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OUR ARMED NEUTRALITY

ON ALL sides we hear criticisms of the administration, cries for preparedness, and talk of war for our country, but let us take a look on the other side of the page to learn the status of ARMED NEUTRALITY.

Until quite recently the net of fate, which has drawn many another nation into the clutches of war, has been quite lenient with this country, and only at times have we felt that coaxing tug. It must be that the war spirit is a contagion, and the nation which allows itself to be enticed too near to a war sick relative is apt to receive the deadly germ and be lost.

It is very hard at times to check ourselves from hazarding our all in this whirlpool of battles. It is a wonder how the President has kept his head above water and a clear eye in face of the storms which sweep the country and roar about him continually and insistently.

We have been brought to the brink of war within the past few days. We have had ample opportunity to watch the other nations throw themselves into the flood and, having become exhausted, sink from sight as valiant little Belgium and Serbia, or like those who put out in frail skiffs, as Turkey, become shipwrecked and probably maimed for life. We see them floundering about and hear their cries for help, "Come on in the war is fine," but if our ears do not play us false there is horrible anguish in their cries which should be a warning to us on the bank to think twice e'er we take that wild plunge with war-mad Europe into the billowy arms of that hideous monster, War.

Can we be content to profit by the example of Norway, Sweden and Holland, all of whom have had their rights (as we call them) hopelessly benighted? Every day it is becoming more and more a reckless hit or miss affair with rights, relative abstracts at best, thrown to the four winds.

We have talked war, but in quieter moments we do wonder if we have been viewing but one side and whether, possibly, the other side of the page also is meant for us to read—for to enter the war seems much like the folly of making an irresponsible and revolutionary faction in Mexico salute our flag. We may as well tell Fido to jump over the moon or be whipped for it.

This does not mean that we should sit idly by and allow our honor to be dragged through the mire, nor that we should suffer our rights to be disregarded. Far from this, we should be prepared to meet any emergency, we should sail our ships o'er the seas safeguarded, and should be in a real state of preparedness, not, however, to enter this reckless, irresponsible war, but rather to guard our shins from the wilful kicks of the small boy.

There may be those who disagree and cry, "Where is patriotism gone?" To such we would say that there has never been a greater need than at present for patriotism. Feel of your pulse—it takes a bigger man to stand firm in a crisis than it does to be led by the crowd. Stand back of the President, who may be trusted to lead us aright. Respond to the present call for ARMED neutrality against all odds, for in this way we avoid entanglements and give our services to no nation save our own, and we serve under no banner but that of the glorious stars and stripes. And if the expected declaration is made, the armed neutrality we have so far lived up to will turn itself effectively to the task of protecting that honor and safeguarding those rights from the alien nations.

BACK TO ROGERS—TONIGHT!

CONVOCATION ON FRIDAY

Prof. Harry Fosdick to Speak on "Tests of Religion"

President Maclaurin has called a Convocation for next Friday, March 23, at 1.30 P. M. in Room 10-250, at which the student body will be addressed by Professor Harry E. Fosdick, of Columbia University. The subject of the address is to be "The Tests of Religion." Professor Fosdick is connected with the Faculty of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, and also holds a pastorate of a church in Montclair, N. J. He is probably one of the best known preachers, authors and lecturers among college men.

At the Northfield Student Conferences which are held during the summer, Rev. Fosdick is one of the speakers most in demand. At the Conferences at Lake Geneva and other places, he has inspired thousands of students with his vigorous, manly interpretation of Christianity. He has addressed many of the colleges in the East and has spoken at Harvard three times this year. Last Sunday Reverend Fosdick delivered the sermon in Appleton Chapel at Harvard, and the report states that literally hundreds of students were turned away.

As an author he is best known by his "Manhood of the Master," this book having been studied in many discussion groups by college men. His "Second Mile" has also been widely read by young men, and his book entitled "The Morning of Prayer" is termed by Professor Wickenden of our Faculty as being "the best laboratory report he has ever read." Few men are his equal in eloquence, and he also possesses a clear insight into modern problems and an ability to present his subject in a most interesting manner.

ARCHITECTS HOLD SMOKER

Charles T. Main '76 Speaks on Mill Construction

Yesterday evening the Architectural Engineering Society held a smoker in Rogers Building. Mr. Charles T. Main '76 addressed the members on the subject of mill engineering. Mr. Main is a prominent mill architect and engineer and is an authority on the subject of industrial structure work, and his talk was interesting and instructing. Mr. Main is a prominent member of several of Boston's clubs and at the present time is the acting executive of the Engineers Club on Commonwealth Avenue.

Mr. Charles Nicholls, of Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, has been obtained to address the next smoker, to be held the last of the month, and will compare before the society the various forms of construction. He will lay particular stress on the permanency and practicability of mill, concrete and steel construction. The society wishes to extend a cordial invitation to all those interested in this subject.

"BACK TO ROGERS"

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Donald and Joseph," from Cohan's "Revue."

Walter Humphreys, because of the fact that he is chairman of the Brookline School Committee and has to attend the town meeting tonight, attended the dress rehearsal last evening in order to hear what this trio had to say about him, and it must be added that he took his knocks as only a gentleman could.

The scenery for this entire production has been provided by Superintendent of Buildings Smith at an enormous expense, and consists of a complete change for every act. The beauty and splendor of it can only be equaled by that of Reinhardt, Gordon and Craig, and one or two others.

The dance to be given after the performance will be one never to be forgotten. The old Library, in which it is to be held, will be decorated profusely and the music will be furnished by the Technology Banjo Orchestra, which includes such talent as Harrington, Collins, Schultz and their co-executioners.

The sale of tickets is large and everyone is urged to obtain them before going to the performance. They will be sold at the door, however, if there is any space left. Reservations for ten or more couples may be obtained, if so desired, by leaving a notice at the Caf for N. E. Tourtellotte. The show will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

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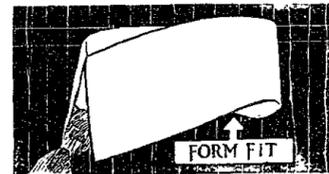
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