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FACULTY SUGGESTS MARITIME POLICY

Letter to Government Officials
Advocates Creation of Large
Merchant Marine.

SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE

Would Furnish Allies With Un-
limited Munitions and Supplies.

While the undergraduates of Union have been earnestly and vigorously preparing to render most efficient service to the country by applying themselves to mastering routine drill and the technical knowledge likely to prove of the greatest value in the coming conflict, the faculty have employed their intellect and foresight in devising a policy to offer the Federal Government as the one which, in their opinion, would occasion the most satisfactory results with the least disadvantage and loss. As a result of this deliberation, today a letter, signed by the faculty, suggesting and advocating a maritime policy was sent to President Wilson and to each member of his cabinet, to the vice-president, to each United States Senator, and member of Congress, and to the governor of each state.

This policy advocates the immediate construction and launching of a vast number of small cargo ships to be loaded with munitions, food and military supplies of all kinds, and to be dispatched to the Entente allies in an unceasing stream, while the fleet is to do all in its power to keep open the ocean highway.

The effectiveness and simplicity of this policy are self-evident; it could be put into almost immediate operation to meet the critical situation for which we are at present so ill-prepared, and would prove a most effective offensive with a minimum of loss. Against such a campaign, the German submarine policy would prove almost useless; though a certain percentage of such cargo ships would be

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CALENDAR.

Today.

3:30—Peace Oratoricals, College Chapel.

7:30—Military Drill, Armory.

Tuesday.

4:30—Radio Club, Electrical Lab.
7:30—Military Engineering Class,
Major Bell Speaks, Engineering Building.

Wednesday.

7:30—Military Drill, Armory.

Thursday.

Last day of classes.

Friday to Monday.

Easter recess.

Tuesday, April 10.

Classes resume.

NEW CHEMISTRY BUILDING TO BE STARTED AT ONCE NEW YORK CO. AWARDED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

At a meeting of the Butterfield Memorial Building Committee of the Board of Trustees held in New York at 4:30 o'clock Friday, the contract for the construction of the building was awarded to the Amsterdam Building Company of New York, which was the lowest bidder.

The Butterfield fund, which was left to the college for the erection of a memorial to General Daniel Butterfield by his widow, amounts to about \$110,000 and will be used for the construction and equipment of the new chemistry building.

The completion of the contract arrangements will require a few days time, and work will be started on the building as soon as the contractors can get the necessary equipment on the ground, which will probably be within three or four weeks.

The building, which will be three stories high, will be situated in North College lane on a line with the gymnasium and facing

east. The first floor will contain three large laboratories and a private laboratory for the use of an instructor. On the second floor there will be a large lecture room accommodating 300, a research laboratory and a private laboratory. The third floor will be devoted to two large laboratories, a recitation room and a private laboratory. There will be a library room on the second floor, where works on chemistry will be kept for reference. There will be balance rooms and stock rooms on every floor.

Two years ago Dr. Ellery traveled extensively over the United States and gave a special study to the arrangement, equipment and management of a large number of chemical laboratories throughout this country, and the results of his investigation will be embodied in the new building, which will be thoroughly modern in every respect.

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SERVICE GREATER THAN LEADERSHIP, SAYS NOBLE

Stirring Sermon at "College
Night" Service in First M.
E. Church.

At the First Methodist Episcopal Church, last night, Dr. Noble, the pastor, delivered a most interesting and instructive address before an audience composed largely of college men. Last night's service was known as "College Night" and was the first of a series of special Sunday night services which are being held at that church during the month of April. Since the regular college vesper season is over, this service served as a substitute, and the various fraternities and the neutral body were well represented.

Dr. Noble's address was based upon the quotation: "The worthy things of life are: to believe in something holy; to act bravely in the service of some great cause; to secure some intellectual interest; to find happiness in pure affection; to possess a code of honor; and to have good manners."

The aim of a college education should be not only to teach men to be leaders but also to train them to be servants of the public. He spoke of the many inspirational personalities which mould men during their undergraduate years.

That the personality of Jesus Christ is a very real and vital thing in the consciousness of the educated man is the result of the enterprise of human experience.

