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### THE HUN DIGS HIS OWN GRAVE.

For more than a dozen long, hard days now the German machine has been pounding at the door of Paris. In their desperate struggle to force the allies to their knees before the United States has massed its resources for the drive that sooner or later is to force the Hun into abandoning his dream of world domination, the directors of the destinies of the central allies have slaughtered thousands upon thousands of their troops. Half a million men is probably a low estimate of the price they have paid for the few square miles of territory gained. What the losses of the French and British have been we can but guess. Without question they have been heavy, even in comparison with such slaughters as that of the siege of Verdun.

Self evident now is the fact that von Hindenburg and his lieutenants launched the drive with the expectation that it would prove a telling blow to the morale of the allies, if not the complete disruption of their military organization. The blow, however has failed. The British and French lines today present as formidable a barrier to the enemy as they did a month ago and the morale of the allied nations, both on the field and at home, has been strengthened by the Teuton failure.

The strengthening of the home morale, especially in the United States, has been the most marked result of the past two weeks of active conflict along the fighting front in France. The people of this country looked upon the great battles previous to our entrance into the war somewhat in the same light they would have regarded a baseball game between two teams of which they knew nothing. Instinctively their sporting natures compelled them to pick a favorite, but their hearts were not deeply in the contest. And it is to be questioned whether or not the heart of the whole Nation has been in the conflict even since Germany became our active enemy. A fight thousands of miles away could not seem serious to the average American until the weight of our antagonist had been clearly demonstrated. We read day after day of the devastation wrought by the powerful Hun machine; we were told from platform and pulpit of the conscienceless efficiency of the German spy system; time and time again we were given first hand evidence of enemy plot and counter-plot. And generally speaking, it passed from our minds like water from a duck's back.

But coming as an aftermath of the past fifteen days of intense stress, when all of the world waited almost desperately for each item of news from the front, is a realization on the part of the American people of the size of the task they are facing. Today probably America realizes better than ever before the lengths to which Germany is prepared to go in its lust for world domination. We see faintly now, as the people of France, England and Belgium saw months ago, the depth and thoroughness with which Germany has for the past thirty years been preparing for this struggle. We can no longer laugh off as foolish the assertions that we can hardly trust our next door neighbor as a loyal American.

The battle which is now dying out through want of human fuel has set us to thinking and the product of those thoughts is taking the shape of a firm determination to fight with fire. The enemy blaze at our own door step is naturally the first to receive attention. For months every community in the country has felt that somehow or other its highest efficiency as a war unit was being impaired by an influence working to a counter purpose. The Liberty Loan, War Savings Stamp, Red Cross and allied drives have here and there met an unexplainable cross current. The provisions of the draft have come in for unfounded criticism. News of enemy successes at arms have in certain quarters met with ill-disguised sympathy. False rumors, which could serve no purpose other than to create a sentiment of unrest among the people at large, have made their appearance frequently. In the aggregate these incidents now brand themselves clearly and distinctively as enemy activity and enemy propaganda.

Somewhere in each of these communities there is a Hun in the woodpile—more likely several of them. Like the elephant, the out and out German sympathizer is not cause for any great anxiety—his activities can be effectively curbed before they

## DOUGHNUT DEBATERS TO DISPLAY ORATORY

Contest Dated April 11; Oregon Club, A. T. O. Withdraw From League, Causing Schedule Change.

Eight Enter Race for Shield Now Held by Phi Gamma Delta; Faculty to Judge.

Aspiring fraternity debaters will be given a chance to exhibit their eloquence a week from tonight, when the first round of the inter-fraternity debate league comes off. The schedule drawn up sometime ago by the forensic council has been changed because two teams, the Oregon club and A. T. O., have decided not to enter the competition.

The other eight organizations have all signified their intention of trying for the silver shield, now held by Phi Gamma Delta. The shield was awarded for the first time last year, and must be won three times, not necessarily in succession, to be kept permanently.

**Five Points to Survive.**  
Each house must enter two teams, an affirmative and a negative, of two men each. The main speeches will be 12 minutes in length and the rebuttal 5 minutes. Three members of the faculty will act as judges. Each judge's vote will count as one point, and in addition one point will be awarded for winning. A fraternity making five points is placed in the next round.

The question to be debated is the same as the one used in the last Varsity debate, namely: "Resolved, That at the close of the present war, the nations of the world should establish an international supreme court to pass upon all international disputes, and supported by an international constabulary to enforce its decisions."

### Schedule Is Long.

The schedule is as follows: Friendly hall, affirmative, versus Kappa Sigma, negative, Dean Straub's room; Kappa Sigma, affirmative, versus Sigma Chi, negative, lecture room Deady hall; Sigma Chi, affirmative, versus Sigma Nu, negative, Professor Howe's room; Sigma Nu, affirmative, versus Phi Delta Theta, negative, Dr. Boynton's room; Phi Delta Theta, affirmative, versus Delta Tau Delta, negative, Dr. Gilbert's room; Delta Tau Delta, affirmative, versus Phi Gamma Delta, negative, Professor Crockett's room; Phi Gamma Delta, affirmative, versus Beta Theta Pi, negative, Professor Prescott's room; Beta Theta Pi, affirmative, versus Friendly hall, negative, Professor De Cou's room.

All of the debates are set for 7:30 o'clock.

## U. RED CROSS WORK CUT

Exceeding of Eugene Chapter's Quota Is Cause.

Only two days of the week will be given over to University Red Cross work at the Bungalow for the rest of April, according to an announcement made today by Ruth Westfall, Red Cross chairman. The reason for the change in the five-day plan used last term is that a certain quota is set for each Red Cross chapter, and since the Eugene chapter has been exceeding its quota, it is necessary for the work to be slackened.

Thursday and Friday afternoons of this week are to be given to the work, and the schedule for the remainder of the month, or until the Eugene chapter receives its quota, is as follows:

Monday, April 8; Tuesday, April 9; Thursday, April 18; Friday, April 19; Monday, April 22; Tuesday, April 23.

Pledges for three hours' work per week were received from 167 University women, and pledge cards will be furnished at the Bungalow for all others who wish to make a definite pledge. Definite hours of work will be arranged for each girl on Thursday and Friday at the Bungalow.

### Get Your Oregana Now!

have done any great damage. It is the snake in the grass, the sneaking disloyalist, of which we stand in the most danger.

From now on until the conclusion of the war, when German methods and German ideals have been completely crushed, the business of the American people at home will be that of hunting and driving the snakes from cover. In this they will be favored by an opportune season for launching a drive of their own—sort of a spring housecleaning, one might call it.

Thus has the great German drive failed in its dual purpose: it has netted no material advantage to the military position of the enemy, while it cost him man power that cannot be replaced, and, of greater import to the success of the allied cause, it has intensified rather than demoralized the morale of the nations championing world democracy.

# Sixth Annual Concert

— of the —

# University Orchestra

— at —

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April 5

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TO LECTURE HERE MAY 8

Labor in War Time to Be Subject of  
Talk Given Under Auspices of  
Women's League.

Mrs. Dorothy W. Douglas, member of the executive board of the Consumers' league of Portland, will lecture on "Labor in War Time" during the regular assembly hour May 8, under the auspices of the Women's league.

The assembly will be a part of a patriotic campaign, in which the members of the Women's league hope to bring to the minds of University women the need for trained workers in the present war.

Mrs. Douglas, who is the wife of Paul H. Douglas, instructor in sociology at Reed College, recently lectured to the women of O. A. C.

"Mrs. Douglas," said Helene Delano, president of the Women's league, "comes highly recommended as a woman who has first hand information on the real need of trained women workers in the war."

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