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NOT DEMOCRATIC

A son of Grover Cleveland is taking a leading role in the agitation at Princeton University for the abolishing of students' dining clubs, to which about ninety percent of the young men belong.

President Hibben, as was his predecessor, Woodrow Wilson, is in sympathy with the movement to oust the clubs from the campus and although a hard fight will be made by the "old guards" and many students, if sentiment is behind the movement it will roll over the opposition.

We are not in sympathy with college fraternities—for that is what these clubs are in effect—because they are not democratic in spirit and do not foster the proper spirit in college. The proportion of non-fraternity men in southern colleges is so overwhelming, however, as to give these men control of campus activities, but there was a time when the democratic spirit was on top.

PREPAREDNESS

Sometimes we really are afraid to express an opinion on some subjects, not because we are afraid to do so, but because the subject might be of such importance to the people of this nation as to make anything we might say seem sacrilegious.

Our belief is that a strong navy is nearly sufficient. We have thought that a standing army of a few hundred thousand and a navy that will make all nations pause before attacking us—and no nation would likely attempt such a thing if it was aware that its fleets would be sunk—would be essential to our needs.

But the Record is not opinionated. It wouldn't say that because it held one way or another, its position was all there was to the question. In common with the great majority of people, as we fondly imagine, we happen to be convinced that a large navy is our greatest defense and for that reason we do not worry about experiments about standing armies—though we are not in sympathy with the great outlay of money for what experts regard as useless waste.

Gen. Julian S. Carr of Durham is one of the three leading Confederate generals who are moving for a monument to Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. Mr. Davis and his cause were not understood for many years, but the world has come to the position now that the south, in declaring its independence, was backed by the constitution to say nothing of precedent.

Mr. Alfred Morgan, who lived here 43 years ago, says he could scarcely recognize Hickory as being any part of the town he knew in his youth. The old town is moving right along, but its growth is observed more by persons who have lived here and gone away than by those who have stood by all the time.

The so-called leak investigation will begin anew today, but from the evidence so far added, it is apparent that the leak has been in somebody's head.

A new electric water heater that takes current from a light socket can be used to make any faucet yield hot water.

The Rumanian infantry rifle is the Mannlicher, and the field guns a Krupp quick-firer seventy-five millimeter, with a range of 6,500 yards.

NO PEACE YET

Columbia State. As presented in Washington the reply of the allies to President Wilson's request for an outline of their terms of peace probably represents the maximum of their demands. This was to be expected. But the allies' reply, a skillfully phrased document, by no means makes those conditions the only ones on which peace can be secured.

That this is true is to some extent proved by the plain statement of the note that: "It goes without saying that if the allies wish to liberate Europe from the brutal covetousness of Prussian militarism, it never has been their design, as has been alleged to encompass the extermination of the German peoples and their political disappearance."

In that statement there is contained the germ of a compromise peace which shall bring the war to an end. The end is not at hand yet. Germany will be very far from meeting the allies' views as to what constitutes a just peace conserving the principles of liberty and international obligation, just as the entente is not yet ready to fulfill what the Teutonic league demands as fair conditions of settlement.

In the matter of terms the allies' note, as clear as could be expected, is about what has been forecast. First, restoration of Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Rumania and evacuation of the invaded districts of France and Russia, of course, form the foundation stone, the essential of essentials for consideration of any peace save that of the utterly vanquished.

The matter of reparation is happily left indefinite; on that the best brains of the diplomats will be taxed to secure a satisfactory settlement.

The elimination of Turkey from Europe as a prerequisite to the peace of the world has been expected as one of the demands, and it causes no surprise.

The matter of "the restitution of provinces or territories wrested in the past from the allies by force" or against the will of their populations; the liberation of Italians, of Slav, of Rumanians and of Techo Slovaques from foreign domination; the enfranchisement of populations sub-

ject to the bloody tyranny of the Turks" is a question for definition, purposely left vague because in the denotation of those terms the military situation necessarily will play a predominant part. That is a question for the future, because, as the allies frankly admit, they are not now in a position to demand such concessions from the Teutonic powers on the basis of the present war map.

For guarantees against further aggression the allies seem to look to two methods—one a tactical rearrangement of boundaries and the other a league of nations which shall undertake to prevent the waging of the peace conference, and its nature must depend entirely on the military and economic residue left to the belligerents when the time comes for the diplomats to gather about the conference table.

Whether or not President Wilson can take further steps now to hasten peace it is impossible to say. Certainly the reception of his note by the allies is friendly and reasonable; certainly their reply is not such as to close the doors to any further move.

Just as certainly it is not an immediate indication that the war is nearing its end. It is more plainly a proof that the demands of the allies and of the Teutons—though the latter have not made theirs so clear—have still to be worn down in the attrition of war until they are reconcilable. How many more lives that will cost none can know; it is safe to say, however, that operations on a gigantic scale during the coming spring must take their toll of blood and treasure before the clashing alliances can reach a basis of compromise on which they can end their war.

ROBERT E. LEE

When the future historian shall come to survey the character of Lee, he will find it rising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and he must lift his eyes high toward Heaven to catch its summit.

He possessed every virtue of other

great commanders without their vices. He was a foe without hate; a friend without treachery; a sailor without cruelty; a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices; a private citizen without wrong; a neighbor without reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was a Caesar without his ambition; Fredrick, without his tyranny; Napoleon, without his selfishness; and Washington, without his reward.

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