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DAWSON DEPARTS FOR PRINCETON POSITION

Slips Quietly Away Without
Formal Farewell to Students.

Fred Dawson left Schenectady at 4:35 o'clock Friday afternoon for his new position as head of Freshman athletics at Princeton. Fred had announced that he would not leave until Saturday and a great many fellows were planning to see him off and to say good-bye to him at the station, but he received a telegram from Princeton on Thursday asking him to report Saturday afternoon if possible since the Freshman baseball team has a game scheduled for Tuesday with the Penn. Charter School of Philadelphia. Fred was furthermore anxious to avoid the formalities of a farewell.

Fred left this farewell message to the students: "Tell the men I appreciate all they have done for me. I am not going to say any official good-bye,—just 'so long, boys.' I hope the Princeton men will show the same spirit of co-operation that everyone here has shown me."

Union College will not forget Fred Dawson, who has done so much for it in the last five years. He came to Union in the Spring of 1912 and in the 15 athletic seasons that he has coached the Garet teams, there have been 106 victories, 3 ties, and 45 defeats. In 1914 he turned out a clean slate football team and in 1914-15 a championship basketball team, both of which were famous

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OFFICERS RESERVE TO BE ESTABLISHED

Prexy Reports on Action of
Trustees in New York.

NO MORE IDLE TALK.

Diligent Application to Daily
Tasks Hardest Part of Pre-
paredness.

Dr. Richmond, Chapel, April
2, 1917.

In regard to the policy of the college with respect to the present situation. This was discussed at great length and the Trustees decided by unanimous vote to authorize the forming here of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps. This will be organized in the fall. It is impossible to secure an officer of the regular army for the forming of such a corps now for the rest of this academic year, but we have a committee to put this plan into operation in the fall and they have begun work. This will require the agreement on the part of at least 100 students, exclusive of the Seniors. It implies three hours work in the Freshman year, three hours in the Sophomore year, and five hours each in the Junior and Senior years. The enrollment will be in charge of the Advisory Committee of which Dr. Hale is the chairman. I should think the enrollment might be organized at once. Those of you who are coming back next year should be ready to take this course. That will lead, as I understand it, to a second lieutenant's commission and second lieutenant's rank whether in the active service or in the reserve. It will mean a certain amount of drill and study of tactics. In a schedule of 18 hours a week this will involve from two to four hours a week on strictly military work, the other sixteen will be about as you have it now. Many of the subjects to be studied, such as International Law, Economics, etc., and some other general studies are covered in our present courses. All branches of the service are included—infantry, artillery, cavalry and engineering corps.

That, in outline, is the plan and that has been authorized. As I have said the success of the plan will depend upon the number of you who are willing to enroll in this course. Whether we care to go into a general military program for a long period is not the question. We are called upon in this emergency to do something, and I have no hesitation in calling on you at this time to do this. If you have any question as to whether this is the best policy to pursue, I can only say that it has been ap-

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MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1917

Issue Editor, E. M. Cameron, Jr.

"HERE'S LUCK, FRED."

Fred has gone. Before we knew that the day of departure had come, before we realized that one of the finest friends we, as Union men, have ever had was leaving us, he had slipped quietly away, quietly because he could not bear the thought of a farewell to us.

And we are silent and our voices are a bit husky as we murmur, "Fred has gone." But it is only for a moment. He has entered a wider field, a position of larger opportunities and greater advancements, and we are glad that he is on his way to bigger things.

This is no time for a eulogy. We realize only too well what Fred has meant to us as a coach and as a man, and we shall always remember him and always welcome him back to the alma mater of his adoption.

But now, as he takes another forward step in his career we say, "Here's luck, Fred."

MATERIAL PROGRESS.

The contract for another large building on the campus has been awarded. The new chemistry building, long and badly needed, is beginning to mean something definite to us.

Recent years have seen the construction of the Engineering Building, the Electrical Laboratory, and the Gymnasium, and Washburn Hall is now being remodeled. All of these are signs of material prosperity and of a highly desirable progress.

Efficient work cannot be accomplished without suitable equipment. The obstacles under which the chemical department has been laboring are deplorable, but we hope another year will see them entirely removed.

