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UNION ENGINEERS EXEMPT FROM DRAFT

If They Are Among Highest
Third.

ANNOUNCED THURSDAY.

President Richmond Receives
Dispatch From Army Head
Which Gives Union
Students Preference.

Engineering students at Union College who are among the highest third in class standing will be exempt from the draft. This fact, which had not been definitely ascertained since it was learned some time ago that such engineering students of approved colleges would be exempt, was made a certainty Wednesday evening when President Richmond received from Major-General Black, chief of engineers, a telegram saying that Union was among the colleges whose engineering students in approved standing would be exempt. President Richmond announced the receipt of the telegram yesterday morning.

NEW YEAR FINDS COLLEGE DEBATERS HARD AT WORK.

Students who give attention to debating may be interested in the arrangements recently made for this year's triangular debate between Yale, Harvard and Princeton. As it is felt that the military work being done at these institutions is too onerous to give the usual six week's preparation to the debate, a seventeen-day period will be allowed after the subject is announced and before the contest. The number of judges will be four instead of three and the decision will be given without previous discussion, the judges balloting immediately upon meeting. The subject for this year's debate will be chosen by Yale.

Colgate has scheduled debates with Columbia, Ohio Wesleyan, Georgetown and Washington and Jefferson. The Colgate and Syracuse Freshmen will also meet in a forensic encounter. Two of the questions being prepared by Colgate's varsity squad are: Resolved, that After the War an International Police Force should be Created to Maintain Peace, and Resolved, That a War-Tax of at Least 20 per cent. should be Levied on All Incomes in Excess of \$2,000. The latter question will also be debated by Columbia and N. Y. U.

PRESIDENT HAS NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS.

After yesterday's chapel services President Richmond spoke briefly, wishing the students a happy New Year.

"This year," he said, "will be one of surprises and of difficulties. We must meet it with good courage and good hope. We are not going to submit to any disorganization or discouragement here. Whether this be a happy or unhappy new year, depends not on circumstances, it depends on you."

R. P. I. SEES FORMIDABLE OPPONENT IN UNION

Trojan's Sport Writer Warns of
Bad Man "Beef" Ewing.

The Polytechnic, R. P. I.'s newspaper, has the following to say about the forthcoming R. P. I.-Union game:

Rensselaer's quintet will meet the Union aggregation in Schenectady on Jan. 12 with the dope from comparative scores somewhat against it. Union defeated Clarkson Tech by 36-19, while the Institute was able to pile up a score of only 33-25, in the last game. The Varsity's form was very much off standard, however, and for quite a time in the first half Captain Parrott was not in the lineup. Flashes of brilliant form showed great possibilities, and with a week's rest and two week's of hard practice the team ought to be in the very best shape for the annual contest. The center position, which had worried the Coach considerably, will be filled very well by Raynor, who starred against Clarkson; and with Parrott again on the floor with his old-time speed, Rensselaer fans are looking to see last year's two victories repeated.

Union has a very strong lineup, including four veterans—Moynihan, Captain Yovits, Jones, and Peaslee. In the first two games of the season the Schenectady five defeated Clarkson 36-19 and State College 42-27, using a number of second-string men in the latter contest. G. Brucher, a new man, is playing a star game at forward, scoring eight field goals against State College. Captain Yovits is a hard and fast playing guard.

Indications point to an exceedingly hard-fought contest. Twenty-one fouls were called on Union in the last game; the Rensselaer lineup includes four football men, besides "Beef" Ewing, who is a bad man to rough up.

GOVERNOR WHITMAN WILL SPEAK HERE JAN. 17.

Governor Whitman will speak in chapel at the Day of Prayer for Colleges exercises to be held at eleven o'clock on the morning of Thursday, January 17. Announcement of this fact was made in chapel yesterday morning by President Richmond. The services on this year's Day of Prayer, he said, would be patriotic rather than religious.

ENGINEERING STUDENTS HAVE PATRIOTIC DUTY

They Are In Country's Service
Even Though Exempt From
Draft, Says Professor.

(By F. H. Constant, Professor of Civil Engineering at Princeton).

By its new order the War Department distinctively recognizes the importance of conserving the supply of engineers and the danger to the country of shutting off the supply at the source. It also indicates clearly the duty of every engineering student who, by his academic record and personal qualifications, is able to avail himself of the opportunity. Even as a student he will be in the military service of the United States and subject to the orders of the War Department. He will be serving his country in the precise manner which the War Department has prescribed. There is no sentiment about this. If he is needed in the military field service he will be ordered there. If he is allowed to complete his course it will be because the War Department believes that to be the most important service he can perform.

What will happen to these enlisted men when they graduate no one can now say, not even the War Department. But several facts stand out which may foreshadow the future. The supply of engineers cannot be shut off from the industries which are essential to the maintenance of the armies in the field and the life of the nation.

