STUDENT ASSEMBLY Lectures

Mr. Hidley Lectures

The entire hour of Student Assembly on Friday, March 14, was given over to the third of the series of addresses on the Peace Conference questions. Mr. Hidley spoke on "The Near East and the Peace Conference." His lecture was in part as follows:

"Anyone who undertakes to organize a lecture out of the chaos of misinformation and opinion relating to the Near Eastern situation runs into the danger of not knowing what he is talking about, especially since he is not in the business of propaganda material that has swept over this country since the opening of the documentary conflict now waged for American support of claims, boundaries, economic opportunity, etc. So far the conference has maintained a silence about the North Syrian people as what they want and why they expect to receive it at the final settlement.

The purpose of the Jugo-Slav Commission to the United States is not so much the truth about the South Slavic peoples as what they want and why they expect to receive it at the final settlement. The Department of Information (Continued on page 4)

AMERICANIZATION INSTITUTE

The Institute was addressed last Saturday, March 14, by Dr. Hutchinson of State College, and Miss Harriet D. New York.

The former lectured on "Citizenship by Naturalization." He said that the attitude of the Chinese toward our offers to receive naturalization papers and that this event tooled between China and India.

The latter, however, may become citizens of the United States by a special immigration, or in any other ways promoting greater interest in the fields of interpretation.

SECOND FACULTY SOCIAL EVENING

The second informal social evening enjoyed by the faculty was held last Thursday in the gymnasium. Progressive five hundred and five hundred were played, and dancing enjoyed the latter part of the evening.

WORLD RECEIVED FROM HARRY MASSON, Ex-'19

Dean Horner recently received a letter from Private Harry Masson, '19, together with a copy of the "Stars and Stripes"—the official newspaper of the A.E.F. Masson is in Company F of the Army Service Corps, and is located near Bourges, France. His detachment has charge of a prison camp for German prisoners.

MATHEMATICS CLUB

Will Initiate Saturday

A special meeting of the Mathematics club was held Wednesday, March 17, to discuss preparation for the initiation which will take place Saturday evening, 7:30 p.m., in room 230.

MYSKANIA TO LAUNCH CONTENT FOR NEW ALMA MATER

MySkania has decided to launch a contest for a new alma mater. There has long been felt a need for a new college song, written by college students, to be sung by college students.

The contest will close April 25th, the Friday after Easter vacation. Those who will give opportunity to write the new song on moving day. Listens at chapel and, next week's editorial for particulars of contest. Meanwhile, think! Very likely compose!

MOVING-UP DAY PLANS

John Becker, chairman of activities for moving-up day, announces that plans are already being formed. The program will follow, in part, the program of last year. The morning will be occupied by the formal chapel exercises and by class meetings on the upper classes and of three faculty assembly.

The Place—Chemistry Room

PROFESSOR RISLEY SPEAKS BEFORE CITY CLUB

On Saturday, March 15, Professor Risley spoke before the luncheon of the City Club at the Hampton Hotel.

He said, in part: "There are no indications in opposition in the United States to a league. If this were the only plus to be presented, it would be the patriotic duty of every man and woman to support it without reservation. The sacrifice of our boys, the crimson stars and the gold stars in loyal service to our country, is safeguarded against a repetition of ruthless war.

But this is not the last possibility for a league, this now presenting the opportunity for a league which will provide for a majority of five states in the league, in so far as it provides for a majority of five states in the executive council. Likewise, the Hague conference has shown its inability to stop wars. The present plan differs from that in providing for a majority of five states in the executive council, and a partial scheme for disarmament and for military coercion.

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THE FRESHMAN PARTY

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Causes of this situation are many. First there is the possibility that many of the manifestations of an anti-good-time policy. Secondly, upper-classmen want college traditions. They have worked hard for the establishment of traditions. And so few permanent ones have resulted that the loss of even one means much. Class parties are firmly established traditions. In fact they are probably the only traditions.

