

PROF. STEPANEK TELLS FRESHMEN ABOUT ENTENTES

Explains Political Situation in Balkans and Meaning and Purpose of Little Entente.

ADDRESSES BOTH GROUPS

Tells of Own Personal Experiences in Europe Following the Close of the War.

"Ententes—Little and Big" was the subject of a lecture given to the freshmen of the College of Arts and Sciences Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, by Prof. Orin Stepanek of the English department. Professor Stepanek explained the political situation in the Balkan countries, describing, in particular, the meaning and purpose of the Little Entente.

"An Entente is a group of nations that agree to understand each other in time of war and to misunderstand each other ever after," Professor Stepanek declared. He pointed out that the Big Entente, composed of England, France and Russia, and which was brought into existence by Edward VII, of England, and had held together before and during the war. After the close of the war the Big Entente practically collapsed. On the other hand, the little Entente is made up of countries which during the war were at swords-points. Professor Stepanek gave several personal experiences in Europe to illustrate how the peoples of the different Balkan countries hated one another.

The Little Entente which first came into existence in 1920 was at the first made up of Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Roumania. Since then, Poland, Italy, and a number of other Balkan countries have joined, the alliance, Professor Stepanek explained.

He emphasized the fact that Czechoslovakia under the leadership of Masaryk was the leading spirit in the formation of this alliance. Masaryk, the first president of the Czechoslovakian republic, is a remarkable man, the professor explained. Before the war Masaryk was a professor in the University of Prague. During the war Masaryk published a book "The New Europe" dealing with the division of Austro-Hungary, which was consulted by the statesmen of England, France and Italy when the peace treaty was being made. On account of his opposition to the government, when the war broke out, a price was set on his head by the Austro-Hungarian government and he was compelled to flee the country.

Professor Stepanek then explained how Masaryk was recalled to act as president of the Czechoslovakian republic when the war ended.

"The first thing Masaryk did after putting his own country on a sound financial basis, was to act as a good friend and Samaritan to the other Balkan countries," Professor Stepanek stated. This action, he explained, resulted in the formation of the Little Entente.

The professor stated that all the countries in the Balkans with the exception of Hungary are in sympathy with the Little Entente. Hungary is Magyar, a racial strain Asiatic in origin, while the other Balkan countries are Slavic. This racial solidarity is one of the factors, according to Professor Stepanek, that made the Little Entente a success. Professor Stepanek stated that the lesson to be drawn from this is that nations must be drawn together, either by a common hatred or by a racial solidarity, if any alliance or League of Nations is to succeed.

Professor Stepanek told some of the experiences he had in Europe immediately after the close of the war. In speaking of the troubles in the Balkans, the professor described a plebiscite as "a game in which the idea is 'let's see who gets killed first.'"

Facts concerning the climate, natural resources, industry, commerce

and customs of Czechoslovakia were given by Professor Stepanek.

"There is something about an earth worm that seems to scare the coeds more than skinning a cat does," an assistant in the zoology department confided to a reporter recently.

"Picking up a live frog is pretty repulsive to them at first too, but with a very little practice all of their timidity disappears. Most of the students seem to enjoy working with the cats."

"I have seen more fellows that absolutely refused to touch an animal when they first entered the class than I have women. No matter how disagreeable the task seemed to the coed when she first entered, I never yet have seen one who did not get over it in a hurry, and go to work with zeal. The men as not so enthusiastic in such a short time," the assistant, who is a man, stated.

No fainting spells have occurred in any of the zoology sections among either sex. "One girl came very near fainting one day," another assistant said. "She came up and thought she would like to see the cats. We showed them to her and she turned pale and almost fainted before we could get her out of the room. But that same girl enrolled in zoology some time later and enjoyed all of the work."

There is a large proportion of women who take zoology from prefer-

ence than there is of men, although most of the students in the work are preparing to become physicians or zoologists, members of the department state. —Michigan Daily.

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