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SECURING A COMMANDANT

With it more than a possibility that the commandants in the various universities and colleges of the country will be withdrawn from the supervision of cadets to aid in the drill of Uncle Sam's raw recruits, the question arises who will take their places.

President Campbell, of Oregon, is attempting to solve the problem for this particular institution by authorizing the faculty military committee to get in touch with the universities and governments of Canada, Great Britain and France to ascertain if there is a possibility of securing a disabled army officer from the front, who, while not an invalid, will be able to train and be head of an efficient modern military training course. If the University of Oregon finds this a practical solution of a perplexing problem no doubt other colleges and universities of the country will follow the example.

It is the particular desire of President Campbell to secure some university professor of these allies who left his post to go to the front at the head of a company. Such a man, if unfit for active service, would be admirably fitted for such a university post such as the University of Oregon. He would have had the experience in dealing with college men, he would have had the theoretical technical training and he would have had the practical life and experiences of modern

military warfare to make him a most acceptable commandant.

The result of the correspondence of the faculty military committee will be awaited with interest.

Emerald banquet Friday night. Why not call it the banquet of adjectives?

We have had ample opportunity to peruse the 1917 Oregonian, and we are highly pleased after the perusal. The Oregonian staff deserves congratulations.

Co-ed baseball must be some sport. "Didje" notice that at the Gamma Phi-Y. W. game they had an all-H math student for scorekeeper?

HISTORY OFF THE BAT

Interpretations of Current Events for the Emerald by John Almaek.

MEXICO

For the first time in four years, there is the appearance of a calm in Mexico; whether the calm that precedes a storm, the calm of exhausted effort, or of a wise and satisfactory adjustment of conditions, which have brought about the chaos and anarchy lately existing, time alone will show. Reports indicate that since our declaration of war against Germany, there have been powerful forces at work in the southern republic organizing and unifying Mexican resources. The unscrupulous hand of the Kaiser is evident in directing certain policies menacing to the United States.

Evidences of similar activity are not missing in other neighboring republics. Cuba has very recently succeeded in suppressing a rebellion which it is now announced was incited by our enemies. American marines maintain order in Haiti. Elements of disorder have been apparent in Central America.

The situation of Mexico makes her particularly dangerous to American safety, should she become our enemy. On the south she commands easy access to the Panama Canal; on the north is the long line of border, difficult to fortify and defend even with a large army; east and west lie the Gulf of the Pacific with their manifold opportunities for advantage in peace and war.

The resources of the country also make it particularly valuable to a foreign enemy. Mexico probably possesses the greatest undeveloped resources, easily accessible, of any country in the world. These are mines of silver, gold, copper; petroleum fields, great forests, and wonderfully productive farm lands. The character of the people too, is of such nature as to make it possible for a domineering, selfish race to exploit them. This fact has helped to center upon the country the attention of certain nations without consciences.

Complicated as the situation is, our duty seems to be clear. It is to hold zealously to a policy of military non-interference until we have undeniable evidence of duplicity and action inimical to our interests. In the absence of a warlike attitude towards us, we owe the Mexicans the same duty which we so faithfully discharged in respect to Cuba, and in performing this duty, it is most expedient that we act in concert with other American powers such as Brazil, Argentina, and Chili. The attitude of this country towards Latin-America, during the past four years, has done much to advance the cause of Pan-Americanism, and to do away with fear, mistrust, and suspicion of this country.

While there has been undeniably a Great German immigration from the United States to Mexico during the past three months, there has also been a very large immigration of Mexicans to this country. Lured by high wages, Mexican laborers are flocking to the large cities of the central section, and also form no inconsiderable part of the farm, and railroad labor in the same region. These, apparently, have no hatred of our citizens, and men who have lately returned from Mexico say there is no indication that the people regard us in any other than as friends. Many do say, however, that should invasion become a military necessity, the common people would welcome us as friends and deliverers.

In the meantime, though our enemies in Mexico may constitute a real menace, the situation is not without compensating features. It offers the only asylum in the western continent for Germans and Pro-Germans. It is to be devoutly hoped that the government will see fit to furnish free transportation to Mexico for all those of pronounced sympathy with the enemies of our country, those whose principles and patriotism are unable to stand the strain of war. As for those "subsidized" with German gold, or so forgetful of duty that they "aid, comfort, and abet the enemies" of this nation, the constitution and the laws prescribe a penalty both just and fitting.

Girl Gleesters Home From Pefpul Trip; P. O.'s. Along the Line Do Rush Business

(By Emma Wootton)

"Well, they're back. Aren't you glad?" said a bass voice.

"Who's back?" asked the baritone.

"Why, the glee club girls," replied the profundo. "That bunch of twenty-five, good-looking parcels of joy that went on a tour last week. Haven't you missed them?"

"No, I can't say that I have. Where did they go?"

"Well if you haven't missed them I know who has. There are certain fellows that have worn the steps of the post office out waiting for mail and you should have seen the crowd at the Southern Pacific depot on Sunday. It was a larger bunch than ever turned out to bid farewell to the soldiers. Say and they had some trip. At least my girl said they did. There wasn't a quiet moment in it. I don't blame them for sending such a fine bunch of girls out on a trip like that. They sure do advertise the University. At least when I look at my girl I am sure they do. If the girls made the hit down in the southern part of the state that she does with me they sure were batting high. So you haven't heard about it huh? Well, let me tell you about it. My girl told me and I'll pass it on. "They left last Tuesday afternoon, and they took Cottage Grove by storm. Imagine a crowd of good looking girls descending on a burg like that. It sure made a hit. The girls were all parceled out to the different houses and eats—they sure got a lot. They didn't have much of a house that night but what was there surely did like it. The girls had lots of fun—those that didn't fall through the holes in the stage. But imagine them all getting up at the crack of dawn and taking that 7:10 train out. They sure were a sleepy crowd."

