

SPAIN DIVIDED ON THE WAR

Native of That Country Tells of Conflicting Sympathies There.

Don Antonio Palacios, a native of Spain, who has been in Columbia for the last two days in the interest of the Cortina School of Language in New York City, told today of the attitude of Spain toward the European War.

"The government is trying hard to be neutral," he said. "The people are divided in their sympathies. About half of them were deeply disgusted at the attack made by Germany on France; they were aroused when Germany violated the neutrality of Belgium. The other half of the people sympathize with the Central Powers because the mother of the king of Spain is a near relative of the Emperor of Austria. Another reason is that Spain is closer to Austria in religious belief."

"I have stayed in the United States long enough to know her people. I admire this country for the strong and prevailing humanitarianism of her people. I admire, too, the American ability to get things done. We of Latin extraction sometimes lack the faculty of putting into practice what we have initiated, then also, unlike the Americans, we do not know the art of taking things as they are. In the construction of the Panama Canal, the United States first thought of a doctor who should clean out all that might be the cause of disease in that place, then picked up an engineer to carry out the construction, and finally took, not American laborers, but natives and others from Southern Europe or tropical countries, who were best fitted to do the work in that region."

STUDENT ACCOUNTS ARE GOOD

Retail Merchants' Bureau Finds Only 1 Per Cent Is Lost.

University students are ranked "good" in the credit rating bureau of the Columbia Retail Merchants' Association. According to C. O. Hanes, secretary of the association, who gets all the reports on the paying habits of customers, less than 1 per cent of the credit given University students is a loss to the merchants.

"There is not a very large percentage of loss from any customers, probably less than 3 per cent, but students are better risks than the average Columbian," the merchants report.

New Comet Is Discovered.

The discovery of a new comet by Astronomer Taylor, stationed at the Cape of Good Hope, is announced in a cablegram from Copenhagen. The comet was sighted near Delta, which is the left-hand star in Belt of Orion; and later Sir Frank Dyson, at Greenwich, reported that it was moving slowly north. Further details of the discovery could not be given "owing to the censor," the cablegram said.

The Open Column

Representing the University.

Editor the Missourian: The choosing of a delegate to the "Peace Ship" from among students of the University has raised a storm of questions as to just what constitutes a representative from our University. Someone has said, (let's blame Carlyle), "We are all poets when we read a poem well." If the world was kind and if all of us were just, we might say that we all represent the University when we do it well. But unfortunately it is always the unkind conclusion that is the quickest and easiest to reach.

Representatives of the University are chosen in many different ways: legally, by the Board of Curators; politically, by the student body, and socially, by several different methods; but no matter how unfair or how foolish or undesirable, the world will always look upon everybody connected with the University as a representative of it, and actions will be judged accordingly.

In the last analysis, the real representative of the University would be one who in morals and manners, in heart, mind and intellect, stood for the high ideals of our alma mater. Representatives of this sort are hard to find. M.

Movie Censors.

Editor the Missourian: A movement is now on foot to secure some sort of moving picture censorship for Columbia. The idea is to have a board which will pass upon all pictures shown in the city. The suggestion seems to be leveled at the presentation of such films as "Three Weeks," "The Island of Regeneration" and "A Fool There Was."

In its small way, the board would attempt to regulate the morals of the community. Avowedly looking for scenes of a questionable nature, the censors would probably reject many films that would produce no harmful effects. Such a course, however, would be entirely within a "Safety First" policy. It should be remembered that the good that the movies do is much less apparent than the harm. But if the censors are really to ac-

complish some good, should they not exercise more than a moral censorship? In fact, the moral censorship might be much better left to the citizens themselves. The board could then devote its efforts to securing not only cleaner but better pictures for Columbia. Old, worn-out pictures have been shown here at advanced prices. Films which have been rejected by the picture theaters of other cities appear frequently here. If Columbia establishes a board of censors, it is against the showing of these poor, cheap pictures that their power should be chiefly directed. W. E. S.

Courtesy First.

Editor the Missourian: It has been said that the mass intelligence of a crowd is no higher than that of its least intelligent members. Whether that is so or not may be open to dispute, but it can safely be said that the conduct of a crowd is judged, rightly or wrongly, by the behavior of its individual members.

All Missourians who lately have attended lectures in the University Auditorium must have been painfully struck with the conduct of a large portion of the audience, which has been disgraceful, to say the least. Almost every conceivable discourtesy, short of direct insult, has been shown the speakers, and the rights of the audience to hear and to see have been utterly ignored. Many seem to have an idea that when they attend a public lecture they are at liberty to come and go as they please, that their personal liberty allows them to conduct private conversations and that they should be permitted to amuse themselves at the expense of the speaker and the rest of the audience.

When we go to attend a lecture, we enter into a solemn contract with the speaker, the terms of which we are bound to live up to by all the rules of good conduct and good taste. The speaker places himself under the obligation to speak, while the audience by its presence signifies its intention to listen. Each party to the contract should attempt to ease the task of the other party.

