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Only one familiar with the characteristics of the private soldier is competent to arrive at correct conclusions in a particular instance. And the ridiculous attempt to legislate our soldier boys into paragons of temperance virtue through congressional action has been a conspicuous failure. That is, a failure in many places, because the attempt to apply a general principle to all army posts when it should have been applied to only a part of them has not brought desirable results.

STUDENTS' GRACELESS ACTS.

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It is another instance of trying to make men good by process of law. Even the restriction of the rights of the soldier by the local regulations of a post commander is bad enough, and excusable only in those instances in which conditions seem to leave no other course open in the maintenance of discipline. But when a sweeping law is enacted applicable to all posts in all localities, the measure becomes obnoxious.

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Furthermore, Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president, has indicated lack of good judgment. Apparently he realizes not the meaning of the antagonism of the working classes to a public institution. If the San Francisco and California laboring men once conceive resentment against the university for its students' actions in taking up the employers' side in the great strike controversy, the millions of Phoebe Hearst will be of small avail in keeping the great school at Berkeley high in the esteem of the people of that state.

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THE ARMY CANTEN.

The army canteen question should be administrative. It is not fit matter for congressional legislation. The commanders of the army posts should handle the canteen question according to the conditions local to the station of which each one has charge. If the post commander at Fort Walla Walla thinks the canteen necessary, he should have power to have such an institution maintained. If the commandant of Fort Spokane deems the canteen detrimental, he should have authority to abolish it.

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