A certain number of engineering graduates will necessarily have to be detailed for civilian duties, either in the services of the U. S. or as civilian engineers. On the other hand, those who may be detailed for military service are permitted to complete their technical training for the expressed purpose of placing them where their training will count the most. It is traditional in the War Department to regard engineers highly. It is a distinct honor to be in the Engineer

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DR. RICHMOND'S WAR SPEECH IS PRAISED

Rated As One of Cleverest and
Most Eloquent on War.

BY NEW YORK SUN

His Advocacy of Non-Partisan
Principles In Conducting
War Is Commended.

In commenting on a recent speech of President Richmond's made in New York, "The Sun" in its issue of December 25 declared that Dr. Richmond has expressed the issues of the war with as much clearness, spirit and eloquence as anyone who has spoken on the subject.

The address referred to was one made by Dr. Richmond before the New England Society at the Waldorf-Astoria on the evening of December 22. In this speech Dr. Richmond advocated the obscuration of party affiliations in choosing the best and ablest men in the country to conduct the war. The editorial is as follows:

Perhaps no man that has understood and declared the cause for which America is fighting has seen with straighter vision or spoken with clearer voice than Dr. Charles A. Richmond, the president of Union College. The spirited address which he delivered at the dinner of the New England Society on Saturday night ranks for insight and courage and eloquence with the finest utterances of contemporary American patriotism.

There is one passage in this powerful speech by a man who thinks for himself and speaks from both heart and brain which, in The Sun's opinion, cannot be too frequently reprinted or too closely studied with regard both to what it says directly and to what implies with proper and loyal restraint. He had been speaking of the great men of the earlier days of the republic—of Washington and Jefferson and Madison and Hamilton and Ben Franklin and John Marshall. Then Dr. Richmond went on as follows:

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Tinned Beef vs. Sweetness and Light.

There was recently published in a popular magazine an article purporting to be from the pen of the head of an old, but not quite respected, packing house of Chicago, the gist of which was that this ancient and opulent packing house exercises great care in the hiring of its office boys to the end that the heads of departments in this great establishment may be evolved from those who begin in early youth to serve God and man as best they can in this firm's employ. The author in the course of his disquisition several times pointed out, in something of the manner in which one might expect an hitherto undiscovered fact of pith and moment to be revealed, that a bright and honest boy who works hard and takes pains will get on in the world, or as the author of this article probably had in mind, will sell lots of pork and beef and by-products thereof and become a department head or even a director, either of which connotes opulence.

In developing his theme the great packer remarked that the reason his house hired so few college men was because they cared more for experience than for training. Of course what he meant was that they cared more for training in a packing house than for training in college.

It is always a temptation when one of these Successful Business Men says something of this sort to quote that pertinent query of Mathew Arnold's: What is the use of having a fast train to take you from Islington to Camberwell, if it takes you

from a dismal and illiberal life in Islington to a dismal and illiberal life in Camberwell? The temptation is vain and foolish, like other temptations, for of course the Successful Business Man, being obfuscated by Arnold's parable, would set down anyone who spoke it to him as a mooning idiot who never could sell a bill of goods. But Arnold might be paraphrased and the packer asked, What good is it to use everything but the squeal of a stuck-pig, if you are ignorant of Rosa Bonheur? Or, What does it avail to vaporize and condense a thousand by-products from the carcasses of dumb brutes, if you know not the savor of Homer's faultless hecatombs?

If the masters of Big Business who do not care for employees with college training had ever held lordly sway and directed the course of the channel of the minds of men Hamlet considering the base uses to which flesh descends would muse not on the futility of Caesar's and Alexander's glory when he holds a chapless skull in his hands, but on soap and tallow, fertilizer and lard.

However, we must have sympathy with the packer. He must keep his house in order and employ the men who do his work best. He is not to be blamed for caring more for diligence, care and industry in a man than for "sweetness and light." What we would like to have him do is to know that the qualities which make a good department head, "efficiency," are not quite matchless, that there are other things that count.

NEW SIGNALLING COURSE STARTS NEXT YEAR.

A meeting of the members of the Junior class was called this morning in the Electrical Laboratory by Dr. Berg to lay before them a course in signalling which will be offered here next year. The course will occupy six hours a week and is taken in conjunction with some work in electrical engineering. Ten men signing up for the course will be sufficient to insure its being given. Fuller details regarding this course will be printed in the next issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS.

COMBINED MEETING.

There will be a combined meeting of the Interfraternity Conference and the Junior Prom Committee at one o'clock in Silliman Hall tomorrow.

Hobart has voted to abandon intercollegiate basketball for the present season and consequently has cancelled its entire schedule. This action was taken as a result of a scarcity of varsity material.

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Cantey, '20, enlisted during the vacation in the navy. He is now taking a course at Washington, D. C., which will lead to an ensign's commission in the paymaster's department.

