

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AT WASHINGTON PROPOSED

George Washington's dream of the founding of a national university for the encouragement of original research of world-wide importance will soon be realized, if Representative Simeon D. Fess, new chairman of the House Committee on Education and formerly president of Antioch College in Ohio, has his way.

The country has many universities, about four hundred of them, and some of them lend scope to rare scholarship, but none of them develops purely creative work alone. They instruct in knowledge already established. They bring the mind of the nation's youth to date. They train it to think and inspire it to high ideals of citizenship. What "the little doctor," as Representative Fess is familiarly known, desires is a national institution which will cultivate the power to find that which is as yet unknown.

Such an institution he believes will not interfere with not supersede other colleges and universities, but supplement them and depend upon them for its supply of students seeking the privilege of special experts. None but those who have a degree from any of them will be permitted to enter this higher national university, and then only on a recommendation for original skill.

Thus it would stimulate effort in the existing institutions and improve them by returning to them as teachers and instructors the best trained investigators. Graduate as well as professor would look forward to it. It would assist Americanization by diverting the flow of American students from Berlin, Paris, Oxford and Vienna, as in the past to Washington. It would also become the metropolitan institution patronized by the largest group of European students, as well as those of other progressive communities of the world. It would make use of such agencies in Washington as the Congressional Library, the Smithsonian Institution, all of the purely scientific bureaus of the government, and the work of Congress itself. To make the Capital of free America the very first in the scholarship of the earth is the plan of Chairman Fess, and he expects to push it to completion during the present session of Congress.

Another idea of Representative Fess, which he will attempt to incorporate into law during the session, is the rehabilitation of the cripples of industry as well as those of war, utilizing existing vocational schools for retraining in co-operation with state industrial commissions.

FACTS ABOUT THE RED CROSS

The following facts will show the rapid and tremendous growth of the Red Cross in its expansion from a domestic relief organization to a worldwide war relief agency:

The first enrollment in December, 1917, brought the Red Cross membership to 22,000,000.

The second fund drive during the week of May 20 to 27, 1918, was over-subscribed by millions above the hundred million asked for. Contributions to the second war fund drive totaled \$180,623,106, more than 88 per cent of which has been collected.

At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1918, 8,512 persons were employed in an administrative capacity at national, divisional and foreign headquarters of the Red Cross. More than 8,000,000 volunteers served in the 700 canteens.

Forty thousand persons were engaged in Red Cross home service work, and the amount expended for relief work each month ranged from \$177,000 to \$215,000.

By the end of the fiscal year the Red Cross, being a recruiting agency for the army and navy nurses' corps, had enrolled 20,530 nurses.

An idea of the extent of the work undertaken by the Red Cross mission to Greece may be gained from the fact that on one day 126 carloads of refugees containing 7,150 persons, were provided with 12,500 rations. On another occasion, at Tynovo-Slemen 1,500 refugees were given rations, the sick given emergency attention, 385 were clothed, 1,687 garments were distributed, five refugees were buried, and the train started for Dedeagatch, all within five hours.

FISHING IN SHALLOW WATER

She—Poor Maude had such hard luck at the beach yesterday.

He—Why, what happened?

She—Well, she tried the drowning game, and, would you believe it, with all the eligible young men on the beach, her rescuer was an old fossil of a benedict.—Boston Transcript.

OREGON JOINS NATION IN GOOD POTATO QUEST

Oregon has entered into co-operative agreement with the United States department of agriculture to determine, grow and distribute for seed purposes the best varieties of potatoes under Oregon conditions. The work will be conducted through the experiment station of the agricultural college, with G. R. Hyslop, professor of farm crops, in charge.

"This joint action has grown out of the need felt by farmers throughout the state for good seed potatoes free of disease," said Professor Hyslop. "The co-operative potato experiment is to make available for growers good seed potatoes."

Different varieties will be grown in comparative tests to determine which produce the greatest yield free of disease and good quality. Cultural work will be done to determine the best methods of cultivation, size, time to plant, and manner of planting.

The station will not go into the seed producing business, Professor Hyslop explains, but aims to give farmers who desire it a start in the production of good seed potatoes, which will increase their yields and financial returns.

THERE IS NO WAGE SLAVERY

It is rather melancholy to hear any numerous and more or less representative gathering of American workmen talk nowadays about wage slavery because it is such patent balderdash. They might as well stand up in vigorous physical completion and gravely argue that they have only one leg apiece.

We imagine a strict inquiry today would show that the real income of the average skilled workman is not much inferior to that of the average farmer, who is not only a skilled workman with no eight-hour day but a capitalist as well.

It is true that the farmer has greater assurance of his job and that an actually great number of farmers enjoy a better real income than the best-paid wage earner.

But if the whole six to seven million could be appraised and an average struck we imagine the difference in real income—in ability to command necessities, comforts and enjoyments—would not tip very much in favor of the farmer.

To call either state slavery is the merest misuse of the word. No man is bound in the United States today save by his own limitations and vices.

Labor has a great deal to say that deserves the most respectful consideration, but it is difficult to respect anyone when he begins talking blatant nonsense.—George H. Lorimer, in the Saturday Evening Post.

MISSING WIVES

Lots of the soldiers who were applied before leaving for bloody fields are having trouble in finding the other half of the sketch, now that there is a home-coming. One Los Angeles hero is unable to locate anyone who has even had a view of his young wife since he was married to her, although she appears to have realized on her pay check regularly. A special adjustment board of the war insurance bureau has had some 30,000 cases where the soldier has had trouble in tracing the wife or lots of wives who were taken up hastily on the desire of the soldiers to share their pay with somebody didn't pan out very well. They were off with a new love before the party of the first part was out of sight of land. Hundreds of soldiers have written in to the effect that they never want to see their fickle spouses again, but they would like to know if there isn't a way wherein they get some of their money back. Mostly this is an impossible proposition. The war is to blame for a lot of ruptured romances as well as several other things, that might be mentioned.—Los Angeles Times.

Got It Bad.

The young man about town had just been accepted by "the one girl in the world," who, nevertheless, was a member of a forty-strong beauty chorus. "So you think you love her?" smiled his father.

"I know I love her!" swore the infatuated youth. "Are you sure you love her as much as you think you do?" "I'm sure of more than that. I love her as much as she thinks I do!"

Making Success.

Make today successful. Bend your energies toward accomplishing something within the next 24 hours which you can think of with satisfaction when you put your head on your pillow at night. Enough successful days make a life success, and there is no other way of doing it.—Giri's Companion.

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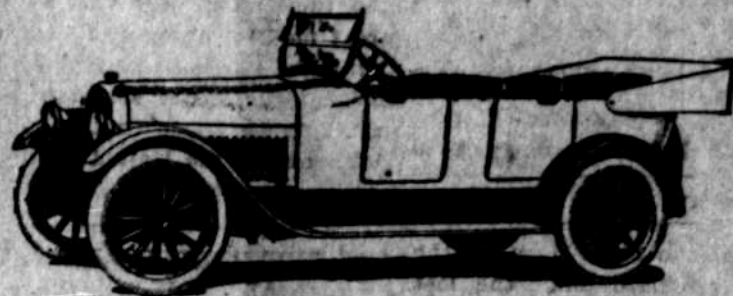
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