"Roseburg was the next stop. Let me tell you that my girl thinks that's some town. They were treated great there, and they gave a concert that couldn't be beat. The O. A. C. band was down there for the opening of the strawberry festival and they were the girls' guests at the concert and they played in the street and advertised the show. I tell you it sure does take girls to win the men's hearts. There was a fine crowd there. "Say there sure was a stampee for the post office as soon as the girls got to Grants Pass and Helen Bracht held the record, with Cora Hosford and Helen Rhodes as close seconds. Do you know some of those girls got two and three

letters a day. The rest of the girls would have been jealous if those girls hadn't read their letters out loud every day.

"Would you believe it they had a good crowd at Grants Pass too. I tell you Betty Bruere sure made a hit in the skit everywhere. She had the men going some."

The girls sang in a natatorium in Medford. No they weren't in the tank playing mermaid. They were in a big room up stairs where it is awfully hard to hear. But they got over big anyway. And all our Medford friends sat in the front row and clapped. Some of the girls fell so in love with Medford that they stayed there for two days. You ask Marie Gates and Cleome Carroll about it.

"My, but my girl did like Ashland. They took them all over there and let them drink spring water. This was their last stop. If they had been men they would have gone on to Hornbrook, but the girls were satisfied with Lithia water. They gave a peach of a concert there. The town turned out well and gave them a good hand. In fact some of Medford came over to hear the concert again. Everyone, everywhere said it was the best that ever was, and so does my girl."

"The post offices have declared a day's vacation in that part of the world, and all the towns are eaten out of house and home. Ashland gave a dance for the girls."

"Whenever I say anything to my girl, she says, 'Strawberry short cake' and she mmmmm's for half an hour."

"Coming home Sunday the girls entertained the train with Oregon songs and fortune telling. Jerome Holzman was strictly in it the whole time. He went along as manager and according to him those girls are some girls. He says they won't overload the bank with the profits of the trip but that he feels like smiling now that it's all over, so the finances must be all right."

"Mr. Lyman went along to hold down the dignity of the crowd, but he forgot himself, but the girls won't tell on him. And you should see the way Miss Fox did rural painting on those girls' faces just before they went behind the foot lamps."

"I tell you we fellows have to sit up and take notice when the girls go on a trip. All that I can say is that I am glad they are back."

MEN STILL ENLISTING

Nearness of Final Exams Not Retarding Departures.

Most Join Marines; Many Withdraw to Work on Farms.

In spite of the nearness of the final examinations and the close of the second semester, the ranks of the army and navy are being filled with Oregon students. Six have allied themselves with the forces in the agricultural fields.

Those that have withdrawn since May 14 to commence work on the farm are Luther Hensen, Bruce Yergen, Roy Brown, Ray Koopp, Claire Dalglish and Earle Powell.

The marines seems to be the favored place of enlistment. The Oregon boys in the last week joining them are Basil Williams, Clark Thompson, Hollis Huntinton, Ernest Watkins, John Beckett and Clifford Mitchell. Miles McKey has left for the Presidio, Cecil McKay has joined the Naval Reserve Corps and Chas. Croner, is drummer in the regimental band in Vancouver.

President Returns

(Continued from page one) effort should be made to make these exercises as strong as possible, especially since we are having such an unusually good program, with Dr. Ernest H. Lindley and Dean Briggs, of Harvard as speakers."

President Campbell said that he was glad to turn back to the West on his return, because the Western cities are so much cleaner, better kept, and brighter than the far Eastern cities. "The difference was very noticeable to me. Many of the streets in the Eastern cities are paved with cobblestones and the cracks prevent them from being kept clean; the coal dust blackens the houses and trees, and give the cities the appearance of being badly kept. This is true of New York and Boston, but of course only in parts of the city."

"I don't like Broadway," he said. "It always is torn up and the temporary buildings over the excavations for the subways make it look very unkempt. It seems like bad housekeeping to me. Washington, D. C., however, is attractive. It looks to me more like a Western city."

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CLUB WILL BANQUET

Architecture Students to Meet for Last Time May 23.

M. H. Whitehouse, Mrs. G. T. Gerlinger, A. E. Doyle to Speak; Music Planned.

The Architectural club of the University will hold their last banquet of the college year, Wednesday evening, May 23, at the Hotel Osburn. Speakers that are connected with architecture and creative art will be present at the banquet in the evening and will also act as judges at the exhibit that will be held in the exhibition room of the architecture building.

Speakers already are Morris H. Whitehouse of the Whitehouse & Fouloux firm, of Portland; Mrs. G. T. Gerlinger, member of the University board of regents; and A. E. Doyle beside several others not as yet selected by the committee in charge.

A characteristic feature of the entertainment at the banquet will be musical selections and readings that are original productions of members of the student body. The song "Drifting" which received its first public hearing at a student body assembly will be one of the principal selections on the program. The purpose of the dinner is to bring into closer touch all schools of creative art and to promote and encourage originality in the production of literature, music and others of the fine arts.

JUNIORS NOTICE!
All Junior men and women meet at the library steps Friday at 5 o'clock for the junior picnic.
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