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vs.
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Gymnasium
January 15th

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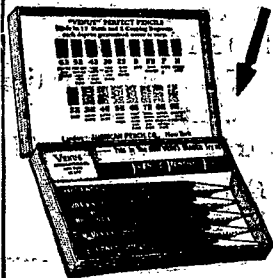
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Corps, and only the highest men in the graduating classes at West Point are accepted in it. The selected graduates of the civilian technical schools, in the E. R. C. of the Engineering Department will, in intellectual and technical training, in moral and personal fitness, compare favorably with the West Point engineers. It is further desirable that these men should get as much military instruction as possible in order that they may not be placed at disadvantage should they be called into active service.

The selected men enter service as privates. Graduation from an engineering school is an important qualification for a commission. The War Department makes no declaration in regard to how it will continue to make appointments to the E. O. R. C., but it is not unreasonable to expect that it will look to the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Engineering Department for material for future officerships.—From The Daily Princetonian.

SOLDIERS INSURE HEAVILY UNDER GOVERNMENT PLAN.

The insurance offered by the United States Government to members of its military and naval forces has been called the most just and humane provision ever made by any nation for its soldiers and sailors.

That its value and advantages are appreciated by the Army and Navy is evidenced by the extent which it has been availed of. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo officially announced on December 14 that 238,924 applications had already been received, representing \$2,073,728,500 of insurance.

At the close of the business day of December 20 the Bureau of War Risk Insurance had received applications to the number of 272,122, aggregating \$2,359,402,000 of insurance.

The average amount for applicants is \$8,679, which is very little less than the maximum of \$10,000. The American forces in France were prompt in availing themselves of the insurance, Gen. Pershing himself subscribing to the maximum of \$10,000.

At Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., during the month of November nearly 20,000 applications were sent to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance; 71 per cent of these was for the maximum amount of \$10,000, 23 per cent was for \$5,000, and 6 per cent was for lesser sums. In 16 companies every single man applied for insurance; in 5 units, 3 of them full companies, every man applied for the maximum of \$10,000.

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I'm sick of the new styles in writing;
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Who think somewhat slighting of places inviting
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Of "soul mates," "free love" and divorce,
Of aesthetic tangles—eternal triangles
And pages of awful remorse.

"The passions of women are fleetful,
They're sirens whom power makes drunk,
All wives are deceitful, they're hectic and hateful
And the old Ten Commandments are bunk!

The Truth! I prefer the fantastic,
Pure maidens that play with a dove;
Down with troubles domestic—with passions majestic,
And write me the old-fashioned slushy, mushy, never
blushy "story of youthful love!"

—Yale Record.

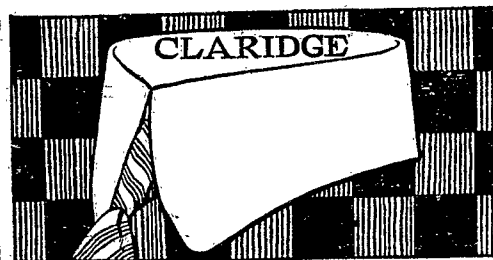
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DR. RICHMOND'S WAR SPEECH HIGHLY PRAISED

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"In those days there were perhaps 3,000,000 inhabitants in this republic. Today there are 100,000,000 or more, but if any of you know six men living whom you would dare stand alongside those six men I have named I should like to hear their names. But God knows we need them. They may come, but I think we can all unite in a fervent prayer that God may send them quickly."

We do need them, even if they be only six in number, and we do need them now. He continued:

"And let me say that they will not be found in any one political party. The Revolution was not a party war. Not only the men who fought but the men who guided our counsels in those critical days after the war were men who differed in their political faith. Hamilton and Jefferson were at opposite political poles, yet they sat in the same Cabinet. It is a misfortune that this cannot be so today. We have been urging the duty of national unity. We say and we say truly that we must bring together all our resources—conscript them, if need be—for the service of the country.

"It may be found, as it has been

found in England and France, and in Germany, that some little men have made their way into big places.

If it is so, the country, of course, will insist upon its right to demand that they be replaced by men of larger size, and the country will not stop and must not stop for hurt feelings or personal ambitions. The country has the right to know and to judge. It has the right to claim the service of the strongest and best men and we should put up with nothing less. But whatever comes we must stand by the Government, and we must stand by our allies."

This is the conception of national unity which is bound to become more widely recognized and entertained as the need of our strongest and ablest men in the war's management is emphasized by the deficiencies and the perfunctory inadequacies of the less competent. Dr. Richmond is saying that which is in many minds.

Every nation in its time of crisis has had this same experience. As the call for its best men—the men best fitted to do the work in hand—has grown more urgent the conventional lines of party have lost their distinctness. The historic examples cited by Dr. Richmond illustrate a universal truth.

Why should there be a question of the party politics of the officers in high administrative command any more than there is a question of the party politics of the generals in the field or the admirals on the seas?

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