If we don't we are not acting the parts of ladies and gentlemen and by our conduct cast reflection upon the good name of "Old Missouri." R. H.

The Research Replies.

(This is the last communication by or concerning the Research that the Missourian will accept for this column. Space was given several days ago to a letter in criticism of the Research; the letter here printed replies to that criticism. This ends the controversy so far as the Missourian is concerned.)

Editor the Missourian: A gentleman with an intense faith in the things that surround us, impelled by the heat of an impetuous pen, has cast the Research into a fit of dismay by believing that the Research is wrong. His name is fragmented into the atomic form of R. E. W.; so that for a whim, or cause, or indifferent choice we may call him, for the time, Mr. Watson. The color and current of Mr. Watson's review bears up his chief notions and reflects his prime purpose in the midst of such lines as these:

"Our athletic department does not disobey conference rules, and it is an acknowledged fact that our athletics are of the cleanest type."

The Research has made it entirely clear, not by casual broad guesses or by hopeful illusions, but by examples distinctly and directly applied, that our athletics have offended the spirit of Conference rules, and have overleaped the laws of the National Association in a way that may be hard to repair. The Research has set forth those laws in plain outline, and has fixed the fact of their violation by select illustrations which Mr. Watson forgot, but did not try to disprove. Many similar good instances are yet held in reserve which the space of our pages forbade us to extend.

At the same point in his column the gentleman explains:

"And it is an acknowledged fact that our athletics are of the cleanest type."

Most surely, Mr. Watson, this fact is acknowledged—by those who know nothing about it. And this same sweet acknowledgment, this veil of blind faith, this unquestioning patriotism, is the foremost fallacy which bedims the real issues; which covers and clouds the dissemination of evils, and trades many development for a variety yell.

But our critic does grow agreeably specific when he repeats the Spracklen affair. His new light finds expression as follows:

"In his citation of the Spracklen affair the editor is in error. Mr. Schulte did not tell Mr. Spracklen that if he came out and made good he might not have to work."

This stirs our interest to a warm degree. The Research was quoting, sound for sound and word for word, from the lips of Mr. Spracklen as used in a talk with an associate editor of the Research. If Mr. Spracklen for one reason or another reason is willing to fall into a quick lapse of

memory the editors will not experience the faintest turn of remorse or alarm, for they still have quite readily within their control even stronger illustrations from men very alive and present in school, whose memories are strangely free from relapses.

At a later phase of his vision our critic has bolder things to reveal:

"The editor's statistics as to the health of athletes are not reliable, and diligent search would have shown him that they have been refuted."

Truly, the editors are almost ashamed of themselves. For they assigned to themselves no more than three weeks in which they studied statistics—studied statistics from Missouri University; studied statistics from other state universities; studied statistics from prominent physicians and medical societies; and studied statistics gathered from over long periods of time by the surgeon-general of United States Navy for the use of the Federal Government. "They have been refuted!" We tremble to hear it! Who has refuted them? Why does not someone hasten to van these erratic physicians and these government officials that their labors are misspent and imperfect, their figures all false, their conclusions unwelcome, out of date and awry? A statistician whose signature is R. E. W. has banished them all by a stroke of volition—has refuted them utterly, not telling, of course, with what new figures he means to correct or supplant them. Deeply inscrutable are the ways of men when they meet up with events which they dislike to believe!

In a very unthoughtful and hurtful way our friend intimates that the Research is far from important. Our friend at this stage may be truthful and right; we would not think to dispute him when he feels so sure. But the frequent letters of comment and commendation which the Research has won from men of the state, from students of the school and from live souls of the town, might hint the possibility of a different view.

We thank the good gentleman and all of his kindred for wanting to believe that the Research is insane. The editors wrought into their enterprise with the firm expectation that many men would continue to cuddle their delusions and careen their traditions, whatever the Research might know how to reveal. We have been, therefore, not a bit disappointed; and we still hope to enjoy a strong sign of disfavor, of doubt, and of malice, throughout the early phases of our unpleasant career.

THE RESEARCH.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

School closes on the 17th inst. Don't wait until the last moment to make your purchases for those at home. The big store is ready for you—Santa's headquarters for real gifts are at this store. See our window display for suggestions.



Everybody's Store.

A Host of Suggestions from a Real Christmas Shop.

Real Leather Missouri Pillow Tops, Real Leather Missouri Seal Wall Skins. Pillows and Pennants for Farmers, Lawyers, Medics, Journalists and Engineers. "M" Memory books and "M" Kodak books in genuine leather. "M" Book Racks, "M" Pipe Racks, "M" Tie Racks solid oak, stained in fumed oak

For that Christmas Package

Christmas Seals and Tags, Silver Cords, White and Red Tissue Paper. Before you tie up your packages, come to this store.

