PAY THE WAR DEBTS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

A frequent repeated default on the parts of the nations owing us war debts we have almost forgotten that these countries owe us something. But, the newspapers think of it as a little at the thought of the way we are being "cheated." Very rare is the American who looks at the problem in the correct light.

The war debts were not loaned to the Al- banian, but to the [country], a foreign power, whose currency was not accepted by the United States would therefore not result in further payments, and which a certain cash value was set. But we must receive these debts at all. We must receive them in order to keep the economic system. If the payments are not made, the United States must sell goods here, and our foreign countries must sell goods here, in order to keep the United States alive.

Unfortunately, Technology's students do not cooperate in maintaining the campus in a respectable condition. The entire campus lawn is common practice, for example, between Buildings 1 and 2. While the grass, especially when dry, will not set fire, people walking on it, it is soon worn down when scores follow the same path every day. Small trees are mature for the future if they have enough respect for the ap- parance of their scenery.

Then apparently are those students who are not content with the damage their own feet can cause, but insist on driving an automobile around and around the grass plots. Perhaps they think that the double de- pressions they have been; but because the future looks so discouraging! A little consider- ation is in order to keep the grass which is the pride of the Institute in as good shape as possible.

THE HINDENBURG BURNS BUT NOT WITH HELIUM

WHATSOEVER the final decision as to the cause of the Hindenberg disaster, whether caused by sabotage, which seems im- possible, or by static electricity, or by a back- firing engine setting off released hydrogen, which now seems likely, one fact remains true: if the ship had been filled in stead of hydrogen the disaster would not have occurred. Whatever the cause of the ignition, it would have been harmless had there been nothing to ignite. This disaster will probably result in the United States willing to finance com- mercial airships. There is little possibility of the U.S. losing any military advantages, for she controls the whole supply of helium available today, and if careful control was instituted to use only enough helium for actual commercial needs were met, there would be no difficulty in stopping the supply at the out- break of a war. In fact, the dirigible owners would be at a disadvantage, trying to operate a ship designed for helium on hydrogen. The Germans are apparently the only ones who now know how to build and operate high- airships properly. With American helium, reg- ular commercial lines could be established which are as safe as steamships. There is no valid reason for our withholding helium any longer.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Too many students who are able for the fruite of the first time to select without supervision what they will eat are likely to react as the five- year-old who dreams of what lies past his die- on his birthday." Bitter words for a sweet diet by Dr. Ruth Okin, professor of high school sciences at the University of California.

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