The news that a formal inter-college ball is to be held at the Ten Feet was greeted with unhappiness at first, then unbound joy. The next era had to come. Was it too good to be true? Withholding the news freshman class party proved the lie. This is not merely a plea for freedom, but a protest against the indignation over one affair. It is a case of "Let it alone!"". In dictator America it is hard to submit to arbitrary rule without even representation. Will this be the way the college traditions. They have worked hard to get an opportunity to start at State. They succeeded. Should they be allowed to leave College with all their good work forgotten, except in books? As I said in the beginning, to whom is the blame to be given? To me the blame seems to lie in the problem of the athletic director and the administration. There is such interest among the students for these contests, it is right to say "If the students want athletics, why don't they say so?" But why does the athletic director or the executive council call a meeting of the student managers and sound the stodgy assertion: "to its desire or wish on the athletic council?"

Every new proposition must be pushed by those in back of it. If the students are not interested, they must make them interested by doing a little more than sit back and do nothing. It is not mere good humor and an extra word or picture as the "Biggest Bluffer" in the "Pedagogue" that will ever be given up by the students. There is enough agitation among the students for these contests, if the students want athletics, why don't they say so? But why does the athletic director or the executive council call a meeting of the student managers and sound the stodgy assertion: "to its desire or wish on the athletic council?"

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HOME ECONOMICS

LEFT YOURS TO THE CONSOLIDATION EXPERT

Alec McNeal emphasized the importance of the Junior extension work in the school. He also encouraged the student workers to engage themselves in the Junior work as a necessary preliminary to their own extension work. Miss McNeal pointed out that the cooperation of this was necessarily not absolute, but useful for successful lectures. With a limited amount of time, it is possible that lunch can be prepared which is only the school children with regard to their health and the standard of work done by themselves. As a final proof of the importance of Junior extension work in general, Miss McNeal showed how work was done by the Junior, and went on to describe the work of the school, as it related to the carrying out of the work already planned and, as it was to continue.

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A LECTION BY

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Lecturer by Conservation Expert

Several students attended the lecture given by Mr. Pratt of the State Conservation Commission, Saturday, March 15, at the Edmunton Auditorium. Illuminations were used, showing the work of the Conservation Commission in New York State, including pictures of birds, animals, fish, and a film exhibiton used in fighting Adirondack forest fires.

Professor Risley speaks before City Club

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show that Washington did not regard the doctrine as final, and that the trouble with the analogy lies in the fact that the Constitution was adopted under the understanding that it must be accepted. It is important that this initial document of the democratic world, this democratic covenant between nations should be offered to us with an adequate diet. In this it has been the reason for much of the partisan opposition today.

It has also been unfortunate that the American position as the chief maker of the league has been so emphasized. As a result, the French papers are the league papers, and the American papers are the anti-Union papers. Thus it is planned to throw the union into the hands of Europe, to put in the position of attempting to settle the hither-to impossible question. No nation can solve this without knowledge of conditions, any more than the negro question or the Irish question can be solved from a distance.

If it comes to military settlement—and we are told there have been twelve wars in Europe since the annexation—whose boy will we want to send? Being the question to the home to yourselves. Our soldier boy who comes back to work at home has no desire to fight anywhere in a short time, least of all in the States.

Mr. Risley declared one saw that the Monroe Doctrine was preserved in the league till its barest and least ardent advocates pointed it out, and that its presence is not clear now. "Mr. Taft," he added, "seems to have seen the light and is now saying that this doctrine might be receded.

It is peculiar that now the class of extremists have a word who a short time ago were holding that the Monroe Doctrine is obso lete and forgotten shibboleth, a will of the wise.

"I hope you have had good luck fishing. How many have you caught?"

"When I get another, I'll have it."

NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS

OFFICIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, March 21:
9:00 a.m., Student Assembly, Auditorium.
4:10 p.m., Chemistry Club, Room 250.
SATURDAY, March 22:
3:00 p.m., College Dancing Class, Gymnasium.
7:30 p.m., Mathematics Club Initiation, Room 250.
MONDAY, March 24:
4:00 p.m., Music Club, Auditorium.

KAPPA NU

Kappa Nu entertained their alumnae of the Capital District at dinner on Saturday evening. About 12 alumnae were present.

Helen Laventure, '17, who is teaching in Johnston, spent last winter in Albany.

Margaret O'Connell, '17, has accepted a position as teacher of Home Economics in Potomac High School.

Mary Knowles, '83, visited the home last week.

PSI GAMMA

Lieutenant W. S. Stephens of Petersburg, Kentucky, was the guest of Dorothy D. Howell on Saturday, March 15.

Miss Silkworth has been spending a few days with her niece, Alberta Silkworth, at the Psi Gamma House.

Miss Beebe, who has been visiting her daughter, Miss Dorothy Beebe, recently returned to her home in Fredonia.

MUSIC CLUB

Music Club will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 24, at 3:40 in the auditorium, Important business will be brought before the club for discussion. All members are requested to be present.

The following program will be given:

Vocal Solo...Mary Whitsell, '21
Reading....Agnes Nolan, '21
Intrumental Solo...Marjorie McClean, '21
Vocal Solo...Mary Whitsell, '21

A PROMISE TO 1921

They were dancing at their Soirée, They were dancing light and gay, And they found the Freshmen ready
For the stirring call to war. Then the cheese added to their medleys, And the bouquet danced and sang.

When the song is done, the Fairest will come to your side—The look of love in her eyes, The promise of a new, bright day.

CHORUS

Sing out this glorious song:

So this song you're learning, And the soaks are yearning For that strip so far away. And dream of it.

Keep your courage shining, Be in haste not burning, But let it go again sure 'nuf On Moving-Up Day. (With apologies to "Keep the Fires Burning.")
STUDENT ASSEMBLY

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was organized not primarily to appeal to a court of open diplomacy, but to produce arguments to prove that Italy’s claims are those of a nation of honor, of history, and of conquest. The Truth about Bulgaria has just appeared in the printed form. Magyars have opened headquarters in Bern, Switzerland, for the advocacy and publication of its case.

“Tis clear from the mad rush to get evidence and counter-evidence into the hands of the great jury of American opinion and from Europe, that the Magyars are the only Christians, the only honesty, and from the past we professed to play in the Great War, we cannot afford the duty of working something about this plague spreading across Europe. There are a few of the problems and difficulties, the settlement of which may contain the germ for a future war and provide Germany with an opening for menacing the treaty of Versailles.

The problem of the Slav quartet, the Russian and Serb agreement of Poles to Germany and Czech, the Bulgarian boundary, the Greek-Turkish controversy regarding Armenia and the Dodecanese, and the situation in Persia.

“Conference will need first to recognize the facts as they are. A settlement that ignores them must be bound to be a cause for war. History teaches that an imposed peace will create new and vexing controversies. Peace conferences of the nineteenth century are persistent reminders that regarding absolutely the practical situation and proceeding from Slav adherence to principles and theories or from the pressure of material interest is a political drug that is ready for a new spark. Self-determination is far from the people concerned, the marking out of new boundary lines, will transmit to the future disquiet and; contending controversies. Conditional self-determination with a view to establishing an anti-German barrier and promoting the common welfare and self-defense appears now to be the least hazardous.

“I speak of an anti-German barrier to be the Germany arising out of the flame of war is the Germany of old, unpreparatory, ready to be a trigger to trigger new and disastrous alliances with the discontented and dissatisfied nations. I speak of conditional self-determination in the sense of full liberty of judgment in domestic matters consistent with the common welfare, of giving a hearing to all demands of securing adequate authentic information by means of an expert commission to be made up of the facts from every angle, and then, after a careful, impartial consideration of history, geography, natural resources, and commercial outlets, of drawing the evidence from the evidence to a decision in fact the most satisfactory boundary ever drawn between Serbia and Bulgaria was that recommended by a commission of experts sent by the Congress of Berlin in 1878 to study the problem.