Christmas Cards

Engraved Christmas Cards. Gift Books. Greeting Cards. Dolls and Talking Animals.

Brass Desk Set
Extension Book Rack
Smoking Sets
Men's Manicuring Set

Cigarette Cases
Cigar Cases
Collar Bags
Pipe Holders

Card Cases
Visiting Lists
Engagement Lists
Address Books

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What to Give a Girl

Missouri Seal Rings—Any girl would be delighted with one of these—we have them in both gold and silver, from \$1 to \$3.
Manicure Set—Something every girl appreciates—in both ebony and white ivory finish—prices \$1.50 up.

Lavaller—If you want to give her something extra nice, get one of these pretty lavalliers—we have some beauties on display at \$5.00.

Chafing Dish—Every girl, at home or away, knows how useful a chafing dish is—we have both alcohol and electric heated ones in brass or nickel finish—priced from \$6.50 to \$10.

Missouri Spoon—She would surely appreciate a silver souvenir spoon with the Missouri seal or "Missouri" on it—\$1.25 to \$2.50.

Sternau Set—Just the thing for midnight lunches and spreads—fully as serviceable as a stove—the heat comes from a little can of solidified alcohol—any girl would be tickled to death over one of these—reasonable, too—prices \$1.75 up.

Bar Pin—Something every girl wears daily—an inexpensive, yet acceptable, gift in silver to solid gold at 75c up.

Initial Stationery—A gift welcomed by any girl—we have a fine array of holiday boxes ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$7.50.
Books—Always in demand—a splendid assortment of Xmas books in fancy bindings just received—they make splendid remembrances. All prices.

Pillow—A felt or leather pillow for her room would be appreciated—\$2 to \$6.

Fountain Pen—Surely a serviceable gift—we have the best makes in pretty Christmas boxes—\$1 up.

Box of Candy—An everpleasant gift—we have fancy holiday boxes.

What to Give a Younger Brother or Sister

Pennant—Take home a pennant for a younger brother—they're crazy about such things to decorate their rooms with—20% off on all our felt goods.

Seal Ring—A silver seal ring for a younger sister is just the thing—you can get a dandy for \$1.00.

Pocket Knife—Every small boy wants a knife—we've a crackerjack assortment—prices from 50c up.

Books—A fine line of boys' and girls' books by their favorite authors—Always welcome—25c up.

WHAT TO GIVE?
A Few Suggestions
by the
CO-OP

What to Give Dad

Fountain Pen—If he hasn't one it will surely be appreciated—all the best makes in neat holiday gift boxes—\$1 up.

Travelling Set—A welcome gift—you can get a crackerjack for as low as \$3.50—most complete.

Scarf Pin—He surely can use an extra scarf pin—you'll find some fine ones in our splendid stock—prices from 50c up.

Brass Desk Sets—Every business man should have one of these—they surely are serviceable, and they lend a touch of refinement to a man's desk—\$1.50 to \$14.

Cuff Links—A splendid gift for dad—he may have a pair or two, but extra ones come in handy—ranging in price from \$1.50 up.

What to Give Mother

Bar Pin—She will be delighted with a pretty bar pin with your college seal on it—we have them as low as 75c and as high as \$2

Manicure Set—A most pleasing present for a woman—your choice of white ivory or ebony—priced from \$1.50 up.

Coffee Percolator—A splendid gift—not as expensive as one would suppose \$2.50 to \$15.00.

White Ivory Set—Has she a white ivory dresser set—you can add a piece or two this Xmas—if she hasn't a set, start one this year.

Xmas Book—What could be better than a book of beautiful thoughts, of poetry or fiction by famous authors—we have everything you want in the book line—a special stock of Christmas books for remembrances.

What to Give a Fellow

Missouri Seal Scarf Pin—A scarf pin is always a welcome gift—we have them in both silver and gold—50c to \$2.00.

Golf Club—If he plays golf, get him a club—a player never has too many—and he can change it after Christmas if it isn't the style he wants—some dandies at \$2.50.

Waldmar Chain—Solid gold chains with the Missouri Seal—they're beauties—something any man would be proud to wear.

Pocket Knife—Always useful—a splendid assortment on display here—each in an individual case—50c up.

Cuff Links—A most acceptable gift for men—with "M" or seal—range in price from \$1.50 up.

Brass Desk Set—A fine gift—something every man wants—complete, including blotter pad, ink wells, blotter, etc.

Fountain Pen—A serviceable gift something he will use every day—the best makes in fancy Christmas boxes—\$1 up.

Book—A good book makes a splendid gift—we have a wonderfully complete stock—if you can't find just what you want, we'll get it for you.

Travelling Set—Something few men own, but all want, is a good travelling set—we have some dandies—prices from \$2.50 up.

Watch Fob—Many men would rather wear a fob than a chain—for one of these, a Missouri seal fob will prove a useful gift—25c up.

Tie Clasp—Always a welcome gift to a man—the more he has the better he likes it—not expensive either.