Yet doesn't it seem a bit unfortunate that amid this constructive

prosperity the members of our faculty should not come in for a share of material advancement? That a professor, who has sacrificed a career of personal distinction for a life of service to Union College, has received no salary increase during a third of a century of earnest and devoted endeavor?

Our new buildings are valuable and necessary forward steps in our material progress. But it will take more than bricks and mortar to make men out of Union College students. There is an opportunity and a need for a substantial endowment fund for long deserved salary increases among those who are giving of their intellect and strength to Union.

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sunk, this number would be small in comparison to that of the entire flotilla, and the individual loss slight in each case. Standard design would permit a rapid construction of these ships at many different places in the country, and intelligent construction would insure their continued use in commerce after the war.

The faculty feel that such a policy would be the means "of ending this war before the complete exhaustion of all the combatants, * * * would contribute to the protection of the United States, would give help to those who have so long defended themselves against the common enemy, and would lend our aid to the evolution of a new world organization."

The letter containing this policy in full, which was sent to each of the above-named officials, was composed as follows:

UNION COLLEGE
Schenectady, New York.
"April 2, 1917."

(Name of one to whom sent):

"Sir: The members of the faculty of Union College whose names appear below assume the privilege of citizens to address the Federal Government as follows:

"Our country, being compelled to war by the act of Germany, should at once, in addition to whatever else it does, adopt one course which will be of immediate service to what would then become the common cause.

"We therefore advocate the following policy:

"To keep the ocean highway open to France and England;

"To build at the expense of the government a large number of cargo boats;

"To load these vessels at the expense of the Government with food, munitions and supplies of all kinds; and

"To dispatch these cargoes, in an unceasing stream, to the nations against which the German submarine campaign has been directed.

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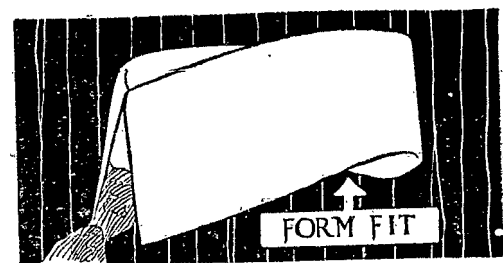
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In the course of his address, Dr. Noble spoke of the general excellent deportment of the Union College students. Schenectady is to be congratulated on its freedom from the many annoyances due to the thoughtless behavior of students, which characterize so many college towns.

All who attended last night's service expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with Dr. Noble's address, and grateful to the First Methodist Church for the opportunity presented to them.

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world. Standard design would allow the construction of such boats at many places in the country with the least expenditure of time and money. Intelligent design would insure their continued usefulness when the war is over.

"We advocate this direct utilization of our nation's wealth, as a means of ending this war before the complete exhaustion of all the combatants. To act on this plan would contribute to the protection of the United States, would give help to those who have long defended themselves against the common enemy, and would lend our aid to the evolution of a new world organization.

Very respectfully,

(Signature)

On behalf of

C. A. RICHMOND,

President.

Members of the Faculty of Union College.

The copies sent to President Wilson and the members of the cabinet were signed by President Richmond himself, while the signing of those to the other officials was divided among several members of the faculty.

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Who realized his place;

He showed a prof. that stood in line

What was his right face.

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GOOD MORNING, JUDGE.

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Yesterday we were titled back in our regular chair with our feet on the porch rail, and, well—you remember what a w-o-n-derful (that's just the way she says it isn't it?) day yesterday was, and she came along the walk with one of those green brand-new-spring-time-Easter outfits and a don't-you-wish-you-were-with-me orange yellow coat and a black straw bonnet equipt with an embroidered lavender flamingo nibbling an emerald Egyptian scarab, and one of Quinn's veribest-dollar-seventy-five complexions, and—just then we remembered we had a Concordy issue to get out and we grabbed for the old L. C. S. & Bros. and two-fingered off this line, which after all will help fill space. Oh, the languishing lassitude of these limpid days.

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We wonder if the insurance men are hep to the why and wherefore of the sudden and tremendous influx of applications for policies.