“But the congress discarded the information that we derived a military and strategical frontier against Bulgaria. By side-stepping the practical question of the Congress of Berlin brought forth not a settlement, but a scrap of paper—to be torn up. It is possible that takes into consideration the facts as they are, making a decision that all is in, and arrives at an impartial agreement without a clear vision of what the future should mean, is a tremendous break with the past. Such a procedure, therefore, gives the situation a complete hearing, and thus approaching the new and the future, there will be no adequacy for adjudicating the interests of the world and the world for its interest.

“Nothing will so advantageously fore­tell a conclusion of the counseling and hatred and rivalry which provided the capital for Pan-German intrigue in the world, the outbreak of the war in 1914. If selfish patriotism or narrow favoritism enter for a moment in making the peace for the Near East, the result will be an endless crime against civilization, a scrap of paper that will provide the new German with an opening for an attack, something to tear up.

“Finally, the new concert of powers or league of nations—whatever form or name the new international order takes—will have to work an exercise in supervision over the arrangement, will need to aid the new states to secure for themselves for that form of free government which Abraham Lincoln referred to in his last inaugural as a government by a majority held in restraint by constitutional checks and limitations, and always changing easily by deliberate change of opinions and sentiments, is the only true sovereign of a free government whatever the need for a majority held in restraint by constitutional checks and limitations. Unanimity is impossible, rule of the minority as a permanent arrangement is impossible, making the majority principle, anarchy or despotism is left.

“Having applied the dangers involved in making a settlement, and having pointed to a correct conclusion, I sum up the reasons for hope and optimism in respect to the Near East as I see them Trust in the United States; an impartial, intelligent judgment reached by the procedure outlined above; a permanent commission of experts to study and give advice regarding the after-peace problems; a conviction that the American people play fair and that, whatever the new international structure, if the United States of America is not in the front rank in the development of that kind of free government incorrupt and perfectly defined, and the formation of a United States of Europe with Czecho-Slova­kia as a core, and of the States of the Balkans with Rum­ania or Greece as a nucleus (though these proposed groups lack racial and linguistic bases for unity, yet the kind of free government described is a strong bond of union); and, lastly, a new international order constituted out of the American principles of majority government, non-intervention, arbitration, open door, and open diplomacy.

“Assuredly it is with a sense of pride that we can watch the actual trends of the ideals of the Near East moving up across the Atlantic to aid in repressing the balance of the Old.

“Of course, you have studied the biographies of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Wilson. No one is more interested in the question than Mr. Roosevelt.

“‘Assuredly I think that the evidence of the truth of America’s War for Humanity that Mr. Wilson put forward in his last campaign is that the American public understands the world. The text of the American people is that they have no experience in the United States of America is the real American public opinion. It is the real American public opinion that America’s War is the real American public opinion. It is the real American public opinion that America’s War is for Humanity and for the future.”

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KAPPA DELTA

The alumni of Kappa Delta held a reunion in New York City, Saturday, February 22, in the format of a luncheon and theater party. Those present were: Emile Waring, Anne McIntosh, '16, Mary Allen, '16, Frances Lamer, '16, Katherine Ensign, '16, Mrs. William Jensen "Ted" Pedler, '22, Mrs. W. Miller (LeMayne Gillette), '18, Mrs. Raymond Townsend (Alice Hedges), '18, Elizabeth Machamer, '18, Janet Wall, '18, Franke Abed and Mildred Oatey spent the weekend at their homes.

Dr. Clark and Mildred Shire were recent guests at the house.

Harriet Holmes, '21, spent the weekend at Kinderhook.

The Delta umbrella, then under the care of Jean Hungerford in her recent bereavement.

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