff Scott's Music, B1462.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Accounting and Reporting in New York, Blachly.
The Doctrine of Formal Discipline, Hewins.
From Nebula to Nebula, Lepper.
1917 Blue and Gold, K. S. N.
Andrew Johnson, Hall.
Elenco Alfabetico Delle Pubblicazioni Periodiche di Roma.
A Schoolmaster of the Great City, Patri.
Sei Anni di Politica Estera, Jittoni.
Revistado Museu Paulista.
Historiadores de Yucatan.
The Ambitious Woman in Business, Gilbert.
John Fiske (Life and Letters), Clark.
Money and Banking, Moulton.
English Usage, Hall.
The Red Badge of Courage, Crane.
Los Tarascos, Leon.
The Midlands.
Inspiration and Ideals, Kleiser.
The Leveller, Pease.
Physical Work, Fisher and Foss.
Physical Training for the Elementary Schools, Clark.
Play, Angell.
The Realistic Universe, Boodin.

FORUM

The Daily Nebraskan will print in the Forum signed communications addressed to the editor, but assumes no responsibility for the same. The editor reserves the right to reject all articles deemed unnecessary. The Nebraskan believes that free and open discussion is beneficial and for that reason welcomes communications on timely subjects from both students and faculty members. The signature of the writer may be had upon application to the editor, but will not be printed if so desired.

CAPT. SILAS M. BRYAN HOME FROM CAMP DODGE

One of the Youngest to Get Captancy at Snelling—Now an Instructor

Capt. Silas M. Bryan, '15, of Lincoln, who left the Harvard Law school for the first Fort Snelling Training camp, where he won his captaincy—he was one of the two or three youngest men to win that rank—visited the University yesterday. He is at home on a ten-day leave of absence from Camp Dodge.

Captain Bryan was appointed instructor at the second Fort Snelling camp and was reappointed instructor for the third training camp at Camp Dodge. He has now been reassigned as instructor at the fourth training camp at Camp Dodge. Mr. Bryan is a member of Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Alpha Tau. He was a member of the intercollegiate debate seminary in 1913, of the freshmen and sophomore class debating teams, of the English club and of the innocents. He was a first lieutenant of the cadet battalion.

Camp Fire Girls Plan for Eight Week Clubs

An unusual large number attended Vespers Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the Y. W. C. A. rooms in the Temple. Ruth Straight presided and Fern Oman gave a solo.

Elizabeth Stewart spoke about the Eight Week clubs. These clubs are organized for the purpose of teaching the younger girls the process of canning fruits and vegetables according to the new methods. In this manner much food is conserved.

Marion Wyman told about the Camp Fire girls organization. This organization is national and has been organized about ten years. It has spread to England, France and other foreign countries. The purpose of it is to encourage thrift, and to teach the girls their duty to each other.

"The responsibility of reconstruction depends upon us," Norma Kidd said, "its your opportunity to make good. Form your clubs well and on firm basis. Have your plans ready before vacation."

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