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PACIFISM

Immediately or very soon after the close of every war there arise organizations of pacifists instilled with the idea that military preparations are not only superfluously carried out, but tend toward international war instead of international peace. The events succeeding the past war seem to be no exception.

The pacifist plan is obvious, but its complete carrying out will require both federal and state legislation, either of which will likely be hard to obtain. They seem to have but one idea in mind, that of reducing the costs of operation of the government, but to attack our national defenses—an organization so deficient at the start of the last war that over a year's preparation was necessary to send into battle men so incompletely trained that casualties among both officers and enlisted men were outrageous—seems a short sighted policy. To advocate that no preparation is the best defense against war brings the policy even closer to the eye.

Outside the question of preparedness, which is of course the principle issue, there lies the point on which any man with military training will agree, it being that military training is an invaluable asset in colleges and universities because it encourages discipline, develops orderly habits, and contributes to physical well-being.

We too hope with the pacifists that America is through with war, but to disband all defense in the assumption that the hopes are well founded, finds no basis in the best of modern American thought.

IN RESPONSE

Often it is said that it is possible for one to become so interested in his work that any mention of it in any other than a complimentary manner will be taken as a slight to his workmanship. We fear that this is the case with our contributor, the librarian.

In our editorial of the last newspaper issue we made no reference to the library other than that without some additional form of entertainment besides smoking and "bull," little inducement would be given for voluntary gatherings of the sort conducive to more "good fellow" relationships so necessary for better co-operative group leadership.

The library is admittedly no place for a real senior club room but one situated elsewhere would be an invaluable asset to the class.

We truly meant no offense; but attempt was made to show the importance of the loss of the senior club room. We still maintain that the loss is great; and that our contributor had his feelers a little too far forward.

I knew W. J. Bryan intimately and there can be little or no doubt that too much water hastened his death. I often sat beside him at a banquet. A silver pitcher holding a gallon of water would be placed before him. He would not only drink the contents of this pitcher but have it refilled and drink the second one also.—Carter H. Harrison.

The government of Bolivia has taken money from the budget of its war department this year and added it to the budget for education.

Slang, like profanity, is the resource of those whose vocabulary is limited.—William Lyon Phelps.

CAMPUS COMMENT

This column is open to signed contributions from members of the student body and faculty at A & M. Contributions must be either typewritten or legibly written in ink, and The Battalion reserves the right to refuse publication of any contribution considered unfit.

WE TAKE ONE ON THE CHIN

Dear Battalion:

I was interested in your suggestion of pool tables in the Library lounge. Even after fifteen years of it, I am constantly confronted with new refinements of the Aggie mind—I always welcome each new installment of enlightenment.

I am afraid that for the present we haven't enough money to carry out this great work. Meanwhile I can't share your high-brow contempt for "cigarette smoking and bull," both of which I, for one, consider as among the chief ingredients of human happiness, and one of which is not the least important ingredient of all student newspapers—except, of course, The Battalion.

Sincerely,
Thomas F. Mayo.

COLLEGIANA

Notable Happenings in the College World

POOR FRESHWOMEN!

According to a ruling of the sophomore co-eds, the 75 entering freshman women of the business school in City College, New York, are prohibited from wearing lipstick, jewelry, or similar refinements. They are also ordered to wear bows of lavender and black ribbon on their left shoulders for six weeks, and must know every college song and cheer.

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A(L)BIE'S IRISH ROSE

The signing of Benny Friedman as backfield coach at Yale brings to mind the story of Abie's Irish Rose, as Adam Walsh is now line coach at the New Haven school. Friedman and Walsh are off to a good start, and are already agreed upon using the Rockne system of play.

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Lucky Students.

A royal decree has closed all universities in Spain for a period of thirty days. All other means of pacifying the striking students were exhausted. "Revolutionary tendencies of the students" was one of the reasons given.

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Ha, ha, Profs!

Columbia students had the laugh on their professors last week when 10 faculty members handed in their answers to a test prepared by The Spectator, student paper, and the highest grade was 55.1. Only four professors completed the forty questions asked, and 43 refused to take the test at all. That the professors have a tendency to bluff as well as students was shown by an answer to the question, "Name three Brahms compositions." The answer was "The first, second and third sonatas."

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GRAPEFRUITER OF VALLEE DROPPED FROM HARVARD

The action taken at Harvard in dropping young James Angier from school for allegedly participating in the throwing of fruit at Rudy Vallee, the crooner, might or might not have been justified. In any event, the many admirers and hissers of Vallee's warbling will have new fuel over which to argue.

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Station "Wright" Again!

Will Sunday, Ted Snoozing and Graham Cracker, the three mis-named broadcasters at Yale who were sending contraband speeches through the air not so long ago, purported to come from various professors at Yale, have finally been stopped, much to the regret of the nearby listeners, who got a great kick out of the plagiarized addresses. The Radio Commission had to transfer its activities from Colonel Henderson of Shreveport and the Gland Doctor of Kansas long enough to quiet the new menace at Yale.

NICE OF THE GIRLS, ISN'T IT?

Asked as to whether they would permit their escorts to drink, a group of co-eds at Ohio State University responded that it was all right just as long as the escorts could keep on the sidewalk, and not forget to take them home after the party. Which confirms a neaking suspicion that after all, the co-eds care more for the party than for their "date's" company.

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EFFICIENCY INDEED!

In the Queen's University Journal, Canada, is noted the following witticism: "Efficiency in a co-ed is that quality which enables her to make up her mind and mind her make-up at the same time."

The new diplomacy can when it wishes be as obscure, though more vocally obscure, than the old.—Sir Austin Chamberlain.

The evils of the world are many, and one of the greatest is immodesty.—Cardinal Hays.

When a man use the word "some-time" he usually means not in his time.—Senator Blaine of Wisconsin.

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It is better to wait until people are dead before one says anything unkind about them.—George Bernard Shaw.

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