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THIS IS THE END

It should be the privilege of the editor to discuss his own policies at least once. This being the last issue under our editorship, we shall, therefore, avail ourselves of the opportunity.
 Arthur Brisbane, Mr. Hearst's expensive editorial writer, said that the editor could do four things:
 Teach
 Attack
 Defend
 Praise
 The first of these, he said, was the most important. We have, we fear, been somewhat deficient in teaching; due, perhaps to our lack of knowledge. The second, we admit, has been more popular with us, as several

high school superintendents will testify.
 We have done a bit of defending. It was, however, mostly in our own defense that we wrote. Of praising we have done little. Things that deserved to be praised are usually accepted as worthy without calling attention to them.

To Mr. Brisbane's list of possibilities we feel that we must add another, to ruin complacency and thereby encourage thinking. It is to this last that we have chiefly devoted ourselves.

We have, on a number of occasions been accused of being radical, sensational, yellow, unfair, and various other unpleasant things. We are, perhaps incompetent to judge. But we can at least give our motives.

We have tried, vainly though it may have been, to promote discussion, to raise issues that are controversial, and to cause some thought about them. The opinions we have expressed have been sincere, but we have deliberately chosen those subjects that are likely to cause opposition and discussion. That, in our opinion, is the chief value of an editorial column; for we are not optimistic enough to believe that any teaching we might attempt would be read, or if it were, would be seriously considered. Only by causing the students to think for themselves rather than accept any ideas the editor may hand out, will anything be accomplished.

The subjects for thought, of course, have not been set forth impartially, for no one would be interested in such a procedure. To

attract attention one must give an opinion, with which others may not agree or not, but about which they will think.

The editorials have been written chiefly for the upperclass and graduate students and faculty, for we are confident that few students in the first or second years are interested in any editorial. An interesting discussion in the editorial column is to them unknown.

If we have accomplished anything in creating thought we are happy, for we are pessimistic about the editor's influence in forming opinions. Only by a far more organized and advanced method of propaganda than the editorial is public opinion moulded.

Our opinions, we have been informed, are inane. Others have been kind enough to praise them. But whatever the result, we have had a fine time, and the enemies created we consider the cost of attempting to say something.

With this—our swan song.

GRIDIRON POLITICS

Representative Britten of Illinois has succeeded in forcing the military academies to play the next Army-Navy game in Chicago. Football teams from both schools and from 1,500 to 2,000 cadets from each will journey half way across the continent to provide the Chicagoans with their thrill.

A queer bird is the Americano. The honorable Mr. Britten, ably backed by that self-styled world's greatest newspaper, The Chicago Tribune, managed to blackmail the commandants of the academies into

agreeing to this asininity. His method was to threaten that unless the Windy City was favored with the cadet's game strange things might happen to appropriations, or athletics at the institutions might be prohibited altogether.

It is difficult to believe that he might have had his way in this, but the fact that he found more than 130 congressmen and senators who were light-headed enough to back him makes one doubtful.

The people have long been given cause to believe that Congress is made up largely of gentlemen of slight intellect. This latest stunt will lend strength to the conviction.

Congress could, perhaps, find something more important to think about than football. There are the World Court, farm relief, tax reduction, the tariff, and a number of other issues that are, oddly enough, of somewhat greater importance.

That the academies did not have the backbone to defy the learned Mr. Britten is regrettable. If they had they might have lost their football and their appropriations, but they

would have retained their own and the public's respect. Better no football at either academy than that it should be necessary to truckle to every congressional ass.

The precedent is made. Who knows but what we may have the next inter-academy game at Keokuk, Iowa? Mr. Britten and the "world's

greatest newspaper" are victorious; football assumes a still more commercialized aspect; and the people's slight faith in their representatives gets another jolt.

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