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The opening of the state legislature this week, affords an opportunity to students to understand how the state laws are made, and to increase their information by keeping in touch with the matters under consideration by this body.

Many questions pertaining to the University and to student life are discussed and voted upon at every session of the legislature. It is decidedly to the interest of the men and women in college to keep in touch with these bills as they are brought up. It is furthermore the duty of each of us to make manifest the interest we have in our own institution. If we fail to show such concern we have no legitimate cause for complaint or criticism. It is necessary to familiarize ourselves with these problems in order to appreciate and to understand what is done.

The general and building appropriations, salaries, fraternities, sororities, are some of the many debatable questions. Be alive and know what is going on. The outcome may mean a new gymnasium, a woman's dormitory, appropriations for Woman's Hall, or what not. Step up to the capitol when some of these discussions are under way.

## DISINTEGRATION IN EUROPE (The New Republic.)

Now if ever is the time for international co-operation on the broadest possible basis of fellow-feeling and irrespective of racial, class and national differences. The menace to civilization which has been created by four years of competitive annihilation unprecedented in human history is just as terrible as was the menace of the German militarist autocracy; and the free nations are even less prepared to deal with the consequences of an enervating and exhausting war in a spirit of mutual suspicion and aggressive self-assertion, which was responsible for the war itself. They are unable to see that just as the free nations formerly needed an unprecedented concentration of exertion and power for the purpose of defeating German autocracy, what they now need, after having defeated Germany, is the subordination of their triumphant power to healing and magnanimous human purposes. The peace conference should be nothing less than a committee of public safety, composed of all the free nations and animated by a disinterested will to surrender their suspicions and to form a union for the better handling of the new and awful menace to their common welfare.

How awful the menace is has for the first time been clearly stated by Mr. Harold Williams in a recent cable to the New York Times. "The spectacle," he says, "of European ruin is simply appalling. Nineteenth century civilization has broken down. There is a collapse of human moral energy, a revival of the primitive barbaric instincts and the fierce endeavor to have one's little private will by force. Through all this seething and chaos run evil currents of intrigue after intrigue, monarchial, bolshevist, financial, imperialistic, particularist, clerical, atheist. Up through the European chaos is surely creeping the menace not of socialism, but of bolshevism, which is the revengeful shadow of reckless modern materialism." In spite, that is, of the victory over Germany, and as a direct consequence of the use of war on such a destructive scale in the interest of civilization the very tissue of civilization is suffering from corruption and disease. It is not merely that the indispensable tools of industry are run down and destroyed so that normal wholesome social labor and human intercourse cannot be resumed for an indefinite period, but armies cannot be demobilized, violence cannot be suppressed and mutual confidence cannot be restored. All over Europe, in Germany, Dalmatia, Poland, Russia and Hungary, armed forces are seizing coveted territory in defiance or irrespective of international equity and the will of the inhabitants, and they are doing so because the active and aggressive ruling classes of the several nations have no faith in a just solution of the problems of the war.

According to Mr. Harold Williams, there is only one way of stemming this terrible tide of demoralization. It is "supremely important" to lay an impregnable moral foundation for a new and better international community. "If the league of nations is Utopian," he says, "then our spiritual strength is exhausted and civilization will go down in a welter of barbarous slaughter." This conception of the league of nations as primarily a salutary moral affirmation on the part of the members of the league is unusual, but it is the only conception which will enable the league to save civilization from the threatened ruin. If the American people understand the need of saving civilization from the consequences of the war as well as from its German instigators and support their president, he may be strong enough to bring a binding union and a healing reconstruction to Europe and America. And if they do not, they themselves will eventually be engulfed in the anarchy and ruin which is now threatening Europe.

Learning how to sell the public something that the public doesn't want is a service to society as well as an invaluable training of oneself.

Two of the most bitter things in life are being flitted by a girl and a dose of quinine.

The best man and most beloved by the gods is he that as a husbandman does the duties of husbandry; as a surgeon the duties of the medical art; in political life the duty toward the commonwealth. The man that does nothing well is neither useful nor agreeable.

## UNI NOTICES

**Woman's Athletic Association**  
 The executive board of the Woman's Athletic association will meet Thursday night, January 9, at 7 o'clock in the Woman's hall, Fourteenth and R. Important. The regular association meeting will be held at 7:30.

**Delian Literary Society**  
 The Delian Literary society will meet Friday evening at 8 in Faculty hall, Temple. All students are invited to attend.

**Observatory**  
 The Observatory will be open to the public Thursday, January 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. if the skies are clear, for a view of the moon.

**Komensky Club Meeting**  
 The Komensky club will hold its first meeting of the year on January 11, in Faculty hall at 7:30. Election of officers will be held. Bohemian students are invited.

**Sophomore Class Meeting**  
 The sophomore class will meet in law 101 Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Very important.

**Union Literary Society**  
 Everybody is welcome to the Union society meeting Friday evening, January 10, at 8:30, in Union hall. A good program is being planned with lots of fun for all.

**Omicron Nu Meeting**  
 Omicron Nu will meet for first time in its new room at the Women's hall Thursday evening at 7:45. Important business will be discussed at the beginning of the hour, after which Professor Cochran will give a talk of unusual interest. His subject will be "Some Phases of the Peace Conference." Every member is urged to be present, and any alumnae who are in town are cordially invited.

**Xi Delta**  
 Xi Delta will meet at 7 o'clock Thursday evening in the Woman's building.

**Twins Club**  
 The Twins club will meet Friday evening, Jan. 10, with the Wolfe Twins, at the Delta Zeta house, 1437 Q street. All twins are urged to be present.

**Course in Mathematics**  
 The following courses, primarily for students in the School of Commerce, are offered: Math. 42—Mathematics of Life Insurance, 2 or 3 hours credit, Professor Babbitt. Math: 43—Mathematical Theory of Investments, 3 hours credit, Professor Brenke. Prerequisite for either course in Math. 1a or equivalent. For students of mathematics or physics—Victor Analysis, 2 or 3 hours credit, Professor Gaba.

## DAILY DIARY RHYMES

By  
 Gayle Vincent Grubb

### "A PAL"

(From a letter)

You could beat 'im and could call 'im names,  
 And kick his yeller hide;  
 He was just a dog and a mongrel, too,  
 But was white, clean white inside.

Just to lay in the grimy dust at your feet,  
 Was a chunk of the sky for 'im;  
 He was true, all true, and a pal for sure  
 And his name—why they called him "Slim."

Tho' lanky and homely the love in his heart  
 Was the kind the world seldom knows,  
 It stands that all of us, down to the last,  
 Must growl at the way life goes.

War! And his master, true to himself,  
 And his pride cut clean to the bone,  
 Took arms with the rest, forgetting the dog  
 That he'd left back at home, all alone.

The grief of a man or a woman, too,  
 Tho' keen as a sword at first,  
 Eventually sinks to forgetfulness.

They're resigned from the best to the worst.

"Killed in Action," it seemed that the eyes of the dog  
 Could spell out the name, now denied,  
 For he stunk away to his bed in the barn  
 And a few days ago he died.

There's no fake sentiment stored in here;  
 It was written to me, by chance,

From a friend of mine whose brother it was,  
 Who was killed on the fields of France.

You could beat 'im and could call 'im names,  
 And kick his yeller hide;  
 He was just a dog and a mongrel, too,  
 But was white, clean white inside.

The richer a man is the harder he tries to make people believe he is poor.

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