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"Orators Will Spout for Peace Prize," headline in the last Concordy. Not spout, Freddy, speak.—our tippy college high-brows will get you when you shoot a regular English wad just as straight as when you slip 'em the sponge cake.

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But we noticed that when Ensign Hambsch referred to the "dope," or information, he called it "printed literature."

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A woman of refinement and culture once said, "Where do you get that stuff?" but she was asking a friend about some dress goods.

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The motto of the man who enlists because he expects to get stuck out of college: "It is better to be a rookie than to be rooked."

* * *

Have you any military Freshmen in your house who are careful to correct your blunders in the drill? Never mind, as soon as you get them home, you can make them rake up the lawn.

* * *

When you happen to meet any of these would-be aviators, who are already high fliers, be sure to tell them about the aviation officer that stepped out out on the running board when he was a couple of miles above terra firma. This may help to get them used to being "all up in the air."

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After all, you don't care very much about the amount of your life-insurance policy by the time your wife is a widow.

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O euphonistic Euterpe,
 Poetic plasma
 Synchronous with spring!
 I would that I
 Could write a line or two
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proved by unanimous votes of both the Trustees and Faculty. Furthermore this is the one thing that the government has asked the college to do. I have received advice from General Wood and from the Adjutant General in this connection, and this is the one thing that they are asking us to do.

I have no doubt that there will be an ample margin over the 100. If we have 200 we can form two corps, and if we have 300 we can form three. I look to you to respond as you responded to the suggestion that you go over to the armory 200 strong—you responded 300 strong. I hope that the response to this call will be as encouraging.

Let me caution you about losing your heads. There may be no possible danger of this, but some ma-

ture men have done so. General Wood has written to advise the college boys to stay where they are. He says he advised the men at the colleges to stay where they are, follow their college work, and pursue their military instruction as at present offered. The situation has not developed in such a way as to justify leaving college or volunteering at the present.

Seriously, I want to say this: Attend to your business. That is the hardest thing we have to do. We are all boys—grown up or otherwise. However, some of us have learned from our experience and learned from our mistakes. We learn by getting our fingers burned. There is not a man who has passed the age of 40 who has not suffered from his mistakes. You have to pay dearly for these, but we have learned our lesson. We find it just as hard to restrain ourselves. It is as difficult for me

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to put my mind down to the day's work as it is for you. These professors have the same experience, but we are trying to do the day's duty as it comes along.

Get yourself into your work harder than ever. Do your work as well as you know how. Study not less but more. Cut out about 90% of the idle talk we are now indulging in. We are all talking too much. When the time comes for some further plan to be attempted we can consider it, but at the present time nobody can tell you any better than I have told you. This is the hardest thing to have to tell you, and I hate it myself. I wake up in the morning and want to do something romantic. I want to get into a flying machine and drop a bomb on someone. Well, you cannot do it. You have to get out and do your daily job.

The next step for you now is to enroll in this reserve officers' training corps. We will get all ready for the fall and I will see if I can get an officer who will put you boys through so that you will think you are real soldiers when he gets done with you.

it will be his task to develop material for the ensuing years.

While an undergraduate at Princeton Dawson took a prominent part in college activities. He was for three years a member of the varsity baseball and football teams, captaining the baseball team in 1910. He was a member of the Senior Council, the Athletic Advisory Board, the Monday Night Club, the Whig Hall Debating Society, and the Tiger Inn Club. He was chairman of the commencement exercise committee his Senior year. He graduated from Princeton in 1910 with the degree of Litt. B.

After his graduation from Princeton he spent a year on a ranch in Colorado. In the fall of 1911 he entered the medical school of Columbia but left in the Spring to accept the position of general coach at Union. While at Union he took three years of graduate work, receiving the degree of A. M. at the 1915 commencement. He was also the joint author of two books, "Elements of the Short Story," and "Baseball."

Fred's Princeton address is the Nassau Inn.

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throughout the east. It is due to Fred that athletics have kept pace with the exceptional growth of the college during the past five years.

Fred is now going back to his alma mater. His position as head coach of Freshman athletics is a very important one, since Freshmen at Princeton are not allowed to play on the varsity teams, and

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